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Full I-35E Mainlane Closure at Beckley Avenue - July 27-30

DALLAS – All lanes of north and southbound I-35E at Beckley Avenue will be closed next weekend, July 27 through July 30, for bridge removal of the Beckley Avenue overpass.

The mainlane closure will begin at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 27 and will last until 5 a.m. on Monday, July 30. North and southbound I-35E traffic will be diverted to temporary detours in both directions to avoid the full mainlane closure. Drivers will be able to re-enter the mainlanes using entrance ramps after the closure. The Zang Boulevard and 12th Street overpasses at I-35E will also be temporarily closed during this time for safety. **(View Map Attachment 1)**

Drivers should expect delays and plan their commutes in advance during the mainlane closures. Construction activities and lane closures are subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Due to the full reconstruction of the Beckley Avenue overpass at I-35E as part of The Southern Gateway project, there will be a **long-term closure of Beckley Avenue at I-35E beginning 9 p.m. today, July 20, and lasting about eighteen months**. Beckley Avenue traffic will use Zang Boulevard, Clarendon Avenue and 12th Street as detours throughout the duration of the Beckley Avenue overpass construction. **(View Map Attachment 2)**

In addition, there will be a **permanent closure of the Zang Boulevard exit ramp** from southbound I-35E as of July 20, 2018. **(View Map Attachment 3)**

The public can stay up-to-date on construction progress, lane closures and traffic changes by signing up for text alerts by sending the message “The Southern Gateway” to 31996.

Other methods to learn more about the project include:

- **The project website:** www.thesoutherngateway.org
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/TheSouthernGateway
- **Twitter:** www.twitter.com/DriveTSG
- **Sign up for E-Blasts:** <https://thesoutherngateway.org/signup-for-e-updates/>
- **Project Storefront:** 160 Continental Ave. Dallas, TX 75207

About the Southern Gateway Project

The Southern Gateway Project is a \$666 million design-build construction project by the Texas Department of Transportation aimed to rebuild and widen I-35E south of downtown Dallas, as well as widen U.S. 67 between I-35E and I-20 and the I-35E/U.S. 67 split. Construction will also include building two reversible, non-tolled express lanes. The goal of the 11-mile project is to improve safety, provide congestion relief, address roadway deficiencies and improve system linkage. Construction began in early 2018 with an anticipated completion of late 2021. The Southern Gateway Project is part of the Texas Clear Lanes initiative (www.texasclearlanes.com) by TxDOT to address growing traffic congestion in the state.

About Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail, and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 12,000 employees are committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas by maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion, connecting Texas communities, and being a Best in Class state agency. Find out more at txdot.gov. “Like” TxDOT on Facebook (www.facebook.com/txdot) and follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/TxDOTDallasPIO).

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Map Attachment 2

Detours for Long-Term Closure of Beckley Avenue at I-35E

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Map Attachment 3

Permanent Closure of Southbound I-35E/Zang Boulevard Exit Ramp

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