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**Weekend Overnight Closures of I-35E at Illinois Avenue
June 26-28, 2020**

DALLAS – The north- and southbound I-35E mainlanes at Illinois Avenue will be closed as follows this weekend for bridge construction of the Illinois Avenue overpass.

The southbound I-35E overnight mainlane closure will begin at 9 p.m. Friday, June 26 and will last until 6 a.m. Saturday, June 27.



The northbound I-35E overnight mainlane closure will begin at 9 p.m. Saturday, June 27 and will last until 6 a.m. Sunday, June 28.

During these closures, traffic will be diverted onto the frontage roads to avoid the mainlanes. Drivers will be able to re-enter I-35E using the entrance ramps after Illinois Avenue.



All lanes of east- and westbound Illinois Avenue at I-35E will also be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday, June 26 until Sunday, June 28.

East- and Westbound Illinois Avenue traffic should detour using Beckley Avenue, Saner Avenue, and Zang Boulevard to return to Illinois Avenue.



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

The public can stay up-to-date on construction progress, lane closures and traffic changes by signing up for text alerts and 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 (TxDOT) 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 the 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 www.txdot.gov. “Like” TxDOT on Facebook (www.facebook.com/txdot) and follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/TxDOTDallas).