



I-35 Northeast Expansion Central CONSTRUCTION NEWS



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The I-35 Northeast Expansion (NEX) Central project consists of construction of approximately 9.5 miles of elevated, non-tolled lanes from I-410 North to FM 3009. The elevated lanes will provide one high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and two general purpose lanes in each direction. There will be direct connections to I-410 N and Loop 1604 W. Expected completion date is December 2027.

Safety Message



Please be advised that the speed limit along the entire I-35 NEX Central project limits has been reduced to 55 miles per hour while the project is under construction. This includes I-35 from I-410 North to FM 3009, as well as sections on I-410 from I-35 to FM 2252, and Loop 1604 from I-35 to FM 2252. We need your help to end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways. In 2021, more than 26,000 traffic crashes occurred in work zones in Texas, resulting in 244 deaths and 856 people were seriously injured. Remember, traffic fines double when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000. Please do your part by slowing down and obeying the posted signs.

Temporary Signal Installed



Have you noticed something new or different at the intersection of Lookout Road and the frontage road of Loop 1604? New traffic signals were recently installed. This intersection changed from a four-way stop to temporary traffic signals. This is just the beginning of

many ways we will be improving and transforming the area along the I-35 NEX Central corridor.

Please note that the graphic above is for visual purposes only and may not represent final implementation.

Milestone: First Bent Cap Installed



The formwork for the first bent cap was installed this month on the frontage road of I-35 southbound between Toepperwein Road and I-35 Access Road. The bent cap is the base (pictured above with black tarp) that is placed on top of the column to provide support for the future elevated mainlanes. This bent cap weighs over 400,000 tons and consists of concrete and reinforcement steel, also known as rebar. Crews will continue to work on the rebar and then pour concrete. More than 150 cubic yards of concrete will be poured.

Soil Nail Walls



Crews have demolished existing retaining walls to make room for the drilled shafts work in the area of southbound I-35 and Judson Road. Drilled shafts and soil nail walls are used to give structural support to help stabilize the soil and prevent landslides.

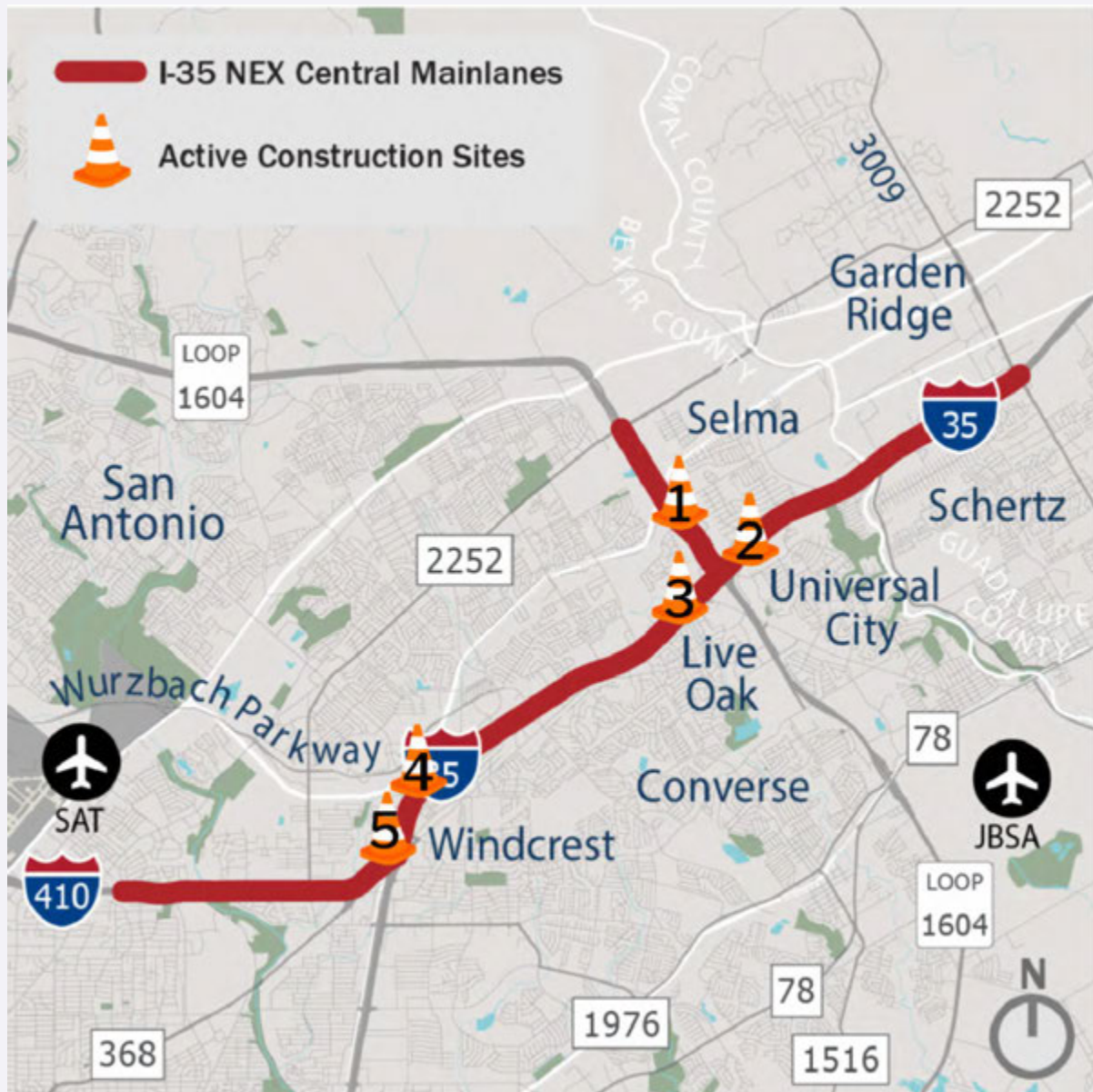
Women in Construction

The first week in March, the project team celebrated women in construction. Women continue to shape and mold not just our business, but our industry. From subcontractors, laborers to field and project engineers, we are fortunate to have so many strong and talented people working with us. Thank you for your contributions to the I-35 NEX Central Project.



Active Construction Sites

The map below highlights where active construction is currently taking place on I-35 NEX Central, indicated by the traffic cones. The active construction sites shown on the map below are intended to indicate major construction operations. You can view project information and lane closures at www.i35nex.com. Please note construction preparation work, including placement of barriers, is also ongoing within the limits of the project.



The construction cones on the map indicate where active construction is taking place now through April 2023.

1. Preparation for drill shafts and column foundations in the area of Nacogdoches Road to Lookout Road.
2. Drill shaft and bridge foundation work continues near Forum Parkway.
3. Bent cap installations, bridge foundations, column work, soil nail walls, and temporary road widening continues from Judson Road to I-35 Access Road.
4. Long-term alternating lane closure on southbound frontage road of I-35 between Thousand Oaks Drive and Whirlwind Drive for roadway reconstruction.
5. Long-term closure and temporary ramp construction near Randolph Boulevard.

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