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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



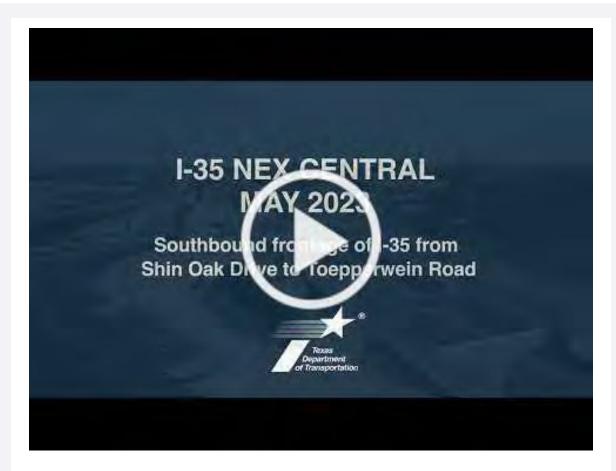
While safety and work zone awareness are "every day" priorities, Construction Safety Week (May 1-May 5) gave us an opportunity to talk about and promote safety awareness.

The Alamo NEX Construction (ANC) team, design-builder for I-35 NEX Central project, hosted a Safety Stand Down and lunch on May 5. A Safety Stand Down is an organized break from work where employers hold a discussion with their employees. This event helped raise awareness of the importance of staying safe in the work zone, both for the workers and the motorists. It is everyone's responsibility to speak up if they see something. We need to do everything we can to return workers and motorists to their families safely.

Truly, it will take all of us working together to keep everyone safe.

#AlwaysSafeAlwaysReady

Construction Update



This video highlights the latest construction activities occurring on the I-35 NEX Central Project.

The team continues to make progress and in the latest construction update you will see 11 columns complete, three bent caps complete and one waiting to be poured. The drilled shafts foundations are an average depth of 55 feet, the columns are an average height of 40 feet and the bent caps are an average width of 60 feet. This summer crews will place beams on top of the caps. Crews have started work in the northbound lanes in the area of Toepperwein Road to I-35 Access Road. Until now, work had only been happening in the southbound lanes.

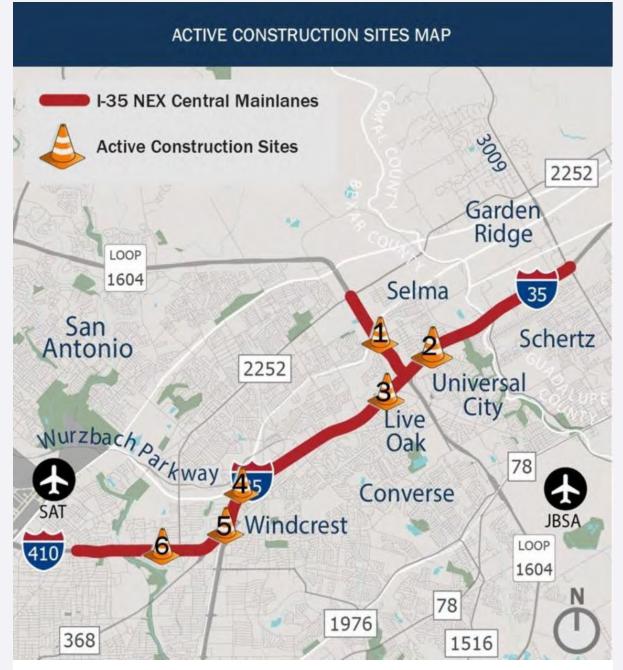
Road Closure Alert



A full nightly closure on southbound frontage road of I-35 from Thousand Oaks Drive to Whirlwind Drive will start in the end of May from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for approximately three non-consecutive nights. This closure is needed for crews to perform a traffic switch. The traffic will be pushed to the east in order to make room for crews to start bridge construction. All construction activities and schedules are subject to change.

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 June 2023.

- 1. Drilled shafts and column foundations work continues in the area of Nacogdoches Road to Lookout Road and Loop 1604 and I-35 interchange.
- 2. Drilled shaft and bridge foundation work continues, and bent cap installation begins 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. Drilled shaft work has started on the northbound frontage road of I-35 from I-35 Access Road Toepperwein 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 and drilled shaft work at the interchange of I-410 and I-35.
- 6. Drilled shaft work continues in the area of I-410 from Perrin Creek to Perrin Beitel.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise



Alamo NEX Construction, design-builder for I-35 NEX Central, and TxDOT continue to partner together to provide information and networking opportunities to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and underutilized businesses in the highway construction industry. Above is a picture of Ross Mitchell, DBE Manager for ANC, speaking to vendors at an event with TxDOT earlier this year. If you are a certified business wanting more information on current and future bid opportunities, contact Ross Mitchell at rmitchell@alamonex.us.

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