



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 Minute: TxDOT HERO Program



TxDOT offers a free San Antonio area patrol service program to clear minor crashes and assist motorists in need. The “Highway Emergency Response Operator” or HERO service provides roadside assistance on 261 miles of highway in the greater San Antonio area. We cover San Antonio and I-10 to Boerne, I-35 to the Comal/Hays County Line and I-10 to Seguin for stranded motorists.

Here’s a list of the services provided by HERO:

- Relocate disabled vehicles to safety
- Remove minor crashes from roadways
- Provide traffic and lane control at crash scenes
- Remove debris
- Assist first responders at crash scenes
- Change flat tires
- Give air to low tires
- Add gasoline and water
- Perform minor vehicle repairs
- Jump-start batteries
- Provide drinking water and cellphone services to stranded motorists

HERO service is 24 hours a day, seven days a week with full service provided Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and limited service provided Monday through Friday from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. and 24 hours a day Saturday and Sunday. To reach a HERO call the hotline at (210) 732-HERO (4376). For more information about HERO [click here](#).

Construction Update



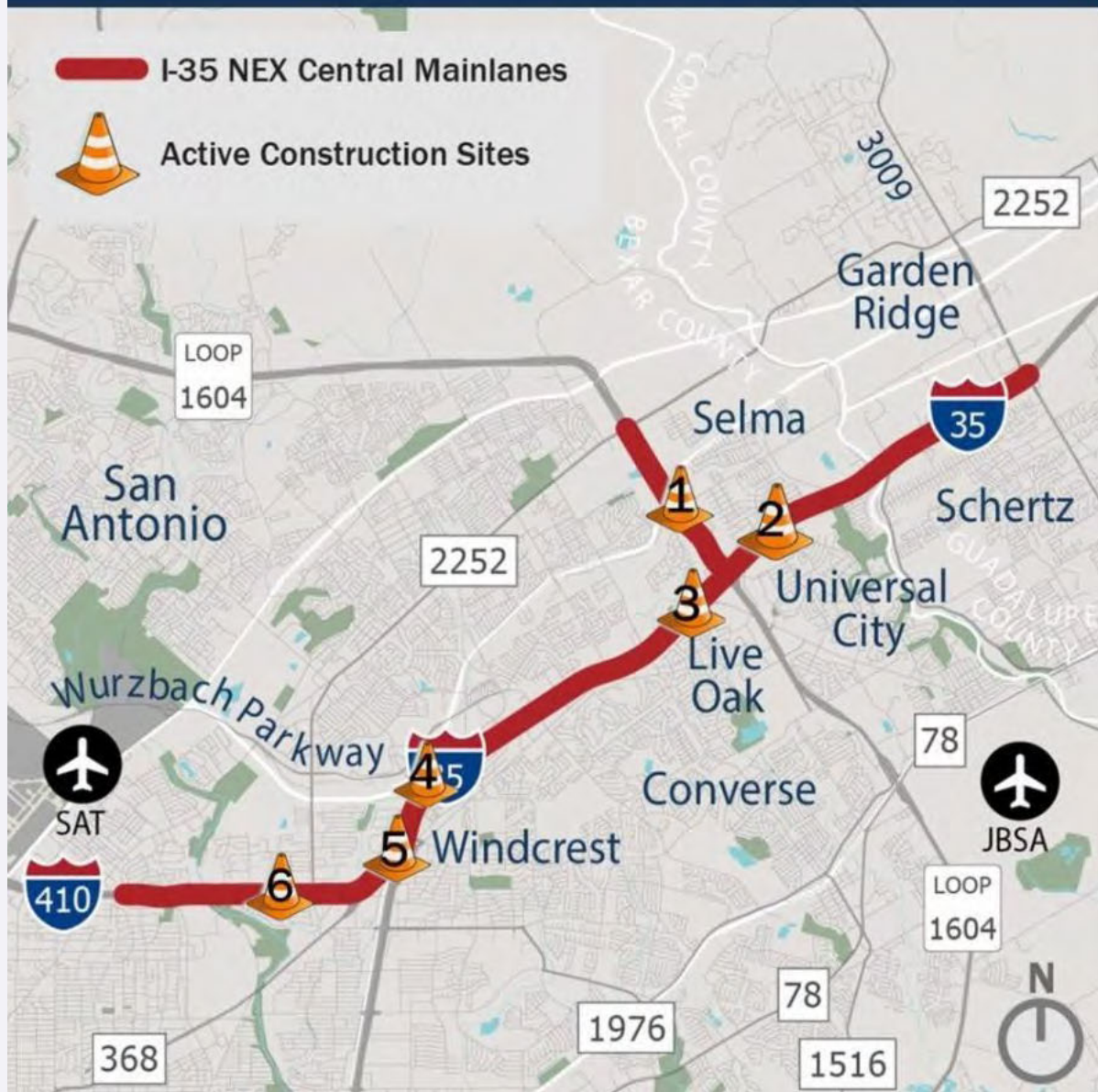
This video highlights the first beam installation on the I-35 NEX Central project.

We are excited to share with you the progress being made on the I-35 NEX Central Project. In June, we reached a major milestone when crews placed the first concrete beam on the project on southbound I-35 near Shin Oak Drive. This was the first of over 4,750 concrete beams that will be placed along the 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.

ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION SITES MAP

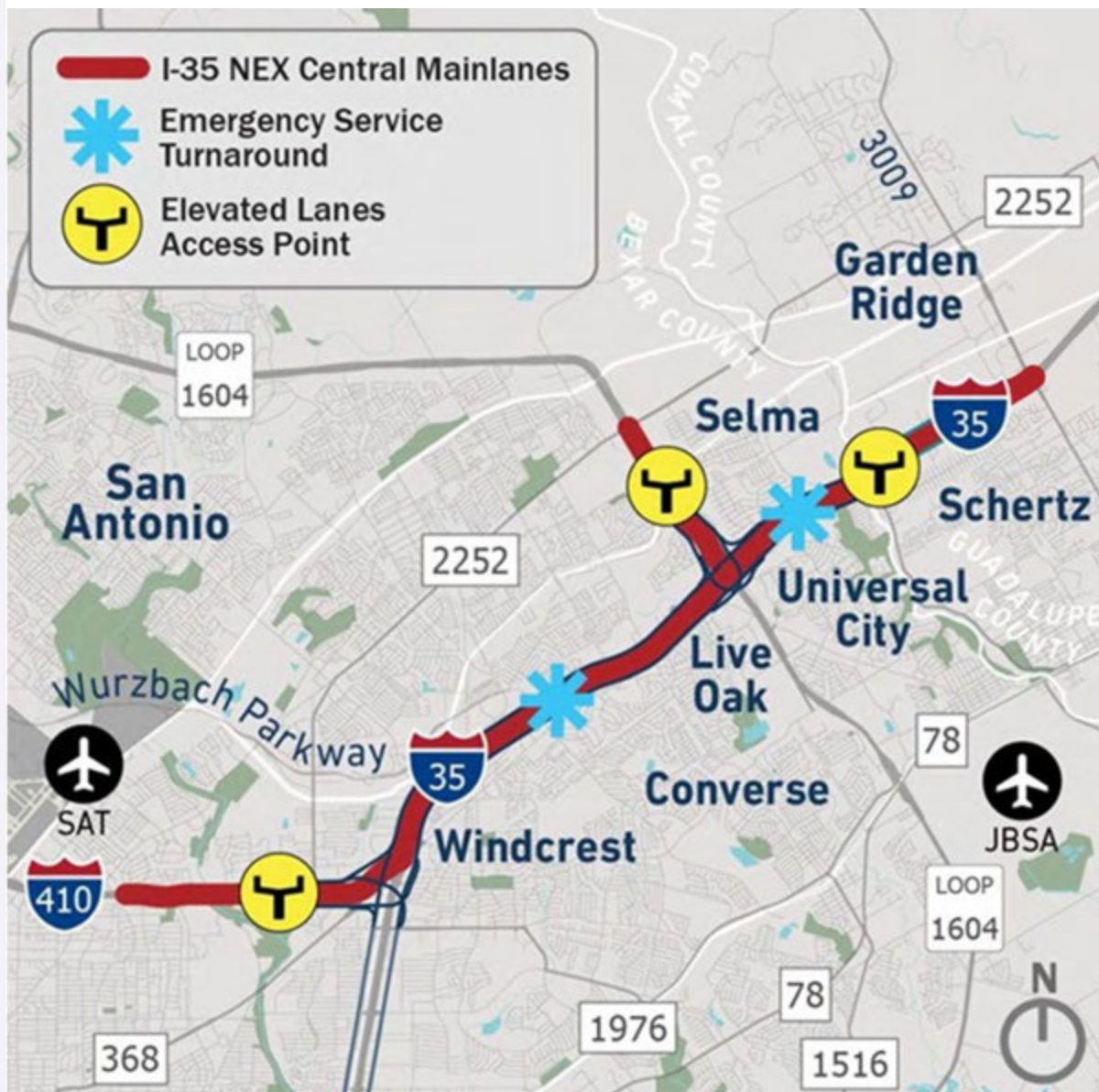


The construction cones on the map indicate where active construction is taking place now through August 2023.

1. Drilled shafts and column foundations work continues in the area of the I-35 and Loop 1604 interchange. Retaining wall construction is also taking place in that area.
2. Long term lane closure on southbound I-35 between Old Austin Road and Forum Parkway for drilled shaft, bridge foundation work, and bent cap installation.
3. Concrete beam installations continue on southbound I-35 south of Pat Booker Road. Bridge foundations, column work, soil nail walls, and temporary road widening continues from Judson Road to I-35 Access Road. Column and drilled shaft work on the northbound frontage road of I-35 near 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, paving and drilled shaft work.
5. Column construction continues at the I-35 and I-410 interchange. Drilled shaft work north of Walzem Road on the northbound and southbound side of I-35. Long term closure on Fratt Road from I-35 to Austin Highway.
6. Drilled shaft work continues in the area of I-410 from Perrin Creek to Perrin Beitel.

How You Will Access the Elevated Lanes



This I-35 NEX Central map highlights the future access points to the elevated lanes.

When the elevated lanes of the I-35 NEX project open in late 2027, the lanes will provide dedicated lanes for traffic traveling through the region, while reducing congestion on the existing mainlanes and frontage roads. The I-35 elevated lanes will also provide direct connections to I-410 North and Loop 1604 West. The elevated lanes will consist of one high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and two general purpose lanes in each direction. One of the most frequent questions we receive is regarding the access points to the elevated lanes once the project is complete. The yellow symbols on the project map represent the access points for the elevated lanes.

I-35 Near Evans Road

- Southbound entrance from I-35 mainlanes to elevated lanes.
- Northbound exit from elevated lanes to I-35 mainlanes.

Loop 1604 Near Lookout Road

- Connectors to/from northbound and southbound elevated lanes, connecting to Loop 1604 near Lookout Road.

I-410 Near Perrin Beitel Road

- Connectors to/from northbound and southbound elevated lanes, connecting to I-410 near Perrin Beitel Road.

I-35 NEX corridor will have emergency services turnaround points between the elevated lanes as designated by the blue symbols on the map.

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