



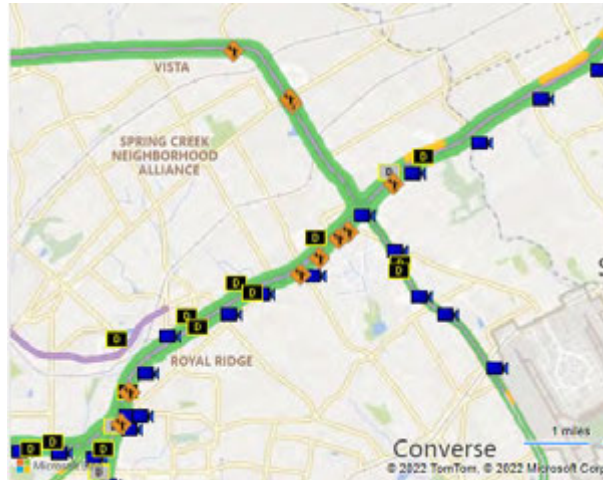
I-35 Northeast Expansion Central CONSTRUCTION NEWS



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Sample view of the TxDOT road conditions in San Antonio live map at www.i35nex.com.

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 S, I-410 N, and Loop 1604 W. Expected completion date is December 2027.

Lane Closure Updates



Pictured here is a map of the Lookout Road to Loop 1604 entrance ramp that will be permanently closed in early January (weather permitting).

The Loop 1604 eastbound entrance ramp located between Lookout Road and Biltmore Lakes will be permanently closed in early January 2023 (weather permitting). Traffic will access eastbound Loop 1604 using the next available entrance ramp between Biltmore Lakes and IKEA-RBFCU Parkway. This ramp closure is necessary to prepare for construction of the elevated ramp from Loop 1604 to I-35 which will provide direct north and south connections to the I-35 elevated lanes. The closure was environmentally cleared as part of the 2019 TxDOT Environmental Assessment (EA) Re-Evaluation. For questions, please contact the I-35 NEX Central project team at i35nexcentral@txdot.gov or call the project hotline at (726) 800-4809.

Happening Now

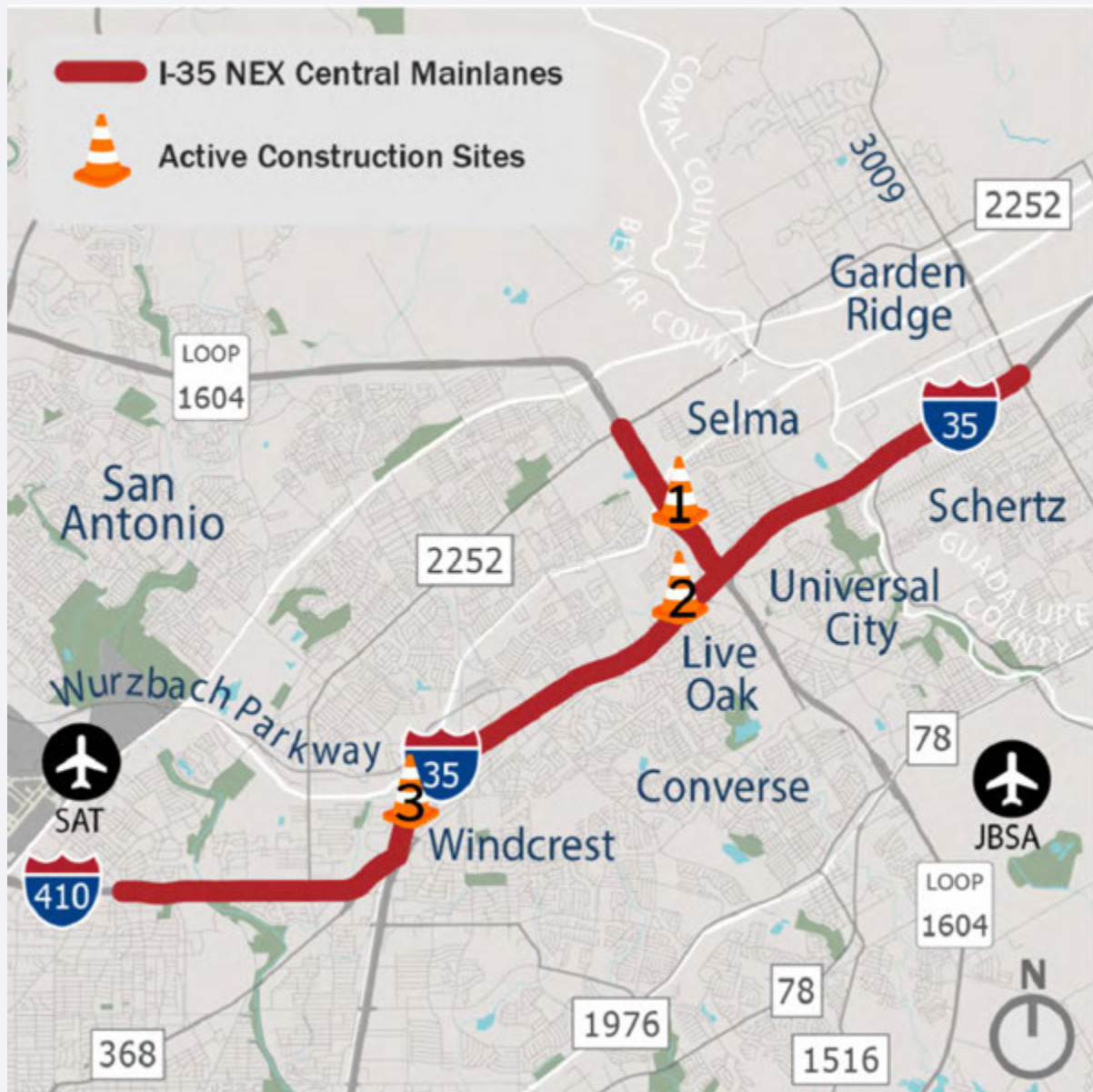


Pictured here is a southbound view of the drilled shafts operation on I-35 South and Pat Booker Road in the Live Oak area to prepare the foundations that will support the new elevated lanes.

At this time, the majority of construction is occurring overnight as the project team makes every effort to minimize traffic impacts. The drilled shafts operation is continuing at various locations within the project corridor. The project team expects drilled shafts to be a key focus of construction through the end of 2022. These drilled shafts will form the base of concrete columns to support the elevated lanes. Additionally, topsoil is currently being stripped to prepare for work platforms. You may also notice overhead sign boards being removed to prepare for work zones. The above photo depicts drilled shafts in progress near southbound I-35 and Pat Booker Road.

Active Construction Sites

The map below highlights where active construction is currently taking place, indicated by the traffic cones. The active construction sites shown on the map below are intended to indicate major construction operations. The project team will continue to provide active construction updates to you throughout the project through newsletters and social media updates on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. Additionally, 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.

1. Lookout Road bridge partial demolition and new bridge construction.
2. Drilled shafts, footings and columns to support the future elevated lanes.
3. Stripping of topsoil to prepare for work platforms.

Safety Spotlight



Pictured here are I-35 NEX Central construction team members at a regularly scheduled safety briefing.

Safety is a top priority on the I-35 NEX Central project. While there are inherent risks on a project of this magnitude, such as fall and struck-by hazards, the construction team implements countless safety measures to mitigate risks. The above photo was taken at a weekly safety meeting, where employees meet to discuss and learn more about critical safety topics and measures. Team safety huddles are also held daily to discuss key safety topics, while topic-specific safety trainings are held regularly to ensure employees have the proper training to keep them safe in their job duties.

#EndTheStreakTX Anniversary

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#EndTheStreakTX
 End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

November 7, 2022 marked a somber 22-year anniversary. Texas has lost at least one person every day on Texas roads since November 7, 2000. We need to end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roads! This goal is big, but it's possible. But it's going to take every single driver to do their part behind the wheel.

In the Community

In an effort to keep you informed, the I-35 NEX Central team will come out to your group to do a short presentation and question-and-answer session focusing on the I-35 NEX Central project, including information on project timeline, design and impacts. If you are part of a local community organization and would like to request a presentation, please contact us at i35nexcentral@txdot.gov. Additionally, we will be providing virtual presentations beginning in 2023 and additional information on those presentations is forthcoming.

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