



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, Loop 1604 W and Loop 1604 E. Expected completion date is December 2027.

Upcoming Closures in Lookout Road and Loop 1604 Area

In preparation for the 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, there will be new construction activity in the Lookout Road and Loop 1604 area in January. The **Loop 1604 eastbound entrance ramp**, located between Lookout Road and Biltmore Lakes, will be permanently closed in early January. Traffic will access eastbound Loop 1604 using the next available entrance ramp between Biltmore Lakes and IKEA-RBFCU Parkway. And there will be a temporary closure of the **Lookout Road turnaround lanes**, scheduled for late January, to help provide for public and worker safety while there is active construction work on the existing Loop 1604 bridge above Lookout Road. These closures were environmentally cleared as part of the 2019 TxDOT Environmental Assessment (EA) Re-Evaluation and are “weather permitting”.



Lane Closure Updates During the Holidays

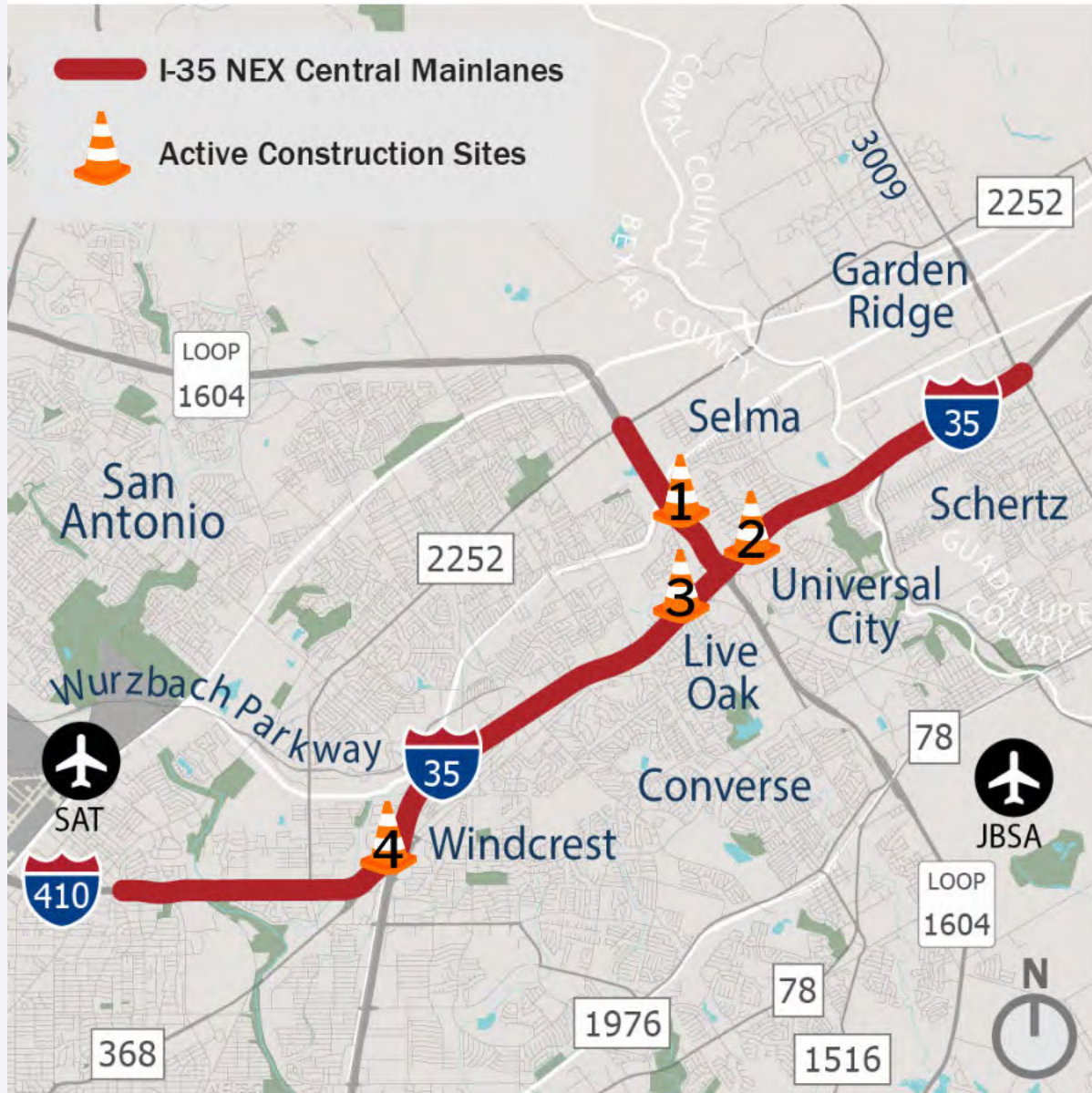
Due to the upcoming holidays, the I-35 NEX Central project team will publish lane closures for Dec. 25-Jan. 7 together on Dec. 22 in your weekly lane closure email. Additionally, please note there will be no construction starting at noon Dec. 23 through 10:00 p.m. Dec. 26, and from noon Dec. 31 through 10:00 p.m. Jan. 1.



The photo above shows a nighttime lane closure

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 January 2023.

1. Lookout Road entrance ramp closure in early January. The Lookout Road turnarounds will also be closed temporarily in January.
2. Preparation for drill shafts near Forum Parkway.
3. Construction of footings and columns near the southbound frontage road of I-35 and Pat Booker Road.

4. Preparation for bridge foundations and drainage work near the westbound I-410 and southbound I-35 interchange.

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.

Drive Sober. No Regrets.



TxDOT's *Drive Sober. No Regrets.* statewide, impaired driving campaign encourages everyone to enjoy the holidays without drinking and driving. People often get together over the holidays to celebrate with friends, family and coworkers. These celebrations can turn tragic when someone gets behind the wheel after consuming alcohol or other drugs. TxDOT asks that you do your part by not driving after consuming alcohol and by making sure others get home safe by helping them find a sober ride home or by encouraging them to stay put until they sober up.

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