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Permanent Closure of HOV/Express TEXpress Lanes on I-635 Starting April 27 for the TxDOT 635 East Project

DALLAS – Initial construction has begun on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 635 East Project on Interstate 635 (I-635) in Dallas County. As part of this construction, the High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Express Managed Toll Lanes between US 75 and I-30 will close Monday morning, April 27 until the end of the project in late 2024. At that time, they will re-open as Managed Toll (TEXpress) Lanes.

Permanent closures of the following HOV/Express (TEXpress) access points within the corridor will include:

- The westbound I-635 HOV/Express (TEXpress) entrance at Oates Drive
- The westbound I-635 HOV/Express (TEXpress) entrance at Jupiter Road
- The westbound I-635 HOV/Express (TEXpress) entrance at Skillman Street
- The eastbound I-635 HOV/Express (TEXpress) entrance at TI Boulevard

Drivers traveling eastbound on the LBJ TEXpress Lanes (I-35E to US 75) will be required to exit onto the mainlanes after US 75.

The closure of the HOV/Express (TEXpress) Lanes will last the duration of the 635 East Project. Upon project completion, the lanes will reopen as Managed Toll (TEXpress) Lanes with shoulders, separated from the mainlanes by concrete barriers.

TxDOT awarded the project to Pegasus Link Constructors (PLC), the project's general contractor, in summer 2019 to design and build the 635 East Project. PLC will rebuild approximately 11 miles of I-635 from just east of US 75 in north Dallas to I-30 in Mesquite, including the direct connectors at the I-30/I-635 interchange. The upcoming closure of the HOV/Express (TEXpress) Lanes will be the first major construction

closure for the project, kicking off roadway improvements this year that will also consist of utility work, frontage and mainlane construction.

A virtual construction overview is available for view on the project's website, providing a summary of what to expect during construction: <https://635east.com/view/resources-recursos/>.

The public can stay informed on construction progress, lane closures and traffic changes by signing up for text alerts by sending the message "635 East" to 31996.

For additional information related to the 635 East Project, visit www.635east.com.

About the 635 East Project

The 635 East Project is a \$1.7 billion design-build operation owned and managed by the Texas Department of Transportation. The goal of the 11-mile project is to improve mobility, operations and safety on Interstate 635 in Dallas County. Construction includes the addition of a mainlane in each direction, building continuous frontage roads along the corridor and reconstruction of the interchange at I-635 and I-30. Construction began in early 2020 with an anticipated completion date of late 2024. The 635 East Project is part of the Texas Clear Lanes initiative (www.texasclearlanes.com) by TxDOT to address growing traffic congestion in the state.

About the Texas Department of Transportation

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