635 EAST PROJECT

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OVERVIEW:

The 11-mile 635 East Project will reconstruct and widen I-635 from US 75 to I-30, including the I-635/I-30 interchange. The general-purpose lanes will be expanded and the existing tolled managed lanes will be rebuilt. When complete, there will be a total of 10 general purpose lanes and two tolled managed lanes. The project will also include the construction of continuous frontage roads and provide numerous intersection improvements.

I-635 East originally opened in 1969 and was designed to accommodate 180,000 cars per day. Recently, the average daily traffic on I-635 reached 230,000. This increase has contributed to the roadway's top 30 ranking on Texas' most congested roadways list. The Texas Transportation Commission has designated the 635 East Project as part of the statewide Texas Clear Lanes initiative, organized to address the most congested roadways in the state's metropolitan areas. The project is designed to relieve congestion, provide local connectivity and improve safety.

Here's a view of the new Skillman Street bridge steel structures moving into place over I-635.

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PROJECT HISTORY

- **Public Meeting –** April 19, 2016
- **FHWA Schematic Approval –** May 1, 2014 (Skillman/Audelia interchange), July 21, 2017 (I-635 East Schematic)
- **Public Hearing –** Jan. 31, 2017
- **FHWA Environmental Clearance –** Jan. 20, 2003 (original FONSI), June 23, 2015 (Skillman/Audelia interchange) and April 24, 2017 (revised schematic)
- **Design-Build Contract**
  - **May 30, 2019 -** Conditional Award
  - **Aug. 22, 2019 -** Contract Execution
  - **Sept. 9, 2019 -** Notice to Proceed 1 (NTP1)
  - **Jan. 24, 2020 -** Notice to Proceed 2 (NTP2)

PROJECT PROGRESS

Spring / Summer 2023:

- **Skillman Street bridge** structural steel work has commenced.
- **Phase 1 openings** of several bridges by summer 2023 including Greenville, Abrams, Forest, Royal/Miller and Oates.
- **New westbound I-635** mainlane bridges complete at Jupiter and Plano.
- **Summer 2023:** Open the following new I-30/I-635 direct connectors in Mesquite:
  - **The westbound** I-30 direct connector to southbound I-635
  - **The northbound I-635** direct connector to eastbound I-30
- **Summer 2023:** Begin full reconstruction of Gus Thomasson Road bridge overpass at I-30 to convert to an underpass. Requires a closure of the intersection for up to nine months.

Fall / Winter 2023

- **Open the following new** I-30/I-635 direct connectors in Mesquite:
  - **The eastbound** I-30 direct connector to northbound I-635
  - **The eastbound** I-30 direct connector to southbound I-635
- **Switch traffic** onto newly constructed westbound I-635 mainlane bridges through Garland.

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PROJECT DETAILS

- **Limits:**
  - I-635 from east of US 75 to I-30
  - I-30/I-635 interchange
- **Length:** 11 miles
- **Cost:** $1.7 billion (Design and Construction)
- **Funding:** Funding sources include CAT 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 12
- **Right Of Way:** Acquisition is 100% complete

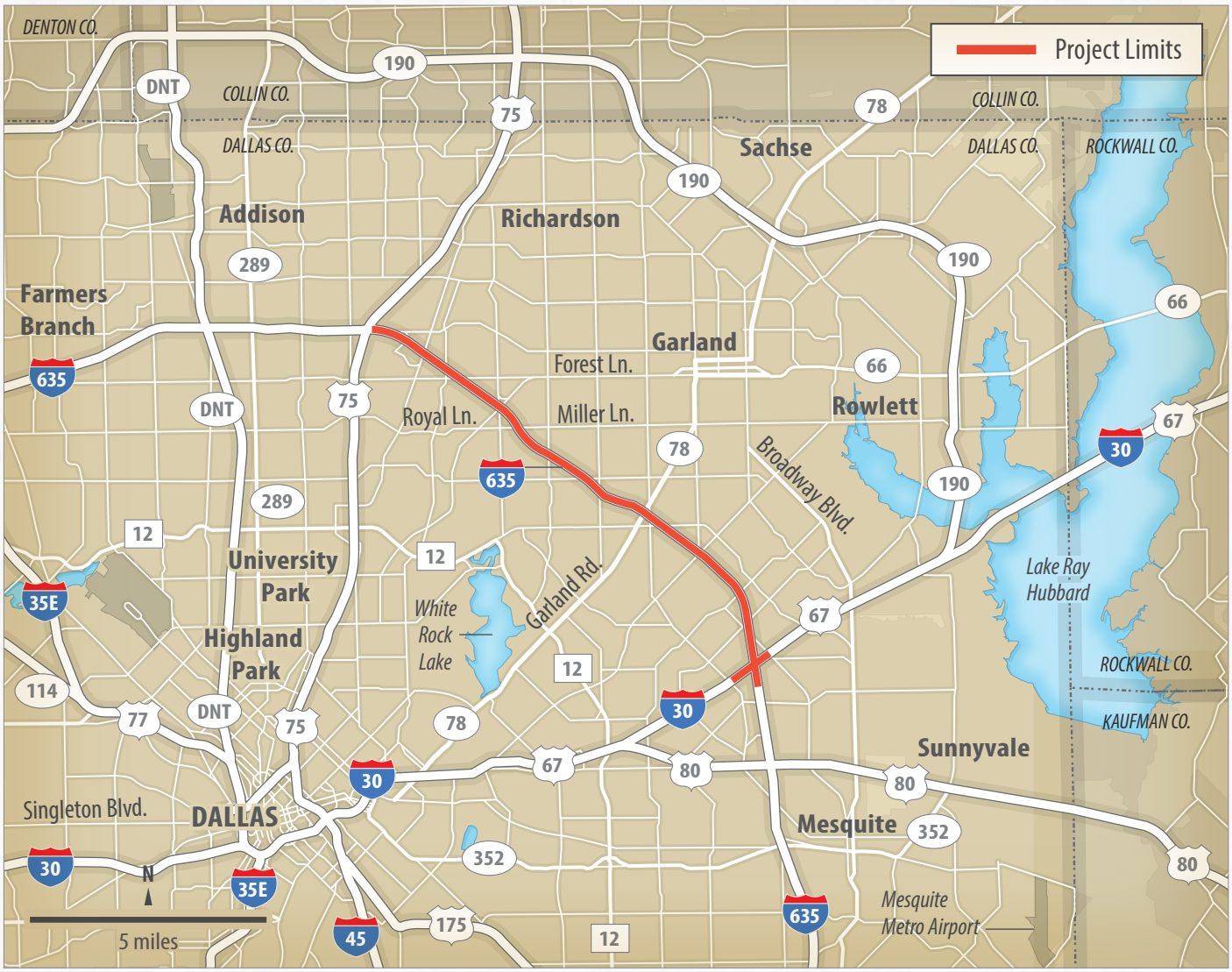
- **Project:**
  - **Reconstruct the GPLs** and construct one additional lane in each direction
  - **Construct continuous** FRs consisting of two or three lanes in each direction
  - **Reconstruct the** I-635/I-30 interchange
  - **Reconstruct the** existing single tolled managed lane in each direction between US 75 and I-30
  - **Reconstruct the** Skillman St. bridge

TEXAS CLEAR LANES

- **The Texas Transportation Commission** has designated the 635 East Project as part of the statewide Texas Clear Lanes initiative, which addresses the most congested areas in the state.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- **Spring 2020 –** Construction start
- **2025 –** Substantial Completion



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