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## **TxDOT Horseshoe Project Begins Early Construction Work Along Interstates 30 and 35E Through Downtown Dallas**

**Project Open House, Aug. 8, 2013**

**DALLAS** – Pegasus Link Constructors will begin initial highway construction in late August in downtown Dallas as part of the TxDOT Horseshoe Project; a 4-year, \$798 million construction project that will ease traffic congestion, improve safety and enhance mobility between Interstates 30 and 35E through downtown Dallas, the Mixmaster and the city's central business district.

Initial construction of roadway improvements is set to begin in six sections along the project's corridor, mainly on frontage roads and bridge areas outside of existing bridges. Commuters may experience minimal traffic impacts during this initial construction through the end of 2013 with traffic lane switches and minor lane closures. Major construction activities for the Horseshoe Project on I-30 and I-35E are planned to start in early 2014.

The areas for initial construction along the corridor are marked on the attached map, and include the following sections: (1) along the frontage road traveling eastbound on I-30 between Sylvan Avenue and Beckley Avenue near the Kessler Park neighborhoods; (2) bridges crossing the Trinity River along I-30 with no impact to current traffic on the existing bridges; (3) the exit ramp and frontage road for eastbound I-30 and northbound I-35E to Commerce Street going into downtown Dallas; (4) the collector-distributor road westbound on I-30 between Harwood Street and Lamar Street with no disruption to mainlanes; (5) the mainlane and frontage road bridge outside of existing bridges traveling both northbound and southbound on I-35E between Colorado Boulevard and Riverfront Boulevard; (6) and the frontage road on northbound I-35E between Eighth Street and Colorado Boulevard.

Besides the initial work along the highway area, the Horseshoe Project is establishing a temporary concrete batch plant to be used for the duration of the project located west of I-35E at Colorado Boulevard on the former Burnett (baseball) Field land. The location for the plant was chosen because of

its distance away from major residential neighborhoods and its direct access to the project across the Trinity River levees, thus reducing emissions and decreasing project truck traffic on the highway mainlanes and city streets. To accommodate the increased construction activity near the batch plant, traffic patterns in and out of the plant area have been developed to minimize construction vehicular traffic along Colorado Boulevard

### **Open House**

For additional information, the public is invited to attend a Horseshoe Project Open House on August 8 between 4 and 8 p.m. at the Hitt Auditorium at Methodist Dallas Medical Center. Information can also be obtained from the project's website at [www.dallashorseshoe.com](http://www.dallashorseshoe.com), by calling the project hotline at 214-Fix-MixD (214-349-6493), or visiting the Project Information Center located at 160 Continental Ave., on the corner of Riverfront and Continental behind Jack in the Box, where you can view maps and speak to a project representative during business hours.

### **About the Horseshoe Project**

The Horseshoe Project is a \$798 million design-build highway construction project by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to improve traffic flow through the heart of downtown Dallas. Dubbed "Horseshoe" because of its U shape, the 4-year construction project began in spring 2013 initially with utility relocations and geotechnical testing as early work for the project to include the expansion, repaving and addition of several new bridges and roadways along Interstates 30 and 35E across the Trinity River, and through the city's Mixmaster and central business district.

The Horseshoe Project is expected to be completed by summer 2017 providing improved safety, decreased traffic congestion and increased mobility when traveling through downtown Dallas.

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