

NORTH TARRANT EXPRESS MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT TRACKER

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Summer 2010

OVERVIEW

The North Tarrant Express (NTE) Master Development Plan is a 10-year agreement between TxDOT and NTE Mobility Partners (NTEMP) to identify proposed improvements to portions of Interstate 35W (I-35W), State Highway 183 and I-820 in northern and eastern Tarrant County. The plan will lay out current and future needs and solutions for general purpose lanes and managed toll lanes, which will keep traffic moving at 50 mph. The \$2.5 million agreement also will identify funding methods for the proposed improvements. If necessary, TxDOT has an option to extend the agreement for an additional five years.



IH-35W / IH-820 interchange*
*Conceptual presentation of ultimate interchange. Subject to change.

TxDOT responded to NTEMP's ready for development letter for 3A and 3B on June 16, 2010, allowing efforts to begin on development of a facility implementation plan.

NTEMP and TxDOT will develop a 3A and 3B facility implementation plan by September 2010 followed by work activities that will lead to a facility agreement for 3A and 3B by 2010 or 2011.

A 3A and 3B facility agreement must be approved by the Legislative Budget Board and a determination of legal sufficiency received from the office of the Attorney General in early to mid-2011. In addition, a financial public hearing will be held in mid-2011.

A final 3A and 3B facility agreement could be executed by summer 2011.

PROJECT FACTS

Length:

- Segment 2E (SH 183 from SH 121 to SH 161): 4.5 miles
- Segment 3A (I-35W from north of I-30 to south of I-820): 6.5 miles
- Segment 3B (I-35W from north of I-820 to US 81/287): 3.3 miles
- Segment 3C (I-35W from US 81/287 to SH 170): 5.0 miles
- Segment 4 (I-820 from SH 183 to Randol Mill Road): 3.7 miles

Cost: \$2.7 billion (Conceptual Development Plan estimate)

Construction start - completion dates (Conceptual Development Plan estimates unless noted)

- Segment 2E: 2011 - 2016
- Segment 3A: 2017 (May 2010 submission estimate)
- Segment 3B: 2017 (May 2010 submission estimate)
- Segment 3C: 2015 - 2020
- Segment 4: 2020 - 2025

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (CDA)

NTEMP Partners: Cintra U.S., Meridiam Infrastructure Finance, Dallas Police and Fire Pension System

North Texas Tollway Authority to provide toll collection services; TxTag, TollTag and EasyPass electronic transponders will work on this project.

PROJECT HISTORY/TIMELINE

- Texas Transportation Commission authorizes request for CDA proposals: March 2006
- CDA conditionally awarded to NTEMP: January 29, 2009
- CDA executed: June 23, 2009
- Initial work started: July 7, 2009
- Approval to begin detailed work: December 4, 2009
- Ready for development letter and initial submittal for segments 3A and 3B received on May 17 and May 19, 2010, respectively.

PROGRESS

- An executive stakeholder meeting and an emergency responders briefing were held on April 28, 2010 at the North Richland Hills City Council chambers.
- A work authorization has been completed for consultant support during Master Plan development.
- Obtain environmental approvals for the project. Segment 2E and Segment 4 have environmental approval. Work on approvals for Segments 3A, 3B and 3C is under way.
- Complete master financial plan and master development plan (MDP) by late 2010 to early 2011.
- TxDOT, NTEMP, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments are holding monthly coordination meetings in anticipation of construction or financing proposals.



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Configuration as proposed in Regional Mobility 2030 Plan**

SEG*	Roadway and Limits	Existing lanes (Each dir.)		Frontage lanes (Each dir.)		Managed lanes (toll) (Each dir.)		Frontage lanes (Each dir.)	
		General purpose lanes (Each dir.)	AAA	General purpose lanes (Each dir.)	AAA	General purpose lanes (Each dir.)	AAA	General purpose lanes (Each dir.)	AAA
2E	SH 183 from the SH 121/SH 183 split	3	2 ^A	3	2 ^A	3	2 ^{AA}	2	2 ^{AA}
3A	I-35W from I-820 to I-30	2 - 3	2	4	2	2	2	2	2
3B	I-35W from I-820 to U.S. 81/287	2	2	4	2	2 - 3	2	2	2
3C	I-35W from U.S. 81/287 to SH 170	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
4	I-820 from the Northeast interchange to Randol Mill Rd.	2 - 4	2	5 (SH 121N to SH 121S)	2	1 (SH 121N to SH 121S)	2	2	2

* Segments identified by number do not denote priority or sequence. ** All segments will include one-way frontage roads at identified locations and connections to all existing and proposed improvements.

^A Discontinuous. ^{AA} Continuous. ^{AAA} Potential deferment of additional general purpose lanes.

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