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### Highway 183 construction from Euless to Dallas is next in line



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The next major highway construction project will start later this year with State Highway 183 getting a facelift and managed toll lanes.

The \$850 million project begins where the North Tarrant Express ends at Industrial Boulevard at the Bedford/Euless border and it ends at the junction with Interstate 35E in Dallas. The project also includes portions of Loop 12 and State Highway 114 near the old Texas Stadium site in Irving.

The project continues the TEXpress Lanes that so many of the rebuilt highways will have in the next few years. The TEXpress Lanes give drivers an option to skip the congestion by driving in managed toll lanes



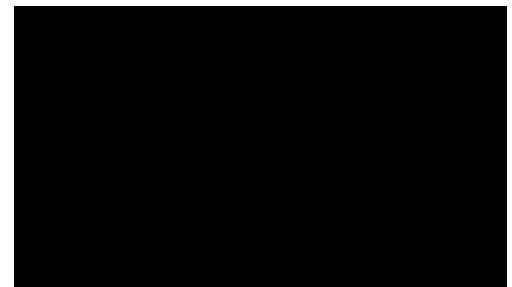
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A map of the Highway 183 project showing the scope of the \$850 million project.



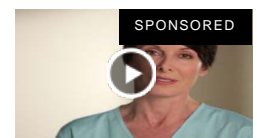
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where the rate fluctuates based on traffic demand. Drivers who enter the tolled lanes have a guarantee that they can travel 50 mph.

The TEXpress Lanes have already opened on the eastern portion of the LBJ Express and are scheduled to open by the end of the year on a 13-mile stretch of the NTE project, which includes Loop 820 and State Highway 183/121.

Construction started recently on Interstate 35W from downtown Fort Worth to the junction with Loop 820 that will also have TEXpress Lanes.

The DFW Connector in Grapevine will open its TEXpress Lanes by spring.

Bottom line: Most highways that are being rebuilt will have a managed toll component.

The State Highway 183 project will have the same amount of free lanes and frontage lanes that it does now. The initial project scope focuses on rebuilding westbound lanes. If additional monies are secured, the project will expand to eastbound lanes.

It also includes new direct-connect ramps at the junction with Loop 12, the former site of Texas Stadium, where Irving has future development plans.

The Texas Department of Transportation has narrowed down the list of contractors for the State Highway 183 project to four:

- Airport Expressway Partners: Fluor Enterprises, Inc., Balfour Beatty Improvements
- SH 183 Mobility Partners: Meridiam Infrastructure SH 183 Mobility LLC, Dallas Police and Fire Pension System and Cintra Infrastructures, S.A.
- SH 183 Mobility Alliance: Macquarie Capital Group Limited and OHL Concesiones, S.A.
- SouthGate Mobility Partners: Plenary Group Ltd., Kiewit Development Company

Much of the right-of-way has been acquired and sound walls have been built along much of the highway, also called Airport Freeway in Irving.

Construction is scheduled to start in mid to late 2014 and is expected to end by 2019.

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