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Grapevine freeways closing to fix markings damaged in ice storm

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GRAPEVINE — The \$1 billion DFW Connector is one of the biggest highway projects in Texas history, but it's not immune to damage from ice storms.

This weekend, crews in Grapevine will close lanes as needed along the DFW Connector's Texas 114/121 corridor to repair highway markings that lost their adhesion to the road in early December, when North Texas was covered with a thick blanket of ice.

The markings are painted onto the pavement — or, more accurately, they're melted on like a giant iron-on sticker — to help motorists figure out which lane they're supposed to be in. The markings have the same coloring and shieldlike shape as highway signs.

"In almost all directions of 114 and 121, there were damaged highway shields on the concrete pavement," DFW Connector spokeswoman Kristen Stieg said. "They basically come in puzzle pieces. You put the pieces together, and they have a big machine that goes on top of it and presses it into the ground so all those pieces melt together."

The 8-mile-long project was substantially completed late last year by the main contractor, NorthGate Constructors, and is expected to be handed over to the Texas Department of Transportation soon for final acceptance.

Meanwhile, crews have been doing touch-ups, landscaping and other work.

Another phase is beginning along the Farm Road 2499 corridor where Grapevine and Flower Mound come together.

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DFW Connector closures
This weekend's closures along the DFW Connector in Grapevine and Southlake.

- 9 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Monday: Two right lanes on eastbound Texas 114 at Farm Road 1709. One left lane will remain open. The eastbound Texas 114 on-ramp at Kimball Avenue will be closed, and traffic will be detoured to the William D. Tate Avenue on-ramp.

- 11:30 p.m. Friday to 11:30 p.m. Saturday: Two left lanes will be closed on the bridge from eastbound Texas 114 to northbound Texas 121. Before the ramp to Interstate 635, traffic will continue to northbound 121. One left lane will remain closed on Texas 121 to Bass Pro Drive. One right lane will remain open. Five right lanes will be closed on westbound Texas 114 at International Parkway, while one left lane will remain open.

- More information about lane closures and other road work along the Texas 114/121 corridor in Grapevine is available at DFWConnector.com or 877-411-4212.

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