



I-35 Reconstruction Project

Business Community Meeting

Bell County Projects

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Business Community Importance

- **Your importance**
 - Backbone of Texas' economy
 - Key stakeholder in the I-35 corridor
 - Directly impacted by construction
- **Therefore, TxDOT wants to...**
 - Engage you throughout I-35 reconstruction project
 - Strive for a transparent construction process



Business Community Importance

- **Our Goals for This Meeting:**
 - Keep you informed
 - Listen to your questions and concerns
 - Answer your questions
 - Seek solutions to your concerns
 - Present avenues for you to stay informed
 - Receive your ideas for future meetings



I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

Jodi Wheatley

I-35 Information Specialist

TxDOT





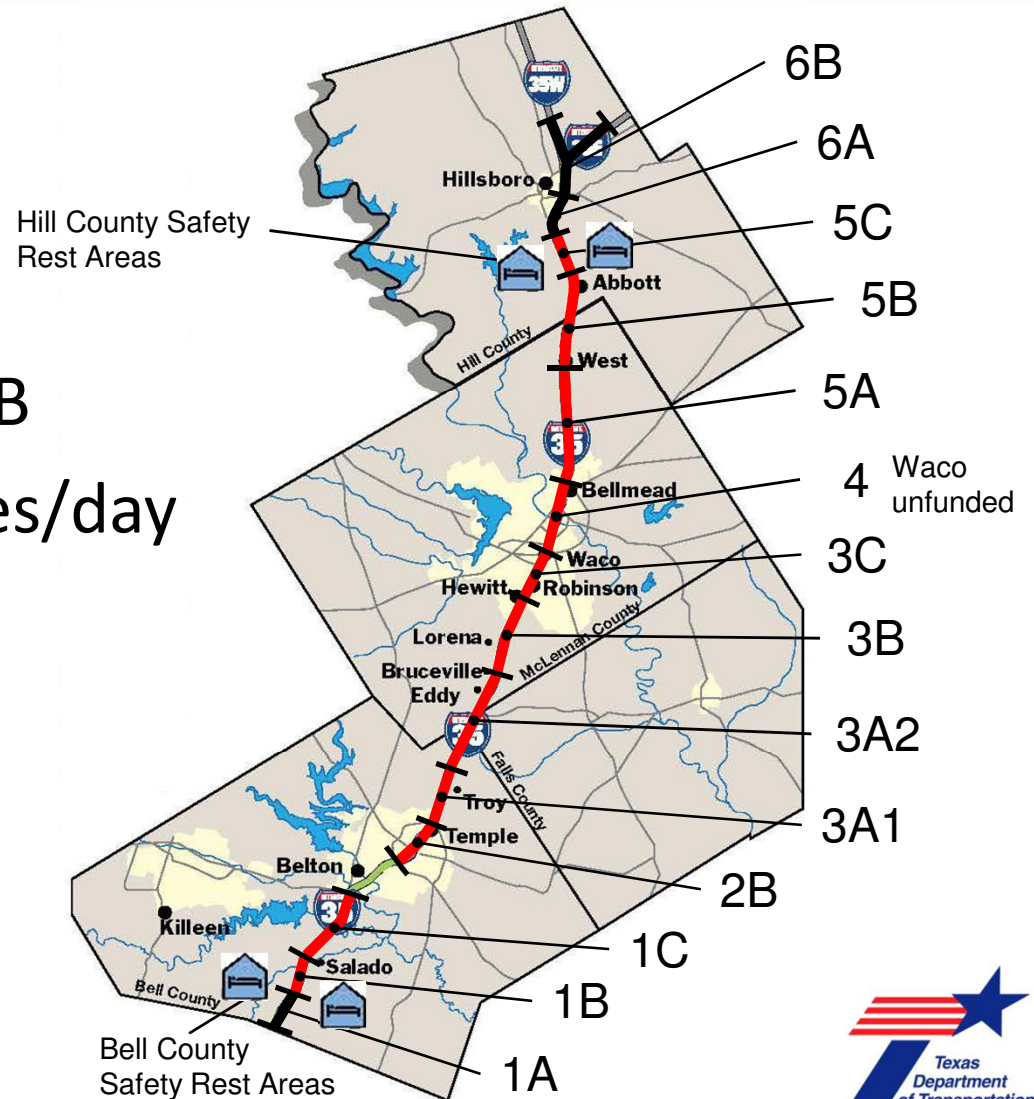
I-35 Construction: Purpose

- Maintain & enhance corridor's economic attractiveness
- Prepare for future traffic growth
- Enhance safety
 - Modern roadway design
 - Upgraded exit and entrance ramps
 - 1-way frontage roads
- Reduce congestion
 - Expand to 6 lanes
 - Continuous frontage roads for improved access and diversion
 - Real-time traveler information



Central Texas Overview




- 96 miles
- 14 sections
- 2 safety rest areas
- Construction cost = \$1.4B
- 55,000 – 111,000 vehicles/day
- 25% – 30% trucks

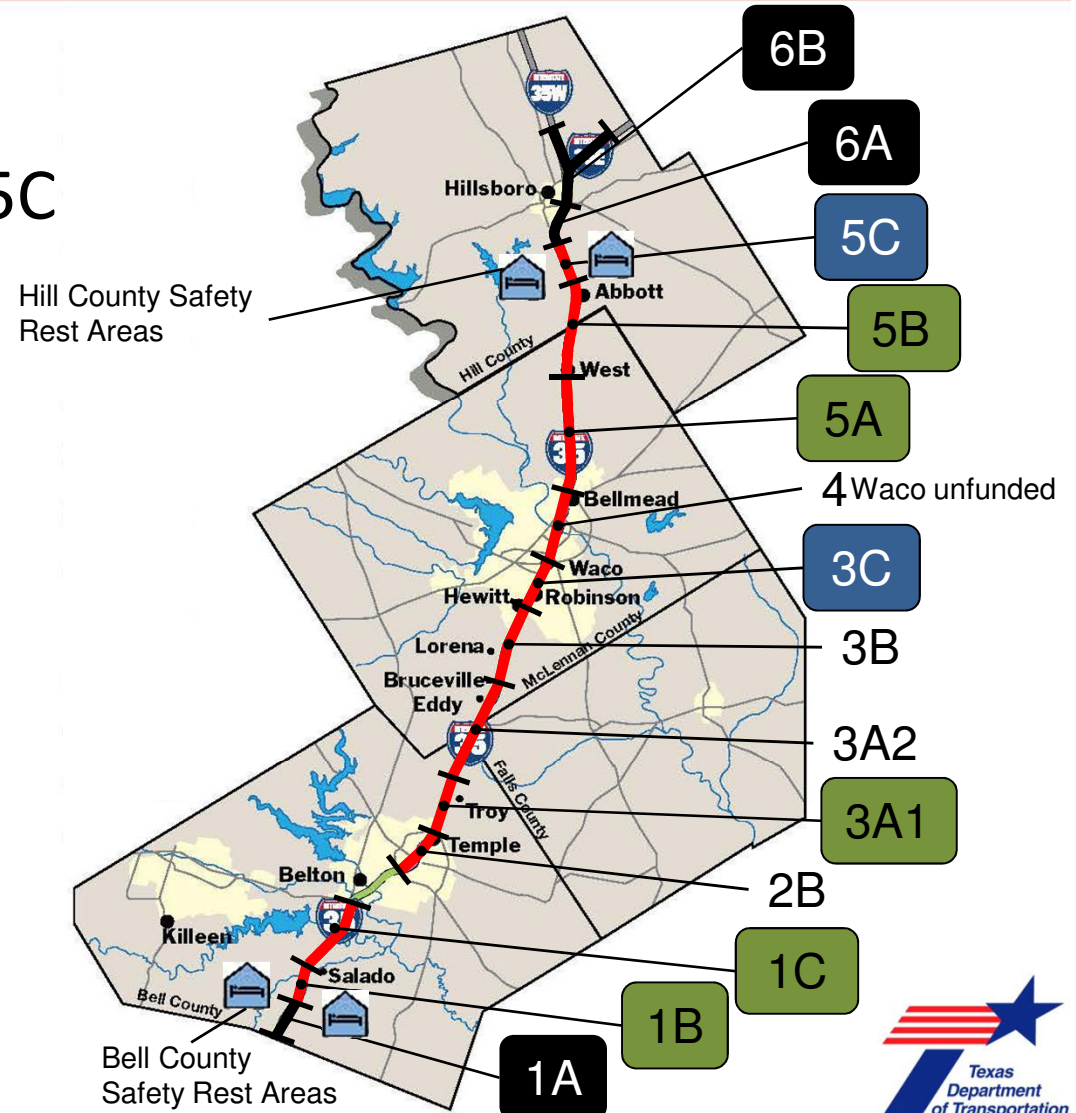




Central Texas Overview

- Completed: 1A, 6A, 6B
- Nearly completed: 3C, 5C
- Active today:
1B, 1C, 3A1, 5A, 5B
- 2 safety rest areas
- Complete in early 2017
(Temple last section)

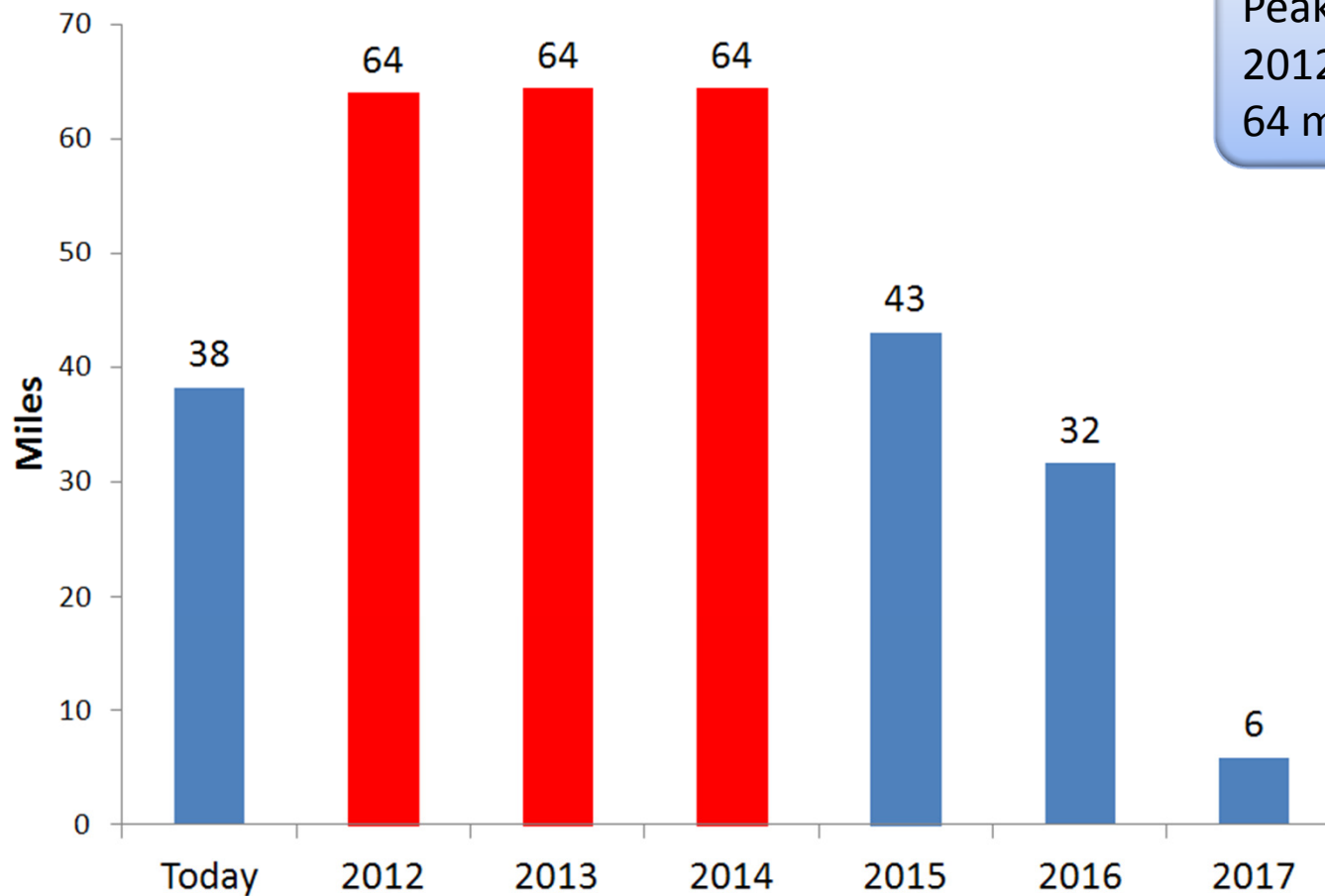
-  Completed
-  Nearly completed
-  Active





I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

I-35 Miles Under Construction



Peak Construction:
2012 – 2014
64 miles



I-35 Primary Changes

- 3 lanes in each direction on I-35
- Added I-35 crossings
- Added and relocated ramps
- 1-way continuous frontage roads
- U-turns at selected crossings
- Intelligent transportation system (ITS)
- Aesthetics
- Illumination
- Truck lane restrictions

Brazos River Frontage Road Bridges



Wall Murals



Your Communication Tools

- Quarterly business community meetings
- Monthly newsletter
- www.My35.org (all things I-35)
- Dedicated I-35 project staff
 - Public information staff to provide information and answer questions
 - Mobility coordinators to assist with site access and circulation
 - TxDOT construction and contractor staff to make it happen on the ground



Reducing Construction Impacts

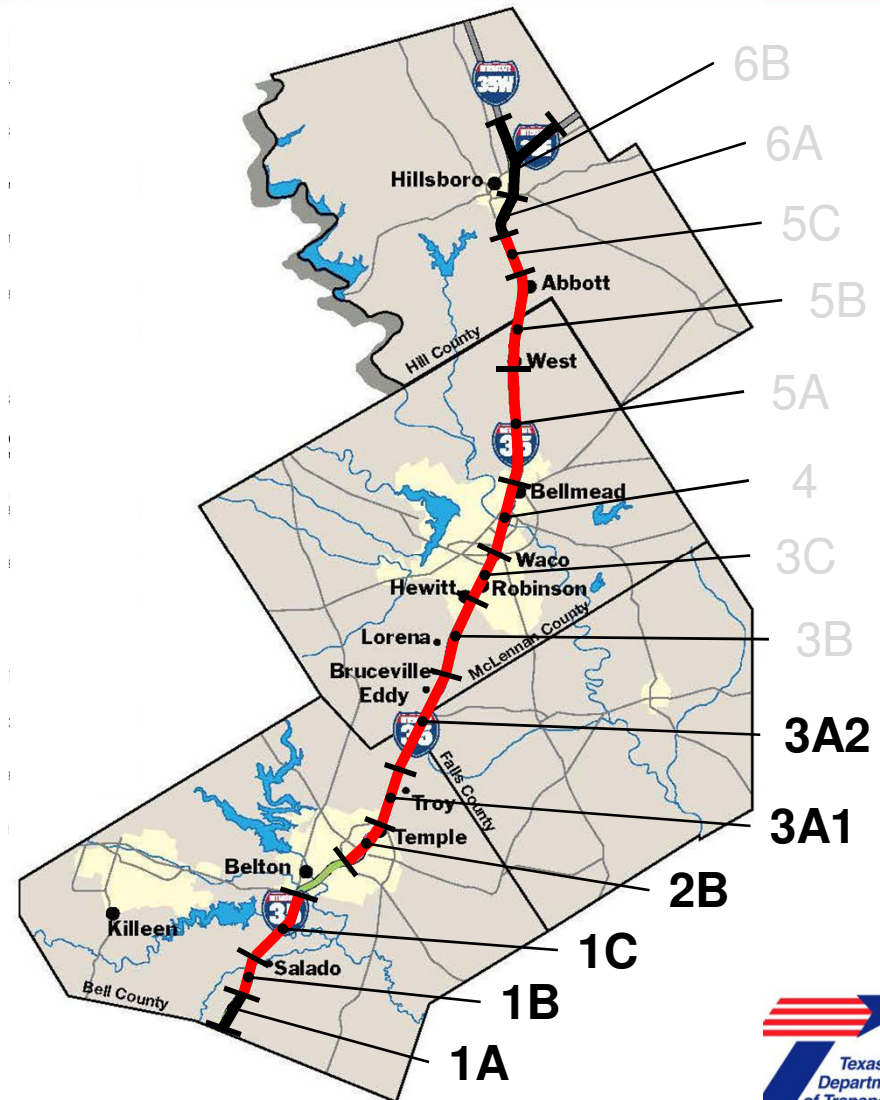
- Access to your business must be maintained
- Incentives to finish high priority work areas early
- 6 day work week
- Freeway lane closure restrictions
 - Sunday from 10:00 pm – 7:00 am
 - Monday through Friday from 7:00 pm – 7:00 am
 - Blackout dates: Holidays, major events, football weekends
 - Contractor assessed lane rental fees



I-35 Construction: Bell County

Bell County Projects

- Six projects:
 - 3A(2) portion
 - 3A(1)
 - 2B (recently funded)
 - 1C
 - 1B
 - 1A (completed)
- Presentation focuses on 3A(1)
1C, 1B
- Questions welcomed
on any project by schematics





I-35 Construction: Bell County - North

Ali Bashi, PE

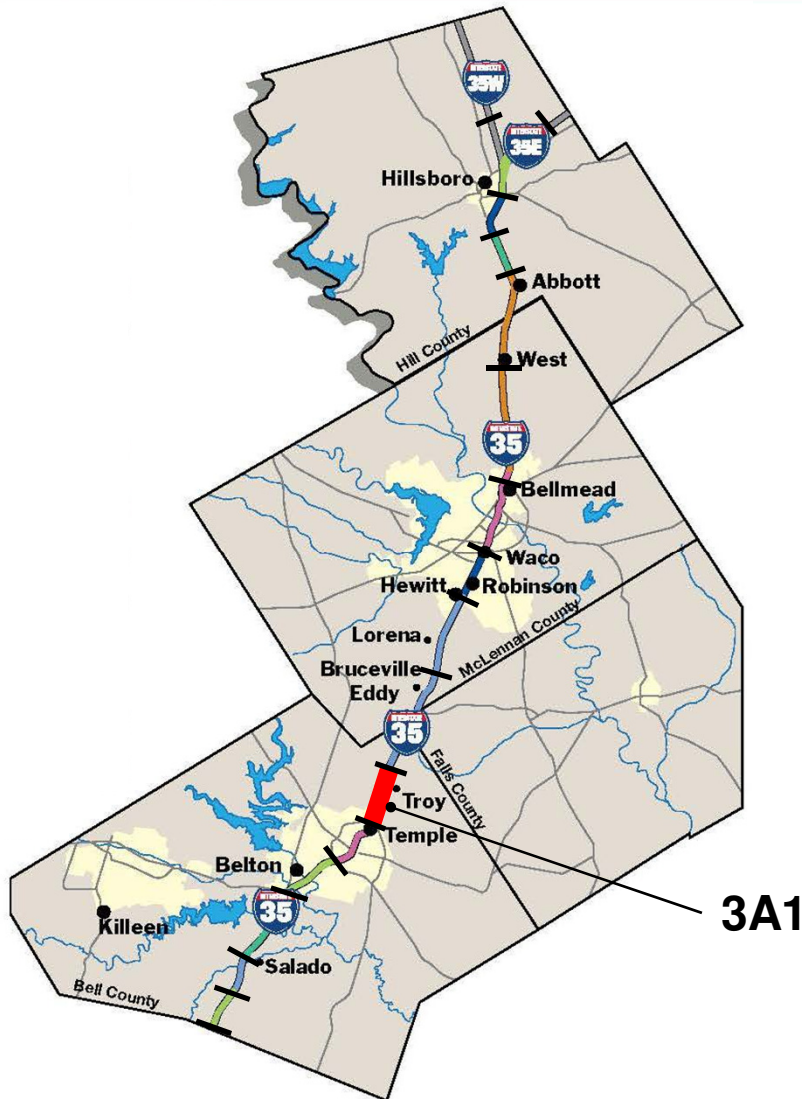
Belton Area Engineer

TxDOT





Project 3A-1: Temple – Troy



Section Facts

N. Loop 363 to N. Troy City Limit

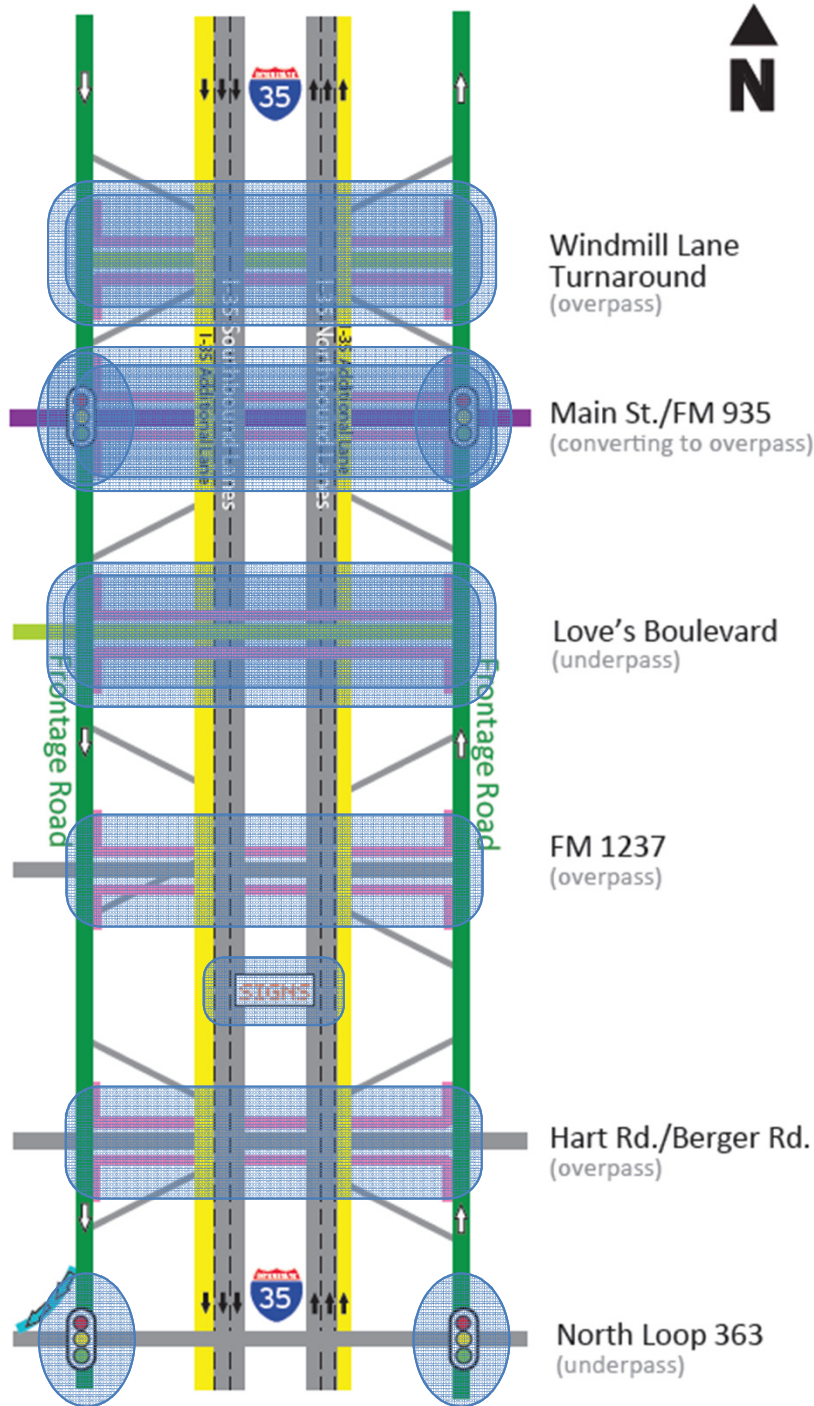
Construction Start: Early 2012

Anticipated Completion: Early 2016

Length: 6.4 miles









Cost: \$123.6 million

Contractor: James Construction Group



Temple to Troy (3A-1)

SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
-  New direct connector ramp from southbound frontage road to westbound Loop 363
-  New crossovers at Love's Boulevard and Windmill Lane Turnaround
-  U-turns added
-  New traffic signals at Main St.-FM 935 / I-35 frontage roads and North Loop 363 / I-35 frontage roads
-  Two new electronic message signs
-  TxDOT is converting Main St./FM935 from an underpass to an overpass



Project 3A1: Next Six Months

- **Preliminary work**
- **Utility relocation**
- **Planned construction phasing:**
 - Phase 1. starting in multiple locations between
Goates Rd in Troy and N. Loop 363
 - Southbound frontage road
 - Northbound frontage road
 - Southbound mainlanes
 - Northbound mainlanes
 - Phase 2, Goates Rd to the north Troy city limit



I-35 Construction: Bell County - South

Mark Jones, PE

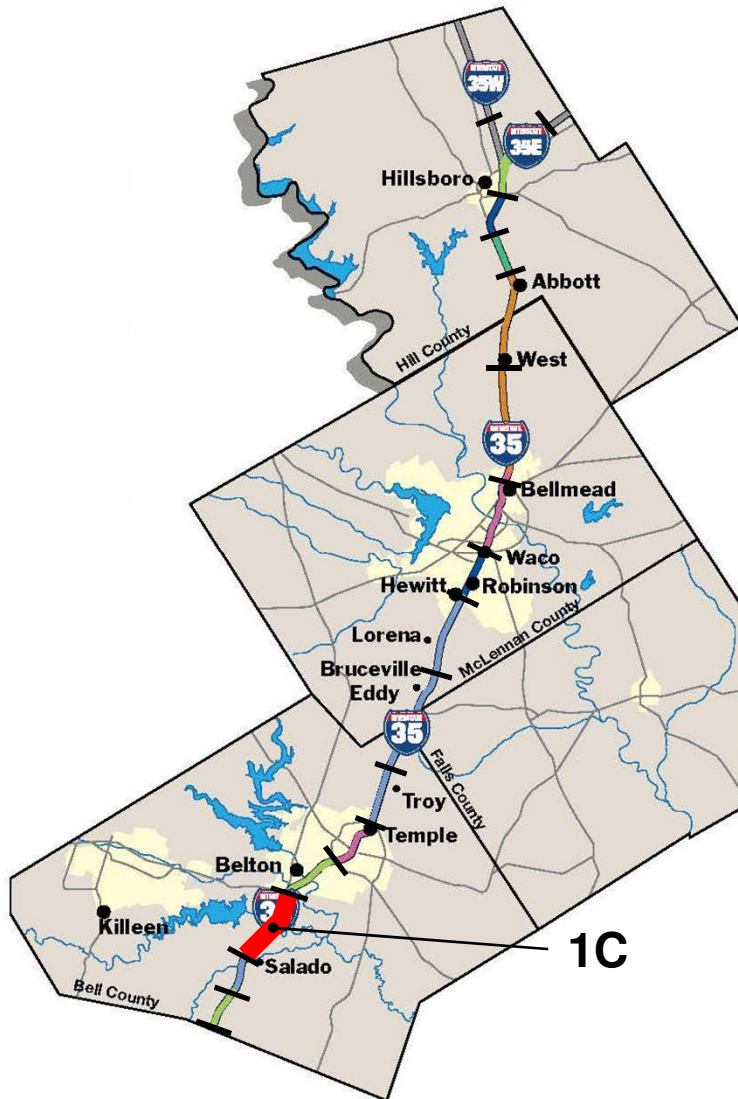
Georgetown Assistant Area Engineer

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Project 1C: Salado – Belton



Section Facts

FM 2484 to US 190

Construction Start: August 2010

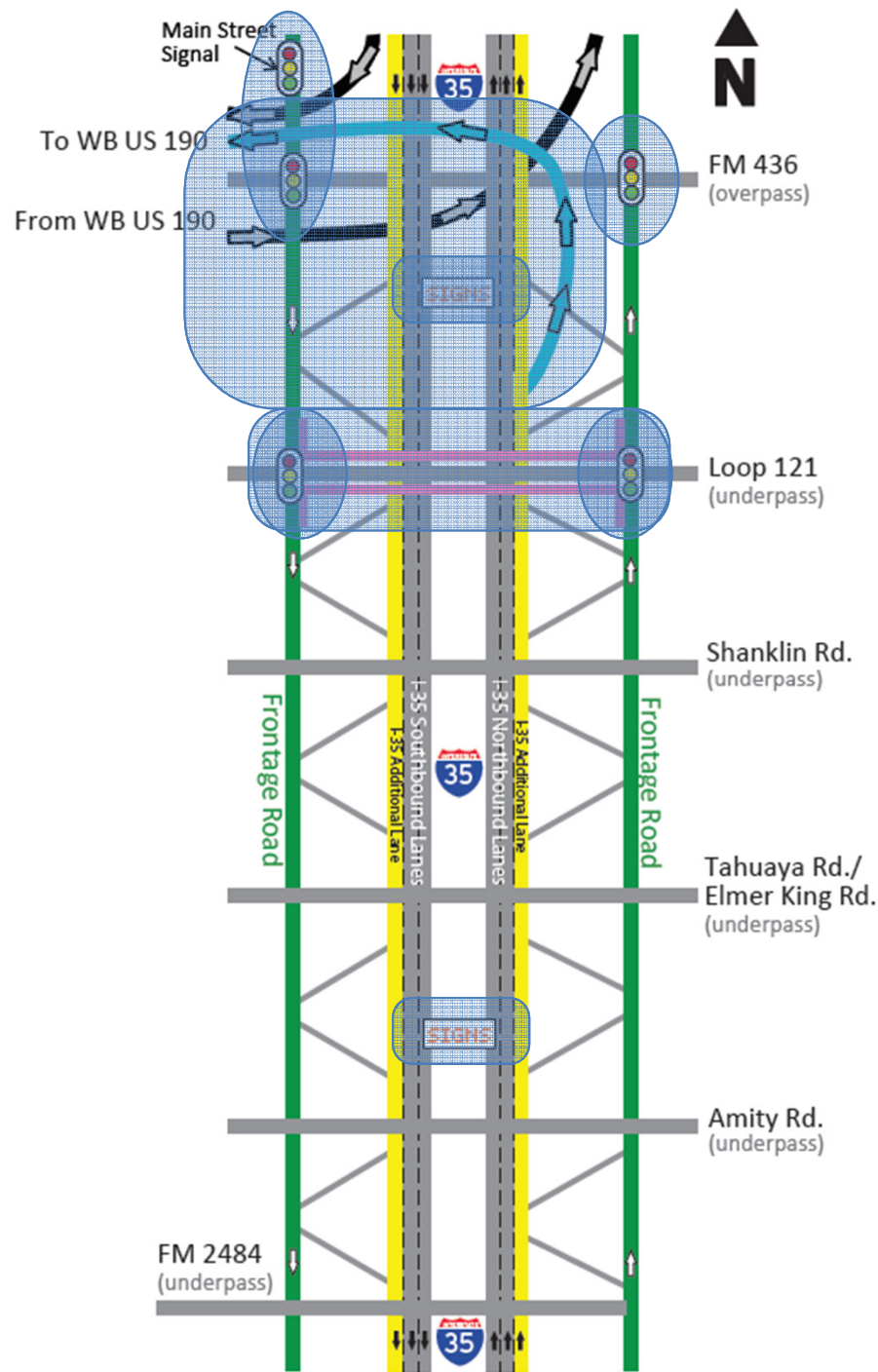
Anticipated Completion: Spring 2015

Length: 8.0 miles

Construction Cost: \$106.8 million


Contractor: James Construction Group





Salado to Belton (1C)

SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
-   New direct connector ramp from northbound I-35 to westbound US 190
-   U-turns added at Loop 121
-   New traffic signals at FM 436 / I-35 Frontage Roads, Main St. / US 190 Frontage Road, Loop 121 / I-35 Frontage Roads
-   Six new electronic message signs, with two located north of US 190 in Temple

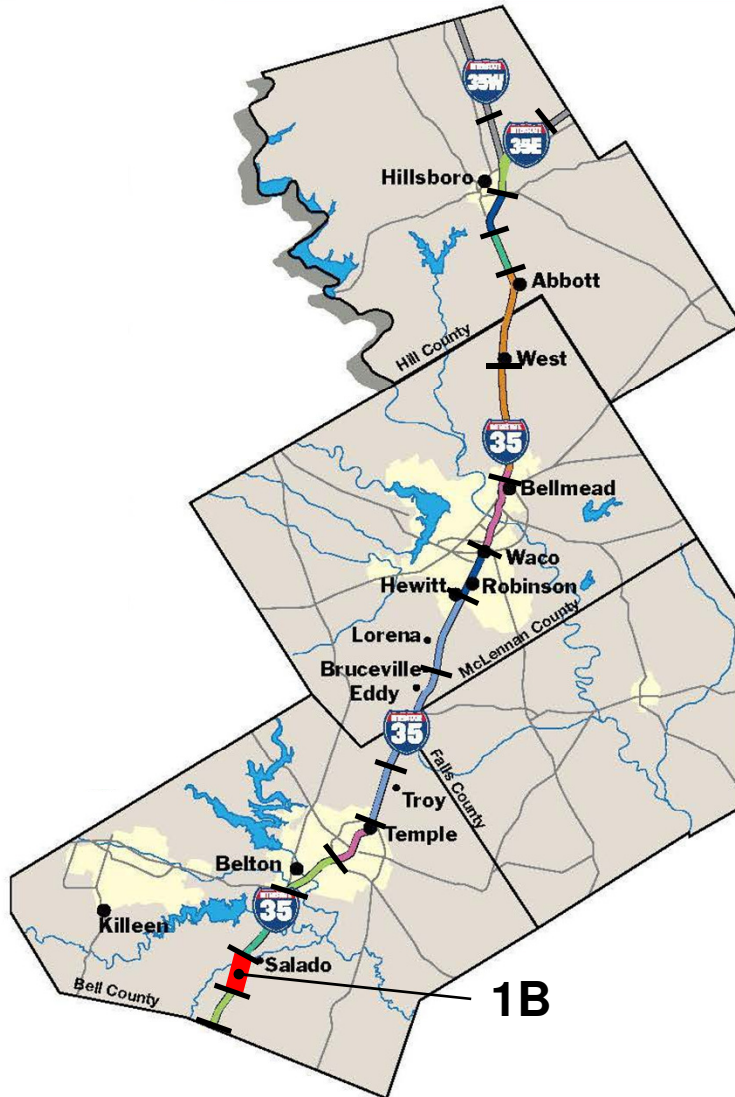


Project 1C: Next Six Months

- Periodic closures for bridge construction activities
- Opening one-way NB frontage road from FM 2484 to Tahuaya Road
- Ongoing work:
 - NB frontage road from Amity Rd to Loop 121
 - Amity Rd., Tahuaya Rd., Shanklin Rd., and Loop 121 bridges
 - Intersection approaches at those locations
 - NB frontage road at the Lampasas River
 - SB frontage road between US 190 and Loop 121
 - US 190 WB direct connect (flyover)



Project 1B: Salado



Section Facts

FM 2843 to FM 2484

Construction Start: Early 2012

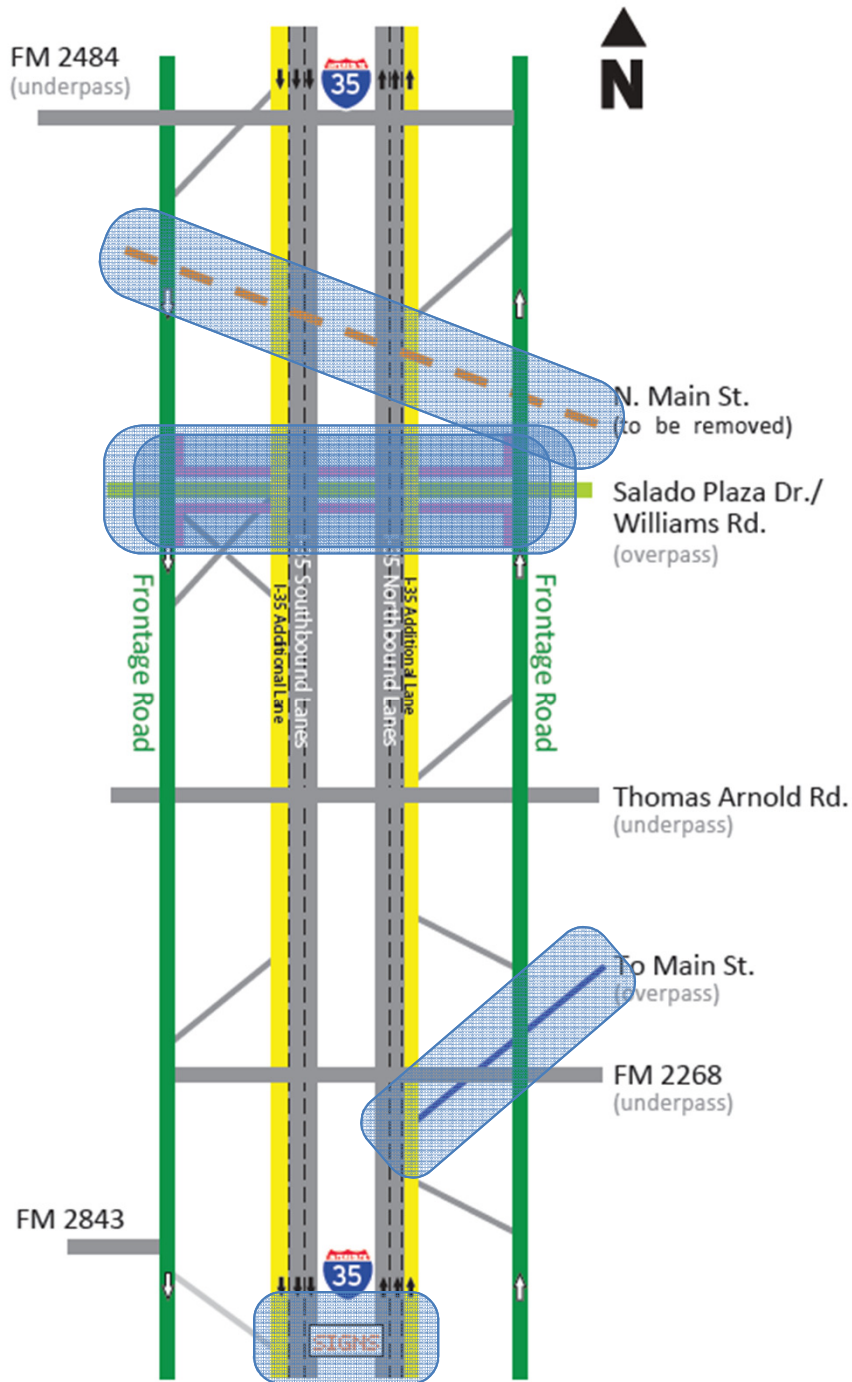
Anticipated Completion: Spring 2015

Length: 3.4 miles

Construction Cost: \$70.4 million













Contractor: James Construction Group





Salado (1B)

SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
-   Removal of existing underpass at Main St.
-   Addition of a new underpass at Salado Plaza Dr. / Williams Rd.
-   New off-ramp to Main St.
-   U-turns added at Salado Plaza Dr. / Williams Rd.
-   Two new electronic message signs



Project 1B: Next Six Months

- Preliminary work
- Utility relocations

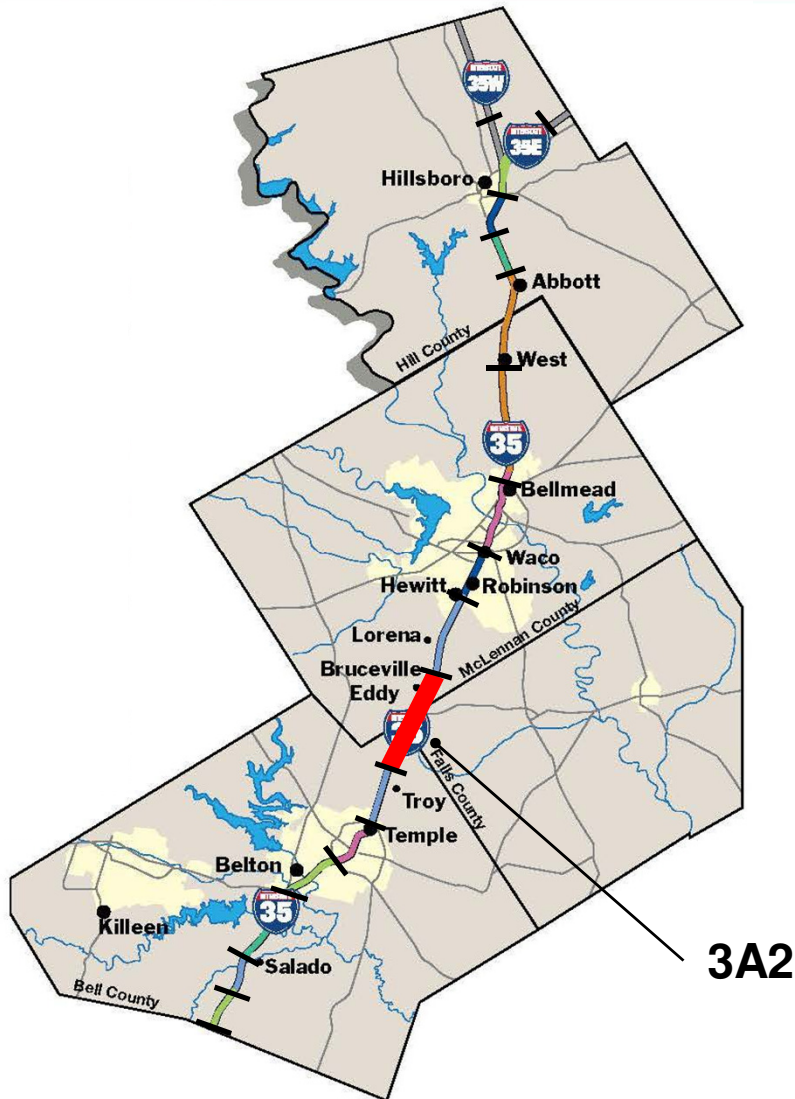


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Questions & Open Discussion by Schematics



Project 3A-2: Troy – Bruceville/Eddy



3A2

Section Facts

N. Troy City Limit to Woodlawn Rd.

Construction Start: Early 2012

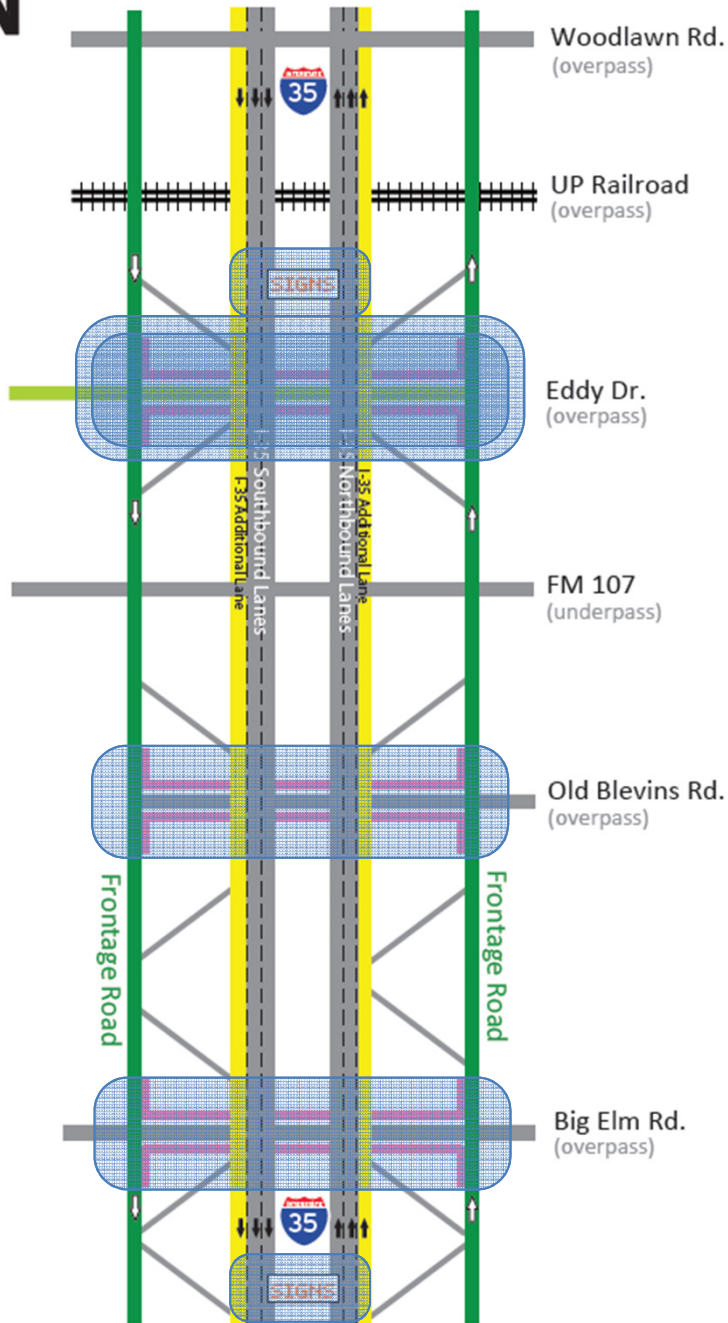
Anticipated Completion: Early 2016

Length: 9.6 miles

Cost: \$120.7 million






Contractor: James Construction Group





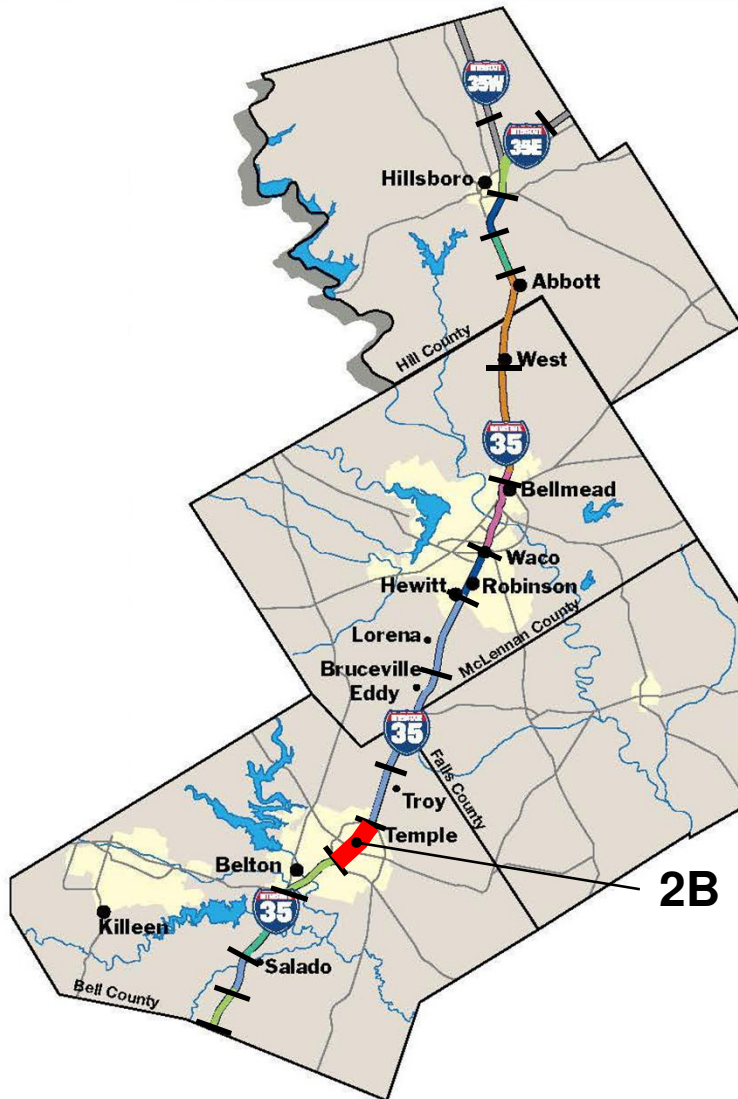
Troy to Bruceville/Eddy (3A-2)

SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
-  New crossover at Eddy Dr.
-  U-turns added at Eddy Dr., Old Blevins Rd., and Big Elm Rd.
-  Four new electronic message signs



Project 2B: Temple



Section Facts

S. Loop 363 to N. Loop 363

Construction Start: Early 2013

Anticipated Completion: Early 2017

Length: 9.6 miles

Cost: \$200 million

Contractor: TBD

