



# I-35 Reconstruction Project

## Business Community Meeting

### McLennan 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

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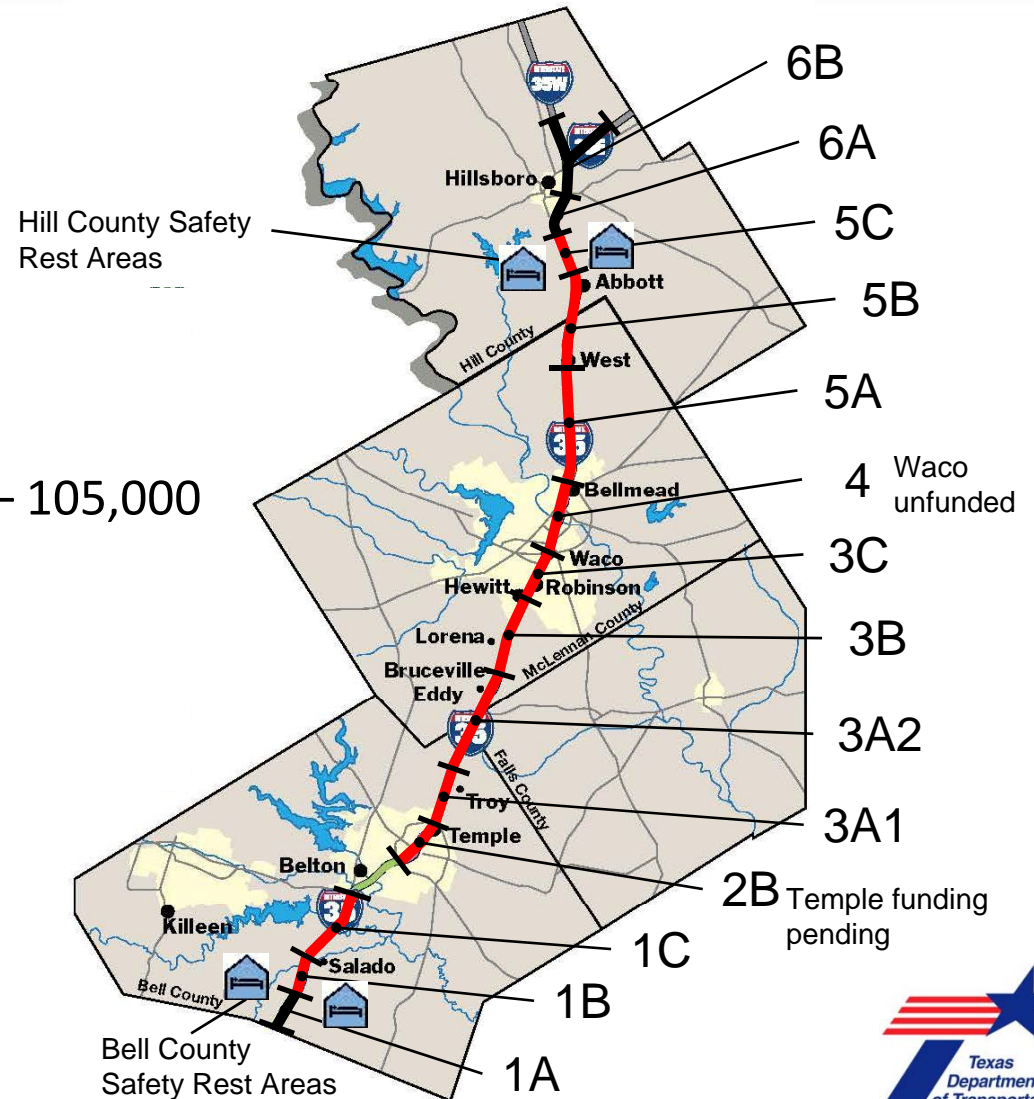
# I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

- **Purpose of I-35 Construction**
  - Maintain & enhance corridor's economic attractiveness
  - Prepare for future traffic growth
  - Enhance safety
    - Modern roadway design
    - Upgraded exit + entrance ramps
    - 1-way frontage roads
  - Reduce congestion
    - Expand to 6 lanes
    - Continuous frontage roads for improved access + diversion
    - Real-time traveler information



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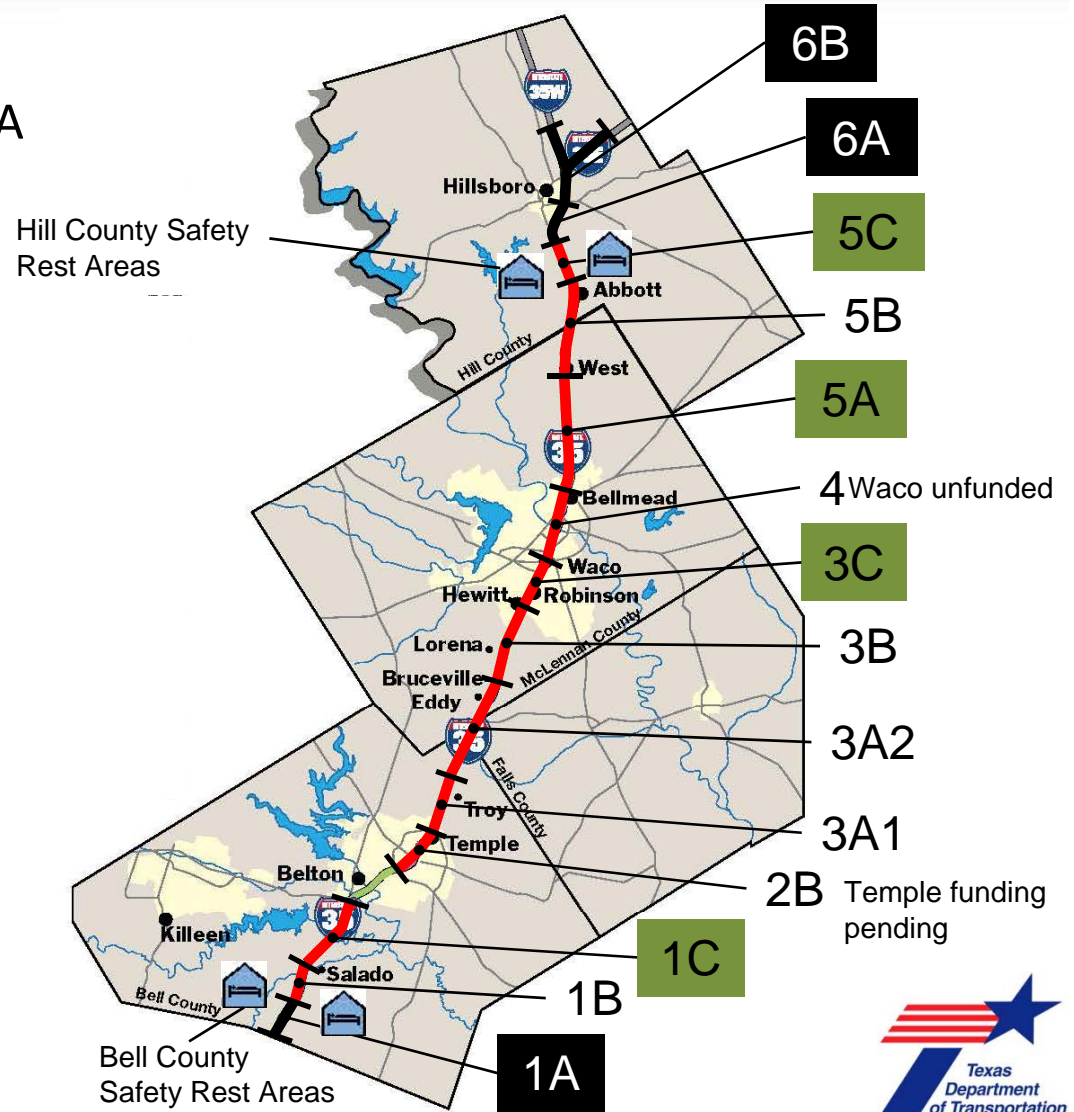
- 96 miles
- 14 sections
- 2 safety rest areas
- Construction Cost = \$1.9B
- Daily Traffic Volumes: 55,000 – 105,000
- Trucks: 25% – 30%





# I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

- Completed: 6B, 6A (mostly), 1A
- Active Today: 5C, 5A, 3C, 1C
- 2 safety rest areas
- Complete: Late 2016 (Temple last section)

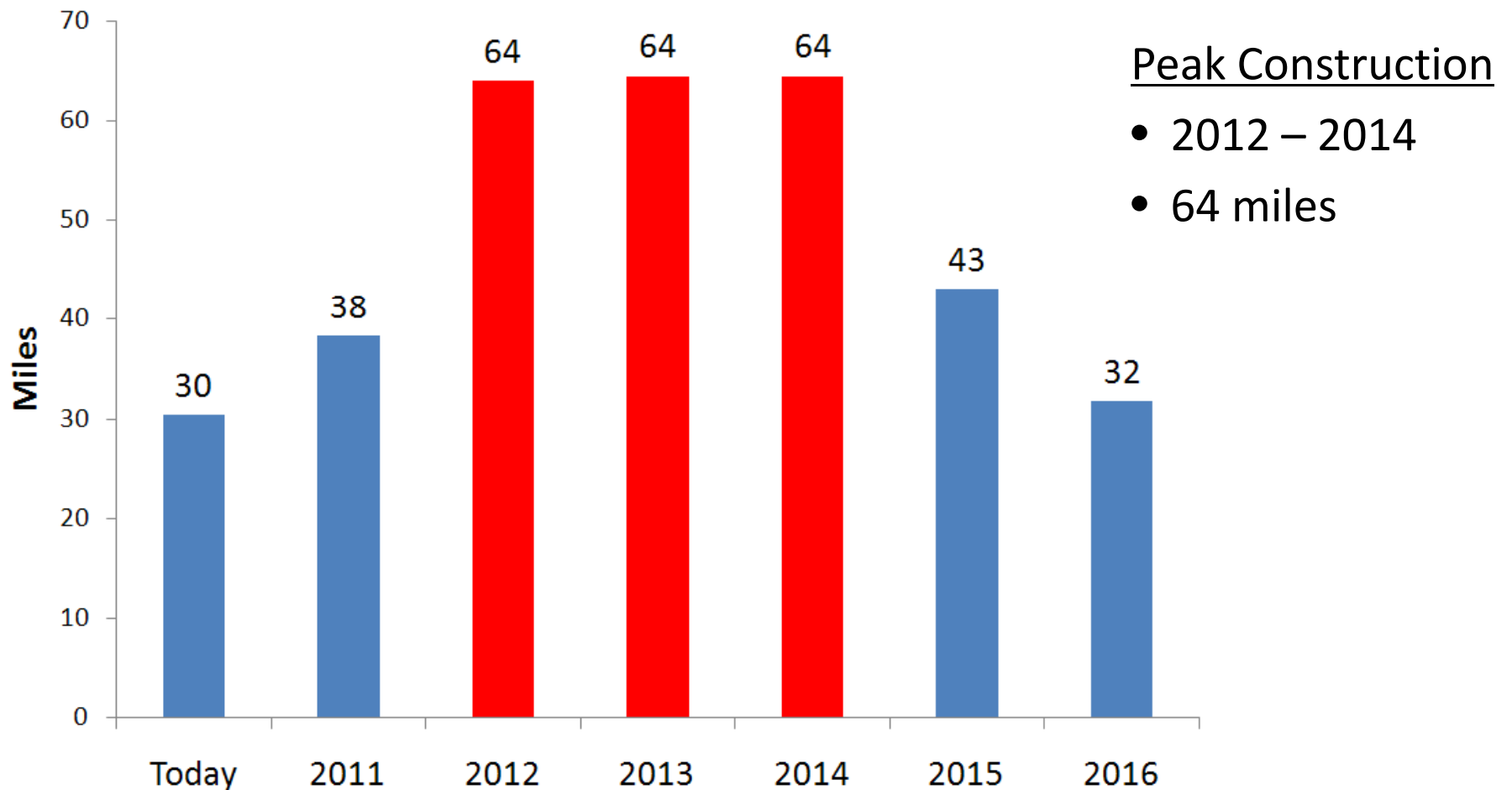






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## I-35 Miles Under Construction







# I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

- **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



# I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

- **Your Communication Tools**

- Quarterly business community meetings
- Monthly newsletter
- [www.My35.org](http://www.My35.org) (*all things I-35*)
- Dedicated I-35 project staff
  - Public Information staff to provide information + answer questions
  - Mobility Coordinator to assist w/site access + circulation
  - TxDOT construction and contractor staff to make it happen on the ground



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# I-35 Construction

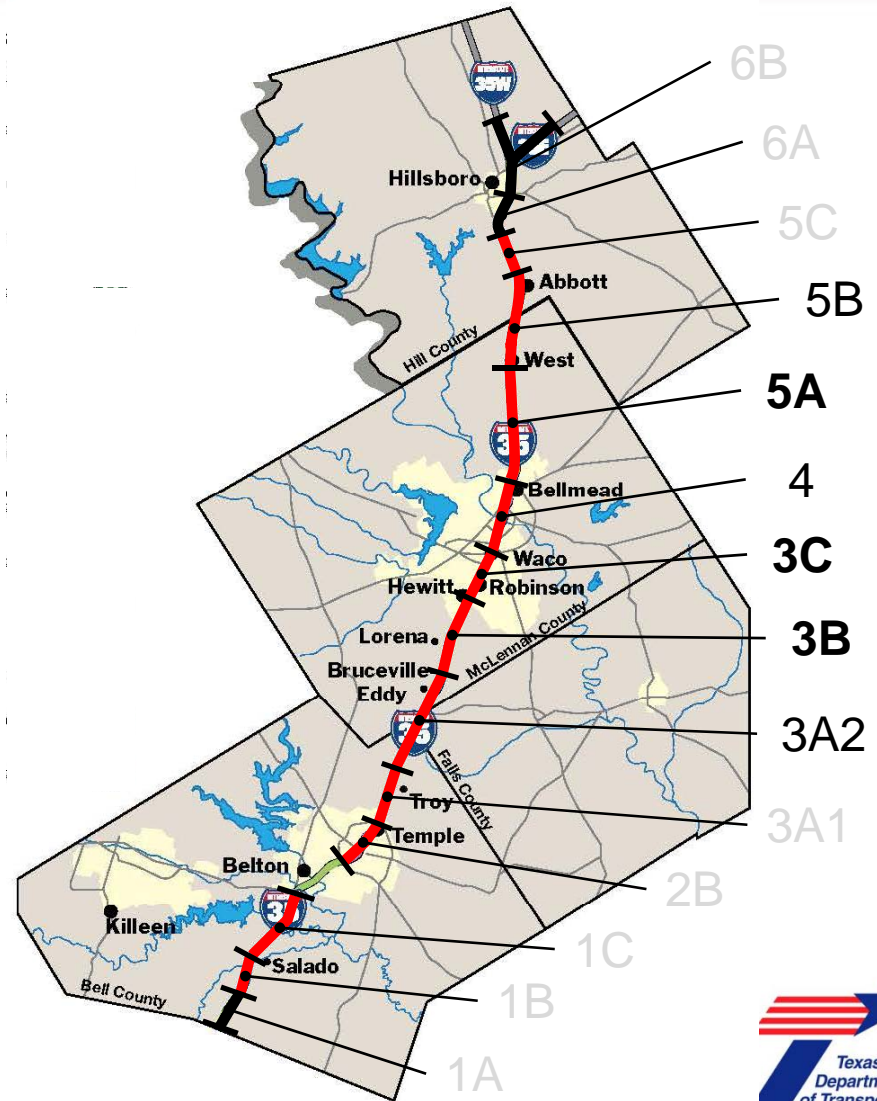
- **Measures in Place to Reduce Construction Impacts**
  - Access to your business must be maintained
  - Incentives to finish high priority work areas early
  - 6 day work week
  - Freeway lane closure restrictions
    - Sun, 10pm – 7am; Mon-Fri, 7pm – 7am
    - Blackout dates: Texas/OU football, Thanksgiving, etc.
    - Contractor assessed lane rental fees



# I-35 Construction: McLennan County

- **McLennan County Projects**

- 5B portion
- 5A
- 4 (unfunded)
- 3C
- 3B
- 3A(2) portion
- Presentation focuses on 5A, 3C, 3B
- Questions welcomed on any project by schematics

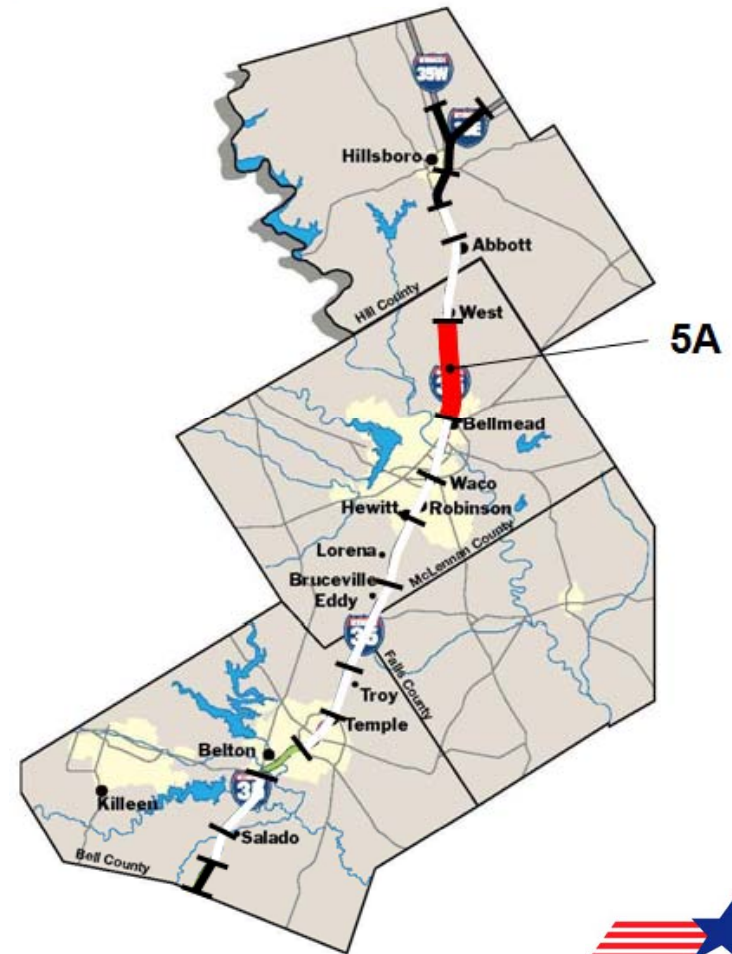




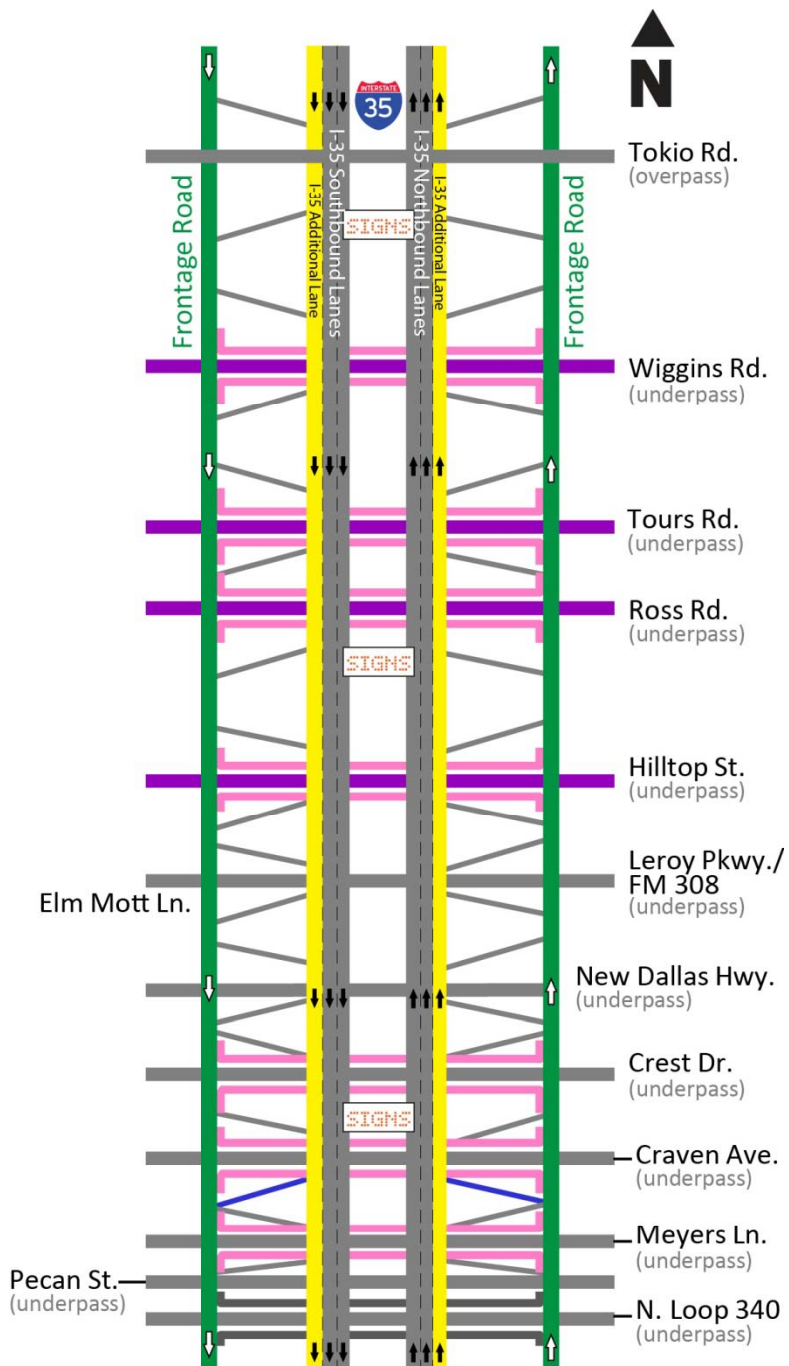
# I-35 Construction: McLennan County

- **West – Waco (5A) Section Facts**

- Tokio Rd. to N. Loop 340
- **Construction Start:** October 2010
- **Anticipated Completion:** Fall 2014
- **Length:** 13.4 miles
- **Construction Cost:** \$166.8 million
- **Contractor:** Williams Brothers Construction Co., Inc.













## West to Waco (5A)

### SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  New on-/off-ramps
-  Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
-  Addition of U-turns
-  6 new electronic message signs
-  TxDOT is converting the following from overpasses to underpasses: Wiggins, Tours, and Ross roads and Hilltop St.

### Upcoming Activities

- Fall 2011
  - Complete SB frontage road UPRR overpass
  - Significant progress at Hilltop and Tokio bridges
- Summer 2012
  - From N. Loop 340 to Bus. 77
    - Complete ramps
    - Complete frontage roads
    - Complete Bus 77 connector
  - Complete significant portion of frontage roads from Bus. 77 to Tokio
- Various mainlane traffic switches

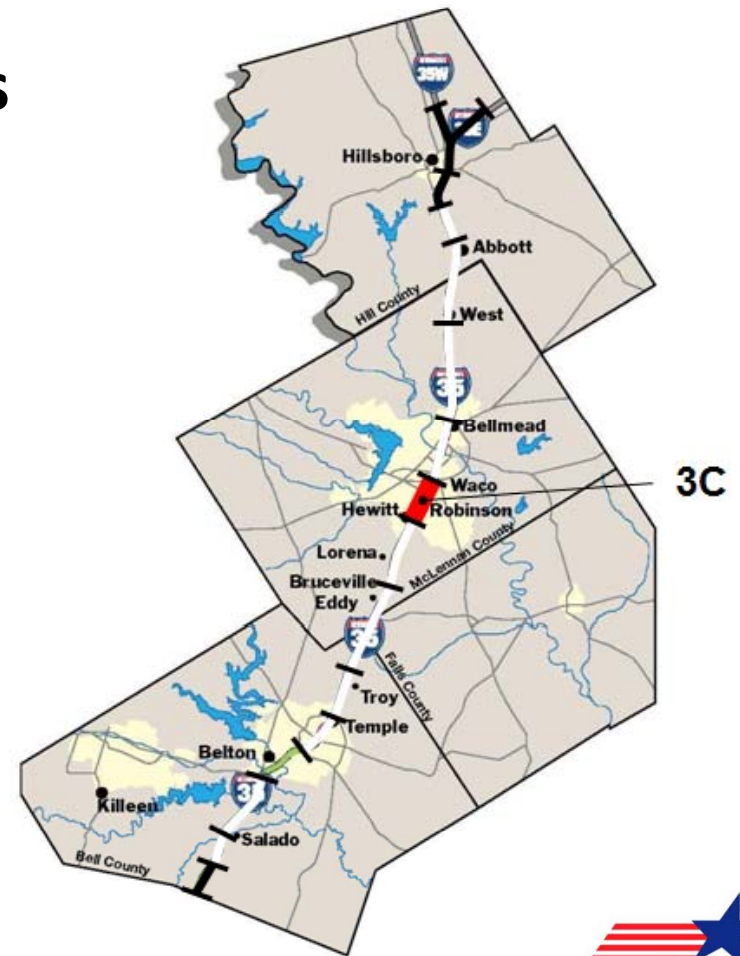


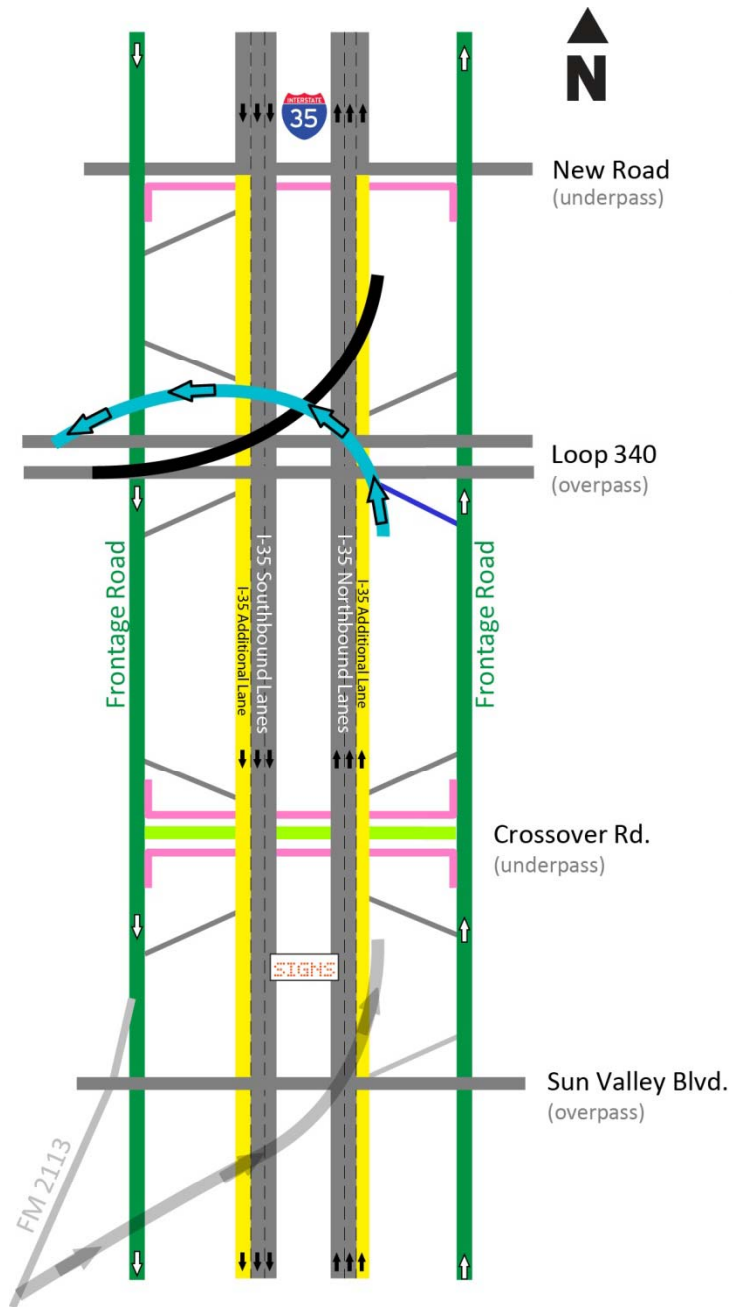


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- **Waco – Hewitt (3C) Section Facts**








- New Rd. to Sun Valley Blvd.
- **Construction Start:** May 2008
- **Anticipated Completion:** End of 2011
- **Length:** 3.4 miles
- **Construction Cost:** \$88.4 million
- **Contractor:** Webber, LLC





# Waco to Hewitt (3C)

## SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  New direct connector ramp from northbound I-35 to westbound Loop 340
-  New crossover at Crossover Rd.
-  New northbound on-ramp prior to Loop 340
-  Addition of U-turns
-  Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
-  Two new electronic message signs

### Upcoming Activities - Fall 2011

- Finish final portions of roadway (Oct.)
- Place large sign structures, illumination, centerline barrier (Sep. - Nov.)
- Place landscaping at FM 2063, Crossover (Nov.)
- Switch traffic to final configuration (Nov.)
- Open direct connector ramp (Nov.)

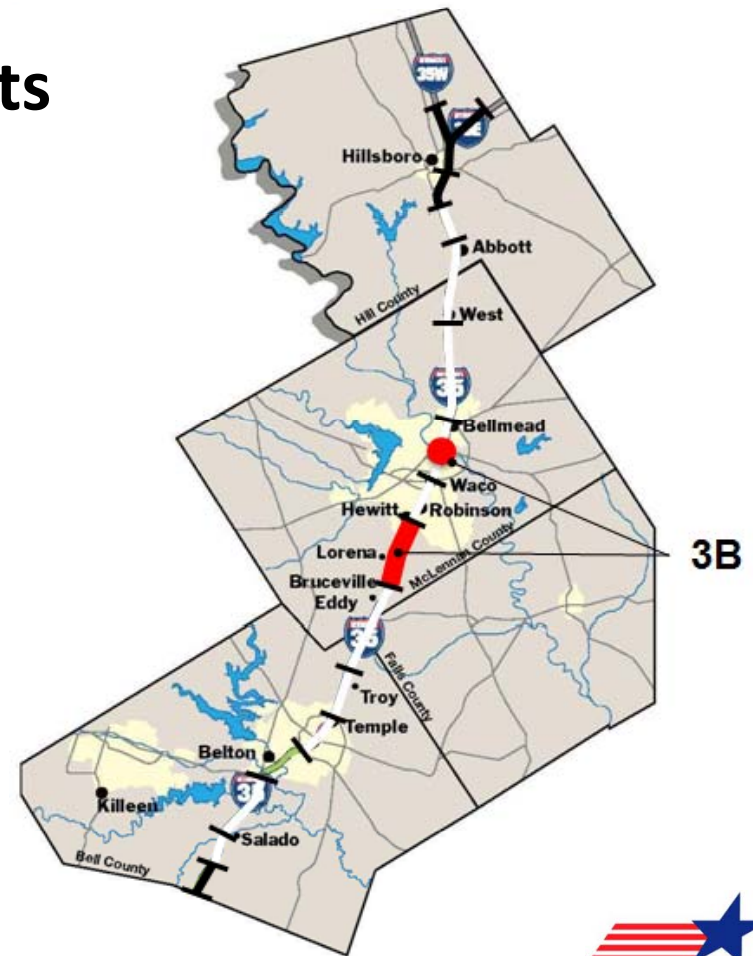




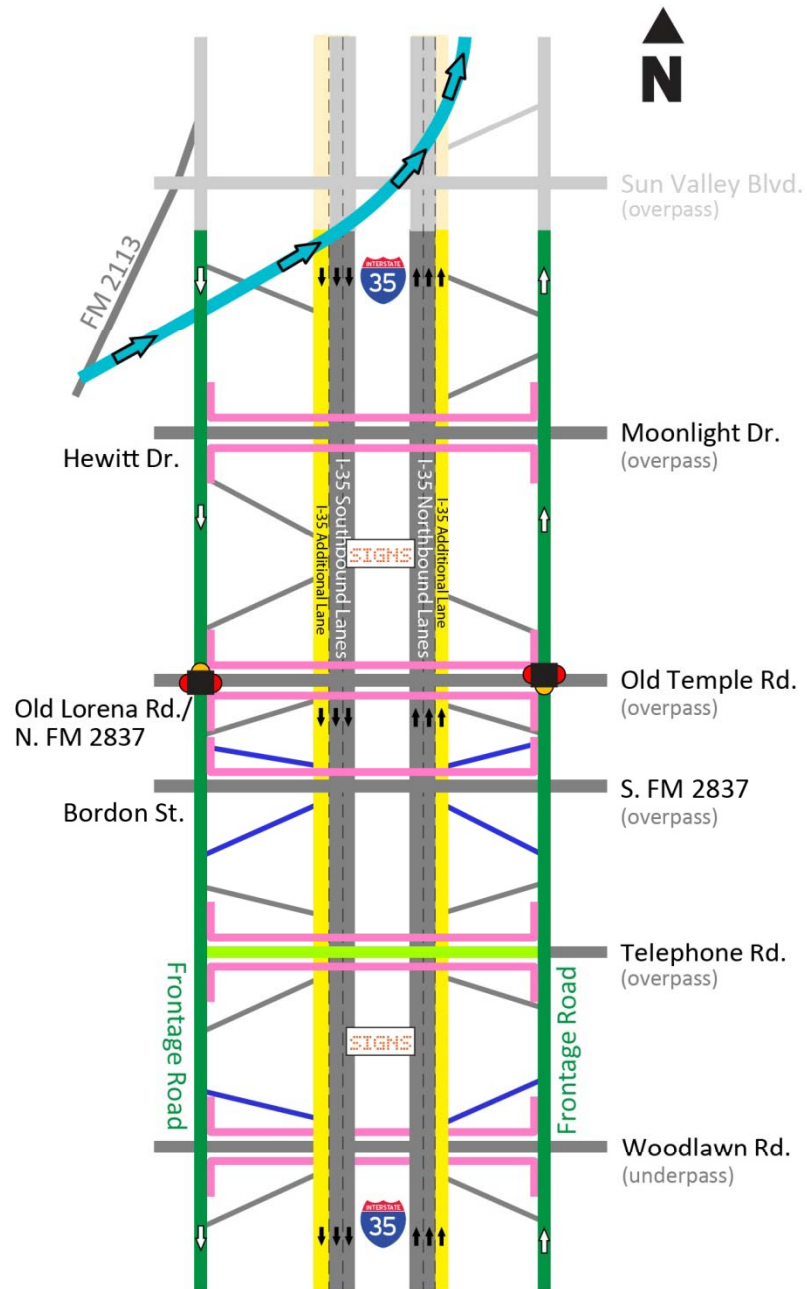
# I-35 Construction: McLennan County

- **Hewitt – Lorena (3B) Section Facts**

- Sun Valley Blvd. to Woodlawn Rd.
- Brazos River Frontage Road Bridges
- **Construction Start:** Early 2012
- **Anticipated Completion:** Early 2016
- **Length:** 9.8 miles
- **Cost:** \$212 million
- **Contractor:** The Lane Construction Corp.



# Hewitt to Lorena (3B)



## SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  New on-/off-ramp
-  New direct connector ramp from FM 2113 to northbound I-35
-  New crossover at Telephone Rd.
-  Addition of U-turns
-  Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
-  New flashing beacon installed at Old Lorena/Old Temple
-  Four new electronic message signs



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- **Brazos River Frontage Road Bridges**







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## Open Discussion by Schematics