



# I-35 Reconstruction Project

## **Business Community Meeting North of Waco – Hillsboro**

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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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**TxDOT**





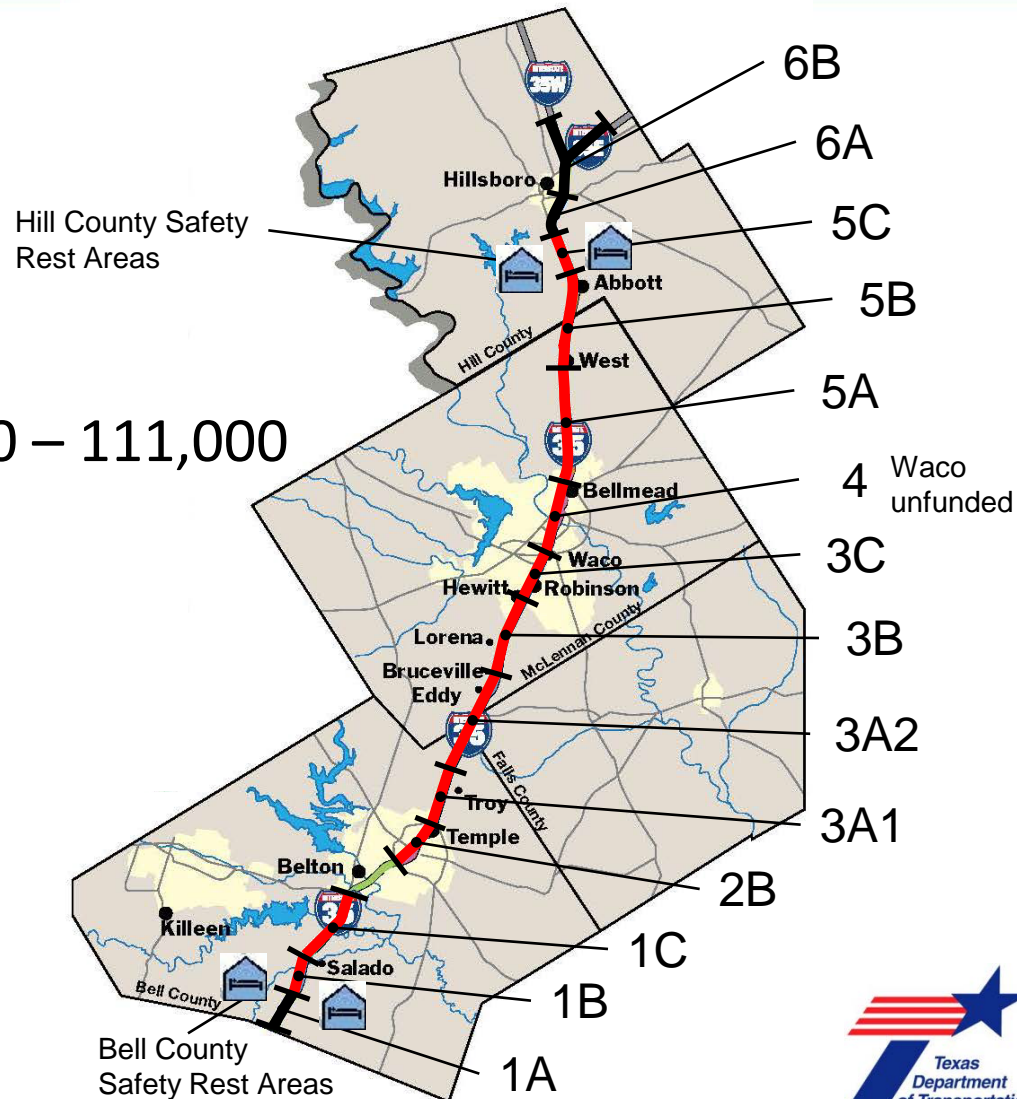
# I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

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



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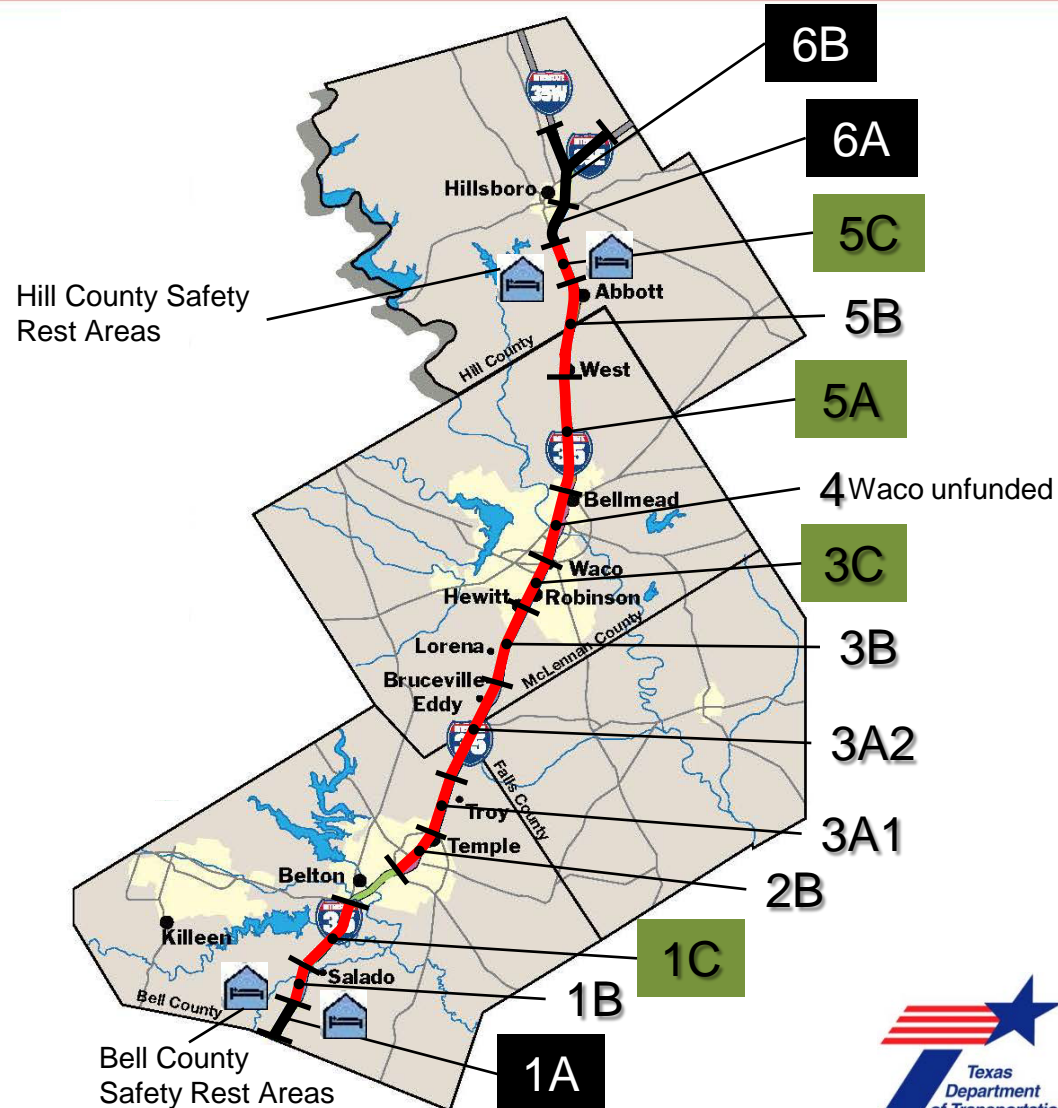
- 96 miles
- 14 sections
- 2 safety rest areas
- Construction Cost = \$1.4B
- Daily Traffic Volumes: 55,000 – 111,000
- Trucks: 25% – 30%





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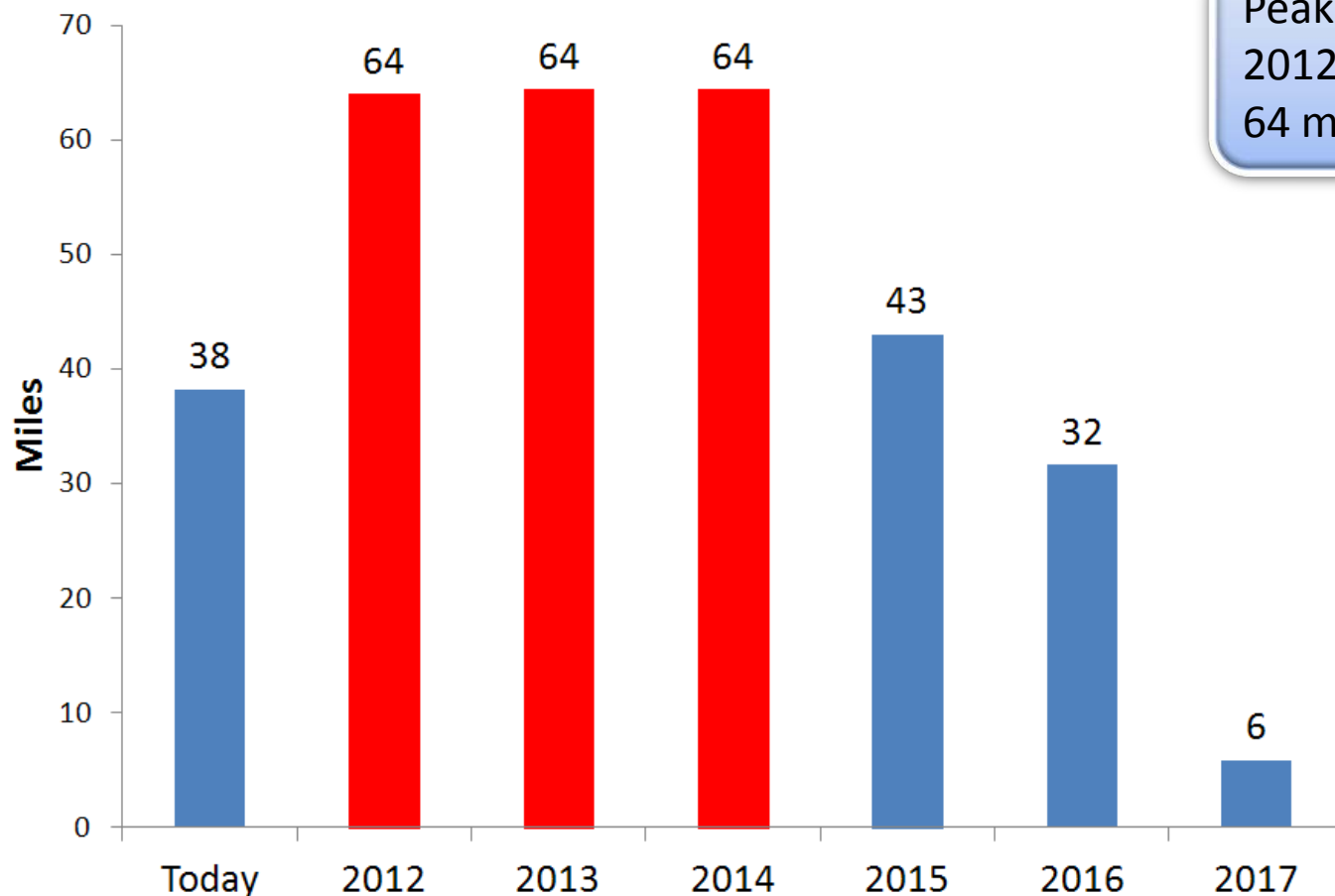
- Completed: 1A, 6A (mostly), 6B
- Active Today: 1C, 3C, 5A, 5C
- 2 safety rest areas
- Complete: Early 2017 (Temple last section)





# I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

## I-35 Miles Under Construction



Peak Construction:  
2012 – 2014  
64 miles





# 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 (Webber, LLC) staff to make it happen on the ground

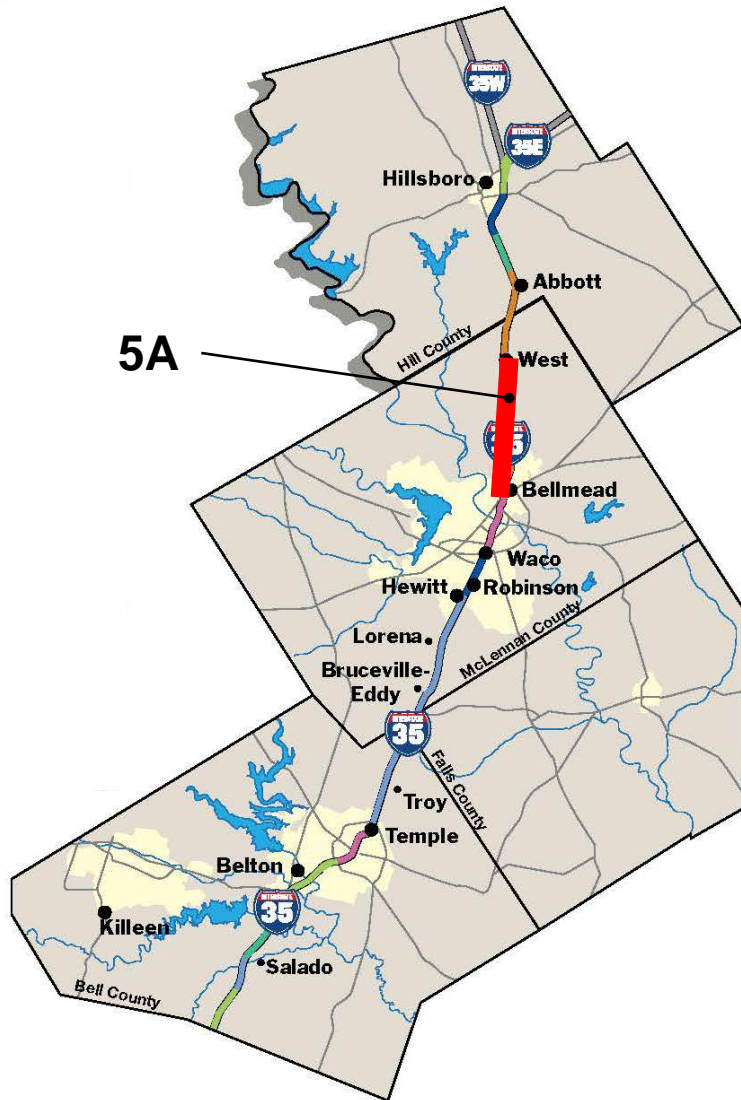


# I-35 Construction: Central Texas Overview

- **Measures in Place to Reduce Construction Impacts**
  - Access to your business must be maintained
  - 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: Christmas, New Years, etc.
    - Contractor assessed lane rental fees



# Project 5A: North Waco to West



## Section Facts

**N. Loop 340 to FM 1858/Tokio Road**

**Construction Start:** October 2010

**Anticipated Completion:** Fall 2014

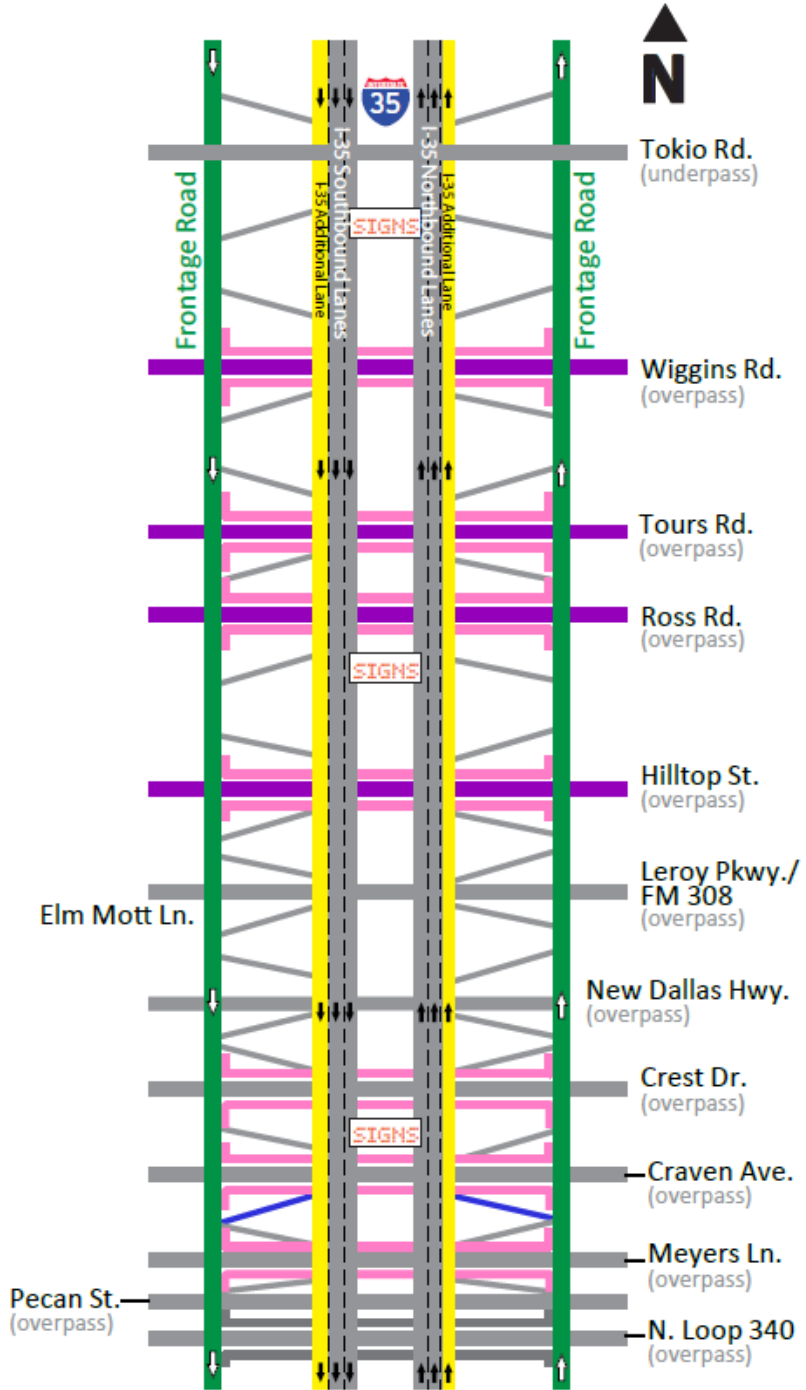
**Length:** 13.4 miles

**Cost:** \$166.8 million







**Contractor:** Williams Bros. Construction



# North Waco to West



## 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.



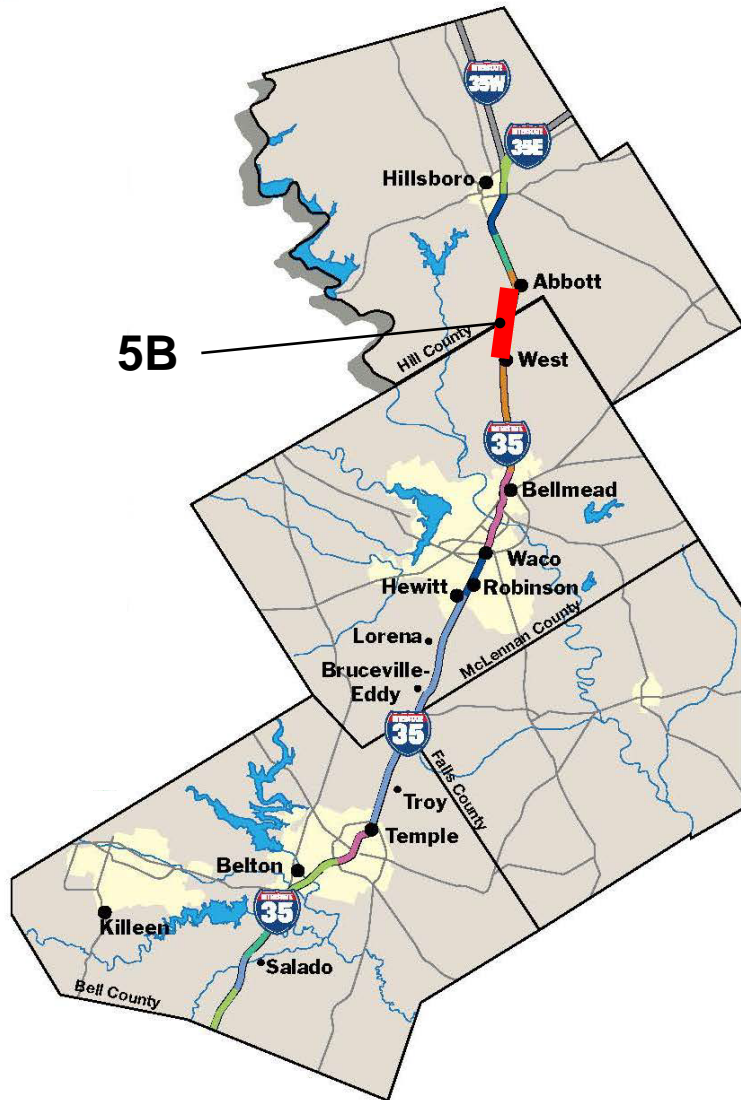
## Project 5A: Next Six Months

- SB frontage road shifted to new frontage road between Business 77 and Hilltop Road
- Hilltop Road bridge will be closed for demolition
- NB frontage road traffic shifted to new pavement between Loop 340 and Business 77
- SB main lane traffic shifted to new Business 77 bridge for demolition of existing SB mainline bridge over Business 77





# Project 5B: West to Abbott



## Section Facts

FM 1858/Tokio Road to FM 1242

Construction Start: September 2011

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2014

Length: 8 miles

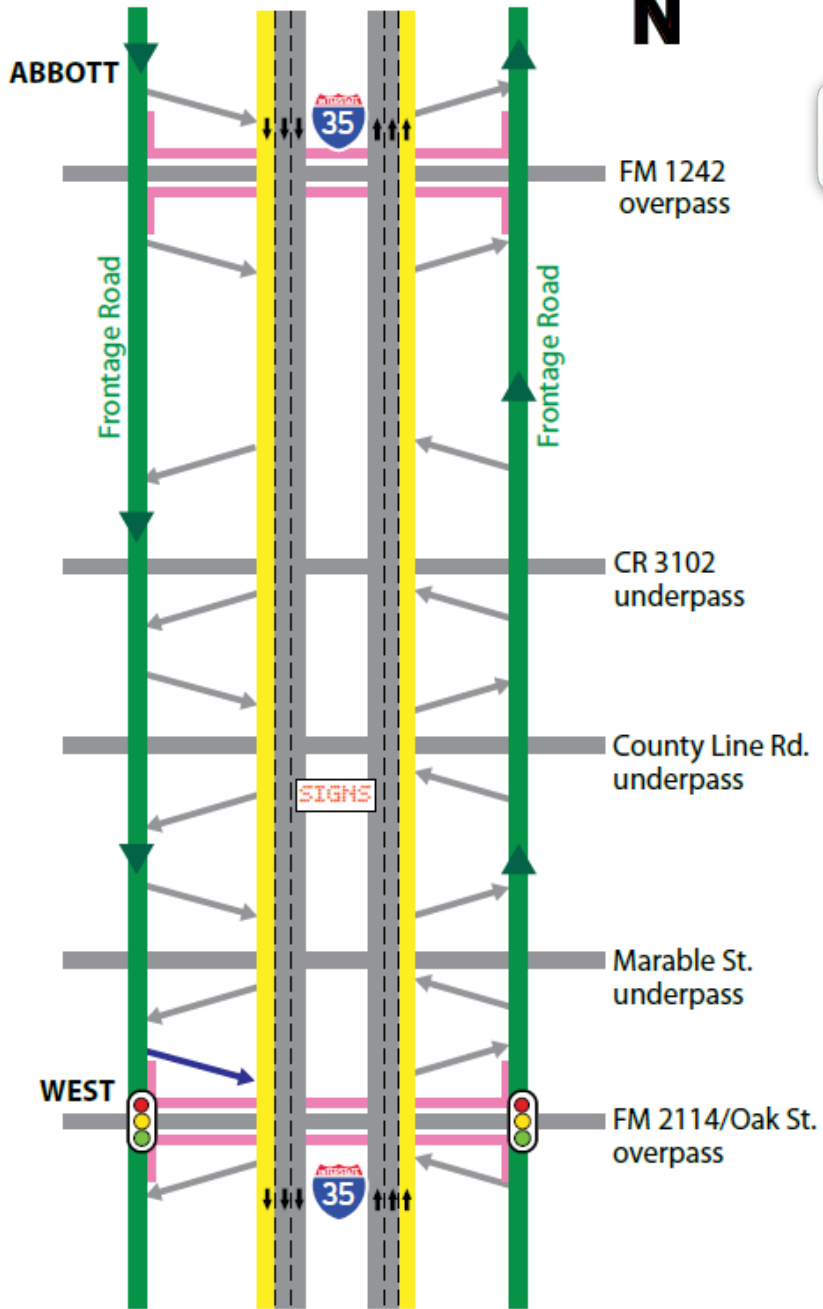
Cost: \$101 million

Contractor: Webber Construction









# West to Abbott



## SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Upgraded on-/off-ramps
-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  Addition of a southbound entrance ramp from Marable St.
-  Conversion of frontage roads to one way to improve safety
-  Addition of U-turns at FM 1242 and FM 2114/Oak St. to improve circulation and access
-  Installation of a signal at Oak St.
-  Installation of two electronic message signs south of County Line Road to display traveler information



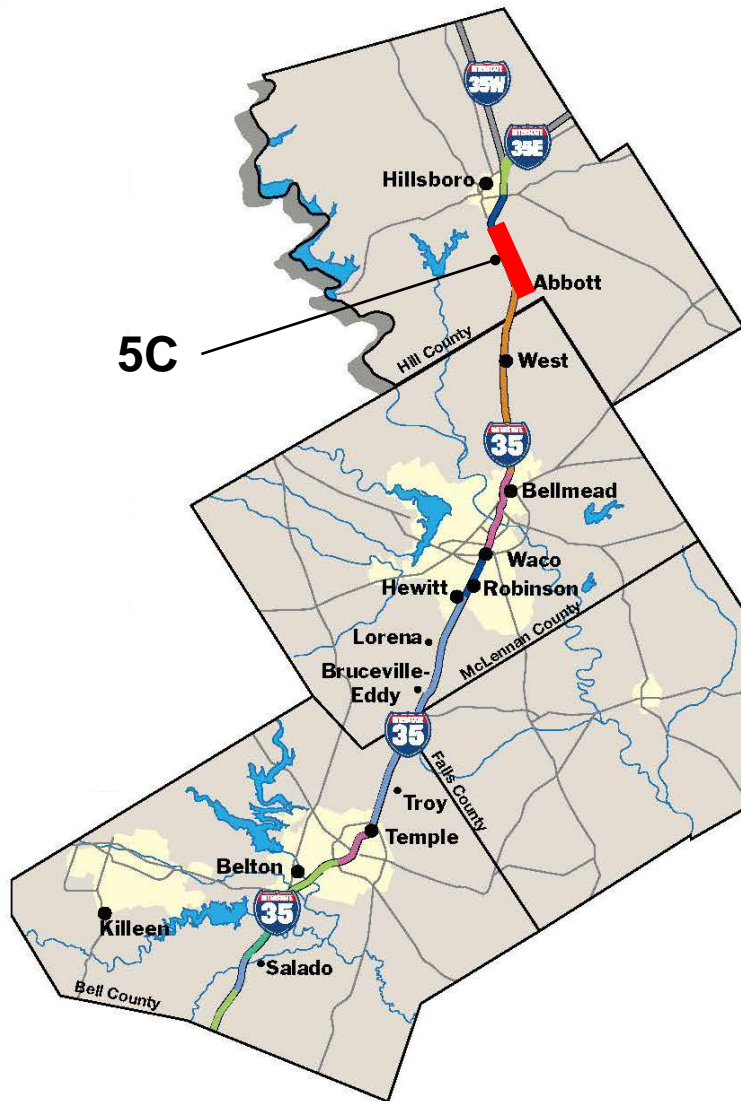


## Project 5B: Next Six Months

- New frontage roads will be opened and converted to one-way:
  - NB from Marable to FM 1242
  - SB from FM 1242 to Marable
- Constructing bridge headers for proposed Marable, County Line Rd and CR 3102 overpasses



# Project 5C: Abbott to Hillsboro



## Section Facts

**FM 1242 to FM 310**

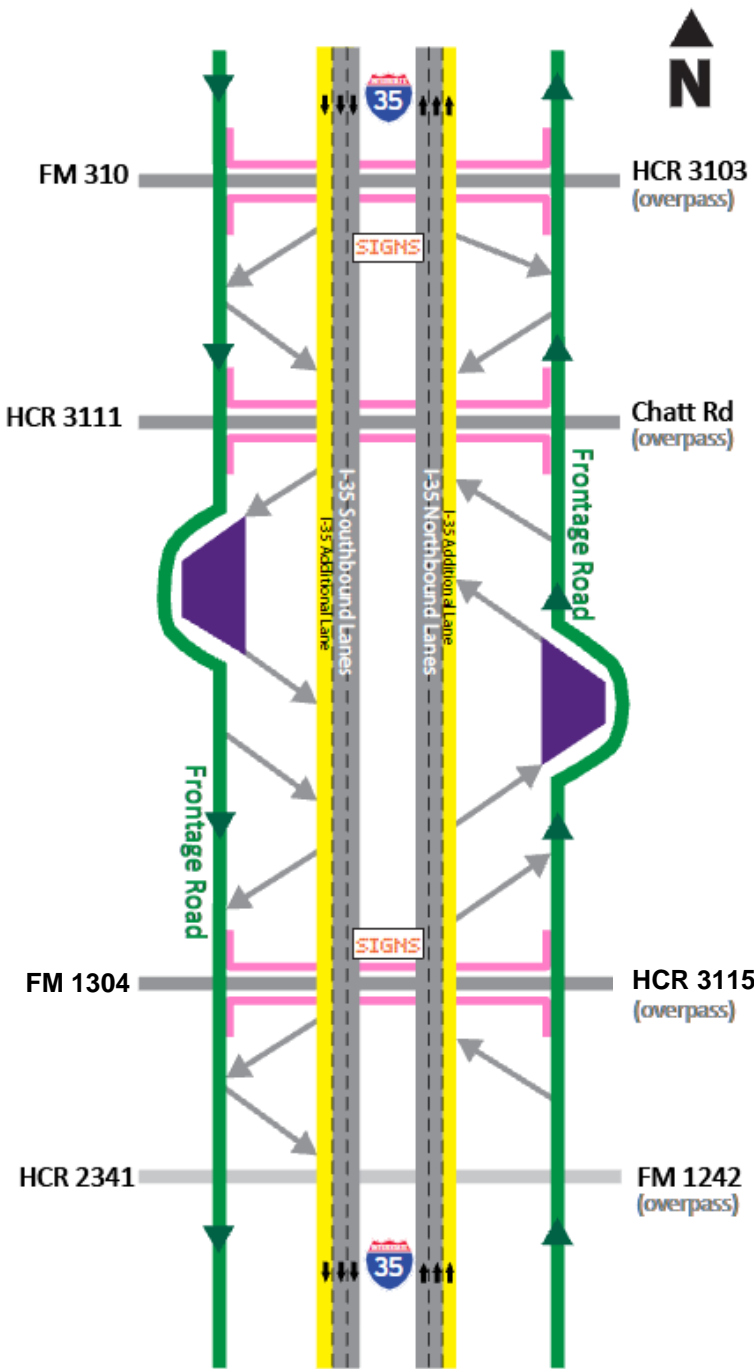
**Construction Start:** Fall 2010

**Anticipated Completion:** Fall 2012

**Length:** 5.5 miles






**Cost:** \$36.8 million

**Contractor:** Webber Construction



# Abbott to Hillsboro

## SECTION ENHANCEMENTS

-  Expansion from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
-  Converted to one-way frontage roads to improve safety
-  Addition of 2 safety rest areas
-  Addition of U-turns
-  Four new electronic message signs



## Project 5C: Next Six Months

- Main lanes opening at FM 310
- U-Turn lanes opening at FM 310 interchange
- Continuing work on widening main lanes
- Continuing work on NB and SB ramp construction



# I-35 Construction: N. Waco - Hillsboro

## Open Discussion by Schematics