

# HORSESHOE PROJECT

## TxDOT PROJECT TRACKER



"Work with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas."

### OVERVIEW

The Horseshoe Project will improve traffic flow in the heart of downtown Dallas. The \$798 million project will replace the I-30 and I-35E bridges that cross the Trinity River, as well as reconstruct the interchange. The project will also feature the construction of the Margaret McDermott Bridge, Dallas' second signature bridge designed by Santiago Calatrava. The project was aptly dubbed the "Horseshoe Project" due to its U-shape (see map) and has been given the highest priority due to the increasing bridge maintenance costs.

This project is made possible by legislation passed in 2011, which provided TxDOT with additional tools in the form of "design-build" authorization as well as additional Proposition 12 funding. The new tools provide the opportunity to close the project funding gap and construct the project at least four years sooner than conventional project development methods could. Utilizing design-build allowed the project to get underway by late-2013 and be completed as early as 2017.



**The first steel sections of the Margaret McDermott Bridge** on I-30 over the Trinity River arrived in mid-November and crews installed the first section of the eastbound arch on January 7, 2015.

### PROJECT HISTORY

- December 2011 – Issue Request for Qualifications
- February 2012 – Receive Qualifications
- March 2012 – Short List
- April 2012 – Draft Request for Proposals
- May/June 2012 – One-on-One Meetings
- July 2012 – Issue Final RFP/One-on-One Meetings
- August 2012 – Public Hearing
- September 2012 – Federal Environmental Clearance
- October 2012 – Receive Final Proposals
- November 2012 – Conditional Award/Selection
- February 2013 - Contract Execution
- Groundbreaking ceremony on April 27, 2013 in downtown Dallas

### THE ENVIRONMENTAL

- Study was 100 percent complete as of September 2012. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued September 18, 2012

### PURPOSE AND NEED

- Within the project limits, I-30 and I-35E carry more than 460,000 vehicles per week day
- Ranked in the 20 most congested roadways in Texas
- Rapid deterioration of bridges built in the 1930s and 1950s
- Increasing maintenance and repair costs in recent years
- Local stakeholders raised the priority to develop a financially attainable solution that addressed the safety and congestion concerns

### PROJECT FACTS

- Replace I-30 and I-35E bridges over the Trinity River
- Length: Five miles

- Cost: \$798 million (\$715 million Design-Build Contract; \$83 million, other project costs)
- Completion Date: Early 2017

### PROJECT PROGRESS

- Construction continues for Dallas' second signature bridge, the Margaret McDermott Bridge on I-30 over the Trinity River. Three out of four abutment pedestals are complete. The first steel segments arrived on site on November 12, 2014 and crews installed the first piece of the eastbound bridge arch on January 7, 2015. (see above)
- Work continues on the new eastbound and westbound I-30 frontage road and bridges between Sylvan Avenue and Riverfront Boulevard.
- Work continues on the new northbound and southbound I-35E frontage road bridge from Colorado Boulevard to Riverfront Boulevard.
- Construction of various bridges is well-underway throughout the Mixmaster, including the westbound I-30 direct connector to southbound I-35E and the eastbound I-30 direct connector to Commerce Street.
- Commuters can connect with the project on the project website at: [www.dallashorseshoe.com](http://www.dallashorseshoe.com); Facebook: at [www.facebook.com/dallashorseshoe](http://www.facebook.com/dallashorseshoe); Twitter: [www.twitter.com/dallashorseshoe](http://www.twitter.com/dallashorseshoe); or text "dallashorseshoe" to 31996 for text alerts.

### FUNDING

- \$604.7 million - Prop 12 (P2 PE/ROW; P2 TMA; P2 Bridge; P1 Anticipated)
- \$7 million - Prop 14 (Anticipated)
- \$21.4 million - SH 121 RTR
- \$106.3 million - Cat 10 HPS/DEMO Earmarks
- \$75 million - Cat 6 Federal Bridge
- \$4.45 million - Cat 7 STP-MM



# Preliminary Horseshoe Schematic (April 2012)



TxDOT graphic

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