

# New express lanes open on 35W

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The North Tarrant Express project unveils its new four lane toll road north of Fort Worth, a project officials boast was completed months ahead of schedule.

"This is another hub another spoke in the hub of the construction project for this city and this county, and God knows we needed it for many years and now that it has come to fruition, boy this is really just a great day in Fort Worth," said Dennis Shingleton, the Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Fort Worth.

The four TEXpress lanes promise a smooth commute from 28th street near Downtown Fort Worth all the way to loop 820.

This project is just one of many milestones to come as part of a \$1.6 billion public-private partnership.

The entire project includes a ten mile stretch of I-35W -- a major renovation that started four years ago.

"We really believe that I-35 is the backbone that runs really from Mexico all the way to Canada," said Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley.

At least this stretch of the backbone will be a little smoother, but just like so many things in life, this shortcut will cost you.

During peak traffic times, expect to pay a \$1.25 for the four-mile stretch, but that pricing model will change. After six months, the price will fluctuate by usage.