First TEXpress Lanes OPEN on I–35W, from NE Loop 820 to US 287

A section of the I–35W project is now open! Construction of the I–35W project in Fort Worth consists of two major phases. Most of Phase 1, which was developed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is now open. Drivers can use the new NTE TEXpress Lanes on I–35W to travel from just north of NE Loop 820 to US 287.

There are two new TEXpress Lanes entrance ramps and four new exit ramps open on this section of I–35W. The US 287 South Entrance ramp and the I–35W Exit ramp are temporary and will be replaced by permanent ramps this fall. *NOTE: the Basswood Entrance ramp is coming soon.

Once the entire I–35W project is completed in 2018, there will be 15
entrances and 11 exits on these TExPress Lanes.

The final portion of Phase 1 will open by November, and Phase 2, which is being constructed by NTE Mobility Partners, is scheduled to be completed by fall 2018.

The map below shows the new NTE TExPress Lanes on I–35W (the section of roadway is highlighted in dark blue and the open ramps are circled):
Check Out the Maps for the New Ramps on I-35W

The section below contains the maps for the new ramps on I-35W. Click on the name of the ramp to see the directions on how to access it.

I-35W/820 Exit ramp:

(This ramp is the only southbound exit. Located past Western Center Blvd)

**NOTE:** The I-35W/820 Exit ramp is not a direct connector to the eastbound TEXpress Lanes on I-820.
**Basswood Boulevard Exit ramp:**

Past Western Center Blvd

**I–35W/I–820 Entrance ramp:**

Northbound I–35W general highway lanes, past I–820 and Fossil Creek Drive
COMING SOON

Basswood Boulevard Entrance ramp:
Southbound frontage road past Basswood Blvd
Northbound Temporary I–35W ramp:
The Temporary I–35W exit ramp is located past Basswood Blvd and places the drivers onto the northbound I–35W general highway lanes. This ramp will be replaced when the final section of Phase 1 opens in the fall.

Southbound Temporary US 287 ramp:
The Temporary US 287 South Entrance ramp, situated on US 287, is accessible from the southbound I–35W general highway lanes. This ramp will be replaced by a permanent ramp in the fall.
Toll Rates and Pricing Info

Phase 1 of I–35W features fixed time-of-day pricing for the first six months of operation. Tolls are higher during the morning and afternoon rush-hour periods.

You can find toll rate information on the NTE I–35W TEXpress Lanes Pricing page.

The pricing charts include 24-hour pricing for an entire week (Sunday through Saturday). These will be updated each Friday for the upcoming week.
The LBJ Express and North Tarrant Express teams hosted one day of a three-day STEM summer camp called *Destination Discovery*. The camp was held at Barbara Bush Middle School and was organized by the Carrollton Farmers Branch Education Foundation, **CFB Giving**.

The LBJ Express and North Tarrant Express teams challenged students in a bridge building competition, The LBJ Express Bridge Design Challenge. The LBJ and NTE teams brought **19 volunteers** including **10 engineers** to teach a total of **120 middle school students**.

The objective of the STEM activity was to **build the strongest bridge possible in 90 minutes**. Other challenge criteria were as follows: the bridge needed to span at least 3 feet, students could only use the K'nex pieces provided and each bridge had to hold at least one ream of paper to qualify in the competition.
Teams were recognized in the following categories: *The Strongest Bridge, The Most Creative Bridge* and *The Most Cost Effective Bridge*.

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**IBTTA/TRB Conference Attendees Get First-Hand Look at LBJ Express**

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On Sunday, July 16, **more than 200 attendees** from the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) and Transportation Research Board (TRB) Conference took a bus tour to the LBJ Express/North Tarrant Express headquarters. The tour included an overview of the LBJ Express while the bus drove on the **LBJ TExpress Lanes**. Attendees were able to see the section of the roadway that is known as the "**LBJ Express Canyon**." Once they were at the project
headquarters, conference attendees got an inside look at the Traffic Management Center where the day-to-day operations and overall maintenance of both the LBJ and NTE projects were explained.

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I-35W Construction Progress

You probably have noticed a significant number of road closures along I–35W in recent weeks. That’s because we’re in the final stages of general construction along Section 3B of I–35W’s expansion in north Fort Worth, with final paving efforts underway. Significant construction operations will continue for the next several weeks, as the final pavement surface is prepared and placed throughout the three-mile project (between the I–820 interchange and US 287).

I-35W Construction Activities and Closures

We are hard at work building better roads and highways for North Texas. In fact, the section of I–35W between I–820 and U.S. 81/287 is nearing completion! As we continue construction to complete the I–35W corridor, the following entrance and exit ramps along I–35W are closed for an extended period of time:

- Off–ramp from southbound I–35W to westbound Spur 280 (December 2017)
- Northbound I–35W off–ramp to Meacham Boulevard (through August 2017)
- Northbound I–35W on–ramp at Northside Drive/Yucca Avenue (through August 2017)

Re-opened Ramps:
• On-ramps to southbound I-35W from Weatherford Street and Gilvin Street

Subscribing to the NTE e-alerts and checking the website for updated closure and detour announcements are two easy ways to stay on top of upcoming construction activities and areas that may have delays.

Construction footage is also available on the North Tarrant Express YouTube channel, as well as aerial images on the project website.

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**Legislative Update**

The 85th session of the Texas Legislature has reconvened in Austin in a first-called Special Session to take up unfinished business as determined by the Governor. It appears there will be no transportation issues brought up in the Special but representatives of NTE Mobility Partners (NTEMP) and LBJ Infrastructure Group (LBJIG) will spend time monitoring the legislative activity and continuing to tell the North Texas success story.

The North Tarrant Express and LBJ Express corridors are providing congestion relief, higher speeds and shorter travel times in Tarrant and Dallas Counties. NTEMP and LBJIG continue to work with TxDOT and North Texas leaders and stakeholders to complete the expansion of 35W from downtown Fort Worth north into the Alliance corridor, and connect other TEXpress Lanes throughout the region.
Know Before You Go!

We encourage drivers to check for up-to-the-minute information on lane closures and traffic detours on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

We also post information about major accidents and delays, which can help keep you on track when traveling along I–35W or the North Tarrant Express corridor along Loop 820 and Airport Freeway or LBJ Express.

Be sure to “Know Before You Go!” You can find a complete list of current NTE lane closures on I–35W here along with alternate route maps here.

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