

TxDOT kicks off construction to improve the final stretch of I-35 in Waco

Crews to begin setting barricades Monday, Feb. 24, 2025

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WACO, TX – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Waco District is preparing to begin construction on the My35 Waco South project through Waco from S Loop 340 to 12^{th} Street. This project is the last of three construction projects on I-35 that the Waco District has undertaken since 2015 to upgrade approximately 14 miles of I-35 through Waco.

Crews expect to begin preparing for construction activities and utility relocations on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 at 9 a.m. by setting up barricades and clearing the right of way in various locations throughout the construction limits.

Safety is a top priority for TxDOT and construction crews. When traveling through construction zones please slow down, stay alert, watch for crews and allow extra time to arrive safely at your destination. Please watch for changing traffic patterns, detours, and reduced speed limits throughout the construction zones and follow all directional signage.

Stan Swiatek, TxDOT Waco District Engineer, said, "We're ready to launch the final phase of I-35 construction through Waco, bringing vital improvements to our residents and travelers. This project represents our commitment to a future of enhanced connectivity, reduced congestion, and a safer, more efficient travel experience for our community and the region"

The My35 Waco South project will enhance approximately three miles of I-35 mainlanes and frontage roads, including utility and drainage upgrades throughout the corridor. Additional improvements include:

- Reconstruct and widen I-35 mainlanes from six to eight lanes (four in each direction)
- Connect frontage roads where they are discontinuous
- Consolidate access points to the frontage roads from intersecting streets
- Reconstruct overpasses and frontage roads
- Construct an innovative Diverging Diamond Intersection at I-35 and Valley Mills Drive
- Realign ramps and add sidewalks

Learn more and stay up to date by visiting My35WacoSouth.com.

Schedules are dependent on weather, field conditions, and work progress. Follow us on Facebook or Twitter at <u>@TxDOTWaco</u> for the most current updates on construction activities and lane

closures. For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Waco District's public information officer at <u>Jacob.Smith@txdot.gov</u> or (254) 867-2836.

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