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Expansion of I-35W in Fort Worth gets federal funding

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A long-delayed project to rebuild Interstate 35W north of downtown Fort Worth qualified Tuesday for a \$415 million federal loan that would pay for roughly 25 percent of the project's cost.

The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported that motorists could be driving on the expanded stretch of highway by 2018. The project would use a <u>combination of free and toll lanes</u> that generate revenue to help offset the cost of the expansion, the *Star-Telegram* reported.

The newspaper reported that the federal loan, along with more than \$150 million in state money, was the final piece of funding for the estimated \$1.63 billion project.

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