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An Interstate 35W off-ramp that is considered a vital connection for residents of the city's North Side, Oakhurst and other neighborhoods will be closed for about three months as part of a massive highway overhaul.

Beginning Thursday, the southbound exit to Northside Drive/Yucca Avenue will be closed through Dec. 12, according to officials at the main contractor, North Tarrant Express.

Traffic will be redirected to the next exit at Pharr Street.

It's part of the \$1.4 billion makeover of I-35W from I-30 near downtown Fort Worth to North Tarrant Parkway, a few miles south of Alliance Airport. The road is considered the fourth most congested roadway in Texas, according to a study published by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The work, which includes reconstruction of existing lanes and the addition of two toll lanes in each direction, is expected to be completed by 2018.

Fort Worth's historical neighborhoods just north of downtown have been hit particularly hard by the initial months of I-35W construction. A northbound exit to 28th Street is also closed.

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