



UPDATED CONSTRUCTION ALERT

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OPENING OF NEW DIRECT CONNECTOR FROM EASTBOUND IH 820 TO NORTHBOUND I-35W TO CREATE MAJOR TRAFFIC SHIFT

Motorists will now exit to the right to access northbound I-35W

FORT WORTH, Texas – The opening of a new direct connector from eastbound IH 820 to northbound I-35W on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016**, will result in a major traffic switch for motorists. Instead of exiting to the left, motorists will now exit to the right to continue onto I-35W north. As the new ramp opens, the existing left-hand-exit direct connector from eastbound IH 820 to northbound I-35W will close.

“The opening of this additional new direct connector represents major progress for the I-35W expansion,” said Heather DeLapp, Regional Public Relations Manager, North Tarrant Infrastructure. “However, as with the previous traffic switch that was completed in January, this opening brings a significant change in traffic configuration. Drivers don’t always pay close attention to traffic signs and end up making lane changes at the last minute. We strongly encourage everyone to pay close attention to the posted signage, stay alert to other drivers and slow down in this area.”

This opening will result in the following associated closures:

Tuesday, March 1 at 9 p.m. through Wednesday, March 2 at 5 a.m.:

- The existing direct connector from eastbound IH 820 to northbound I-35W.
- Various lanes of eastbound IH 820. At the I-35W/IH 820 interchange.
- The direct connector from eastbound IH 820 to southbound I-35W.
- The left lane of northbound I-35W at the I-35W/IH 820 interchange.

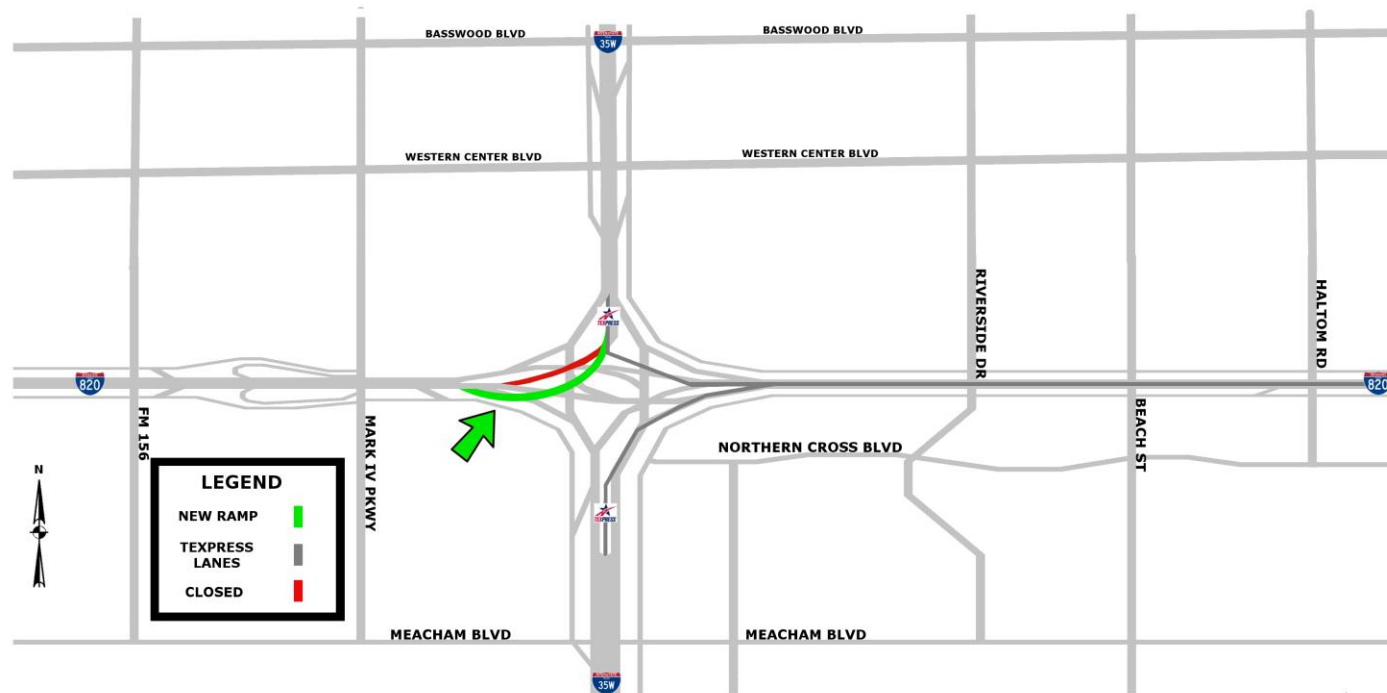
This work is part of the \$1.4 billion North Tarrant Express 35W project. This includes a section that is currently ranked number six on the state’s most congested roadway list along 6.5 miles of I-35W from north of IH 30 to north of IH 820 including the I-35W/IH 820 interchange in Fort Worth. The project includes the reconstruction of main lanes and the addition of TEXpress managed lanes.

Drivers are encouraged to “Know Before They Go,” and visit www.northtarrantexpress.com for upcoming closures. To view detour maps, please visit the [Alternate Route Map](#) page of our website. Also, as our lane closures are updated frequently, please visit the [Lane Closures](#) page on our website daily for the most current information. Closures are subject to weather conditions, and construction activities may be postponed if necessary.

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**NEW DIRECT CONNECTOR FROM EASTBOUND I-820 TO NORTHBOUND I-35W
RAMP WILL NOW BE A RIGHT-HAND EXIT**

Beginning Wednesday, March 2



The existing direct connector from eastbound I-820 to northbound I-35W will be closed.

A new direct connector from eastbound I-820 to northbound I-35W will open.
This new direct connector will be a **right-hand** exit.