





MEDIA ADVISORY

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North Tarrant Express Launches Second Annual Food Drive to Provide Meals to Hungry North Texans
Commuters can participate in the NTE TEXpress Lanes Food Drive, Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017

WHO: NTE Mobility Partners (NTEMP), the developer and operator of the North Tarrant Express, and Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB).

WHAT: This second annual food 'DRIVE' is in partnership with TAFB and a portion of tolls will provide meals to those in need. NTEMP and TAFB have joined together to have the NTE TEXpress Lanes Food DRIVE for the second time.

HOW: NTEMP will donate proceeds from each toll transaction up to \$15,000 to TAFB. Every dollar donated to TAFB provides <u>five meals</u> to people in need. Drivers can participate by driving on the NTE TEXpress Lanes on Saturday, Nov. 18.

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

WHERE: The NTE TEXpress Lanes, located along I-35W across I-820 (Northeast Loop) to SH-121/183 (Airport Freeway), just beyond the SH-121 split.

WHY: NTEMP seeks to support the local cities and communities along the North Tarrant Express corridor. This donation will go directly to Tarrant Area Food Bank and help provide meals to those who need it.

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ABOUT THE NORTH TARRANT EXPRESS

The \$2.1 billion North Tarrant Express project, which began in 2010 and was completed in October 2015, included the reconstruction of expanded frontage lanes and main lanes, as well as the addition of bypass lanes and TEXpress managed lanes along IH 820 and SH 121/183 between 35W in Fort Worth and Industrial Boulevard (FM 156) in Euless. This expansive reconstruction project is successfully alleviating traffic congestion along one of the busiest highway corridors in the North Texas and the state, with as many as 200,000 cars traveling the stretch daily.

ABOUT TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK

Tarrant Area Food Bank, based in Fort Worth, holds the belief that all people deserve regular, nutritious meals. TAFB works to empower communities to eliminate hunger by providing food, education and resources through innovation and collaboration. Through a network of 270 Partner Agencies, TAFB serves 13 counties in North Texas. Learn more at <u>tafb.org</u> and on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.