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FIRST BRIDGE DEMOLITION ON NORTH TARRANT EXPRESS CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THURS. FEB. 29

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS (February 29, 2024): The North Tarrant Express (NTE) Capacity Improvement Project will achieve its first major milestone tonight, Thursday, February 29, with the project's first bridge demolition at Holiday Lane and Northeast Loop 820.

The project team will conduct this operation using the innovative construction technique known as "hydrodemolition," using a high-pressure water system instead of traditional heavy equipment to demolish the bridge. This should reduce noise, dust, and falling debris. Vacuums on the equipment capture the water and debris; this is then filtered to remove the concrete debris so that the water can be reused.

The demolition operation will take place over multiple nights.

The Capacity Improvement Project will add a new main lane in both directions along the North Loop of I-820 (Segment 1 of the project) and a new TEXpress managed lane in each direction along Airport Freeway/SH 183 (Segment 2W). Pre-construction work began in late 2023 and construction is now underway, with completion anticipated in 2027.

Motorists can anticipate the following closures to be in place to assist with this operation.

I-820:

- The two left lanes of eastbound I-820 from Rufe Snow Drive to Texas Boulevard 26 will be closed.
 - This closure will be in place on Thursday, February 29 at 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday, March 1 and again on Friday, March 1 at 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2

Holiday Lane:

- All lanes of northbound and southbound Holiday Lane at I-820 will be closed.
- Northbound Holiday Lane traffic will be redirected to the u-turn at Texas Boulevard 26, and southbound traffic will be redirected to the u-turn at Rufe Snow Drive.
 - These closures will be in place on Thursday, February 29 and Friday, March 1 from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. each night.

Closures are subject to weather conditions and may be postponed as necessary. All closures might not be implemented at the same time.

This work is weather permitting. **Updated closure information is posted daily** on Twitter (X) (<u>@TEXpressAlerts</u>) and Facebook (<u>@TEXpressLanes</u>).

As with the original corridor that opened in 2014, the North Tarrant Express corridor is owned by TxDOT, but NTE Mobility Partners provides 24/7 operations and maintenance for the corridor (general purpose and managed lanes) including all ramps and bridges.

Drivers are encouraged to "Know Before They Go," and visit <u>www.texpresslanes.com</u> for upcoming closures. Closures are subject to weather conditions, and construction activities may be postponed if necessary.

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