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SH 121/360 INTERCHANGE GROUNDBREAKING

Texas Transportation Commissioner J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. kicks off congestion relief project

GRAPEVINE (Aug. 26, 2016) — On Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 9:30 a.m., the City of Grapevine, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and NorthGate Constructors (NorthGate) will host a groundbreaking on the SH 121/360 Interchange project. The \$61 million project will add new direct connectors for SH 114, SH 121 and SH 360 that will minimize weaving, reduce congestion and improve safety in the area. This is the first of the \$1.3 billion congestion relief projects to begin with funding provided by Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature to reduce gridlock in some of the state's most congested areas.

A year ago, Governor Abbott called on the Texas Transportation Commission to develop a focused initiative to address the most congested chokepoints in Texas. Commissioner J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. then met with transportation leaders and elected officials in the state's five major metropolitan areas. Those listening tours and collaborative efforts with metropolitan planning organizations and TxDOT districts helped shape this initiative.

"As someone who drives these roads almost every day, I know how critical this interchange is to mobility in our Metroplex," said State Senator Jane Nelson. "We were able to make significant progress in transportation funding last session, and projects like this one will go a long way toward reducing congestion in our region."

Construction on another four projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex will be underway within the next year on SH 199, East Loop I-820 and I-35E for a total of \$528 million in congestion relief funding. For information on how TxDOT and local partners are further addressing congestion, go to: texasclearlanes.com.

The SH 121/360 Interchange improvements were included in the original \$1.6 billion DFW Connector project, but funds were not available at that time to deliver the entire scope. When congestion funding became available for these improvements in February 2016, TxDOT and NorthGate negotiated a plan to rebuild this portion of the original project.

For information about construction of the DFW Connector, including all current and upcoming lane closures, visit dfwconnector.com, or call the toll-free hotline at 877-411-4212. The DFW Connector can also be found on Twitter (@DFWConnector) and Facebook (DFW Connector Project).

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