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# SH 121 Interchanges at I-635 and FM 2499

*\$370 million Texas Clear Lanes project to begin this year*

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**GRAPEVINE** – As part of the [Texas Clear Lanes](#) initiative focused to improve mobility throughout the state, Texas Transportation Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. has announced a \$370 million project for SH 121 that will begin construction later this summer. The three-mile project will improve mobility and safety for the many drivers who travel in North Texas through the SH 121 bottleneck between Interstate 635 and Farm to Market Road 2499. This work is part of an overall \$3.8 billion congestion relief initiative started by Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature to reduce gridlock in some of the state's most congested areas.

Project improvements will rebuild and widen SH 121 north of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to accommodate new interchanges for SH 121 at I-635 and FM 2499. The Bass Pro Drive bridge will also be widened and reconstructed along with the frontage roads.

“Projects like the SH 121 project will improve drive times, reduce costs, and improve quality of life for our Texas drivers,” said Chairman Bugg. “Texas’ legislative leadership and TxDOT’s Transportation Commission are committed to reducing congestion. I am grateful to Senator Jane Nelson and Representative Giovanni Capriglione for their support in making these funds available.”

The [Texas Clear Lanes](#) initiative was formed when Governor Abbott called on the Texas Transportation Commission to develop a focused initiative to address the most congested chokepoints in Texas. Chairman Bugg 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.

The SH 121 interchanges at I-635 and FM 2499 were included in the initial DFW Connector project, but funds were not available at that time to deliver the entire scope. With the Texas Clear Lanes congestion relief funding, this portion of the original project can be delivered. The project is estimated for completion in 2022.

For information on how TxDOT and local partners are further addressing congestion, go to: [www.texasclearlanes.com](http://www.texasclearlanes.com).

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