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Eastbound Main Lanes of Woodall Rodgers Freeway Closed to Through Traffic this Weekend

Traffic will be detoured to I-30

DALLAS – The contractor, Archer Western, contracted by The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to construct the Woodall Rodgers Deck Park, will close the eastbound main lanes of Woodall Rodgers Freeway to through traffic this weekend. This closure will begin at midnight Saturday night, March 12, 2011 and continue until 5:00 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2011. This is the first closure this month with one more expected in March for this activity. These closures are necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public during the complex operations involved in the placing of beams for the project. The beams serve as the base of the park located above the freeway. The three main closures are detailed below:

Both northbound and southbound I-35 E traffic bound for eastbound Woodall Rodgers will be detoured to eastbound I-30. Motorists should seek alternate routes to navigate to their destinations through downtown Dallas this weekend. Signage has been in place informing motorists of the upcoming closure.

TxDOT strives to minimize the impact of these closures to area motorists by limiting the work to occur during off-peak hours or weekends, limiting the number of closures and as noted above, gives consideration to weekend events in the area.

Information on future construction activities will be posted on TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov in addition to postings on the Woodall Rodgers Park Foundation website at www.theparkdallas.org under the mobility section.

TxDOT awarded the \$44.5 million dollar contract to Archer Western to construct the deck and plaza over Woodall Rodgers Freeway. The project starts west of St. Paul and extends 1/4 mile to east of Pearl Street, and when complete, will create a short tunnel.



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This partnership project between TxDOT, the City of Dallas and the private sector included \$16.7 million dollars of enhancement funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is scheduled to be completed in early 2012.

TxDOT asks motorists to drive carefully through the work zone and appreciates their patience during this unique and exciting project.