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**Ramp Closures near Hestor's Crossing**

AUSTIN – TxDOT will begin closing four ramps near the State Highway 45N and Interstate Highway 35 interchange next week in preparation for the opening of new connector ramps to SH 45. The evening of October 23, 2006, construction crews will close the Northbound Entrance Ramp to IH-35 from Louis Henna Boulevard/SH 45. The northbound entrance ramp is located near Home Depot and Wal-Mart in Round Rock. Closing the ramps will allow construction crews to finish the Direct Connector ramps that will take eastbound and westbound traffic from SH 45 to northbound I-35.

Crews will also close the southbound Exit 250 ramp to Louis Henna Boulevard and the SH 45 access road near the La Frontera Shopping Center. Following the closure, southbound traffic will use Exit 251 and 250A to reach the access road leading to the Hestor's Crossing traffic signal. The closure of this ramp will allow construction crews to connect the Direct Connector ramps that will take southbound traffic to eastbound and westbound SH 45.

The evening of October 25, 2006, work crews will also close the northbound exit ramp to McNeil Road and the southbound McNeil entrance ramp to I-35. Austin District Engineer Bob Daigh says, "Permanently closing these exits will make the Interstate 35 and SH 45 interchange much safer for motorists."

The SH 45 direct connectors should be completed in time for State Highway 130 and SH 45 to open just before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.



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- IH 35
- IH 35 RAMPS TO BE CLOSED
- SH 45 FRONTAGE ROAD

