

Sections of the Central Texas Turnpike System Open to Traffic

The weather was ideal and the operation went smoothly. At 9:00 a.m. on October 31, TxDOT began the process of opening sections of the CTTS.

Crews were stationed along SH 130, SH 45N and the Loop 1 Extension to begin removing barricades when given the signal. The opening began at US 79 in the northbound SH 130 lanes, moved south to US 290, and then north on the southbound lanes. The process continued west across SH 45N between SH 130 and Loop 1, south to north on Loop 1 and then east to SH 130. The final step in the October 31 opening was removing the barricades at the SH 45N/I-35 direct connectors. As the barricades were removed at the various ramps along the alignment, the first travelers on the system began to arrive.

Almost 27 miles of new roadways were opened on October 31. On November 2 the stretch of SH 45N from RM 620 to Loop 1 was opened to traffic. The segment of SH 130 between I-35 north of Georgetown and US 79 near Hutto is expected to be open by the end of the year.



SH 45N/Loop 1 Interchange Opens



SH 130 Opening Near the SH 45N Interchange



SH 45N/I-35 Interchange Opens

At \$3.6 billion, the CTTS is one of the largest toll financing projects in the nation. Funding for the project includes bond proceeds, state funds, a federal loan, and contributions by local governments for right of way purchases. The use of bond proceed financing has made it possible to construct the CTTS approximately 20 years faster than would have been the case if the project were limited to traditional funding mechanisms.

*This report is for the Central Texas Turnpike System, 2002 Project (CTTS-2002 Project). For more complete information on the CTTS-2002 Project, refer to the Official Statement or the latest quarterly report (www.centraltexasturnpike.org). Information is also available from the State Information Depository and the Nationally Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repositories. No financial decision should be made based upon this report. For further information, contact the TxDOT Austin District Public Information Office: 512.832.7060.

Note: Segments 5 and 6 of SH 130, SH 45N Section 8 direct connectors, SH 45N Section 9, SH 45SE, and 183A are not part of the CTTS 2002 Project and are not funded through the Series 2002 Obligations. Information on these roadways may be included in this report because these facilities are major connector projects and are important to the overall CTTS.

CTTS Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

At last, the big day arrived--the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for opening the first portions of the Central Texas Turnpike System. On Wednesday, November 1, almost 800 Central Texans assembled under the large tent that had been set up on the SH 45N mainlanes just west of the Loop 1 Interchange. The event was funded by contributions from 28 area businesses.

The previous day, 27 miles of the System had been opened to traffic and the opening of nearly 3 additional miles between RM 620 and Loop 1 were scheduled for opening the following morning.

"Today, we're not just cutting a ribbon," said Bob Daigh, District Engineer with TxDOT's Austin District. "We're also here to thank everyone whose vision and commitment have made this project a reality."

A special award was presented to the family of the late U.S. Congressman J.J. "Jake" Pickle in recognition of the important role the Congressman played in garnering early and continued support in Congress and around Central Texas for the SH 130 project. Congressman Pickle's daughter, Peggy Pickle, and several family members were on hand to accept the honor on behalf of the Pickle family.

Other dignitaries participating in the ceremony were Mary Phillips with the Federal Highway Administration, Ric Williamson, Chair of the Texas Transportation Commission, and Michael Behrens, Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation. Texas Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas Senator Steve



*Preparations for Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
October 31, 2006*

Ogden, and State Representative Mike Krusee also spoke. Williamson County, Travis County, and the cities of Austin and Round Rock were thanked for their contribution to the project's funding. Williamson County Judge John Doerfler, Travis County Commissioner Karen Sonleitner, Mayor Nyle Maxwell, and Rich Bailey from Mayor Will Wynn's office were present. Other special honorees were Pete Winstead, former chair of the Texas Turnpike Authority, C. Dan Reagan, former Texas Division Administrator for the FHWA, and former Texas Transportation Commission members David Laney and Robert Nichols.

Scouts with the Capitol Area Council Pack 140, Webelos Den 5 led the Pledge of Allegiance for the opening event and participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

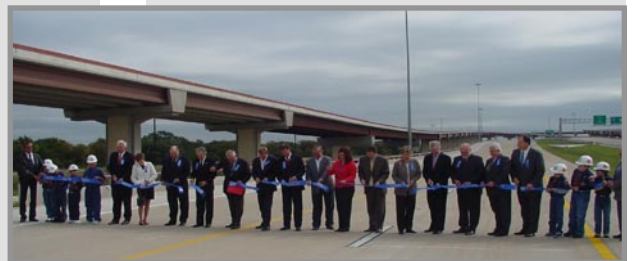
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*Peggy Pickle, daughter
of Congressman J.J. "Jake" Pickle, accepts
award on behalf of her father for his support
of the SH 130 Project*



"One...Two...Three..."



"Cut the Ribbon"



state highway 45N/loop 1 Update

- Mainlanes for Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were opened to traffic on October 31, 2006. October work activities focused on final preparations for the opening.



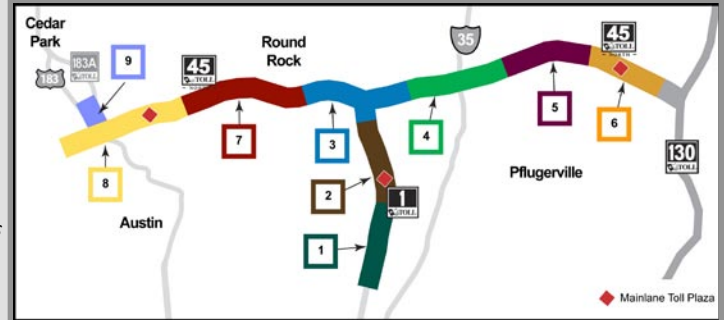
Striping the Mainlanes

- In Section 1 and 2, work continued on completion of entrance/exit ramps at Wells Branch Parkway for opening in November. Work also continued on the southbound braided exit ramp at Parmer Lane.
- Sections 5 and 6 activities included placement of epoxy and flint throughout the toll plaza lanes for improving skid resistance.
- In Section 7 excavation was completed and trees were planted in wetlands areas. Other activities included completion of punch lists for the railing and installation of striping in final configuration.
- In Section 8, miscellaneous roadway, landscaping, and

landscaping activities continued. The contractor is placing the metal beam guard fence and chain link fence throughout the Section. At the North Branch Water Quality Pond and East and West Ponds, the contractor is laying crushed limestone ground cover for pond slopes and installing clay liner. The contractor is excavating for drilled shafts for the collector-distributor ramps.

- In Section 9, all columns are poured for the westbound-to-northbound direct connector. Other activities include RM 620 bridge widening where all drilled shafts have been poured. Excavation and

SH 45N/LOOP 1 LOCATION MAP



embankment work is complete. Ongoing work on the Section includes ITS, signals, sod, brick paving, riprap, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and placement of rail.



SH 45N Open to Traffic Just West of the I-35 Interchange

state highway 130 Update

CONSTRUCTION

SEGMENT 1

- Ongoing construction in Section 1 included the completion of shoulder widening at the I-35 northbound frontage road, the installation of rail and staining of bridge beams at the I-35/SH 130 Interchange, and the installation of traffic signals at SH 195.

- Mechanically-stabilized earth wall construction was completed, and asphalt placement continued in Section 2 from I-35 to CR 152.
- Concrete paving is complete on the I-35/SH 130 direct connector ramps, as well

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Signs Installed on SH 130 Segment 1 Near I-35 Interchange

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as on various ramps between CR 105 and CR 118.

- Slope finishing, topsoil spreading, and vegetative seeding continued between CR 104 and Chandler Road in Section 3.

- Riprap work was completed on various bridges throughout Segment 1.

SEGMENT 2

- Segment 2 opened to traffic on Tuesday, October 31. Work activity in this Segment involved final preparations for opening.

SEGMENT 3

- Cement-treated subgrade and cement-treated base operations continued in Section 11. Bondbreaker and the first concrete paving are expected in November.
- The bridge over Blue Bluff Road is ready for concrete placement. Subgrade work continued on the new alignment of FM 973 leading to the bridge over SH 130.
- Work continued on the mainlane toll plaza tunnel and foundations and on the ramp plazas.

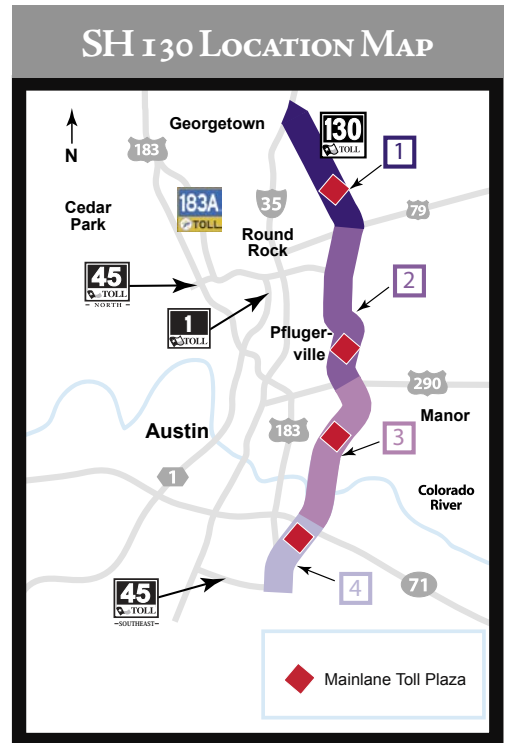
- Type IV beams for the bridge over Decker Creek were delivered.
- Work was completed on the tower relocations for the Austin Energy distribution line at the Colorado River.

SEGMENT 4

- Embankment operations began south of Moore Road, and clearing and grubbing operations have progressed to Maha Loop.
- Select material operations continued between Pearce Lane and Elroy Road and are expected to begin between Elroy Road and McAngus Road in November.
- Tunnel work continued at the mainlane toll plaza area in Section 14, as did site work for the ramp plazas north of Pearce Lane.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Of the 427 ROW parcels required for SH 130, Segments 1 through 4, 375 have been acquired and 388 are available for construction (including possession and use agreements).
- 100% Roadway Plans for all of the SH 130 sections, with the exception of Segment 3 Section 13 and Alternate 100% Roadway Plans for Segment 4 Section 15B, have been certified as complete. In the month of October, the Geotechnical Exploration Report for Miscellaneous Structures in Segment 4 Section 14 was submitted for certification.



- Of the 162 Utility Assemblies required for SH 130, Segments 1 through 4, 152 Utility Assemblies have been approved for construction.



Mainlane Toll Plaza Construction in Segment 3

TURNPIKE TEAM
2002 PROJECT BOND OVERSIGHT
General Engineering Consultant: PBS&J

SH 130
Program Manager: HDR Engineering, Inc.
Developer: Lone Star Infrastructure

SH 45N & LOOP I
Construction Manager: PBS&J
Construction Contractors by Section:
1 and 2 – Zachry/Gilbert Constructors
3 – Zachry/Gilbert Constructors
4A and 4B – Archer-Western Constructors, Ltd.
5 – Zachry Construction Corporation
6 – Austin Bridge & Road, L.P.
7 – Granite Construction & J.D. Abrams, L.P.
8 – Austin Bridge & Road, L.P.
9 – Zachry Construction Corporation

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