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TEXAN TRAIL BRIDGE UPDATE

West side of Texan Trail bridge to reopen following full structural analysis

GRAPEVINE (January 20, 2012) — NorthGate officials today confirmed that it will take at least a week before one half of the Texan Trail bridge can be reopened.

According to the DFW Connector construction schedule, the northbound lanes (east side) of the bridge were due to be demolished in the next couple of weeks. This demolition will go ahead as scheduled starting on February 3rd. Traffic will not be put back on the east side of the bridge before the demolition due to severe girder damage.

Traffic is expected to be put onto the west side (current southbound lanes) of the bridge following a full structural analysis to its girder damage. NorthGate officials expect this process to take at least a week. Once confirmation has been received that there are no significant integrity issues to the west side of the bridge, traffic will be placed in a head-to-head configuration with one lane in either direction. The current situation and the anticipated head-to-head configuration are not expected to affect mainline traffic on State Highways 114 and 121.

The safety of the traveling public is NorthGate and TxDOT's first priority. For that reason traffic will run at a reduced capacity on the west side of the bridge once it reopens.

This weekend, NorthGate will also open one new Texas U-turn on the east side of Main Street bridge adding additional capacity in this location. For alternate routes around the city, visit the City of Grapevine website www.grapevintexas.gov

Media are advised to obtain footage from the westbound frontage road north of the bridge for their safety. Thank you for your compliance with this request.

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