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I-635/SH 121 INTERCHANGE GROUNDBREAKING

State and local officials celebrate beginning of next phase of DFW Connector project

GRAPEVINE (Aug. 9, 2018) — On Monday, Aug. 13, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the city of Grapevine and NorthGate Constructors will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the Interstate 635/SH 121 Interchange project. The \$370 million project is the next big piece of the DFW Connector. It will reconstruct and widen SH 121 to accommodate a new interchange at I-635 and new direct connectors at SH 26 and Farm to Market Road 2499.

Date: Monday, Aug. 13
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: The Laurel at 2040 Enchanted Way in Grapevine

The I-635/SH 121 Interchange is part of an overall \$3.8 billion Texas Clear Lanes initiative provided by Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature to reduce gridlock in some of the state's most congested areas.

"Thanks to major increases in transportation funding, projects like this one will reduce drive times, strengthen public safety, help businesses and improve our overall quality of life," said State Senator Jane Nelson.

In 2016, Governor Abbott called on the Texas Transportation Commission to develop a focused initiative to address the most congested chokepoints in Texas. Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. 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.

"This project is good news for drivers and is proof of our commitment to keep traffic moving in the region," said Chairman Bugg. "Reducing congestion in our metro areas is an ambitious task, but we're committed through the Texas Clear Lanes initiative to work with our state and local leaders to make a difference for drivers."

Improvements for the I-635/SH 121 Interchange were included in the original DFW Connector project, but funds were not available at the time to deliver the entire scope. Once congestion funding became available in 2017, TxDOT and NorthGate negotiated a plan to rebuild this portion of the original project.

For information on how TxDOT and local partners are further addressing congestion, go to: texasclearlanes.com. For information about construction of the DFW Connector, including all current and upcoming lane closures, visit dfwconnector.com, or call the toll-free hotline at 877-411-4212. The DFW Connector can also be found on Twitter (@DFWConnector) and Facebook (DFW Connector Project).

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