



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Welcome

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to share general project and construction information and ways to receive updates.

Please visit with our project team, ask questions, and take the traveler survey.

Open House

April 17, 2019

4:30 to 7 p.m.

Texas Ranger Museum

100 Texas Ranger Trail

Waco, TX 76706



Main Street Texas

505

**miles in Texas and 1,569 miles
from Mexico to Canada**

45%

of Texans live along the I-35 corridor

\$750

billion in goods carried per year

82%

increase in population along the corridor by 2040





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Central Texas



2,284

crashes along I-35 in Waco from 2012 to 2017

20,000

freight trucks travel daily between Austin and Dallas

\$572

million in travel spending generated in McLennan County in 2017

50,000

additional people in McLennan County by 2040





Improvements

Purpose

- Improve safety and mobility
- Add capacity
- Incorporate technology
- Improve aesthetics

Improvements

- Widening mainlanes to 4 lanes in each direction
- Improving frontage roads and ramps
- Reconstructing bridges and improving interchanges
- Adding U-turns
- Improving bicycle and pedestrian access



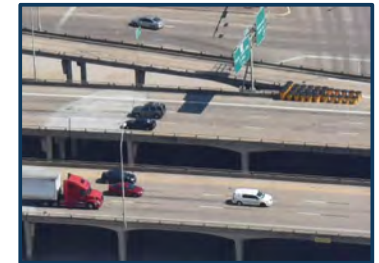
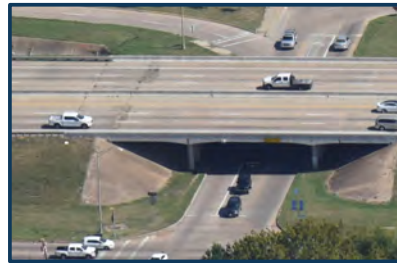


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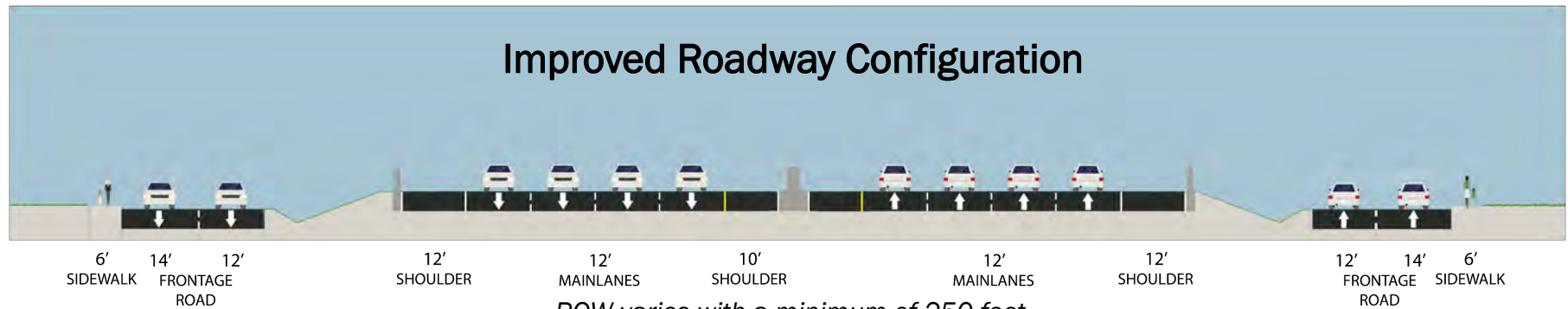
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- Widen to 4 lanes in each direction
- Rebuild the full roadway to replace aging infrastructure built in 1960s

Aging Infrastructure



Improved Roadway Configuration



ROW varies with a minimum of 250 feet



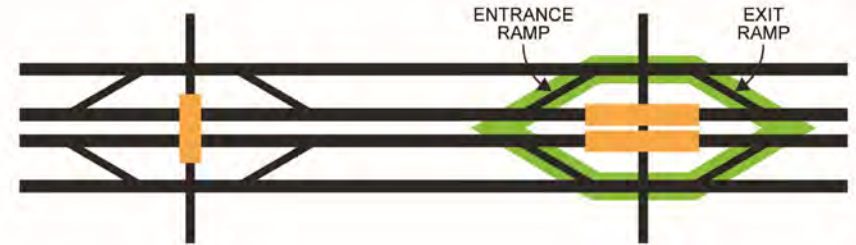
Improvements

Entrance and Exit Ramps

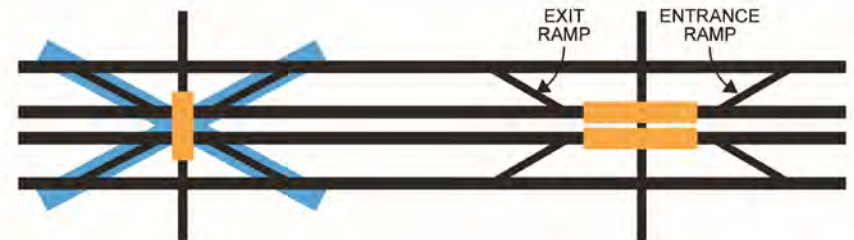
- Improve and extend entrance/exit ramps and auxiliary (or merging) lanes to current safety and design standards
- Reconfigure ramps for mobility and to improve congestion at interchanges
 - Shift and reverse ramp locations
- Incorporate a braided ramp to maintain access to Elm Avenue

Ramp Reversal

Existing Traditional Diamond



Improved X Pattern

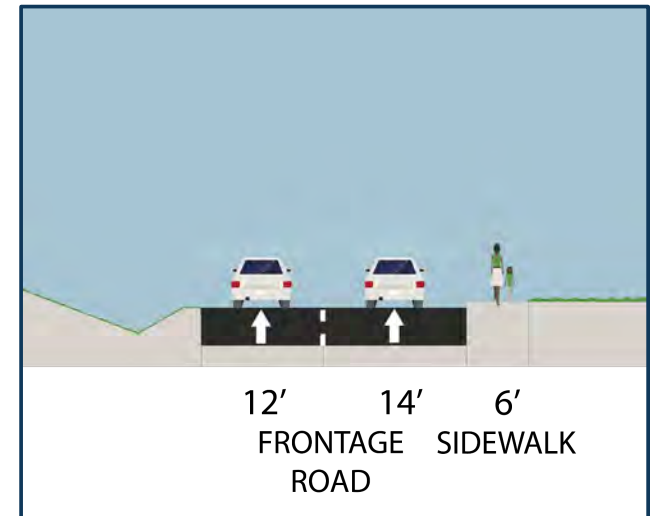




Improvements

Frontage Roads

- Consolidate access along the west side of I-35
 - 15th St., 16th St., and Baylor Ave. via 17th St.
 - 13th St. and Connor Ave. via 14th St.
 - Renick St. and Walker St. via Price St.
 - Harrison St. and BUS 77 frontage road via Bower St.
 - Lincoln St. and Park St. via Johnson St.
- Construct and improve frontage roads
- Construct cul-de-sacs at 16th St. and Price St.
- Construct continuous sidewalk

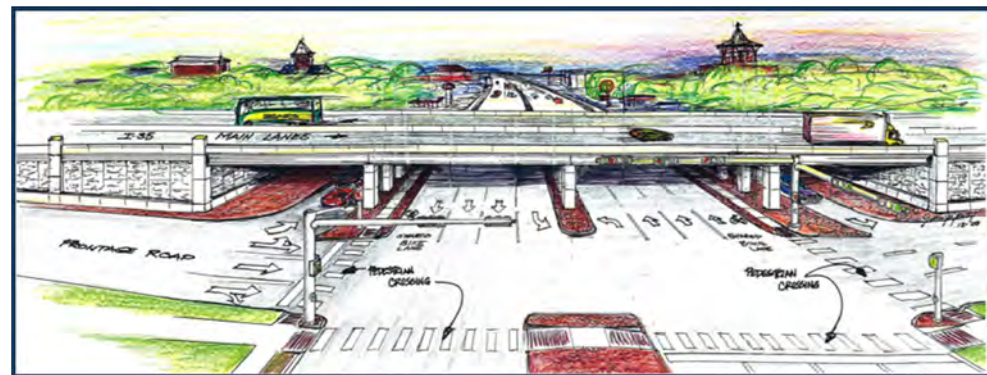




Improvements

Interchanges

- Reconstruct interchanges
 - I-35 overpass at 11th/12th St.
 - I-35 overpass at 4th/5th St.
 - I-35 overpass at University Parks Dr.
 - I-35 overpass at MLK Jr. Blvd.
 - I-35 underpass at Forrest St.
 - I-35 overpass at BUS 77
 - I-35 overpass at US 84/Waco Dr.
 - I-35 overpass at Behrens Cir.
- Add U-turns at University Parks Dr., MLK Jr. Blvd. and BUS 77
- Replace and add signals
- Make aesthetic improvements





I-35 Waco Communications

Communication Goals

- Provide cohesive, consistent, and timely communications
- Use multiple tools, channels, and formats to share updates
- Reach the large audience that travels on I-35
- Be responsive to stakeholders and feedback
- Evaluate efforts to continually provide effective and helpful information



Steering Committee

- Guides communications and outreach strategy, and helps distribute information
- Members include:

TxDOT, Baylor University, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Waco MPO, McLennan County, Cities of Waco and Bellmead, Waco Visitors Bureau, Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, City Center Waco, and La Vega ISD



I-35 Waco Updates

Real-Time Traffic Information

- Electronic message boards with traffic updates and travel time estimates
- Live camera feeds at www.DriveTexas.org



Updates on I-35 Waco from 12th St. to N. Loop 340



Sign up for email updates
My35Waco@txdot.gov



Call or text
(254) 313-WACO (9226)



www.my35.org/Waco



Lane closure notices and
incident updates on Twitter
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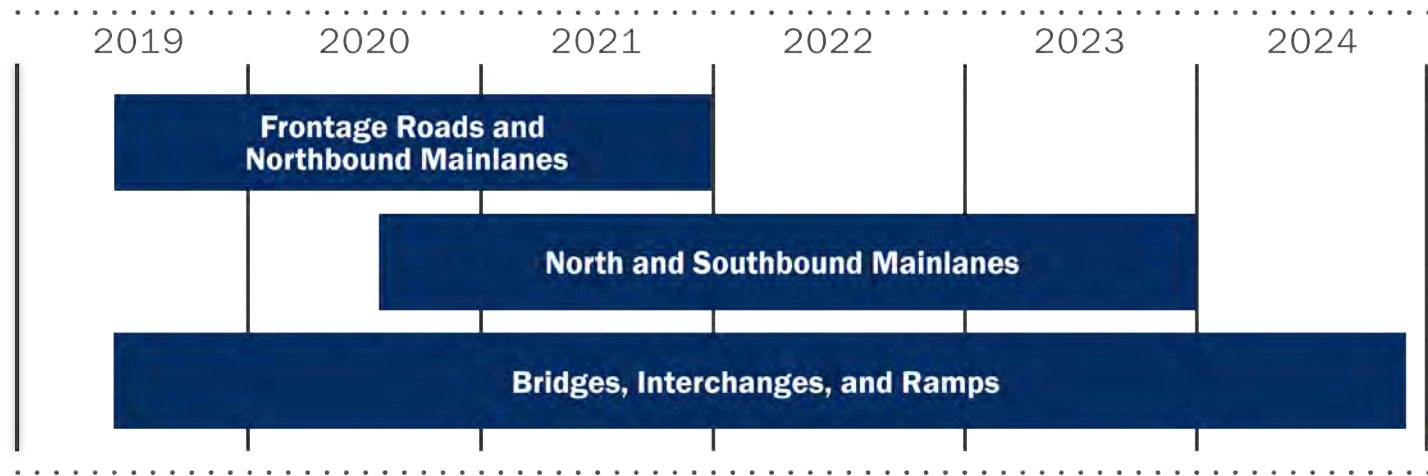


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CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION



What to Expect During Construction



- 24/7 work schedule
- Lane closures on mainlanes, frontage roads, interchanges, and ramps will occur throughout construction with periodic overnight full mainlane closures
- Lane closure restrictions for major traffic generating events (examples: holidays; Baylor University home games, graduation, move in; Spring at the Silos)
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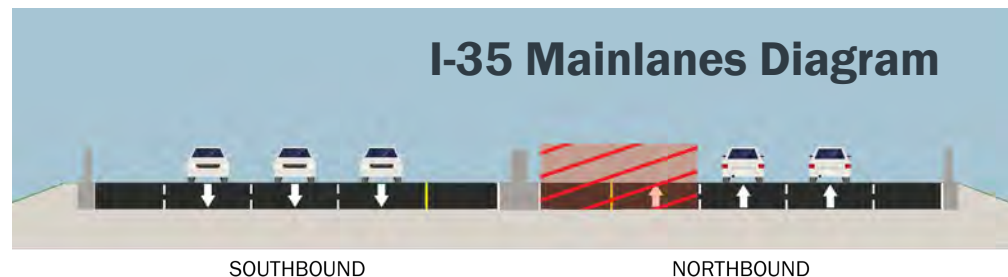


What to Expect During Construction

Mainlanes

Beginning Sunday, April 28

- Northbound lane and shoulder closure to rehabilitate and widen shoulder, and overlay pavement in preparation for mainlane work
- In mid-2020 northbound and southbound reduced to 2 lanes in each direction for reconstruction



Frontage Roads

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- Southbound: various lane closures from N. Loop 340 to 12th St.
- Northbound: various lane closures beginning near Dutton Ave. and Behrens Cir.

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Bridges, Interchanges, and Ramps

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– use Exit 335C for MLK Jr. Blvd.

Beginning Mid-May

- Pedestrian bridge at 8th St. permanently removed
– use existing facilities at 4th and 5th Streets

Beginning Spring 2019

- Spring 2019: BUS 77 direct ramp access permanently removed
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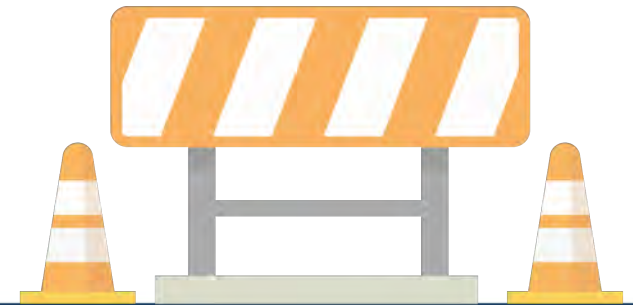
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Property Access will be maintained, but there are times temporary access modifications will be needed. The team will coordinate with property owners.

Dust will occur. Onsite water trucks and sweepers will be used throughout the work zones to minimize dust in the air.

Lighting is necessary to keep crews and you safe. We will do our best to direct lights away from nearby properties and traffic.

Congestion will occur. Please be safe, slow down, and allow for extra time through the work zones.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS MAY 2019

I-35 from 12th Street to N. Loop 340

Updated April 2019

Improvements Include

- Widening mainlanes to 4 lanes in each direction
- Improving frontage roads and ramps
- Reconstructing bridges and improving interchanges
- Adding U-turns
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This construction project is complex considering the significant amount of daily traffic through the core of Waco. We will be working hard to get this job done safely and efficiently while being considerate of the impacts and inconvenience of construction.

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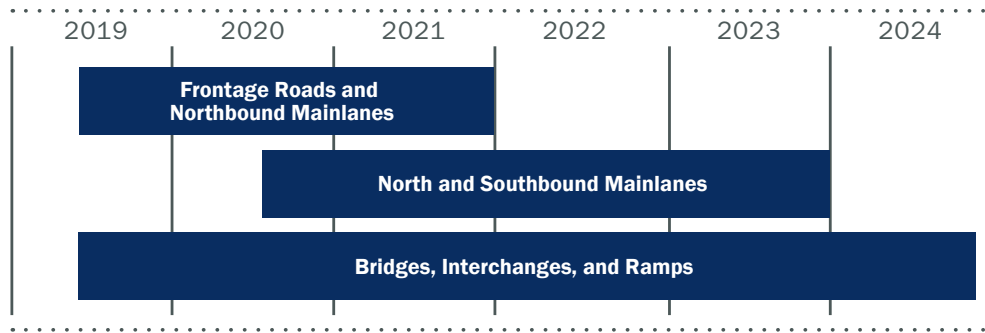
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Anticipated Construction Timeline

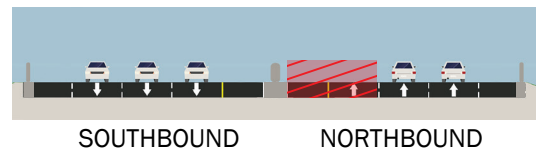


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Updates

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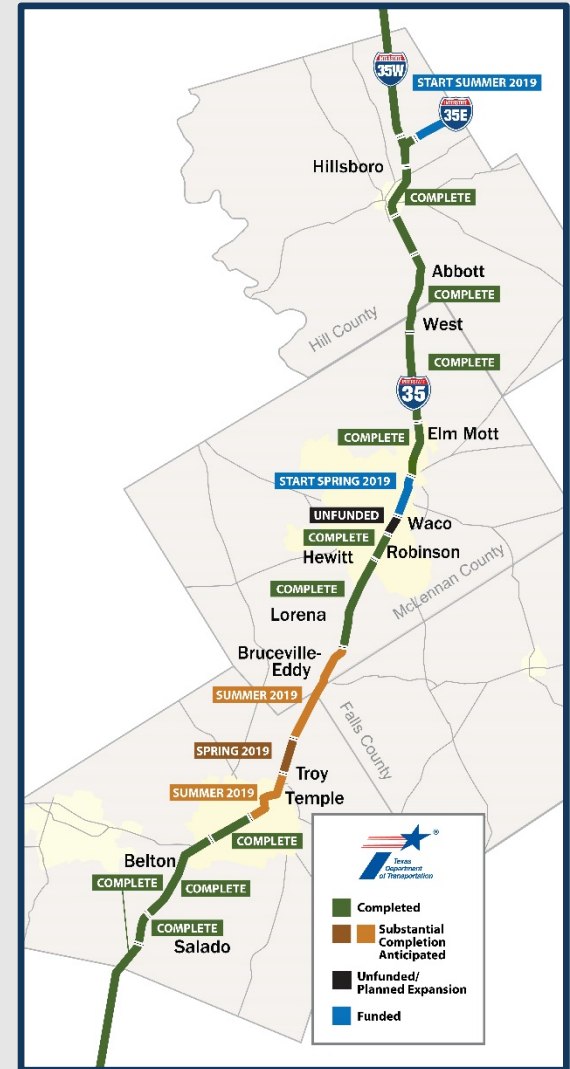
Assistant Area Engineer
Jeff Jackson, PE

**WORK ZONES PROTECT WORKERS.
BUT DRIVERS
KEEP THEM SAFE.**

BE SAFE. DRIVE SMART. 



I-35 Corridor



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Limits

12th St. to N. Loop 340

Completed

- ROW acquisition
- Utility adjustments
- Loop 340 improved to provide a detour route
- Incident Response Plan
- Communication Plan

Underway

- Surveying
- Site preparation
- Setting up field office
- Property owner coordination
- Sharing updates with the community

webber



- Owned by Ferrovial – one of the top infrastructure companies in the world
- Texas based contractor headquartered in The Woodlands
- TxDOT is main client
- Second largest contractor in Texas with 3,200 crew members



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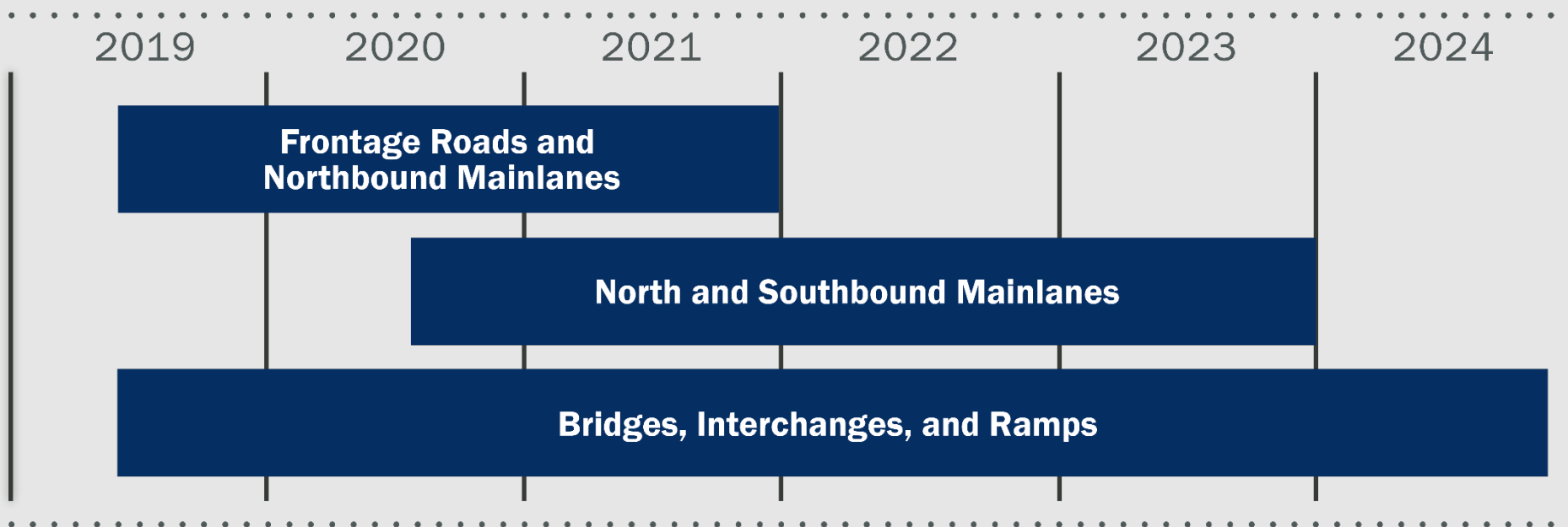
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- Temporary property access modifications will be coordinated with property owners
- Congestion
- Noise and vibrations
- Lights
- Dust



General Construction Information

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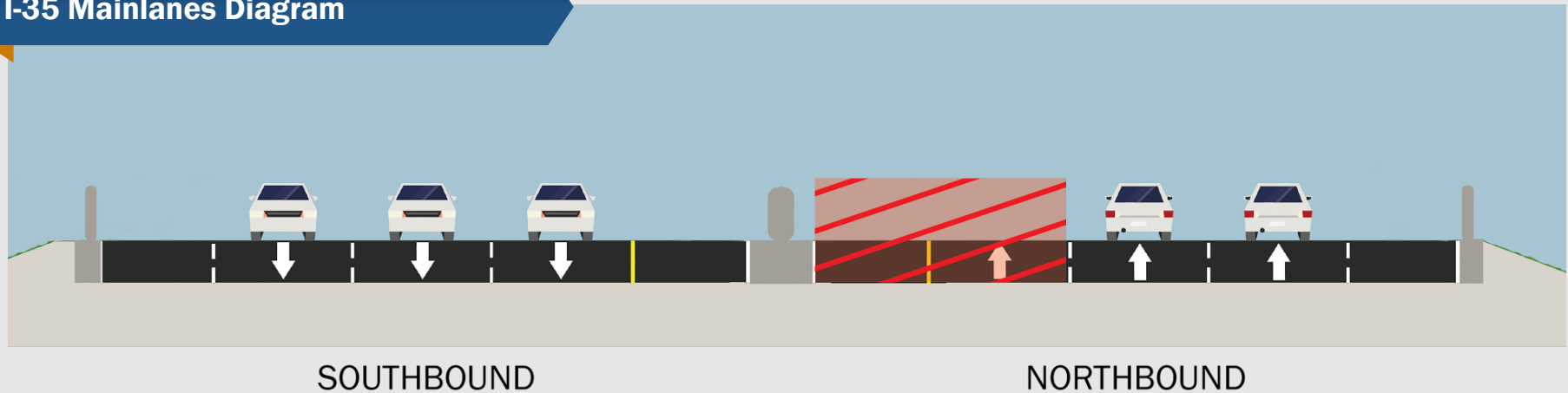
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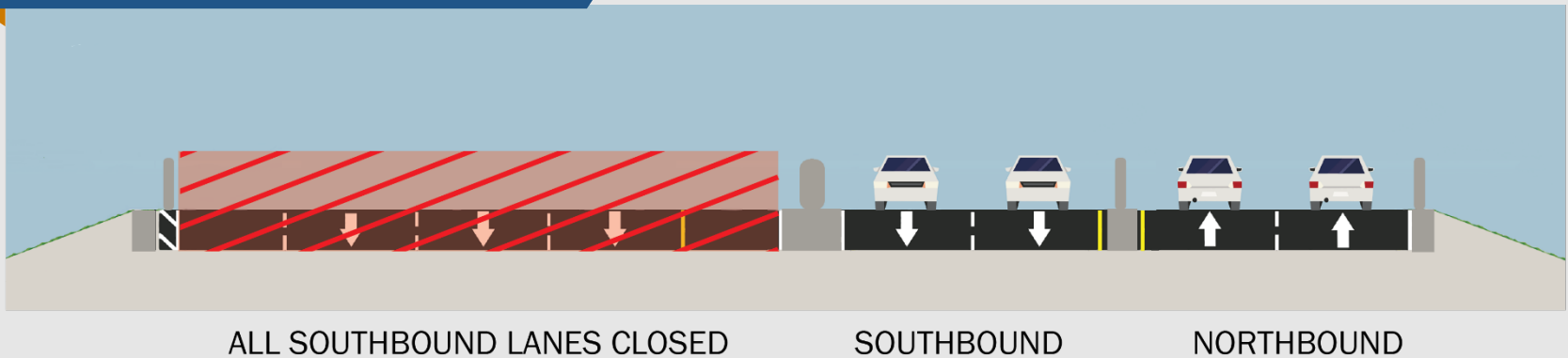


Northbound and Southbound Mainlanes

Beginning Mid-2020


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Construction Updates


- Reach out to the project team at any time – call, text, email, or set up a meeting
- Visit the website
- Sign up for project updates – email, text alerts, Twitter
- Invite us to visit with your group
- We will share information with media



WACO

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Do you drive I-35 through Waco?

We need your opinion! >

www.my35survey.org

Take a Survey Tonight or Online!

Open through May 31, 2019