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**NORTH TARRANT EXPRESS OPENS NEW 35W RAMP
CREATES MORE MOBILITY FOR FORT WORTH**

FORT WORTH, Texas – The North Tarrant Express project opened a new ramp from the southbound I-35W TEXpress lanes to westbound I-820 further improving mobility in Fort Worth. The ramp opened Friday, October 1st.

This newly built ramp will improve mobility by eliminating one of the merge points in an area that tends to bottleneck traffic. The opening of this new direct connector will eliminate the need for southbound I-35W TEXpress traffic to merge onto southbound I-35W and try to exit to westbound I-820. Traffic can now stay on the TEXpress lanes and easily enter westbound I-820 without having to cross multiple lanes of traffic.

The opening of this new direct connector will cause the existing off-ramp from the southbound I-35W TEXpress lanes to southbound I-35W to close. The new direct connector is part of the larger managed lane network that has been built in North Texas which keeps improving mobility in the area and provides motorists with more choices on how to reach their destination.

In July 2018, North Tarrant Express (NTE) 35W Segment 3A project was opened, two months ahead of schedule. The \$1.6 billion project, provides drivers the option to travel along the newly rebuilt and expanded 35W or the NTE 35W TEXpress Lanes from downtown Fort Worth to North Tarrant Parkway. The new corridor connects to the North Tarrant Express project along I-820 (North Loop) and SH-121/183 (Airport Freeway) adding an additional 13-miles to the NTE TEXpress Lanes in Northeast Tarrant County.

Motorists can expect to see enhancements occurring at the I-35W/I-820 interchange and along Mark IV Parkway at I-820 as part of the North Tarrant Express project.

The North Tarrant Express 35W project is considered a critical infrastructure sector. As the project continues, staff, contractors and construction workers are following specific guidelines to ensure the health and safety of all employees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ongoing construction information and specific information regarding the TEXpress Lanes can be found at www.texpresslanes.com

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About LBJIG/NTEMP

LBJ Infrastructure Group (LBJIG), NTE Mobility Partners (NTEMP) and NTE Mobility Partners Segments 3 (NTEMP3) are three companies that are made up of a Cintra-led consortium, selected to finance, design, build, operate and maintain three major D-FW projects which include: the North Tarrant Express, the LBJ Express and the I-35W project. These projects have improved mobility by adding additional road capacity through a combination of general highway lanes and continuous frontage roads, along with tolled express lanes (TEXpress Lanes) that use variable pricing to keep traffic flowing even during peak travel times. These three projects total \$6.4 billion, span 36.8 miles of highway and provide some of the most innovative, congestion management solutions in North Texas.