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This weekend

I-30 detoured in Arlington

Collins Street bridge to be demolished

Alternate routes are encouraged

WHERE: Interstate 30 and the Collins Street (FM 157) bridge in Arlington

WHEN/WHAT: **Collins Street (FM 157) bridge closed** over I-30 Thursday, July 9 at 5 a.m. until fall 2009 for demolition and reconstruction.

I-30 under Collins Street (FM 157) closed Friday, July 10 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, July 12 at 5 p.m. for the demolition of the Collins Street bridge. Motorists will be reduced to one lane in each direction and diverted to the frontage roads then back to I-30. Traffic will be heavy and alternate routes are encouraged.

WHAT Continued: This weekend was chosen to demolish the bridge because it had the least impact to major events in the area. The demolition of the Collins Street (FM 157) bridge will accelerate the reconstruction of the new bridge by this fall and open to its complete capacity nearly four months ahead of schedule.

"While we realize this construction will impact traffic for the near term, the opportunity to complete this portion of the project ahead of schedule will yield benefits to our citizens and visitors," said Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck, M.D.

Detour after Demolition: Southbound motorists will be detoured at Ryan Plaza Drive west to Center Street across the Center Street bridge. Motorists then may use either Road to Six Flags Drive or Randol Mill Road to access Collins Street to the east.

Northbound Collins Street motorists may access I-30 at the Center Street bridge from either Randol Mill Road or Road to Six Flags Drive. **Collins Street north of Road to Six Flags Drive to Skyline Drive will remain in two-way operation with full access to both Skyline Drive and the Lincoln Square Mall entrance.**

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For a map detailing the detour, log on to: www.keep30moving.org.

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