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Second I-30/Three Bridges contract awarded

ARLINGTON— Yesterday, the second project for the Interstate 30/Three Bridges area was awarded to W.W. Webber, LLC of Houston for $143.8 million. This mobility project, selected for funding by the Regional Transportation Council, will begin before the end of the year, and to expedite the work, incentives are in place for significant completion on the Baird Farm Road Bridge by May 2009 and completion of the Three Bridges section within 3 years of starting construction.

"Although this mobility project was not planned to be complete by the Dallas Cowboys' 2009 season, the contractor incentives will provide additional access at Baird Farm Road during construction and ultimately will provide improved mobility to motorists who drive I-30 sooner," said Fort Worth District Engineer Maribel Chavez.

The work included in this project is: the rebuilding of the Collins Street Bridge, building a new bridge at Baird Farm Road, the reconstruction of the main lanes from Cooper Street to Ballpark Way and the extension of managed lanes from the Tarrant/Dallas County lines to Ballpark Way.

The first I-30/Three Bridges project is the new $18.6 million Center Street Bridge and Center Street realignment that is currently under construction. Construction began this June, and its estimated completion is fall 2008. Both of the I-30/Three Bridges projects involve a cooperative partnership with the city of Arlington.

When complete, the I-30/Three Bridges area will include beautification elements designed to increase the visual appeal of the roadway. Murals, at the request of the city of Arlington, will grace the retaining walls along the Center and Collins Street bridges. Approximately 20-feet high by 40-feet high, the murals will reflect the history and culture of the local area. Other amenities include the landscaping of nearly 40,000 shrubs and trees, decorative bridge walls, lighting, covered walkways and four 66-foot towers on the Center Street Bridge.

Project information is available at: www.txdot.gov KEYWORD: Three Bridges.

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