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FM 157/Collins St. bridge at I-30 to open

WHERE: Farm-to-Market Road 157/Collins Street bridge over Interstate 30 in Arlington

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 23

WHAT: As promised**,** the newly reconstructed FM 157/Collins Street bridge over I-30 will open to motorists before Thanksgiving. The bridge, which is part of the larger I-30 mobility project, was closed in July for demolition with the cooperation of both the City of Arlington and local businesses. By agreeing to the closure, the impact to motorists was reduced by approximately four months.

Originally the bridge was to be built in phases that reduced motorists to one lane during the reconstruction of the bridge until spring 2010. Instead the bridge was demolished, rebuilt and opened before the winter holiday season. In addition to the bridge, the westbound frontage road from Wet N' Wild Way to Lamar Boulevard will also be opened.

The new FM 157/Collins Street bridge is part of the $165.5 million project that includes the reconstruction of the I-30 main lanes from Cooper Street to Ballpark Way and new bridges at Center Street and Baird Farm Road. Completion of the project is scheduled for fall 2010.

For up-to-date project information, current road closures and to sign-up for e-mail alerts on construction activity, log on to: www.keep30moving.org

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