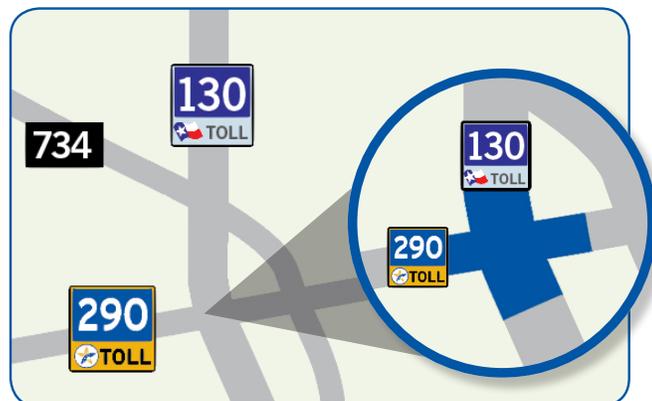


## OVERVIEW

After the Mobility Authority opened 290 Toll in 2014, the number of commuters that recognized the convenience of the new roadway surpassed our projections. This high demand led to traffic congestion at the frontage road intersection of 290 Toll and SH 130 (a TxDOT-operated toll road). Without a safe and efficient link between the two roadways, mobility and safety are compromised during the morning rush hour for southbound SH 130 drivers trying to head westbound on 290 Toll.



**Our interim solution, a project which widened the frontage roads for safety and mobility improvements, opened to traffic in summer 2016. The long-term solution, one that offers free-flowing direct connector bridges between the two toll roads, will break ground in 2018.**

## KEEPING CENTRAL TEXAS MOVING

The Mobility Authority is working on the long-term mobility solution—construction of three direct connectors to bridge the two toll facilities together. This will give drivers a safe and efficient, free-flowing direct connection and free up capacity on the frontage road intersection underneath the toll facilities. One direct connector already exists from eastbound US 290 to northbound SH 130. Building three additional connectors is essential to achieving greater mobility for all drivers.

### Direct Connectors Will Achieve Greater Mobility for Neighbors and Commuters By:

- ▶ Reducing potential for high speed rear end collisions on SH 130
- ▶ Eliminating queueing of vehicles on the southbound and northbound mainlanes of SH 130
- ▶ Saving about \$5 million a year for the traveling public in time as well as fuel and vehicle costs
- ▶ Attracting over 5,000 vehicles per day from parallel facilities thereby providing additional congestion relief to other corridors
- ▶ Increasing the average speed by up to 40 mph
- ▶ Relieving congestion by shifting 67% of vehicles from the SH 130 frontage road southbound right turn movement
- ▶ Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1,020 metric tons annually
- ▶ Attracting economic development opportunities to the region by way of enhanced local and regional mobility



# 290 TOLL/SH 130 DIRECT CONNECTORS PROJECT

## HOW WILL DIRECT CONNECTORS IMPACT DRIVERS?

When the project is complete, drivers can navigate the interchange in the following ways:

**SOUTHBOUND SH 130** drivers wanting to travel west on 290 will have **TWO** options:

- 1: EXISTING, NON-TOLLED OPTION:** Exit the SH 130 mainlanes to the SH 130 southbound frontage road. Proceed to the traffic signal and turn onto the US 290 frontage road.
- 2: NEW TOLLED DIRECT CONNECTOR:** Take the new southbound SH 130 to westbound 290 Toll direct connector.

**NORTHBOUND SH 130** drivers wanting to travel west on 290 will have **TWO** options:

- 1: EXISTING, NON-TOLLED OPTION:** Exit the SH 130 mainlanes to the SH 130 north bound frontage road. Proceed to the traffic signal and turn onto the US 290 frontage road.
- 2: NEW TOLLED DIRECT CONNECTOR:** Take the new northbound SH 130 to westbound 290 Toll direct connector.

**EASTBOUND 290 TOLL** drivers wanting to travel south on SH 130 will have **TWO** options:

- 1: EXISTING, NON-TOLLED OPTION:** Exit the 290 Toll mainlanes to the eastbound US 290 frontage road between Giles Ln. and Harris Branch Pkwy. Proceed to the traffic signal at SH 130 and turn onto the SH 130 frontage road to head to SH 130.
- 2: NEW DIRECT CONNECTOR:** Take the new eastbound 290 Toll to southbound SH 130 Toll direct connector.

*Eastbound 290 Toll drivers wanting to travel northbound SH 130 will utilize the existing direct connector. All other movements will use the existing frontage road intersection.*

*The toll rate for drivers choosing the two tolled direct connector bridges has not yet been determined.*

## PROJECT MILESTONES

**Construction Letting:** Early 2018

**Construction Launch:** Spring 2018

**Open to traffic:** 2020

*\* Subject to Change*

## WAYS TO STAY UPDATED

During construction, we will have a robust public information effort to keep you updated on our progress and lane closures. In the meantime, stay informed about the 290 Toll/SH 130 Direct Connector Project through the following channels:

- ▶ Sign up for *Expressway News* at [Mobilityauthority.com](http://Mobilityauthority.com)
- ▶ Follow us on Twitter @CTXMobility
- ▶ Call us at 512-996-9778