



I-40 Crosstown Project Brings Major Change For Drivers Monday

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Transportation officials are warning drivers of a change in the I-235/I-35/I-40 Dallas junction near downtown Oklahoma City as another I-40 Crosstown project gets underway Monday.

The southbound I-35 on-ramp from eastbound Reno Ave. will be permanently closed beginning early Monday. Because the ramp closure is a major change for drivers to get used to, an electronic message board has been in place for a week to give drivers advanced warning.

Drivers will need to locate alternate access to southbound I-35 by following east on Reno Ave., south on Eastern Ave., west on I-40, to southbound I-35. Another alternate route, however not open to truck traffic, is south on S. Lincoln Blvd., east on S.E. 15th St. to southbound I-35.

The permanent closure of the ramp is necessary because the lanes in the interchange are going to be reconfigured due to this project getting underway as part of ongoing construction of the new I-40 Crosstown.

This \$28 million project, awarded to Allen Contracting, Inc. of Oklahoma City, will begin paving operations for the new interstate on the east end of the corridor from Lincoln Blvd. east to the I-235/I-35/I-40 interchange, build the S. Lincoln Blvd. road over the new Crosstown and build a new intersection at Reno Ave. and S. Lincoln Blvd.

Tremendous progress is taking place in building the new 10-lane interstate from May Ave. to the I-235/I-35/I-40 interchange. Another paving project will get underway later this month on the west end of the corridor while one more is tentatively scheduled to let for bids in Spring 2011. Overall, the more than \$650 million project is on schedule to open to mainline interstate traffic in 2012.

For daily lane closures, visit the ODOT Web site at www.okladot.state.ok.us, then click Traffic Advisories.

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