



Construction begins on I-35 bridge near Newcastle

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Drivers in the Newcastle and Norman areas will soon begin seeing additional improvements area highways as construction begins on a new bridge to carry SH-9W over I-35 just south of the Canadian River.

In February, the Oklahoma Transportation Commission awarded a \$4 million contract to build a new bridge to Plains Bridge Contracting of Oklahoma, LLC, of Yukon and Treas Construction, Inc. of Coalgate, which are operating a joint venture on project.

Contractors began removing top soil at the construction site today. Throughout the project, all lanes of I-35 and SH-9 are expected to remain open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Occasional lane closures will be limited to overnight hours. However, some traffic will be detoured later when the ramps are rebuilt.

The new bridge will carry four lanes of traffic. The first section, the bridge's south side, is expected to be complete in early fall with final completion of the entire project expected in early 2011.

Built in 1959, the existing bridge carries about 17,000 vehicles each day.

Information about lane closures will be posted at: www.okladot.state.ok.us, and click on Traffic Advisories.

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