



state highway 45 southeast

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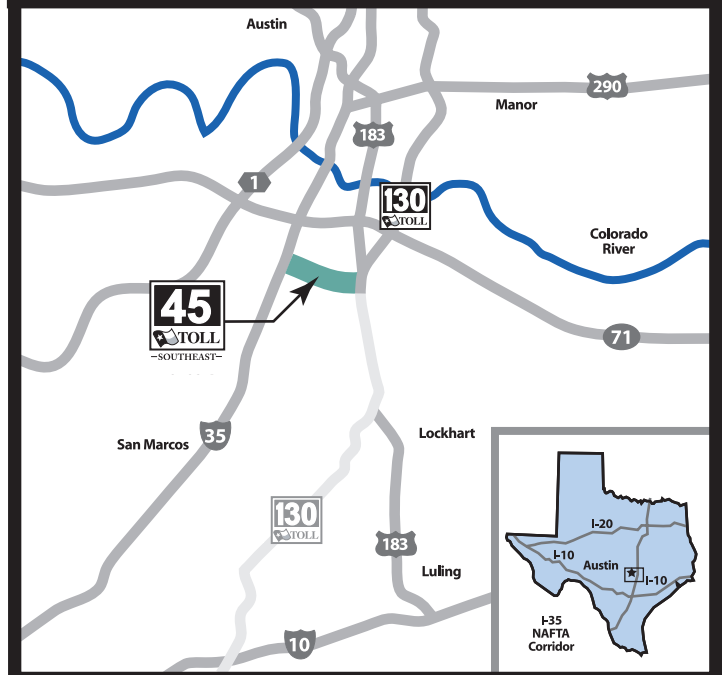
Project Description

State Highway 45 Southeast (SH 45SE) is a major connector facility for the Central Texas transportation system (see map on reverse side). SH 45SE will provide a direct link between I-35 and SH 130.

SH 45SE will run east/west between I-35 at FM 1327 (just north of Buda) and SH 130's junction with US 183 (in the Mustang Ridge area). The 7.4 mile long facility will be a four-lane roadway with limited access and a wide median to accommodate future transportation needs. As traffic warrants and funding is available, the facility could ultimately expand to include additional travel lanes. Interchanges will be located at I-35, N. Turnersville Road, FM 1625, and SH 130/US 183. A future interchange is planned at Wright Road.

provide an alternative route for thru-traffic such as NAFTA trade traffic; and to improve safety, mobility and accessibility within Travis, Hays and Williamson Counties.

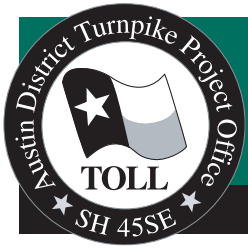
SH 45SE Project Location



Project Purpose

To enhance regional and national transportation systems by providing an east-west connection linking I-35 and SH 130; to help reduce traffic congestion on I-35, SH 71, and other major transportation facilities; to





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A public hearing was held on August 14, 2003 to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and to obtain public input on proposed roadway alignments. TxDOT also received public input through written comments and additional public meetings. In the fall of 2003, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was prepared for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The FEIS included TxDOT's recommendation of a preferred alignment for the roadway. TxDOT received a Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in February 2004. The ROD is FHWA's formal decision approving the project and the preferred alignment. Additional environmental studies were completed in early 2006 and a Public Hearing was held on March 6, 2006. FHWA approved the additional environmental studies on June 26, 2006.

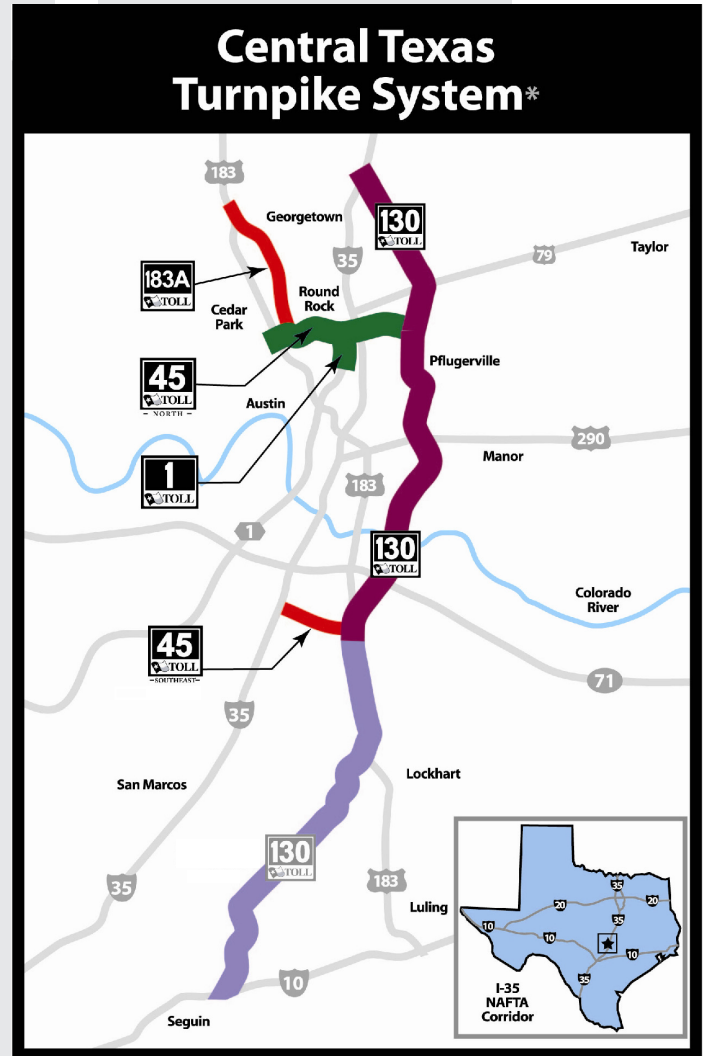
On April 26, 2007, the Texas Transportation Commission awarded a contract to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc./T.J. Lambrecht Construction, Inc. for construction of SH 45SE. Construction is expected to begin in July 2007.

SH 45SE is being developed as a toll road. SH 45SE will not be constructed with frontage roads (except where it coincides with FM 1327).

Tolls

SH 45SE, in combination with elements of the of the Central Texas Turnpike System 2002 Project, will provide convenience and time savings to motorists by offering electronic toll collection. With the use of an electronic tag that is mounted to the inside of a windshield, a motorist can drive non-stop through designated toll lanes. A transponder mounted above the toll lanes will detect the electronic tag and deduct the toll amount from a pre-paid account. Toll rates will be discounted for motorists using an electronic toll tag.

For additional convenience to motorists, the electronic toll collection system will also be compatible with other toll road systems in Texas. A new technology, known as TxTag, will allow motorists to use one electronic toll tag on any current or future toll road in the state.



*183A, SH 45SE, and the portion of SH 130 south of SH 45SE are not part of the Central Texas Turnpike System.

