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New Section of Northbound US 183 to Open at SH 71 *Local Street Access to Change*

(Austin, Texas) — Northbound US 183 will close at SH 71 after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2020*, so crews can open a new section of northbound US 183 between SH 71 and Thompson Lane. The new section of roadway should be open no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 18. During the closure traffic will be detoured via eastbound SH 71 to the U-turn at Spirit of Texas Highway and then westbound on SH 71 back to US 183.

Once the new lanes are open, drivers heading north on US 183 or those who enter northbound US 183 from eastbound SH 71 will no longer be able to directly access Jet Lane, Patton Avenue or any businesses located south of Thompson Lane.

In addition, during this next phase of construction, access to Thompson Lane from northbound US 183 will be temporarily blocked. To reach Thompson Lane, northbound US 183 drivers should use the new exit located near Thompson Lane, and use U-turns located at Montopolis Drive and Patton Avenue.

For now, US 183 drivers will still be able to temporarily use the southern section of the future 183 toll road between Thompson Lane and Bolm Road for free. However, drivers entering northbound US 183 from westbound SH 71 will be routed onto the non-tolled US 183 general-purpose lanes and will not have access to the free section of the future 183 Toll Road.

Residents who live on Patton Avenue and Jet Lane will temporarily use westbound SH 71 and the northbound US 183 non-tolled general-purpose lanes to reach their homes. The detour for Patton Avenue and Jet Lane is expected to be in place for approximately a month.

Several additional traffic shifts are expected on US 183 and the adjacent stretch of SH 71 over the next few months as the 183 South project moves closer to a full opening in early 2021.

For more information, visit the [183 South Project website](#).

****Dates are subject to change based on weather and other circumstances.***

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About 183 South:

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is building a new tolled expressway with three lanes in each direction on an 8-mile section of US 183 between US 290 and SH 71. In addition, the Mobility Authority will be reconstructing and improving the non-tolled US 183 general purpose lanes and adding \$25 million worth of pedestrian and bicyclist facilities. Phase I/North End of the project opened in August of 2019 and full project completion is expected in early 2021, offering greater mobility for all users of the corridor.

About the Mobility Authority:

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created in 2002 to improve the regional transportation system in Travis and Williamson Counties. The Mobility Authority implements innovative and sustainable transportation options to enhance quality of life and economic vitality in Central Texas. The Mobility Authority operates 183A Toll, 290 Toll, the 71 Toll Lane, the MoPac Express Lane, the 45SW Toll Road, and the 183 Toll Road. The agency is finishing construction of the 8-mile 183 South Project and the 290/130 Flyovers Project. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com

