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TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT TO CLOSE 56TH STREET AT EAST LOOP 338

Detour will be in place for about next six months

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ODESSA – A major change in traffic patterns is coming next week as work continues on roadway work and the installation of traffic signals on East Loop 338 at the intersection of 52nd Street. The change involves severing access between Loop 338 and East 56th Street, which is the street across the loop from 52nd Street.

Starting in early October, 56th Street will be closed just west of California Avenue. Traffic will be detoured to the east to access Highway 191. This closure is necessary as the contractor reconstructs 56th Street in order to install the traffic signal and improve the intersection at Loop 338. The crossover from 52nd Street to 56th Street has been closed for several weeks already.

Once the new closure is in place, motorists on Loop 338 will not be able to access 56th Street. Likewise, motorists on 56th Street will not be able to access Loop 338. It is imperative that motorists obey the barricades. Driving around the barricades could be catastrophic to a vehicle due to construction work. TxDOT assumes no responsibility for damages caused by a motorist ignoring traffic barricades.

Access to 52nd Street will remain unchanged from its current configuration.

The project will take about another six months to complete.

The speed limit in the work zone is 45 miles per hour. Law enforcement has been asked to patrol the area heavily.

FNH Construction of Farmers Branch won the job with a low bid of \$3,012,163.

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