



City of McKinney Press Release

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NTTA released the following traffic advisory

McKINNEY, Texas (August 26, 2010) – NTTA TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Traffic Switch on U.S. 75 near the Sam Rayburn Tollway Begins Overnight Aug. 27

All traffic on U.S. 75 (Central Expressway) within the Sam Rayburn Tollway interchange project limits in Collin County will move to the northbound side of the highway starting late Friday, Aug. 27.

Recently, all traffic on U.S. 75 near the SRT interchange has been located on the southbound side of the highway. During the upcoming traffic switch, all traffic near the interchange will be relocated to the northbound side of U.S. 75. In addition, the southbound U.S. 75 exit to Ridgeview Drive in Allen will be relocated approximately 1½ miles north of its current location.

This change in traffic patterns will allow crews to complete work critical to the completion of the new SRT/U.S. 75 interchange, including the reconstruction of the southbound U.S. 75 main lanes in that area and the completion of the new direct-connector ramps that will link SRT and U.S. 75.

The change in traffic patterns will occur in two phases:

- Beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, northbound U.S. 75 (Central Expressway) traffic will be rerouted to the northbound side of the highway within the SRT/U.S. 75 project limits in Allen, Fairview and McKinney.
- Starting at 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, crews will relocate southbound U.S. 75 motorists within the SRT/U.S. 75 project limits so that their lanes of traffic are switched onto the northbound side of the highway. At this time, the southbound U.S. 75 exit to Ridgeview Drive in Allen will be relocated approximately 1½ miles north of its current location. Southbound U.S. 75 motorists wishing to access Ridgeview Drive will take the SRT/SH 121 exit just south of Eldorado Parkway in McKinney. These motorists will take the frontage road to Hardin Boulevard, make a U-turn and continue on the frontage roads until reaching Ridgeview Drive.

- The traffic shift will be complete – and all traffic within the interchange project limits will be located on the northbound side of U.S. 75 – by 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29.

While all traffic will be located on the northbound side of U.S. 75, motorists will still have two lanes of travel on U.S. 75 in both directions. The traffic switch also means that motorists will be moved onto new, smooth pavement, making the drive through that area more enjoyable for travelers. In addition, the permanent northbound U.S. 75 exit to Eldorado Parkway is expected to re-open in mid-to-late September 2010.

This traffic pattern will continue through the end of 2010, when traffic on U.S. 75 will be rerouted into its final configuration.

The NTTA coordinated the traffic switch with the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of McKinney. All routes will be clearly marked with signs, and the contractor has already placed electronic message boards to notify drivers about the U.S. 75 traffic switch.

The NTTA appreciates the traveling public's patience during construction and reminds everyone to drive cautiously in work zones.

All closures are subject to weather conditions and will be postponed, if necessary.

For more information about upcoming lane closures and traffic-related news along NTTA roadways, call (214) 224-3030 or go to the "Lane/Ramp Closures" listing at www.ntta.org.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of more than 127,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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