

MEDIA ALERT

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Westbound Lanes of Manor Expressway Opening December 21 Travel is Free until January 5, 2013

(Austin, Texas) – A 1.5-mile westbound section of the new Manor Expressway between Springdale Road and US 183 will open to traffic on Friday morning, December 21, 2012. The opening will include flyover ramps at US 183. The Manor Expressway, which is being built in the US 290 corridor between Austin and Manor, is a \$426 million project that will eventually extend 6.2 miles from U.S. 183 to east of Parmer Lane. The eastbound lanes of the Manor Expressway between Springdale Road and US 183 previously opened to traffic on December 1, 2012. The entire project is slated for completion in 2014.

Drivers will be able to use the newly opened section for free until January 5, 2012. Beginning January 5th, drivers with TxTag will pay 50-cents to use the new expressway. Drivers with TxTag who use the flyover bridges between US 183 and the Manor Expressway will pay an additional 50-cents. There will be no cash tollbooths on the Manor Expressway. Drivers without a TxTag will be sent a bill in the mail.

For more information about the Manor Expressway, visit <u>www.ManorExpressway.com</u>.

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