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## **Traffic System Management Improvements Begin on US 290**

HOUSTON – Rozco Contracting Inc., under contract to the Texas Department of Transportation, has begun work on the first of two Traffic System Management Improvement projects on US 290. The \$2.5 million project consists of widening the existing pavement to add auxiliary lanes on the US 290 eastbound and westbound mainlanes between West Little York and Fairbanks N. Houston, as well as re-striping the existing pavement to add auxiliary lanes along the US 290 eastbound and westbound mainlanes between Jones Road and FM 529. Crews will also widen the westbound approach to Senate Avenue to create combined u-turn and left-turn storage at the intersection. Once complete, the auxiliary lanes will alleviate traffic congestion by providing motorists with improved ingress and egress to/from the US 290 mainlanes, and the Senate Avenue enhancements will facilitate improved movements through the intersection.

Crews began installing barricades and signing this past weekend and are scheduled to begin work on the Senate Avenue intersection this evening; work on the US 290 mainlanes is anticipated to begin in the coming weeks. Work on the proposed improvements is anticipated to take approximately 6 months to complete. Motorists are advised to anticipate temporary lane reductions on the US 290 westbound frontage road to accommodate the intersection improvements, as well as extended shoulder closures and nightly mainlane closures along the US 290 eastbound and westbound mainlanes. Updated information regarding lane closures is available at:

[http://traffic.houstontranstar.org/construction/construction\\_report.aspx](http://traffic.houstontranstar.org/construction/construction_report.aspx)

The second of the two projects was also awarded to Rozco Contracting Inc. in October and is slated begin construction in late 2009/early 2010, pending a Notice to Proceed. Though independent of the reconstruction planned as a part of the US 290/Hempstead Corridor Program, these projects are important first steps in providing immediate relief to the traffic congestion on the Northwest Freeway.

For more information on this project and/or the US 290/Hempstead Corridor Program, please contact the US 290/Hempstead Corridor Program Public Information Office at (713) 354-1532 or at (713) 354-1556.