

# Eastern Extension Turnpike Tidbits

The Eastern Extension is a piece of the outer loop around Dallas and its suburbs that connects Interstate Highway (IH) 30 to the existing President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT). It is part of the Loop 9/State Highway (SH) 190 corridor envisioned in the 1960s. The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) started construction on the Eastern Extension in October 2008.

## Traffic Alert:

Expect delays at Old Miles Road at the Eastern Extension from now through November. Flagger-controlled equipment will be crossing the construction zone at Old Miles Road from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays. Saturday work will be from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., if needed.

## Lane Closures:

### Now through January 2010

Valencia Drive and Baffin Bay Drive at Liberty Grove Road continue to be closed to allow construction of the turnpike's northbound frontage road. Access to the Mariner's Cove subdivision will be available from Liberty Grove Road at Royal Bay Drive only. A temporary traffic signal installed at the intersection of Liberty Grove and Royal Bay is intended to enhance the flow and safety of local traffic. The northbound frontage road is scheduled to be opened to traffic in early 2010.

## Construction Updates:

The NTTA will begin constructing a maintenance access road within the Rowlett Creek floodplain as well as construction of a new channel for a portion of Rowlett Creek in **Section 28**.

In **Section 29**, crews are drilling shafts for columns to support the Miles Road bridge and retaining walls, and in **Section 30**, the contractor continues work on the future Merritt Road/Liberty Grove Road connector, a new culvert and the placement of various retaining walls and water lines throughout the project. The **Section 31** contractor has been working to install underground utilities and has started earthwork from the southern project limit, proceeding north. **Section 32** is being built by the Texas Department of Transportation.

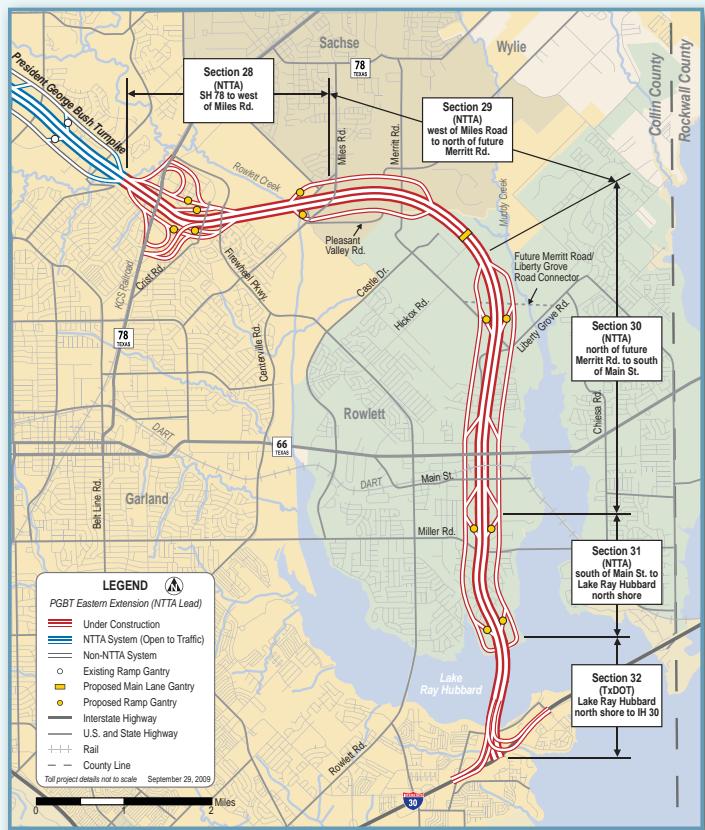
## Details

**Anticipated opening date:** Fourth quarter 2011

**Project limits:** From SH 78 to IH 30

**Project cost:** Approximately \$1 billion

**NTTA cost:** Approximately \$623 million



## Limits

**Section 28:** SH 78 to west of Miles Road

**Section 29:** West of Miles Road to the future Merritt Road

**Section 30:** North of the future Merritt Road to south of Main Street

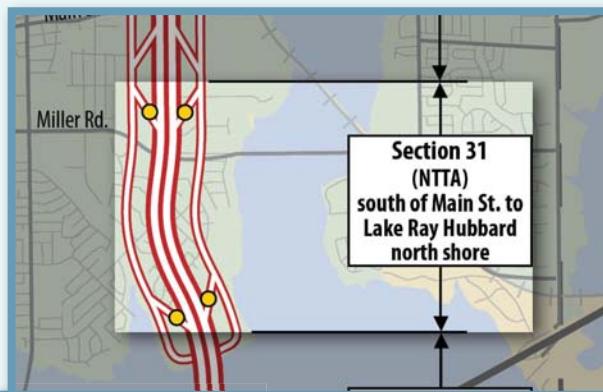
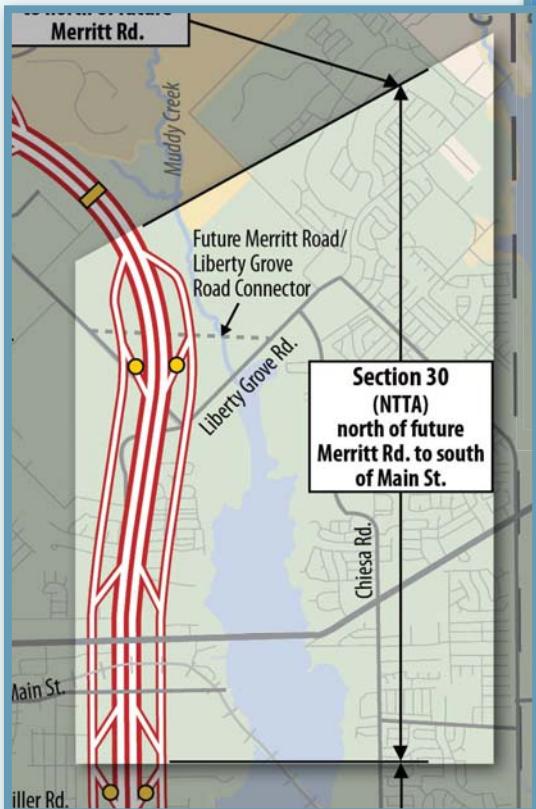
**Section 31:** South of Main Street to the Lake Ray Hubbard north shore

**Section 32:** The Lake Ray Hubbard north shore to IH 30



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## Section 30



## Section 31

### Project Partners

- Texas Department of Transportation
- Dallas County
- Dallas
- Garland
- Rowlett
- Sachse

For more information about upcoming lane closures and other traffic-related news along the PGBT Eastern Extension and other NTTA roadways, call (214) 224-3030, or go to the "Lane/Ramp Closures" section on the front page of the NTTA Web site, [www.ntta.org](http://www.ntta.org). To learn more about the Eastern Extension, visit [www.ntta.org/AboutUs/Projects/PGBTEE.htm](http://www.ntta.org/AboutUs/Projects/PGBTEE.htm). To receive a monthly progress report on this project, please go to: [www.ntta.org/projectupdates](http://www.ntta.org/projectupdates).

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