

MEDIA ALERT

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Weekend Lane and Ramp Closures May Cause Travel Delays Southbound MoPac - Parmer Lane to Braker Lane

(Austin, Texas) – Asphalt paving crews will be closing entrance ramps, exit ramps and travel lanes on southbound Loop 1 (MoPac) during overnight hours the weekend of April 29th, as they continue to apply the final layer of permeable friction course asphalt to the entire roadway in the area between Parmer Lane and Braker Lane.

On Friday evening, April 29th after 10:00 p.m., crews plan to close the left lane of southbound MoPac between Parmer Lane and Braker Lane. The lane should reopen by 6:00 a.m., Saturday morning, April 30th. Travel impacts should be minimal. The precise times of the closure are dependent on weather conditions and the closure could be cancelled altogether if weather conditions are unacceptable.

On Saturday evening, April 30th after 9:00 p.m., crews plan to close the center and right lane of southbound MoPac from Parmer Lane to Braker Lane, as well as the entrance ramp to southbound MoPac from Parmer Lane, the entrance to southbound MoPac from Duval Road, plus the exit ramp from southbound MoPac to Braker Lane. The ramps and travel lanes should reopen by 6:00 a.m., Sunday morning, May 1st. The exact same closures are also planned for Sunday evening May 1st after 5:00 p.m., with the lanes and ramps reopening by 5:00 a.m., Monday morning, May 2nd. (See Attached Map)

Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes during these closures. Drivers needing to access southbound MoPac at Parmer Lane or Duval Road should instead use the entrance ramps south of Scofield Ridge Parkway or south of Capital of Texas Highway.

Because of severe weather predicted for Friday night, April 29th, the possibility remains that the entire weekend paving plan could be subject to change. There is also the possibility that all work could be rescheduled if conditions warrant. The most up to date closure information can be found online at the project website, MoPacExpress.com or via Twitter @improvemopac.

The lane closures and ramp closures are necessary to facilitate the installation of new permeable friction course asphalt on the existing lanes of MoPac, as well as the new Express Lanes. New striping and pavement markers are also being installed. Crews are in the process of repaving the entire roadway between Parmer Lane and RM 2222 and hope to have that section completed by June.

