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Katy Sales Days

The Texas Department of Transportation-Houston District (TxDOT) appreciates the community's patience and support during the IH 10/Katy Freeway Reconstruction Program in the west Houston and Katy areas. Following a major investment study, an environmental impact study and final design, the beginning of the Katy Freeway Reconstruction Program was celebrated with a ground-breaking ceremony in June 2003. Three years later, as promised, TxDOT is excited to celebrate the completion of the first two contracts. To celebrate the upcoming completion of contracts **A and B**, TxDOT is planning a month-long event in June 2006, leading up to the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The final step in the completion of a roadway contract entails the contractor "selling" the completed construction project back to TxDOT for final payment. Accordingly, we are branding our celebration as the "**Katy Sales Days**" and inviting the public to a month-long sales event at participating west Houston and Katy area businesses. Throughout the month of June, participating merchants will be offering the community discounts, sales, and promotional items in celebration of the completion of these two contracts. For more information about **Katy Sales Days** and to register to receive personal notifications, updates and coupons, click on the **Katy Sales Day** icon on the Katy Website or use the link: www.katyfreeway.org/katysalesdays.

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Construction Program Status



Website

Check out the Katy Freeway Website for more photographs of the on-going construction along the Katy Freeway at:

www.katyfreeway.org/construction_photos/construction_photos_main.html

► Contract A Update

Harris-Fort Bend County Line To SH 99

The new IH 10/US 90 intersection opened in early February, increasing mobility in the Katy area. The Contractor also opened the new IH 10 westbound exit to US 90 and switched traffic into the final configuration on the new IH 10 westbound mainlanes. The Contractor is expected to complete the project by late summer.

► Contract B Update

SH 99 to SH 6

In early January, the Mason and Barker Cypress overpasses were finished ahead of schedule, allowing the Contractor to collect the maximum incentives for both milestones. These two intersections were the last to be constructed on this contract. Currently the Contractor is focused on completing the remaining center barrier and sign structures and painting the retaining walls along the project. This project is expected to be completed by late June 2006.

► Contract C1 Update

SH 6 To Dairy Ashford

On the weekend of April 7th, the Contractor completed the IH 10 westbound frontage road from west of Dairy Ashford to west of Eldridge. In addition, Eldridge was raised by more than 10 feet to match the elevation of the new IH 10 westbound frontage road. In the coming months, the Contractor will focus on the construction of the new IH 10 westbound mainlanes.



Contract A - View, looking east, of beams for the IH 10 eastbound mainlanes bridge over US 90 which were recently placed.



Contract B - Workers are finishing the surface of IH 10 center barrier near Barker Cypress.



Contract C1 - Workers are completing the surface of the new IH 10 westbound frontage road east of Eldridge.

► **Contract C2 Update**

East of Eldridge to East of Kirkwood

In early March, traffic was switched onto the new IH 10 westbound mainlanes from east of Kirkwood to west of Dairy Ashford. During the month of April, the Contractor removed the old mainlanes and frontage road, then began working on the construction of the new IH 10 westbound mainlanes. In the coming months, the Contractor will continue the construction of the new IH 10 westbound mainlanes and new bridges at Dairy Ashford and Kirkwood.



Contract C2 - Aerial view, looking east, of the new IH 10 westbound mainlanes north of the old westbound frontage road near Kirkwood.

► **Contract D Update**

IH 10/Beltway 8 Interchange

In early March, the Contractor switched traffic onto the new IH 10 eastbound mainlanes between Wilcrest and west of Gessner. While constructing the new IH 10 eastbound mainlanes, many of the columns for the new direct connectors were also built. Over the summer, construction will continue on the new IH 10 eastbound mainlanes and the new IH 10 westbound frontage road.



Contract D - Aerial view, looking west, of the IH 10/Beltway 8 interchange.

► **Contract E1 and E2 Update**

Between Beltway 8 and IH 610

The Contractor has concentrated on the 2.5 mile stretch of the new IH 10 mainlanes and the bridges. In addition, considerable progress has been made on the 2.4 mile stretch of the new IH 10 westbound mainlanes between Campbell and Silber. As the summer approaches, work will continue on both portions of the IH 10 mainlanes as well as portions of the westbound frontage road.



Contract E1 & E2 - Aerial view, looking east, of construction near the IH 10/Bunker Hill intersection.

► **Contract F Update**

IH 10/IH 610 Interchange

Work on this contract over recent months has involved demolition of direct connectors, construction of dozens of bridge columns, placement of over 70 beams for bridges and paving of mainlanes. Over the course of the summer, the Contractor is expected to make considerable progress on the IH 10/IH 610 interchange. The new IH 10 eastbound to IH 610 northbound direct connector has been opened to traffic.



Contract F - Aerial view, looking north, of the IH 610 mainlanes bridge over IH 10.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Visit the Katy Freeway Web site for more FAQs on the program
www.katyfreeway.org/faqs/f_a_q_s.asp

Q. Will TxDOT landscape the median areas along the frontage roads?

As part of the reconstruction of the IH 10/Katy Freeway corridor, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is committed to a reforestation program along the corridor. Some of the plantings to be used along the IH 10/Katy Freeway Corridor include, but are not limited to: native pines, oaks, hollies, sweetgums, cypress, elms, maples, and sycamore. More than 75,000 trees will be planted within the IH 10 corridor. The landscape contracts will begin after road construction is completed.



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Q. Will all the stars on the retaining walls be painted?

Yes. The stars at each intersection will be painted a different color.



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Q. Is the old freeway surface being recycled as it is removed?

Yes, the existing concrete is being recycled and used as part of the base/subgrade for the new roadway. One can find more information about the State's recycling program on TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us/gsd/recycle/default.htm.



Katy Sales Days continued

This promotion is designed to get traffic into local area businesses and celebrate these major milestones. Participating vendors will receive free advertisement of their participation in **Katy Sales Days** on the www.katyfreeway.org website and in print media associated with the campaign. Additionally, each registered merchant will receive an official **Katy Sales Days** poster for display on site to indicate participation to customers. Merchant registration is open to all local area retailers, businesses, restaurants and services providers. Already, several stores and restaurants have agreed to participate and are listed on the site.

These businesses include:

- ▶ Katy Mills Mall
- ▶ ACME Bicycle Company
- ▶ Amazing Gifts
- ▶ Babies R Us
- ▶ Corningware Corelle Revere Factory Stores
- ▶ Cross Lending Corp
- ▶ Curves @ Mason
- ▶ Eye Site of Katy Mills
- ▶ Go Toys & Games
- ▶ Helfman Dodge, Inc.
- ▶ Impress Computers
- ▶ Katy Area Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Katy Kips Gymnastics Club
- ▶ Katy Mills
- ▶ Kids Supercenter
- ▶ Kitchen Collection
- ▶ Mattress Overstock
- ▶ Members Choice Credit Union
- ▶ Moe's Grill And Bar
- ▶ Moody Ramin Interest
- ▶ New York NY Fresh Deli
- ▶ The Original Marini's Empanada House

To register your business, go to <http://www.katyfreeway.org/katysalesdays/merchants.asp>.



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