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Loop 1604 expansion project begins in East Bexar County

County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, County Judge Nelson Wolff, Converse Mayor Al Suarez and Texas Department of Transportation leaders officially kicked off the beginning of an expansion project on Loop 1604 on Thursday. The project will help increase mobility in this important regional corridor by expanding Loop 1604 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided highway

“I am especially pleased that the widening of this vital corridor in Precinct 4 is accessible toll-free by the motorists using it,” said Commissioner Tommy Adkisson. “I look forward to continued progress in our transportation system.”

The expansion project, which extends from the intersection of Interstate 10 and Loop 1604 to Lower Seguin Road, will help fill a transportation capacity gap that exists between FM 78 and I-10. In 2012 a traffic study found approximately 25,100 vehicles pass through the area per day. Projections put the traffic count as high as 39,200 vehicles per day in 2032.

Two 2,100-linear-foot bridges also will span the impoundment area of the Martinez Dam, and traffic signals will be upgraded at Lower Seguin, Autumn Run and the Loop 1604 frontage roads.

The \$23.5 million project is funded by a pass-through finance agreement with TxDOT by which the county will pay for the construction and then be reimbursed over time by the transportation department. This is one of six such projects to be funded this way in Bexar County.

“We have taken advantage of pass-through financing to address some of our most pressing transportation needs over the past few years,” County Judge Nelson Wolff said. “This type of collaboration allows us to construct now what TxDOT might not have been able to fund for many years.”

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