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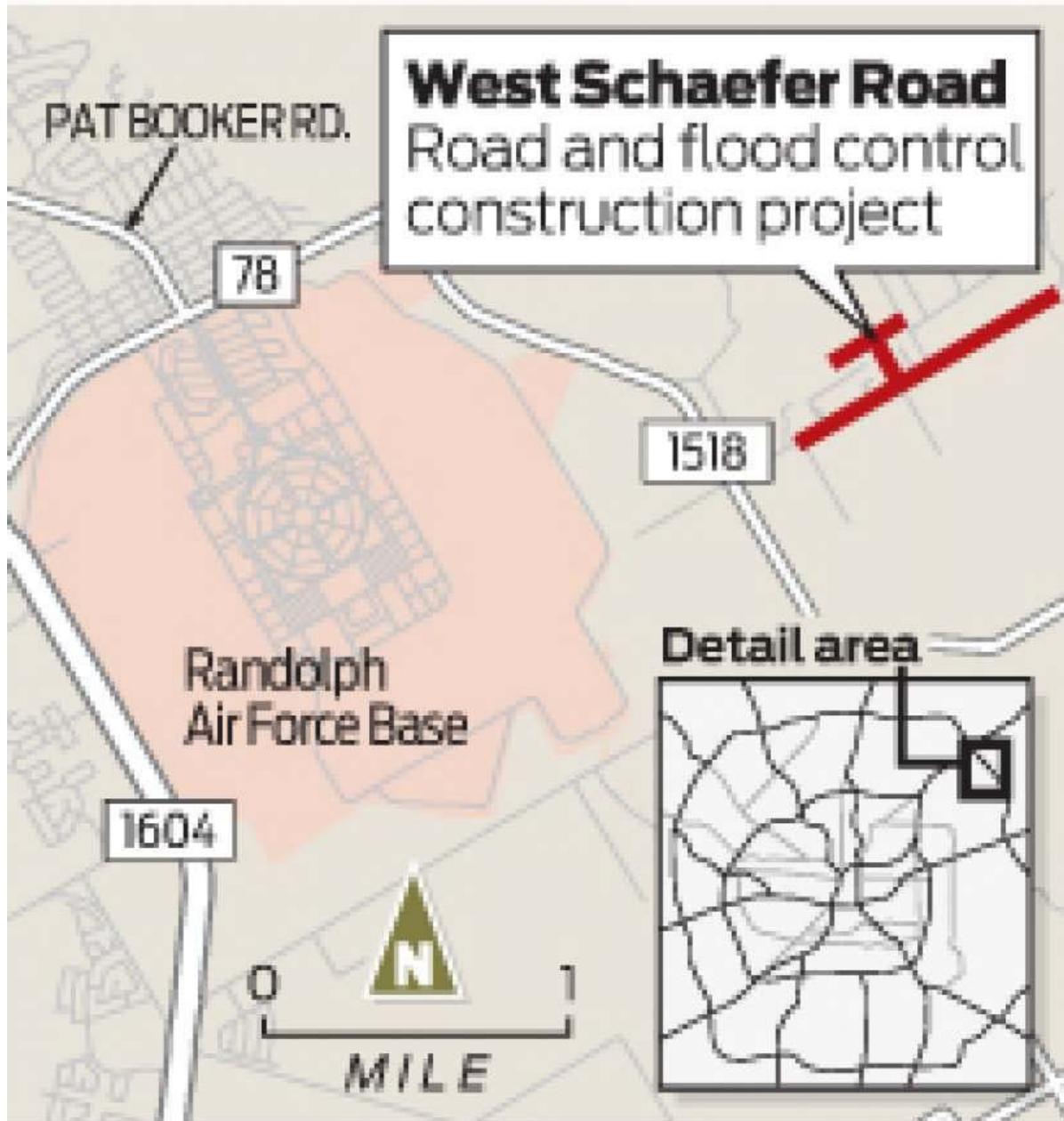
# Work starts on Schaefer Road drainage upgrades

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*Road and flood control construction project*

Bexar County contractors have started work on a \$5.9 million road and drainage improvement project on West Schaefer Road, just east of Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

After three years of planning — and much anticipation among residents and first responders — the 18-month construction job will avert flooding on a 1-mile stretch of the busy road between FM

1518 and Cibolo Creek, county officials said.

The road will be subject to lane closures as culverts are installed, but will remain open to traffic throughout the project, officials said.

The project, part of the county's 10-year, \$500 million flood control program, also involves the nearby city of Schertz, which will upgrade water lines in the project area.

With completion slated for November 2013, the work involves installation of an underground drainage system with 6,000 linear feet of concrete box culverts. Runoff from north of Schaefer Road will be captured in earthen channels and conveyed to the underground system, according to plans.

The Precinct 4 project, preceded by seven community meetings, is well-received by area residents, said Commissioner [Tommy Adkisson](#).

“The residents along Schaefer were very vocal about the need for this project and I'm pleased that Bexar County was able to step up and do it,” he said in a statement.

“Not only are we reducing the flooding, but we're building curbs and sidewalks so that Schaefer Road is prepared for the growth we continue to see in this part of the county,” Adkisson said.

For more information, visit [www.BexarFloodControl.org](http://www.BexarFloodControl.org).

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