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Roland Road heading to year-long closure

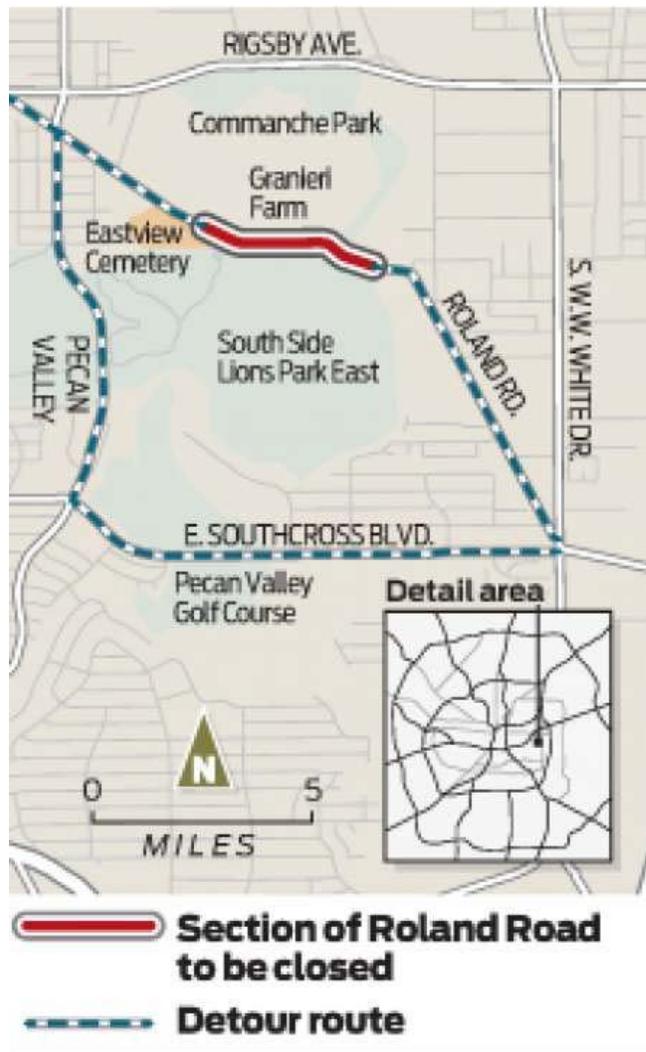
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Starting next month, a key road on the Southeast Side will be closed for a full year while two bridges are constructed over flood-prone Salado Creek.

Roland Road, which connects Rigsby Avenue and the area of East Southcross Boulevard at South W.W. White Road, is slated for a \$5.6 million construction project funded by Bexar County.

The work is part of the county's 10-year, \$500 million flood control program that is addressing some of the county's longest-running flood hazards.

The project will raise the roadway higher over the creek with two two-lane bridges that will have improved lighting, bike lanes and pedestrian walkways.

Area residents were provided details of the plans at a community meeting last week — one of several such briefings since 2009, when the project was launched.

Precinct 4 Commissioner [Tommy Adkisson](#) said the road provides a popular shortcut in that area, so its closure will be an inconvenience.

“It's an isolated road, but an important one,” Adkisson said. “It's quicker ... but it's had a danger factor, especially during the big flood moments,” he said.

Officials said no homes will be impacted by the year-long construction, including an historic century-old home near Roland.

Access will remain open to nearby Granieri Farm and Eastview Cemetery.

Detour routes will send motorists to Pecan Valley Drive and Southcross Boulevard.

The specific date of the road's closure, possibly in early March, hasn't been determined. Road signs will announce the impending closure about two weeks ahead of time.

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