

Central Texas Turnpike FAQ
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Questions about the Central Texas Toll Roads

- Q1.** **What portions of the Central Texas toll roads are open?**
 - A1.** All sections of SH 130, SH 45N and the Loop 1 Extension are open to traffic. In addition, 183A between FM 1431 and the US 183/SH 45N interchange in Cedar Park is open to traffic. Contact the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA, 996-9778, www.ctrma.org) for information about the future extension of 183A north to the Leander area.
- Q2.** **When did these roads open?**
 - A2.**
 - Loop 1 Extension (MoPac from Parmer Lane north to SH 45 North) – October 31, 2006
 - SH 45 North from SH 130 west to Loop 1 Extension interchange – October 31, 2006
 - SH 130 between US 79 and US 290 – October 31, 2006

- SH 45 North from Loop 1 Extension interchange west to RM 620 – November 2, 2006
- SH 130 between I-35 north of Georgetown to US 79 – December 13, 2006
- 183A (Cedar Park area) – March 3, 2007
- SH 45 North from RM 620 west to US 183 – April 26 and 27, 2007
- SH 130 between US 290 and SH 71 – September 6, 2007
- SH 130 between SH 71 and US 183 near Mustang Ridge – April 30, 2008.

Q3. How long will the tolls be free on SH 130 between SH 71 and US 183?

A3. Collection of tolls begin for non-TxTag account holders on July 1, 2008.

TxTag account holders will be able to continue traveling this portion of SH 130 at no charge through July 2008. TxTag account holders will be charged a 50% discounted rate through August 2008 and begin paying the 10% discounted rate on September 1, 2008.

Q4. Is SH 130 open to Austin-Bergstrom Int'l Airport?

A4. Yes. SH 130 southbound is open between I-35 north of Georgetown to SH 71 near the airport. SH 130 northbound is open between US 183 near Mustang Ridge and SH 71 near the airport.

Q5. When I get to the end of SH 130 at US 183, how do I get back to I-35?

A5. Turn right at US 183 (north). Within about 1/2 mile you will reach the intersection with FM 1327. Turn left (heading west) onto FM 1327 to reach I-35.

Q6. When will SH 45 from the end of SH 130 west to I-35 be complete?

A6. This section of toll road is called SH 45 Southeast. It is under construction and expected to be open to traffic in the spring of 2009.

Q7. What are the plans for extending SH 45 west of US 183 along RM 620 (Cedar Park area)?

A7. There are currently no plans to extend SH 45 west of US 183. For additional information on future projects in the RM 620 area, contact Joseph Carrizales, TxDOT Austin District, Advanced Projects, 832-7070.

Q8. When will SH 45 be constructed west of I-35 to MoPac?

A8. Contact Joseph Carrizales, TxDOT Austin District, Advanced Projects, 832-7070.

Q9. When will the direct connectors for SH 45 southbound onto I-35 be constructed?

A9. There are no plans to construct these direct connectors at this time. As traffic warrants and funding becomes available, these direct connectors may be constructed in the future.

Q10. When will the frontage roads on SH 45 be constructed west of Heatherwilde Boulevard?

A10. There are no plans to construct frontage roads in this area. As traffic warrants and funding becomes, frontage roads may be constructed in the future.

Q11. Where can I get information about the 183A project near Cedar Park; what are the future plans for extending 183A?

A11. Contact the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority at 996-9778. Mr. Steve Pustelnyk is the CTRMA Public Information Officer.

Q12. Where can I find information on projected traffic counts on the SH 130, SH 45 North, or Loop 1?

- A12. The CTTS Traffic and Revenue Forecast, 2005 Update is on the website (www.centraltexasturnpike.org) in the Investors Section. After accepting the disclaimer ("I Agree" button on the Investors Section main page), select "Official Statement." There are a series of Continuing Disclosures listed. The current T&R Forecast is Exhibit H under the 2007 Continuing Disclosures. The T&R Forecast includes traffic projections—SH 45N/Loop 1 projections are in Chapter 6.0; SH 130 projections are in Chapter 7.0.

Questions about Tolls and TxTag

Q13. How much are the tolls?

- A13. You can find the toll rates at www.txtag.org in the "Maps and Rates" section. The rate table includes both cash and TxTag discounted toll rates as well as the rates for various sizes of vehicles. There are also maps of the CTTS open sections that show the exit/entrance ramps on the system and location of mainlane toll plazas. In summary, for 2-axle vehicles, ramp toll plazas are \$0.50 on all of the toll roads (except SH 45N at Schultz Lane where it is \$0.75), mainlane toll plazas are \$0.75 on Loop 1 and SH 45N and \$1.50 on SH 130. TxTag account holders pay a 10% discounted rate.

Q14. How much are the tolls per mile?

- A14. The cost per mile depends on the distance traveled. Tolls are not charged by the mile. In general, the rates average out to between 12 and 18 cents per mile.

Q15. What will happen if I go through a TxTag lane without a TxTag?

- A15. You will be invoiced for the toll charges plus a surcharge to cover billing administrative costs. Contact the Customer Service Center at 1-888-GoTxTag for the latest surcharge dollar amount.

Q16. Where can I get a TxTag?

- A16. You may open a TxTag account at www.txtag.org or by contacting the Customer Service Center at 1-888-GoTxTag. You can also visit the Customer Service Center at 12719 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas to purchase a TxTag and open an account.

Q17. I have a Houston toll tag (or a Dallas-area toll tag). Will my Houston (or Dallas) toll tag work on Austin-area toll roads?

- A17. Yes. Your Houston (or Dallas) tag is fully operable on the Central Texas toll roads. In addition, TxTag is operable on Houston and Dallas toll roads.

Q18. Where can I apply for a job with the toll road system?

- A18. You may contact the Customer Service Center, 512.874.9000 to inquire about employment opportunities.

Questions About Other Area Toll Road Projects

Q19. Where can I find information on SH 130 Segments 5 and/or 6 (from US 183 to I-10 near Seguin)?

- A19. The TxDOT San Antonio District Office is managing the construction of SH 130 Segments 5 and 6. For more information on Segments 5 and 6, call or email Mr. Frank Holzmann with the TxDOT San Antonio District at: 1.210.403.4300 or email to: fholzma@dot.state.tx.us. There is also a website for this portion of SH 130, www.mysh130.com.

Q20. Where can I find information about the Trans-Texas Corridor?

- A20. Call the TTC information line at 1.877.872.6789 or visit the website, www.keeptexasmoving.org

Q21. Where can I find information about the SH 45SE project?

A21. Information on SH 45SE is available at the project website, www.sh45se.org. Construction of SH 45SE began in mid-July 2007 and is expected to be complete in the spring of 2009. Contact Bruce Merrill, TxDOT Austin District SH 45SE Project Engineer, 623-0456 or bmerril@dot.state.tx.us.

Miscellaneous

Q22. I was ticketed for speeding and am being charged a double fine because the officer says that I was in a construction zone with workers present. How can I verify whether or not workers were present?

A22. The road construction contractors maintain daily logs of activities at the construction site. Among other things, these documents record when workers were present at the work site. To obtain copies of the daily logs, you must submit a formal Open Records Request pursuant to the Texas Freedom of Information Act. Requests must be submitted in writing and clearly state the nature of the request. For daily logs, you will need to specify the date, time and location of the traffic citation. Open Records Requests must be submitted to Chris Bishop, TxDOT Austin District Open Records Coordinator. The mailing address is TxDOT Austin District, 7901 N. I-35, Austin, Tx, 78753. Open Records Requests may also be faxed to Mr. Bishop at 1.512.832.7080 or submitted via e-mail through the TxDOT website, www.dot.state.tx.us, using the website "Contact Us" feature. Phone requests and requests via e-mail addressed to an individual will not be accepted.

Helpful Websites

SH 130, SH 45N, Loop 1 (maps, financial info in the investor's section, photos, activity reports)	www.centraltexasturnpike.org
SH 130 Project Site for Segments 5 and 6	www.mysh130.com
SH 45SE (I-35 near Buda east to SH 130)	www.sh45se.org
183A (near Cedar Park)	www.ctrma.org
Trans-Texas Corridor	www.keeptexasmoving.org
TxDOT (includes traffic advisories in the Road Conditions Section)	www.dot.state.tx.us
TxTag (maps, open an account)	www.txtag.org

Phone Numbers

TxDOT Austin District Public Information Office	(512) 832-7000
Customer Service Center	1-888-GoTxTag (1-888-468-9824)
Bruce Merrill (SH 45SE)	(512) 523-0456