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LOWES BOULEVARD EXTENSION AND WELDON WAY OPEN

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): Motorists in Killeen now have new connections when travelling in the busy Trimmier commercial corridor. The Lowes Boulevard extension west to Florence Road and the new Weldon Way connector from Lowes Boulevard north to the Interstate 14 access road opened today.

Both roadways are segments of the multi-part Trimmier Road Widening Project. The approximately \$7 million infrastructure investment began with City Council's unanimous approval for funding June 24, 2014.

The first part of the project commenced in early 2015 when construction began on WS Young Drive in the area of Bacon Ranch Road. A curve in the road was straightened, and a break in the center turn lane was connected improving both visibility and mobility on the north-south thoroughfare. Work was completed in the spring of 2016.

The largest piece of the project is reconstruction of Trimmier Road from Jasper Drive to Elms Road. The stretch of road includes two schools, an interstate intersection, a large business corridor and a number of residential neighborhoods. Work began in January 2016 to widen Trimmier Road to five lanes to create a continuous center turn lane. The project scope also includes new sidewalks, signals and signage and improved intersections and business entrances.

In the coming months, the public can expect construction activities to continue along the entire Trimmier Road segment. Temporary business entrance closures are planned to improve ingress and egress and will be announced prior to their start. There will also be intermittent lane closures to accommodate paving and marking activities. Substantial completion is scheduled for late October.

The Lowes Boulevard extension and Weldon Way are the third part of the overall project. Work on both new roadways was completed simultaneously with the Trimmier segment. Their completion will provide alternative routes and serve to relieve congestion as Trimmier Road construction continues.

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