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I-37 LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED THROUGH EARLY NOVEMBER

Drivers should expect nighttime closures between Sharpsburg Road and US 77

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CORPUS CHRISTI – As part of the I-37 Nueces River Bridge Reconstruction Project, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) contractors will continue mainlane and ramp closures next week between Sharpsburg Road and the US 77 direct connector.

The night work will focus primarily on pavement work including seal coating the mainlanes and installing temporary pavement markers. Workers will also set concrete traffic barrier.

Closures will take place Sunday through Thursday nights from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., beginning Sunday (10/24) until further notice. Details include:

I-37 Northbound

- Alternating mainlane closure from the I-37/Ripple Road overpass to north of the US 77 northbound direct connector.
- Frontage road single lane closure from Ripple to the Nueces River.

I-37 Southbound

- Alternating mainlane closure from the southbound US 77 overpass exit to Ripple.
- Labonte Park exit ramp closure. Traffic may exit at Sharpsburg, use the turnaround and travel north to Labonte Park.
- Entrance ramp closure from Labonte Park. Drivers wishing to enter the southbound I-37 mainlanes from Labonte Park may use the entrance ramp after Redbird.
- Frontage road single lane closure from the Nueces River to Ripple.

I-37/US 77 Direct Connector

Alternating southbound US 77 lane closures to the southbound IH-37 direct connector.

Meanwhile, these long-term closures will continue:

Northbound I-37 Labonte Park exit ramp

The exit ramp will remain closed until the new <u>temporary exit ramp</u> opens at the end of the year. Northbound I-37 drivers may use the Redbird exit and northbound US 77 drivers may use the Sharpsburg exit instead.

US 77 Overpass at I-37

This overpass will remain closed for two years until the new bridge is constructed. Detour map attached.

- Southbound I-37 drivers wishing to access northbound US 77 will be detoured to the Cooper Road exit.
 Drivers will cross the County Road 1726 overpass, travel south on the northbound I-37 two-way frontage road, continue south to the US 77 intersection, and take a left to enter the northbound US 77 mainlanes.
- Northbound drivers on the southbound I-37 two-way frontage road wishing to access northbound US 77 will be detoured to the County Road 1726 overpass, cross the overpass, travel south on the northbound I-37 two-way frontage road to the US 77 intersection, and take a left to enter the northbound US 77 mainlanes.

All work is weather permitting. Lane closures are subject to change without notice. For more information on the I-37 Nueces River Reconstruction Project, motorists are encouraged to follow TxDOT Corpus Christi District's Twitter feed, <u>@TxDOT_Corpus</u>.

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