

DFW Connector Project work starting soon on highways near D/FW Airport

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Motorists may have a tough commute along State Highway 114 and State Highway 121, as a major road rebuilding project gets under way near the north entrance to [Dallas/Fort Worth International](#) Airport,

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Construction on the four-year, \$1.2 billion project starts Feb. 15. The Texas Department of Transportation has already placed "Work Zone" signs along the eight-mile stretch and reduced the speed limit from 60 mph to 50.

The DFW Connector Project, as it's known, will rebuild portions of four roadways, two interchanges and five bridges.

The improvements include expansion of the State Highway 114-State Highway 121 interchange; new frontage roads; and the addition of "managed lanes," where tolls will be charged, along Highway 114.

The project is a partnership between TxDOT and NorthGate Constructors.

Selma Stockstill, a spokesperson for NorthGate, said the construction will require periodic lane closures. However, she said, an eastbound lane closure today on Highway 114 is not related to the rebuilding project. Those closures should last through Wednesday, she said.

To shorten the design and construction periods for the project, work is proceeding at the same time on both state highways.

"The goal of the project is to improve safety and air quality," Stockstill said.