

Greetings,

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is pleased to share the southbound 183 Express Lanes, an integral connection between Cedar Park and Austin, will open on Feb. 28, 2026. This final phase will complete the rollout of the new 183 Express Lanes and further improve corridor connectivity and travel reliability for Central Texans.

The southbound opening offers drivers a fully completed express lane option for when they need it the most as they travel south toward downtown Austin from north Austin, Cedar Park, Leander and points farther north.

The express lanes will operate under variable toll pricing, similar to the pricing drivers are already familiar with on the MoPac Express Lane. The price drivers see on the signs before entering the express lanes is the price they will pay.

Drivers in the U.S. 183 non-tolled general-purpose lanes will have access to the same entrance and exit ramps between U.S. 183 and the frontage road as before, along with the added fourth non-tolled general-purpose lane between MoPac and SH 45 (funded by TxDOT), which the project opened in 2024. Prior to the express lanes opening, non-tolled traffic was shifted to the outside four lanes. The two new express lanes in the center of southbound U.S. 183 will be separated from non-tolled traffic by delineator posts. Barrels will block off the entrances to the new express lanes until the day they open.

The goal of this project is to improve mobility for drivers and pedestrians with both tolled and non-tolled infrastructure. The addition of express lanes allows for a mobility solution that helps ensure transit providers can operate reliably, and emergency responders can get to the scene of an emergency when time is of the essence. These services use the Mobility Authority's tolled facilities for free. Express lanes also offer the traveling public an option to bypass congestion for those times when they simply can't be late.

The Mobility Authority will be distributing educational materials to help drivers navigate the new express lanes and particularly the direct connector (DC) structure connecting the MoPac Express Lane with the 183 Express Lanes. Of note, drivers exiting the 183 Express Lanes have several options when traveling southbound:

- Stay in the right lane to continue southbound until the 183 Express Lanes merge into U.S. 183 to access Burnet Road, Payton Gin Road, Lamar Boulevard and Interstate 35.
- Stay in the left lane to access the direct connector to MoPac, which provides access to the MoPac Express Lane, as well the southbound collector-distributor (CD) road.
- To access the southbound MoPac Express Lane, drivers should stay in the left lane of the direct connector.
- Drivers on the direct connector will exit to the right to enter the collector-distributor road between the MoPac mainlanes and the MoPac frontage road. Drivers on the collector-distributor can bypass traffic lights at Steck Avenue and Spicewood Springs Road, similar to the Steck Bypass along northbound MoPac. The collector-distributor road will merge onto the southbound MoPac frontage road just south of the Spicewood Springs overpass. Drivers will then be able to continue on MoPac frontage road or enter the MoPac general purpose lanes via the ramp just north of Far West Blvd.

There are still ongoing lane closures for work that will happen as a part of the 183 North Mobility Project.

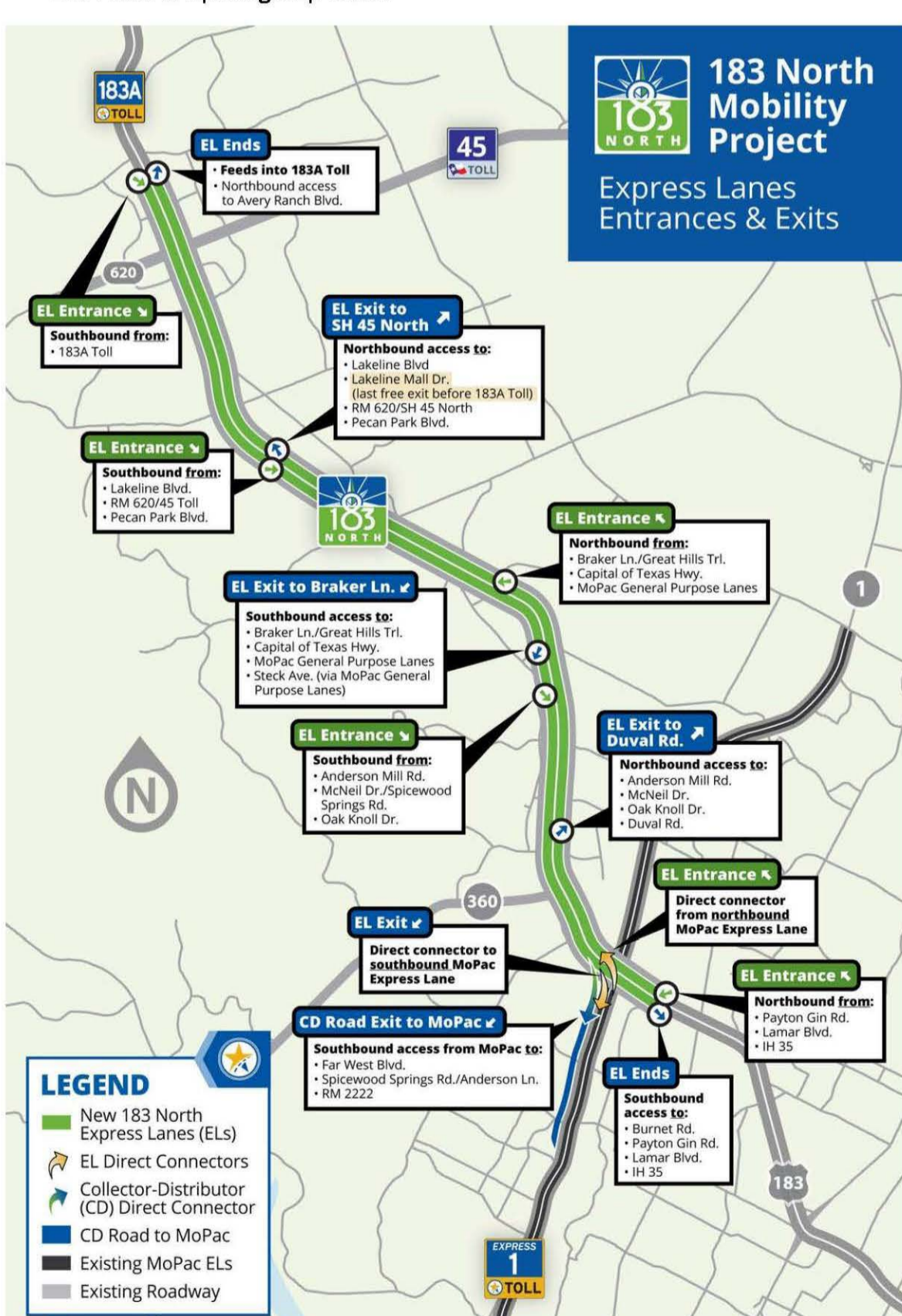
Upcoming lane closures and project updates, as well as express lane opening educational materials can be found on the project's website. You can also follow the project via Twitter/X @183North.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the express lanes opening or the project.

Sincerely,

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See Phase III Opening Map below:



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Tour the Corridor

Curious what the project will look like once complete? Watch a video to get a bird's eye view.



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