



To minimize traffic disruption and keep Houstonians informed, Uptown Houston is working closely with TxDOT and HCTRA and implementing its own traffic/construction management and public information programs.

With all of Uptown Houston's strengths, it also faces challenges – mobility and traffic. The good news is that plans are in place, funding is secured and construction has already begun to improve accessibility in three critical areas – the West Loop, the Westpark Tollway and a \$235 million Uptown Local Street Improvement Program. Regional improvements combined with local mobility improvements will provide commuters with "More Lanes, More Choices," making Uptown Houston the most accessible and convenient location in the city.

THE NEW WEST LOOP

- TxDOT has committed to maintaining the same number of main lanes and current entrances and exits.
- TxDOT's reconstruction of the West Loop is scheduled for completion in 2007.
- While improvements will result in a 25 percent increase in lane miles, traffic benefit is far greater because capacity is being added where it counts – at the bottlenecks like the West Loop and US 59 and the West Loop and I-10.
- The reconstruction includes the renovation of the existing roadway, the addition of new entrances and exits, as well as the creation of HOT LINKS.
- These new HOT LINKS provide direct and exclusive access into and out of Uptown Houston.
- Other positive improvements include continuous West Loop frontage roads under US 59 and direct access to the new Westpark Tollway.

THE NEW WESTPARK TOLLWAY

- Harris County Toll Road Authority's (HCTRA) new Westpark Tollway will extend from the intersection of Post Oak Boulevard and Richmond in Uptown Houston west to Hwy. 6.
- The new toll road will be approximately 12 miles long and will be completed first quarter 2004.
- The first phase of construction from Post Oak Boulevard at Richmond to just west of US 59 has already begun (June 2001).
- The new toll road will provide convenient direct access into and out of Uptown Houston via Post Oak Boulevard as well as from numerous communities in west Houston via the Sam Houston Toll Road, Grand Parkway and US 59.

UPTOWN LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- Uptown Houston's \$235 million local street improvement program is already underway, working to ease congestion and increase traffic flow in the area.
- Uptown Houston is working to improve major thoroughfares including Westheimer, San Felipe, Post Oak Boulevard, Richmond, Sage and Chimney Rock.
- In fact, work is underway on the first phase of the reconstruction of San Felipe from Yorktown to Sage Road. It is scheduled for completion May 2002.
- In addition, streets will be rebuilt and replaced and many of the less traveled roads will be improved, expanded and interconnected with major arteries to increase traffic flow.
- More sidewalks and walkways will be added to connect neighborhoods to office and retail locations.

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