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**UPTOWN HOUSTON & TXDOT TO UNVEIL HOUSTON'S FIRST  
WEST LOOP HOT LINK – A SUPER RAMP TO THE SUPER BOWL**

**WHAT:** Today at 11:30 a.m., the Uptown Houston District and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will unveil one of Houston's greatest mobility breakthroughs since the original construction of IH 610-West Loop.

Join Mayor Bill White, State Representative Beverly Woolley, Gary Triesch, TxDOT District Engineer, the Uptown Houston Board and various public officials on the **Super Ramp to the Super Bowl** and be the first to drive and experience Uptown Houston's first West Loop **HOT LINK** that provides commuters a direct, exclusive route out of Uptown, without having to get onto the West Loop main lanes.

The event will begin with a welcome from public officials and will be followed by a brief information session, detailing current and upcoming mobility improvements in and around Uptown. The event will culminate with interviews and an opportunity to drive the **Super Ramp**.

The **Super Ramp** is the new Westheimer and West Alabama entrance to the West Loop that bypasses the 610/59 Interchange and easily guides commuters to north- and southbound US 59-Southwest Freeway and onto the southbound IH 610-West Loop main lanes. The new ramp will officially open to the public on Saturday, January 24.

**WHEN:** **TODAY, Friday, Jan. 23, 2004**  
11 a.m. – Media arrival time  
11:30 a.m. – **Super Ramp** unveiling

**WHERE/  
DIRECTIONS:**

To get to the **Super Ramp**:

- ◆ Traveling southbound on IH 610-West Loop, take the San Felipe/Westheimer exit to access the southbound West Loop frontage road.
- ◆ Stay on the southbound frontage road until you reach the base of the **Super Ramp**, which is located on the frontage road just before the Hidalgo turn.

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- ◆ Present media credentials to the Uptown representative at the base of the ramp who will then escort you to the kick-off area.

### **SUPER RAMP FUN FACTS:**

- ◆ The **Super Ramp** cost \$8.1 million to build.
- ◆ 4.4 million pounds of steel beams support the **Super Ramp**.
- ◆ The **Super Ramp** is 2202 feet long, or .4 of a mile.
- ◆ The highest point on the **Super Ramp** measures 132 feet tall, a mere 33 feet shorter than the Houston Ship Channel Bridge.
- ◆ The 610/59 Interchange is the most heavily traveled interchange in Texas with more than 630,000 vehicles traveling through it daily.

### **WHAT ELSE:**

This **HOT LINK** is part of the \$225 million reconstruction of the West Loop, which includes the renovation of the existing roadway and the addition of new entrances and exits. For more information, visit Uptown Houston's Web site at [www.uptown-houston.com](http://www.uptown-houston.com).

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