



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SH 288 Major Construction Alert** *The Drive288 Project is implementing big changes for the commuting public*

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Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT), Blueridge Transportation Group, and Alameda-Genoa Constructors are pleased to announce a milestone has been reached: the opening of the newly-constructed direct connectors on the SH 288 Managed Lanes Project. On Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the direct connectors taking drivers from IH 610 Eastbound to SH 288 Northbound, as well as IH 610 Westbound to SH 288 Southbound will be in use.

The opening of these new Connectors necessitates the demolition of the previously-driven Connector Ramps. As a result, on August 17, 2018, Alameda-Genoa Constructors will implement a series of total lane closures to support multifaceted construction efforts of Drive288, the SH 288 managed lanes construction project. Occurring on various weekends over the summer months, the total closures are needed to provide contractors with safe and adequate space and time to complete scheduled work, while simultaneously minimizing traffic flow impacts during the work week for the commuting public.

A full listing of the scheduled closures is provided below. High-resolution maps of the designated detours can be accessed online at [Drive288.com/media](http://Drive288.com/media). *All dates are subject to change and construction work could be postponed due to inclement weather.*

#### **CLOSURE #1:**

**All lanes** of SH 288 Northbound and Southbound will be closed from Holly Hall St to IH 610. The mainlanes will be **continuously** closed on the following dates:

- From **Fri**, 8/17/18 at 9pm – **Sat**, 8/18/18 at 12pm, **Sun** morning, 8/19/18 at 12am – **Mon** morning, 8/20/18 at 5am
- From **Fri**, 8/24/18 at 9pm – **Mon** morning, 8/27/18 at 5am
- From **Fri**, 9/7/18 at 9pm – **Mon** morning, 9/10/18 at 5am

**CLOSURE #1 Detours:**

**Northbound Traffic:** Take SH 288 Northbound to IH 610 Eastbound. Exit Scott St and U-Turn to the IH 610 Westbound ramp. Take IH 610 Westbound to SH 288 Northbound.

**Southbound Traffic:** Take SH 288 Southbound to IH 610 Westbound. Exit Fannin St and U-Turn to the IH 610 Eastbound ramp. Take IH 610 Eastbound to SH 288 Southbound.

**CLOSURE #2**

**All lanes** of IH 610 Eastbound and Westbound will be closed from Scott St to Alameda Rd. The mainlanes will be **continuously** closed on the following dates:

- From **Fri**, 8/17/18 at 9pm – **Sat**, 8/18/18 at 12pm, **Sun** morning, 8/19/18 at 12am – **Mon** morning, 8/20/18 at 5am
- From **Fri**, 8/24/18 at 9pm – **Mon** morning, 8/27/18 at 5am
- From **Fri**, 9/7/18 at 9pm – **Mon** morning, 9/10/18 at 5am

**CLOSURE #2 Detours:**

**Eastbound Traffic:** Take IH 610 Eastbound to SH 288 Southbound. Exit Belfort Ave and U-Turn to the SH 288 Northbound ramp. Take SH 288 Northbound to IH 610 Eastbound.

**Westbound Traffic:** Take IH 610 Westbound to SH 288 Northbound. Exit Yellowstone and U-Turn to the SH 288 Southbound ramp. Take SH 288 Southbound to IH 610 Westbound.

**CLOSURE #3**

The SH 288 Northbound **direct connector** to IH 610 Westbound will be closed. The mainlanes will be **continuously** closed on the following dates:

- From **Fri**, 8/17/18 at 9pm – **Sat**, 8/18/18 at 12pm, **Sun** morning, 8/19/18 at 12am – **Mon** morning, 8/20/18 at 5am
- From **Fri**, 8/24/18 at 9pm – **Mon** morning, 8/27/18 at 5am
- From **Fri**, 9/7/18 at 9pm – **Mon** morning, 9/10/18 at 5am

**CLOSURE #3 Detour:**

Take SH 288 Northbound to IH 610 Eastbound. Exit Scott St and U-Turn to the IH 610 Westbound ramp.

#### **CLOSURE #4**

The SH 288 Southbound **direct connector** to IH 610 Eastbound will be closed. The mainlanes will be **continuously** closed on the following dates:

- From **Fri**, 8/17/18 at 9pm – **Sat**, 8/18/18 at 12pm, **Sun** morning, 8/19/18 at 12am – **Mon** morning, 8/20/18 at 5am
- From **Fri**, 8/24/18 at 9pm – **Mon** morning, 8/27/18 at 5am
- From **Fri**, 9/7/18 at 9pm – **Mon** morning, 9/10/18 at 5am

#### **CLOSURE #4 Detour:**

*Take SH 288 Southbound to IH 610 Westbound. Exit Fannin St and U-Turn to the IH 610 Eastbound ramp.*

Drive288 is committed to keeping the community informed about their usual commuting route throughout the duration of this project and stresses that travelers **#KnowBeforeYouGo**. Travelers of the IH-610/SH 288 interchange should anticipate delays.

Interested parties can visit [Drive288.com](http://Drive288.com), subscribe to email updates or text message alerts, and follow the project on social media to find more information about the project and information about upcoming lane closures or traffic alerts.

For more information, please visit [drive288.com/sh-288-ih-610-alert](http://drive288.com/sh-288-ih-610-alert).

#### **About Almeda-Genoa Constructors**

Almeda-Genoa Constructors (AGC) is a fully integrated joint venture between Dragados USA, Pulice Construction, and Shikun & Binui America. The AGC team members employ over 1,000 professional staff and over 2,000 craft personnel in North America and have nearly 20,000 employees worldwide. In addition, AGC has integrated well-respected Texas and local firms to perform key elements of the work.

#### **About Blueridge Transportation Group**

Blueridge Transportation Group (BTG) was formed to deliver the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of the SH 288 project. BTG is a preeminent group of worldwide and local companies with proven performance delivering large-scale P3 transportation projects. Find out more about BTG's Drive288 project at [Drive288.com](http://Drive288.com).

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