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HOUSTON DISTRICT

NEW SECTION OF SH 249 NOW OPEN FOR DRIVERS

SH 249 from FM 1488 to FM 1774 is now open

March 26, 2021

A new 8.4-mile section of the SH 249 extension project, Section 1B of Segment 1, is now open to the public as of March 26, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. Section 1B stretches from FM 1488 in Magnolia to FM 1774 in Plantersville near Todd Mission and is a controlled-access tollway with intermittent frontage roads. Tolling will begin immediately upon opening the new section.

Section 1B is part of the larger \$766.5 million SH 249 Extension Project. Once complete, the new highway will cross through Montgomery and Grimes counties and offer approximately 26 miles of new roadway from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to SH 105 near Navasota. The project has been funded through a combination of federal, state and local government funds and bond proceeds.

Segment 2 design and land clearing activities began in November 2018 and this segment is scheduled to open to the public in the winter of 2023. Segment 2 will extend from FM 1774 in Plantersville near Todd Mission to SH 105 near Navasota in Grimes County. Section 1A opened to the public on August 8, 2020 and is a controlled-access tollway with intermittent frontage roads that stretches from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1488 in Magnolia.

The SH 249 Extension Project is being built to provide a safer and more reliable corridor for the public by linking suburban communities with major roadways. The project is expected to have a lasting impact and enhance the community's ability to access regional destinations.

For more details on the project, visit <https://txsh249.com>, and follow the project on Facebook and Twitter at @TXSH249. For additional information, please contact the SH 249 Project Public Information Team at info@TXSH249.com. Follow TxDOT on Twitter @TxDOThouston.

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