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## **South Colony Overpass now open**

THE COLONY, Texas — Phase 1 construction of an overpass spanning the Sam Rayburn Tollway at South Colony Boulevard has been completed. In cooperation with our partners at the North Texas Tollway Authority, the City of The Colony is pleased to announce that the overpass opened to traffic on March 2.

Phase 1 of the project included modifications to the northbound and southbound frontage roads, installation of new elevated ramps on the frontage roads, connections to the diverging diamond interchange on the Grandscape property, and a traffic signal on the overpass itself.

The \$25 million project began in August 2013 and is being completed on schedule. Funding for the project was made by Denton County through the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the city via Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1. It is the only project of its kind in the NTTA system, in which a partner municipality has taken sole responsibility for making substantial improvements to the roadways.

City Manager Troy Powell said completion of Phase 1 represents a milestone in both the Grandscape development and the city's overall transportation infrastructure.

“We very much appreciate all the patience our residents and business partners have shown during this project as well as other road construction projects ongoing in the city,” he said. “With Phase 1 of the overpass complete, both residents and visitors alike will now enjoy unique access to the Grandscape development and other thoroughfares on the south side of the city.”

Phase 2 of the project, which is scheduled to begin in March, will consist of ramps connecting South Colony Boulevard to the new overpass. It is scheduled to be completed by the fall.

For more information about this project and other road construction projects in the city, please contact Director of Government Relations Brant Shallenburger at 972-624-3108.

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