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City of Dallas Trinity River Corridor Project



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## **De-Acceleration Lane scheduled to open at Trinity River Audubon Center; The new lane will improve traffic flow and is set for completion next month**

**Dallas, TX, October 8, 2009** - A new de-acceleration lane is under construction on Loop 12 East at the entrance to the access road leading to the Trinity River Audubon Center. The 450-foot long lane will help improve traffic flow for drivers approaching the center.

When it is complete, the new lane will be a visual signal for drivers to slow down and move to the right lane for turning into the center. It also increases the turning radius of the roadway from 30 feet to 45 feet to better accommodate buses and larger vehicles. Construction is being handled by the City of Dallas Streets Department for the Trinity River Corridor Project in conjunction with City of Dallas Park and Recreation. Completion is scheduled for early November.

The Trinity River Audubon Center is holding their anniversary celebration this weekend. "Yes, look who's turning one," said Trinity River Audubon Center director Chris Culak. "We're excited about this celebration and our first year in operation. This first Nature Fest event is all about connecting people to nature through art and exploration and everyone is invited," he said. The construction at the entrance is obvious from the eastbound approach, but signs will be posted to direct visitors.

Admission is free to Nature Fest and on-site parking is available for \$5. Free parking is available outside of the grounds area with shuttle service provided. The event will be Oct. 10-11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call (214) 398-8722.

### **About the Trinity River Corridor Project:**

The projected \$2.5 billion Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest and most complex public works and urban development project undertaken by the City of Dallas, and is first and foremost a flood protection solution and one of the largest of its type in the nation. The project consists of five major components: flood protection, transportation, recreation, environment management, and business development. The Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, designed by internationally known architect Santiago Calatrava, is under construction and will be completed in 2011. A second Calatrava designed bridge, the Margaret McDermott Bridge (IH-30), is planned for a later date. The Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC), a flagship location for the Texas Audubon Society, is a beautiful teaching and recreational site in the Great Trinity Forest. Gateway Parks, such as Moore Park Gateway, are under renovation, and others are being designed. More than 10 miles of new trails have been completed along with the 70-acre Lower Chain of Wetlands. For project updates and to watch the bridge progress, visit: [www.trinityrivercorridor.org](http://www.trinityrivercorridor.org).

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