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Due to the EXTREME HEAT conditions, the northern section of the FM 740 road expansion project has some construction delays. Concrete cannot be poured above a determined temperature and other conditions and still meet TxDOT standards. TXDOT is seeking waivers from both the City of Rockwall and the City of Heath from their noise ordinances in order to pour concrete during the hours from approximately 9 P.M. to 6 A.M.. Ed Bell Construction estimates that it will take several days to make the first planned concrete pour for FM 740, and then another similar pour to follow. Karl Butler, Ed Bell Co. states, "The process will take 3 to 5 days for the 1st 12.5 foot slip and then we have to wait for concrete strength to get the paver on the 1st placement in order to do the 2nd. We will then do the 2nd and again will take 3 to 5 days and then will follow in with intersections, side streets and leave outs."

Click on the below address to go straight to the TxDOT website for updates on FM 740 or other road construction projects:

http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps/project_tracker/projectdetails.htm?projid=101403039&dist=Dallas

for all Rockwall County TxDOT Projects:

http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps/project_tracker/projects.htm?view=cnty&dist=Dallas&cnty=Rockwall

If you have difficulty reaching this page directly, the below instructions will take you to the site:

Here is information on how to access general project information on the TxDOT website:

1. Log on to www.txdot.gov
2. From the far left column, select "Projects"
3. From the icons displayed in the middle, select the top left icon titled "Project Tracker"
4. Select "Come on in" at the bottom of the display page
5. Use the drop-down box to select a county, and enter "Rockwall"
6. Scroll down about mid-way to select the FM 740 project (click on the blue project ID numbers to access the information)
7. This will bring up the project information