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FM 550 Bridges Get Needed Upgrades

A one-year bridge replacement project for three outdated bridges expedited

ROCKWALL — New construction zone signs have now sprung up at three locations on FM 550 indicating the beginning of a project to construct replacement bridges at Buffalo Creek, Long Branch Creek and Brushy Creek in southern Rockwall County between FM 740 and SH 205.

Only two of the bridges will be completely closed during construction. The bridge at Brushy Creek, southwest of SH 205 will close beginning January 7, 2013, for an estimated six months. After local schools are out this summer, construction will begin on the Buffalo Creek bridge east of FM 740 and it will be closed through November. The bridge at Long Branch Creek, located almost midway between SH 205 and FM 740, will not be closed during construction. The closing of the bridges, and the decision to allow a six-day work week for the contractor will expedite construction on all three bridges so that the project will be near completion in about a year.

SH 205 and FM 549 will be used to detour the closed sections of FM 550. Signs will be posted and clearly marked to direct traffic.

The \$2.5 million project was awarded to Ed Bell Construction Company.

This project was scheduled and phased for the least possible disruption of traffic flow.

TxDOT would like to thank area drivers for their patience and cooperation as crews work diligently to complete this vital project as soon, and as safely, as possible.

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