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Night Road Closures on Toll 49 for Road Enhancements

(Tyler, TX) –North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) is informing motorists to be aware that starting Wednesday, August 13, Toll 49 will be closed at night from I-20, south five miles to CR 1150 for major road enhancements. The closure will be from 9 PM to 6:30 AM Mondays through Saturdays during the month of August and a few weeks into September.

The agency is requesting travelers find alternative routes during that time frame.

“NET RMA is proud to be making these enhancements,” said Glenn H. Green, NET RMA Executive Director. “The material we are using, SuperPave, is a high performance-grade asphalt that will not only add strength, it also provides a smooth, quiet roadway for our customers. This is a new, highly skid-resistant surface that will last for years.”

The agency contracted the work out to Drewery Construction who will work through the overnight hours to minimize disruptions to the public. The contractors will utilize specialized paving equipment that makes it possible to perform two processes at once and reduce the amount of time it will take to complete the enhancements.

Mark McClanahan, Director of Maintenance for NET RMA said, “Since traffic is minimal, closing portions of the tollway at night allows construction to be performed in the safest manner, with no traffic driving through the operation and no additional logistics to handle.”

The closures are expected to last approximately eight weeks.

Motorists can stay updated on closures and road conditions by visiting NETRMA.org/projects/current and upcoming road enhancements. People can also sign up for text alerts by texting Toll49 to 444222 for the latest updates regarding closures and delays on Toll 49.

About the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate the development of transportation projects in North East Texas. Our mission is to implement transportation solutions that will enhance the quality of life and the economic environment in our area. The NET RMA is governed by a 21-member board of directors that represent each of the member counties: Bowie, Kaufman, Cass, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Wood and Van Zandt. Texas RMAs were made possible through an initiative passed by the State Legislature in 2001. The NET RMA was established in October 2004. For more information visit, NETRMA.org.

