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Press Release

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Beginning on Monday February 25, 2013, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will close the on and off ramps on the north side of the I-35 and Main Street Interchange for three to six weeks. The closure will allow the contractor to tie in the new ramps on the north side of the interchange with I-35. After the current work on the new ramps is complete in approximately three to six weeks, ODOT will reopen the ramps to traffic on the north side of the interchange. **Closure of the existing ramps at this time will allow the contractor to remain ahead of schedule and may contribute to the early completion of the project in December 2013. The current ODOT construction contract provides incentive pay to the contractor for early completion of the project.** The recommended detour routes are as follow:

- Northbound I-35 to Main Street
Westbound Main Street: Exit I-35 at Lindsey Street and use 36th Avenue SW to Main Street.
- Southbound I-35 to Main Street
Westbound Main Street: Exit I-35 at Robinson Street and use 24th Avenue NW to Main Street.
Eastbound Main Street: Exit I-35 at Robinson Street and use 36th Avenue NW to Main Street.
- Westbound Main Street to I-35
Southbound I-35: Use 24th Avenue SW to Lindsey Street to access I-35.
Northbound I-35: Use 24th Avenue NW to Robinson Street to access I-35.
- Eastbound Main Street to I-35
Northbound I-35: Use 36th Avenue NW to Robinson Street to access I-35.

The eastbound Main Street to southbound I-35 and the northbound I-35 to eastbound Main Street ramps will remain open at the current time.

Construction on the I-35/Main Street Interchange Project began on Monday, January 7, 2013. This is a \$30 million construction project awarded to a joint venture of Allen Contracting and Manhattan Road and Bridge of Oklahoma City. The project has an estimated completion date of March 2014. The construction contract allows the contractor to earn early completion

incentive pay at \$15,000 a day with a maximum of 100 days. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is administering the construction of this project.

The project involves the following construction elements:

- Replace the existing Main Street Bridge and interchange with a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI). The SPUI will include longer on and off ramps at I-35 and a wider Main Street Bridge. The SPUI will allow large volumes of traffic to negotiate the area using a single set of traffic lights mounted at the center of the bridge. This is the second SPUI interchange in the State of Oklahoma; the first SPUI was constructed at I-40 and Morgan Road in 2012.
- Widen I-35, one half mile north and south of Main Street, from four to six lanes
- Widen Main Street over I-35 from four lanes to six lanes

Additional questions may be directed to Mr. John Clink, Capital Projects Manager, City of Norman, Department of Public Works, at 366-5424.