



With the Major Road Closures this Weekend on US 281; Airport Passengers Urged to use Alternates Routes, Allow Extra Travel Time to the Airport

San Antonio, TX (June 26, 2014)— With the anticipated road closure of US 281, Airport passengers flying out this weekend are urged to use alternate routes and allow extra travel time to the airport. Southbound main lanes, northbound main lanes, and northbound frontage road closures begin Friday night with main lanes expected to reopen Sunday, while frontage road to reopen on Monday.

Airport Officials urge travelers to use alternate routes or TXDOT'S suggested routes on navigating the area. **Which either route is taken, travelers will need to allow for more travel time to ensure they make their flight on time.**

Southbound US 281 main lanes

Exit Bitters Road, then go through the intersections at Bitters Road and at Nakoma drive – then reenter the highway. There will only be one lane entering the highway after Nakoma, so motorist should anticipate huge backups. ***A better way: Try I-35, Blanco Road or Nacogdoches.***

Southbound US 281 frontage road

No change in terms of route ... but with some 100,000 cars moving through the area each day, backups on feeder roads like Bitters and Interpark should be expected. ***A better way: Try West Avenue to Wurzbach Parkway, then get on Bitters Road.***

Northbound US 281 main lanes

Traffic will exit Nakoma Drive and follow the posted detour route. That route includes Nakoma Drive, Jones-Maltsberger and Bitters Road. These roads are all controlled by traffic signals, and the traffic volumes will be overwhelming. ***A better way: Try Nacogdoches, Blanco Road or I-35.***

Northbound US 281 frontage road

This is the closure that makes the main lane closure tricky with the usual 100,000 cars each day. All those cars - and all those that would be on the frontage road - will be using the side streets. The frontage road will be closed, particularly at the point Wurzbach crosses (or will cross) US 281.

A better way: Nacogdoches or Blanco Road.

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