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## TxDOT begins utility & construction work on Avasolo/FM 755 project in Starr County

Starr County - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Pharr District will begin putting up barricades and utility work for the Avasolo Street/FM 755 (Flores Street) project in Rio Grande City on Thursday, October 15, 2009. TxDOT will be converting Avasolo Street and FM 755 in Rio Grande City into a one way pair from US 83 to Los Olmos Bridge.

FM 755 traffic will be converted to southbound traffic and Avasolo Street will carry the northbound traffic. Foremost Paving of Weslaco is the lead contractor for the \$1.3 million dollar project. Utility adjustments work will need to be completed before the actual road construction can begin. The 1 mile project received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and actual construction work is expected to take approximately 14 months to complete construction.

Each roadway will include two travel lanes in each direction with underground storm sewer drainage systems, six foot sidewalks and improvements to the existing bus routes.

"The proposed roadway will provide safer mobility for the traveling public" says Eduardo Gracia, Jr., P.E., Hebbronville Area Engineer. "This project was a coordinated effort with the City of Rio Grande City and would not have been possible without the ARRA funding" says Gracia. For additional Avasolo Street project information or a project location map, visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and select "Project Tracker", Starr County and Project ID # 092126015.

TxDOT advises motorists to observe and obey all posted warning, construction, detour and speed limit signs.

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