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# Road Reconstruction on US-81, in Republic County Update

**A road reconstruction project on US-81 in Republic County that began Monday, April 18, 2016 has progressed to the point when traffic is being switched to a head to head configuration today.** The project begins 8 miles north of the Cloud/Republic County line then north to a point 1 mile north of the US-81/US-36 Interchange. Construction involves removing the existing concrete down to the base material and replacing it with new concrete.

Head to head traffic within the work zone will be reduced to one 12" lane in each direction. The US-81/US36 interchange ramps are being closed. All traffic wanting to transfer from one Federal highway to the other will be detoured onto 160 Rd, approximately ¼ mile west of the interchange. Plans call for the project to be completed by Dec. 30, 2016 weather permitting.

The purpose of the project is to improve ride quality and extend the life of the highway.

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