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Street widening of the Sam Houston Parkway in both directions between I-45 and Hardy Toll Road is expected to begin in the near future. When completed, the TXDOT road widening project will provide more spacious roadways and improve mobility along the corridor, which is one of the area's most highly-traveled roadways. The project is expected to take approximately two years to complete.



The project is comprised of two components. The first is widening the main lanes by adding two lanes at the Imperial Valley bridge, as well as re-striping the remaining roadway to accommodate five lanes of traffic. The second component is reconstruction and expansion of the frontage roads, widening them from two lanes to three lanes.

“Commuters are currently experiencing the initial impact of this project due to the relocation of multiple utilities to prepare for construction, including the gas, water and fiber optic cables in the area,” said Bart Baker, Greenspoint District vice president of Planning, Operations & Infrastructure. “Lane closures for utility relocations began in September, and the construction schedule is being finalized at this time.

“Work on widening the main lanes of I-45 will take place first, and there are not expected to be major lane closures during this phase of construction,” said Baker. “The expansion of the frontage roads will follow, with some lane closures expected. The Greenspoint District is already working actively with the City and TXDOT to establish alternate routes and detours to minimize inconveniences to area motorists.”

When completed, the new road infrastructure will include new sidewalks, new storm drainage system and other amenities. Baker noted that the project is a collaborative effort between the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) and TXDOT.

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Patrons of the new Vincenzo's Italian Grill in Greenspoint are enjoying excellent food, elegant décor and relaxed atmosphere. Vincenzo's opened last month serving fine Italian cuisine at lunch and dinner, with dining and dancing to live music at the piano bar on weekends. It is located on the I-45 northbound frontage road just north of Greens Road.



The restaurant's Chef Benoit graduated from culinary school in France and has worked in various South Texas dining establishments including the former Hotel Sofitel. The menu focuses on Italian appetizers, entrees and desserts; hand-made pizzas with all fresh ingredients; and a full-service bar.

Locally owned and operated, the restaurant's interior décor includes stained glass windows, dark, rich hardwoods, a hammered tin roof and a grand piano. "Our vision for the restaurant is to create a relaxing atmosphere where diners can enjoy a delicious meal or cocktail hour," says Manager John Karklin. "We also are ready to host holiday parties, corporate events and wedding receptions. Fine dining is our specialty."

Vincenzo's also offers catering, take-out and delivery to hotels and offices in the Greenspoint area.

Vincenzo's Italian Grill is open from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. daily at 12510 North Freeway, Houston, TX 77060. Tel: 281-877-7778. Website: vincenzositaliangrill.com.

We encourage you to experience Vincenzo's and all Greenspoint's eateries.

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