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**Wire Cable System Coming to Parts of Interstate  
 30**

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A number of head on collisions in North East Texas is prompting highway officials into action. In about a month, the Texas department of transportation will begin installing a new safety cable system in the median of Interstate 30.

The safety cable system has three to four strands of 3/4 inch high tension cable that are supported by metal posts.

The cables are suspended up to 30 inches above the ground and are intended to catch vehicles in the median before they go into on-coming traffic.

The cable will stretch from the Arkansas state line to highway 98 in New Boston.

All of Titus county will receive the new divider.

Texas Department engineer Lance Simmons says it will drastically reduce the number of crossover accidents.

The cable system has several advantages over the more common concrete barrier.

The biggest advantage is cost-concrete barriers can cost more than twice as much.

The project is set to begin in September and will take three years to complete.

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