

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION















PUBLIC HEARING DECK PLAZA PROJECT

From Marsalis Avenue to Ewing Avenue City of Dallas Dallas County, Texas



CSJ: 0918-47-177 Tuesday, April 25, 2017

ELECTED & PUBLIC OFFICIALS

DISTRICT & AGENCY STAFF

CONSULTANTS

Public Hearing Purpose

- 1. Inform the public of project status and present recommendations
- 2. Describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected
- 3. Provide the public the opportunity to provide input
- 4. Develop a record of public participation

Public Hearing Agenda



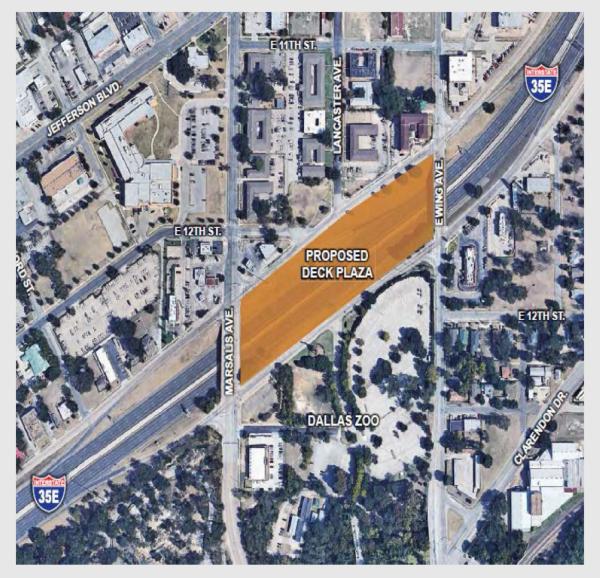
20 Minute Recess - Questions

4 Public Comments Mo Bur, P.E.

Project Information may be viewed at:

- TxDOT Dallas District Office 4777 East Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150
- Project information is also posted at:
 - -www.keepitmovingdallas.com/
 - Under "Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting"

Project Location, Need and Purpose



PROJECT LIMITS

 I-35E (South R.L. Thornton Freeway): from Marsalis Avenue to Ewing Avenue (0.2 mile)

NEED FOR PROJECT

 To improve east and west connectivity along I-35E between Marsalis Avenue and Ewing Avenue

PROJECT PURPOSE

The construction of the deck plaza would allow the City of Dallas to:

- provide an enhancement to reconnect the community;
- encourage economic development opportunities in the area; and,
- improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity

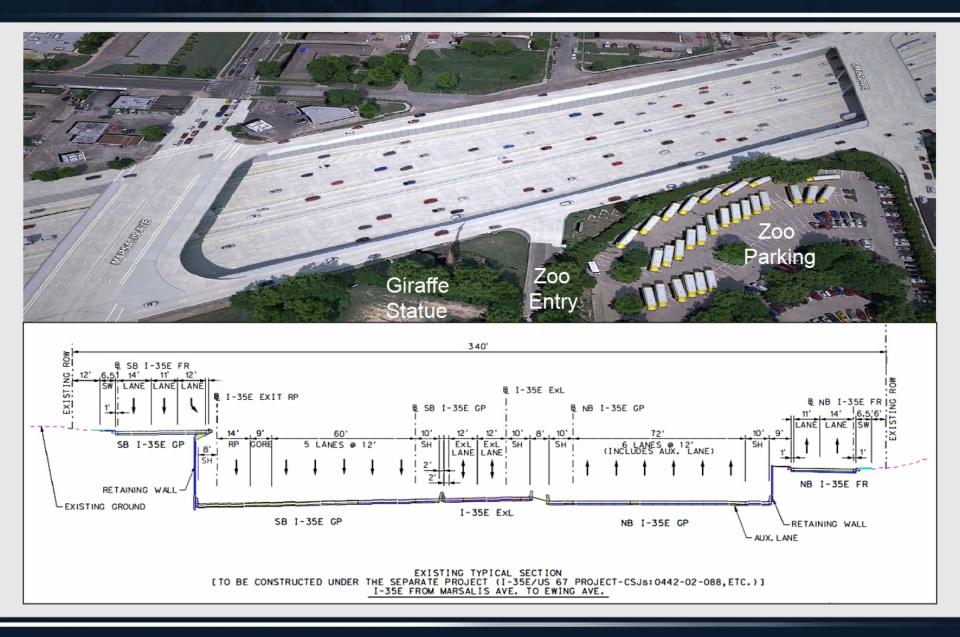
Project History

- The City of Dallas identified four options (locations) for the construction of a proposed deck plaza over the I-35E freeway: Option A – Marsalis Avenue to Ewing Avenue; Option B – Beckley Avenue to 12th Street; Option C – Ewing Avenue to Upton Street; and, Option D - Overton Road to just north of Overton Road.
- At the request of the City of Dallas, TxDOT assisted in evaluating the feasibility of constructing a potential deck plaza for each of the four locations identified within the existing right-of-way footprint of I-35E (over the freeway lanes).
- On June 22, 2016, the Dallas City Council approved Resolution No. 161128 supporting a deck over I-35E from Marsalis Avenue to Ewing Avenue as the site for the future deck plaza.
- Further planning would be required by the City of Dallas to finalize the design, amenities, aesthetics, and costs for construction, operations, and maintenance for the deck plaza.
- If built, the proposed deck plaza would be owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Dallas.
- The construction of the deck would also require an agreement and commitment with the City of Dallas to operate and maintain the deck plaza.
- Actual construction scope of the project will be determined by the City of Dallas after environmental review process is complete and environmental clearance is obtained.

Existing I-35E Facility within the Project Area



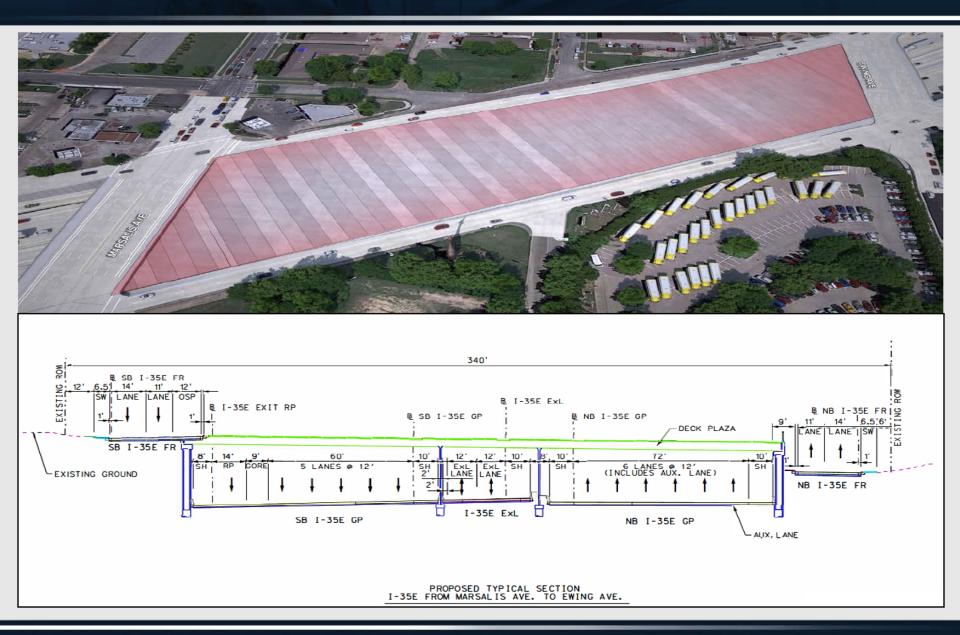
I-35E Facility Prior to Construction of the Deck – Aerial View & Typical Section



Project Location – Bird's Eye View



Proposed Deck Plaza Facility - Aerial View of Completed Deck & Typical Section



Future City of Dallas Deck Plaza Concept



- Underground and overhead utilities
 - Adjustments and relocations may be required prior to and during construction of the proposed project
 - No substantial interruptions are anticipated

Current Let Date:July 2017

- Construction Duration:Approximately 2 years
 - May extend longer due to phasing
- Deck Plaza Structure Cost: \$100 Million
 Partially Funded
 - Remaining Funds Locally Funded By The City of Dallas
- Cost of the amenities to be constructed are dependent on the final concept developed by the City of Dallas.

Review and Approval of Environmental Document

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ADDRESSED

Archeological Resources

Historic Resources

Community Cohesion

Environmental Justice

Visual/Aesthetic

Traffic Noise

Construction Impacts

Wildlife Resources

Waters of the U.S./Wetlands

Water Quality

Air Quality

Hazardous Materials

Environmental Review (continued)

Historic Properties

- No properties eligible for National Register affected
- TxDOT historian determined project activities have no potential for effects. Individual project coordination with SHPO is not required

Waters of the U.S.

- The project does not cross any waters of the U.S. or any jurisdictional wetlands that are regulated by the Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE).
- No Permitting of work proposed would be required under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Construction Impacts

- Temporary roadway closures and detours; major traffic disruptions not anticipated.
- Potential localized air quality impacts minimized using fugitive dust control measures.
- Temporary impacts outweighed by the overall benefit of the project.

Community

- Benefit from improved connectivity.
- Accommodate enhanced bicycle and pedestrian access to adjacent areas and other modes of transportation.
- Allow the City to provide an enhancement to the community and encourage economic development.

Conclusion: Studies, analysis, and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant impacts

- No Right-of-Way (ROW) Required
 - —The deck plaza project would be constructed within the existing right-of-way footprint of the I-35E freeway.
 - —No additional ROW or easements would be required for this project.

Proposed Project Schedule

- What happens after the Public Hearing?
 - Public Comment Period
 - Anticipated Environmental Clearance
 - Funding
 - Approval of Construction Plans

20 minute recess

Comment period following recess

Recess 20 minutes

Comment Period

-Please note that we will not attempt to respond to your comments at this time. All substantive comments will be fully considered and responded to in the project record.

Questions and comments may be mailed to:

Mailing Address

TxDOT Dallas District Office

Attn: Ms. Sandra Williams

4777 E. Highway 80

Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643

— Written comments must be postmarked by:

<u>Wednesday, May 10, 2017</u>

- Project information is available for inspection at:
 - www.keepitmovingdallas.com under "Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting"

So that everyone may speak, please limit your comments to three minutes.



Thank you for your interest in the

Deck Plaza Project

