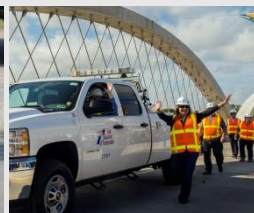
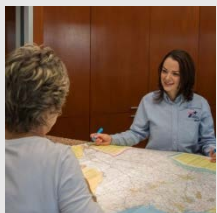




TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



PUBLIC HEARING

STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 78 (GARLAND RD/EAST GRAND AVE) AT GASTON AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Dallas County, Texas



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

1 Introduction and Project History

Ms. Ceason Clemens, P.E.

2 Project Design Presentation

Ms. Caren Chambers, P.E.

3 Environmental Presentation

Mr. Joshua Guyer

20 Minute Recess - Questions

4 Public Comments

Ms. Ceason Clemens, P.E.
Ms. Lacey Rodgers, P.E., CFM

Project Location, Need and Purpose



PROJECT LIMITS:

- SH 78 (Garland Rd/East Grand Ave) and Gaston Avenue Intersection
- Dallas County, Texas

NEED FOR THE PROJECT:

- Traffic congestion
- Reduced mobility
- Design deficiencies
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections

PROJECT PURPOSE:

- Improve traffic operations
- Improve mobility
- Meet current design standards

Feasibility Study 2015 - 2016

- August 2015 State Representatives Eric Johnson & Kenneth Sheets requested TxDOT to conduct a feasibility study for SH 78 at Gaston Avenue
- Focus on permanent improvements, including sidewalks and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations
- Stakeholder Meeting held May 16, 2016 – Solicited input on project study
- Stakeholder Meeting/Meeting with Affected Property Owners (MAPO) held September 7, 2016 – Presented 6 possible alternatives
- Stakeholder Meeting/MAPO held December 12, 2016 – Presented selected alternative

Schematic & Environmental Study 2017-2018

- Selected alternative refined and schematic developed
- Public meeting planned for September 2017 was rescheduled to January 2018 because high public interest warranted finding a larger meeting venue.
- Public Meeting/Open House held January 18, 2018 – Presented preliminary schematic
- Schematic refinement and environmental studies conducted
- November 13, 2018 Public Hearing

Stakeholder Meeting #1

May 16, 2016 at Samuell Grand Recreational Center

- Invited: Elected officials, City staff, HOAs (contact information provided by City based on councilmember request)
- Attended: 4 elected officials, 15 City of Dallas, 71 public, 16 TxDOT/consultant team
- Format:
 - Presentation followed by Group Work Sessions
 - Group Work Sessions used to determine stakeholder concerns, ideas, and suggestions for intersection improvements
- Comments used to guide development of alternatives

Meeting with Affected Property Owners (MAPO)/Stakeholder Meeting #2

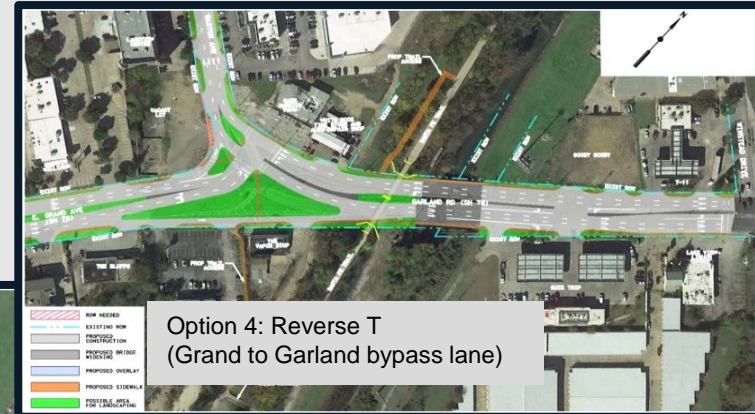
September 7, 2016 at Mount Auburn Elementary School

- Invited: Elected officials, City, HOAs, adjacent property owners & adjacent businesses, attendees of the previous meeting
- Attended: 9 elected officials, 23 City of Dallas, 71 public, 21 TxDOT/consultant team
- Format:
 - Presentation followed by Group Work Session to solicit input
 - Presented 6 potential project concept alternatives, including No-Build/"Do Nothing" alternative
- Comments: 22 written and verbal comments received
- Comments and engineering considerations used to guide selection of preferred alternative

No-Build Alternative



Build Alternatives Presented at Stakeholder Meeting #2



Previous Public Involvement – Stakeholder Meeting #3

MAPO/Stakeholder Meeting #3

December 12, 2016 at Mount Auburn Elementary School

- Invited: Elected officials, City, HOAs, adjacent property owners & businesses, attendees of previous 2 meetings
- Attended: 8 elected officials, 8 City of Dallas, 2 Dallas County, 60 public, 20 TxDOT/consultant team
- Format:
 - Open House followed by Presentation and comment period
 - Presented results of study of alternatives and the selected alternative, Option 2 (Reverse T)
- Comments: 34 written and verbal comments received

Selected Alternative Shown at Stakeholder Meeting #3

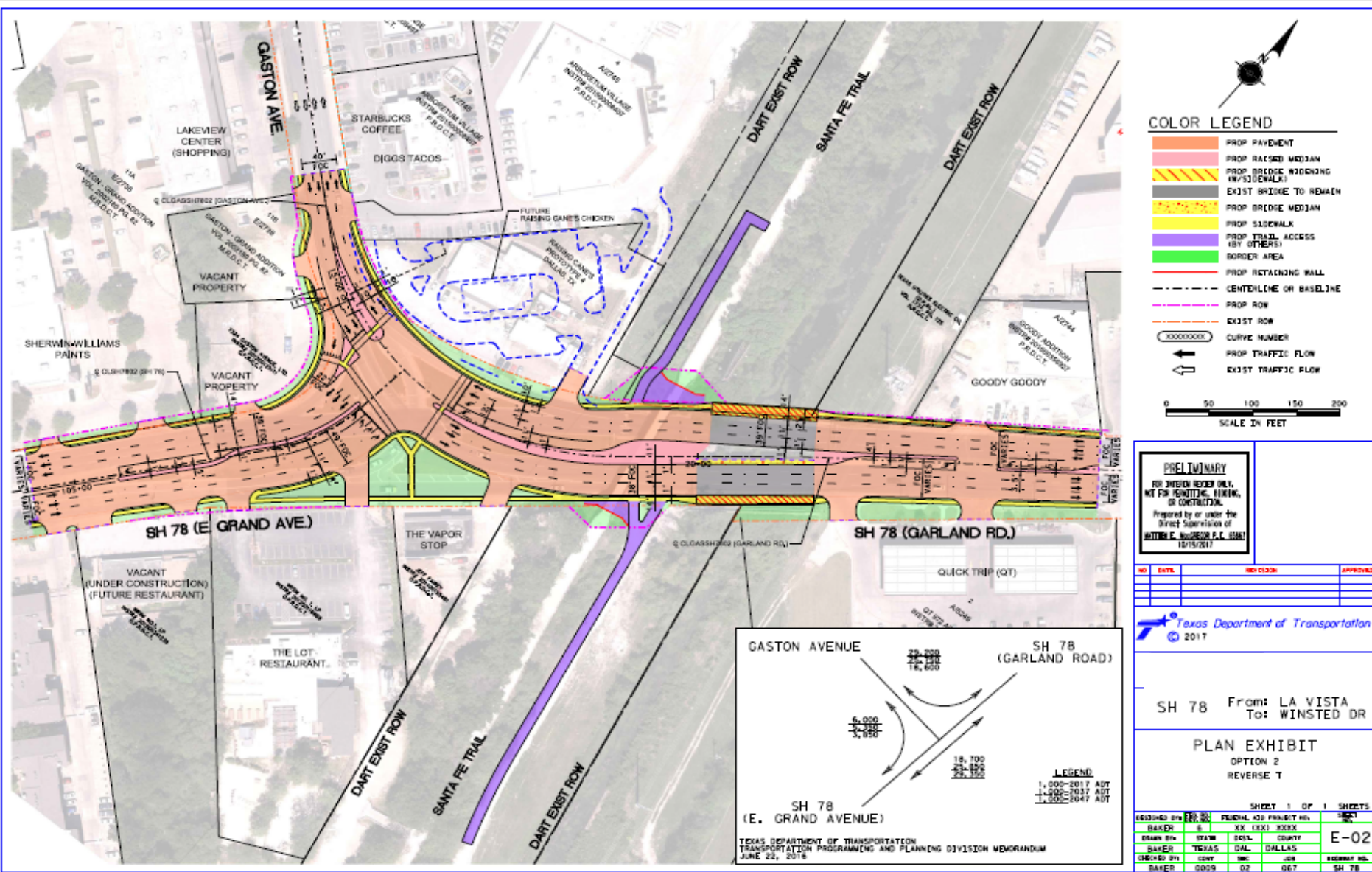


Public Meeting

January 18, 2018 at Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall

- Invited: Elected officials, City, HOAs, adjacent property owners & businesses, attendees of all previous MAPO/Stakeholder meetings, general public via newspapers and press release
- Attended: 4 elected officials, 7 City of Dallas, 135 public, 26 TxDOT/consultant team
- Format:
 - Open House, with a rolling presentation, and a few words by elected officials
 - Present the proposed schematic for the selected alternative (Option 2/Reverse T) to the public and solicit comments
- Comments: 268 people submitted a total of 300 written and verbal comments; comment period extended from 15 days to 30 days
- Public comments used to guide ongoing schematic development

Schematic Presented at Public Meeting



Public Hearing

November 13, 2018 at Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall

- Invited: Elected officials, City, HOAs, adjacent property owners & businesses, attendees of all previous MAPO/Stakeholder meetings, attendees of previous public meeting, general public via newspapers and press release
- Format:
 - Open house from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 - Formal hearing presentation at 7:00 pm
 - 20 minute recess
 - Opportunity for public comment

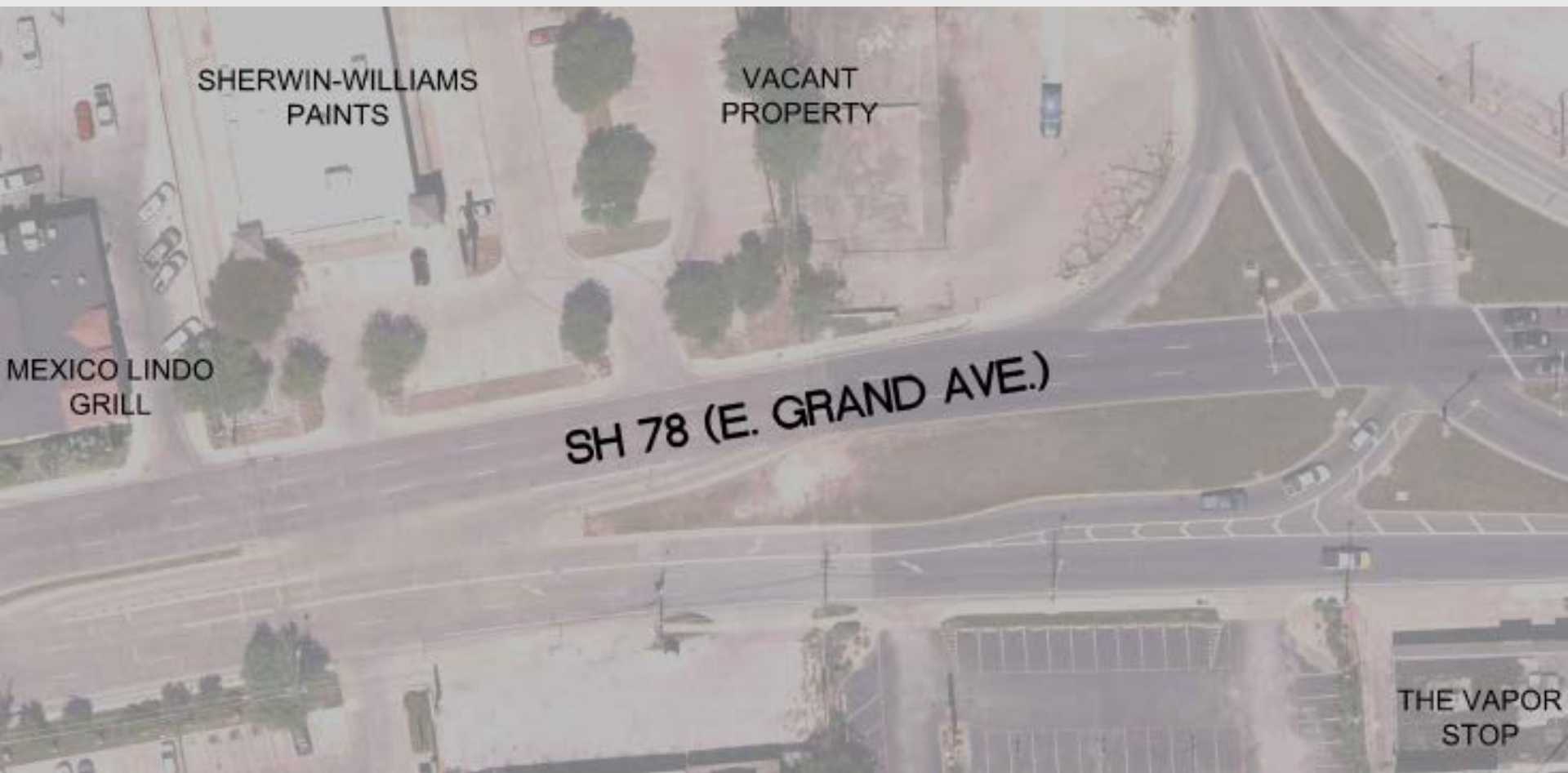
Existing Facility



Existing Facility – Garland Road



Existing Facility – E Grand Ave



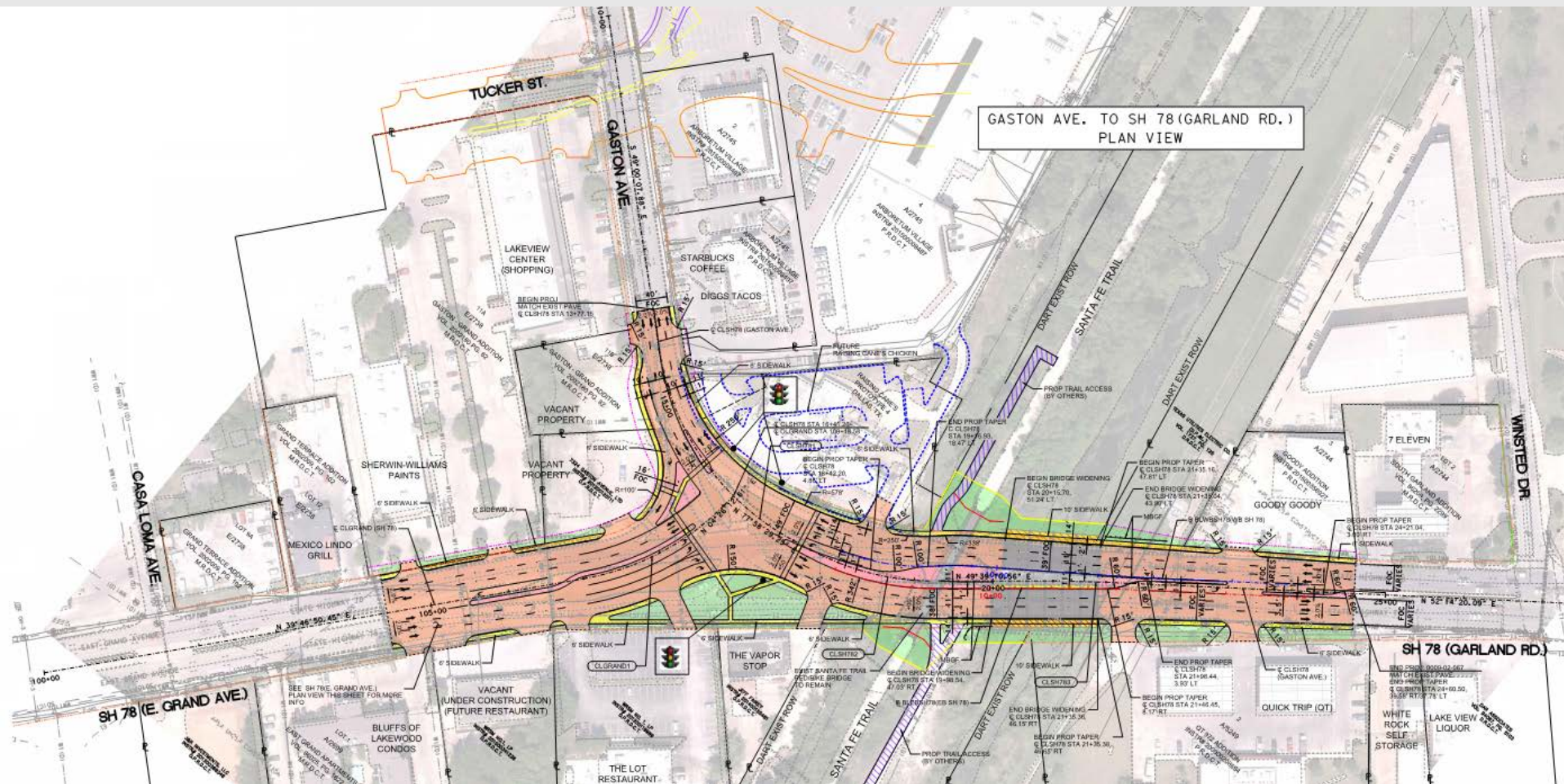
Existing Facility – Gaston Avenue



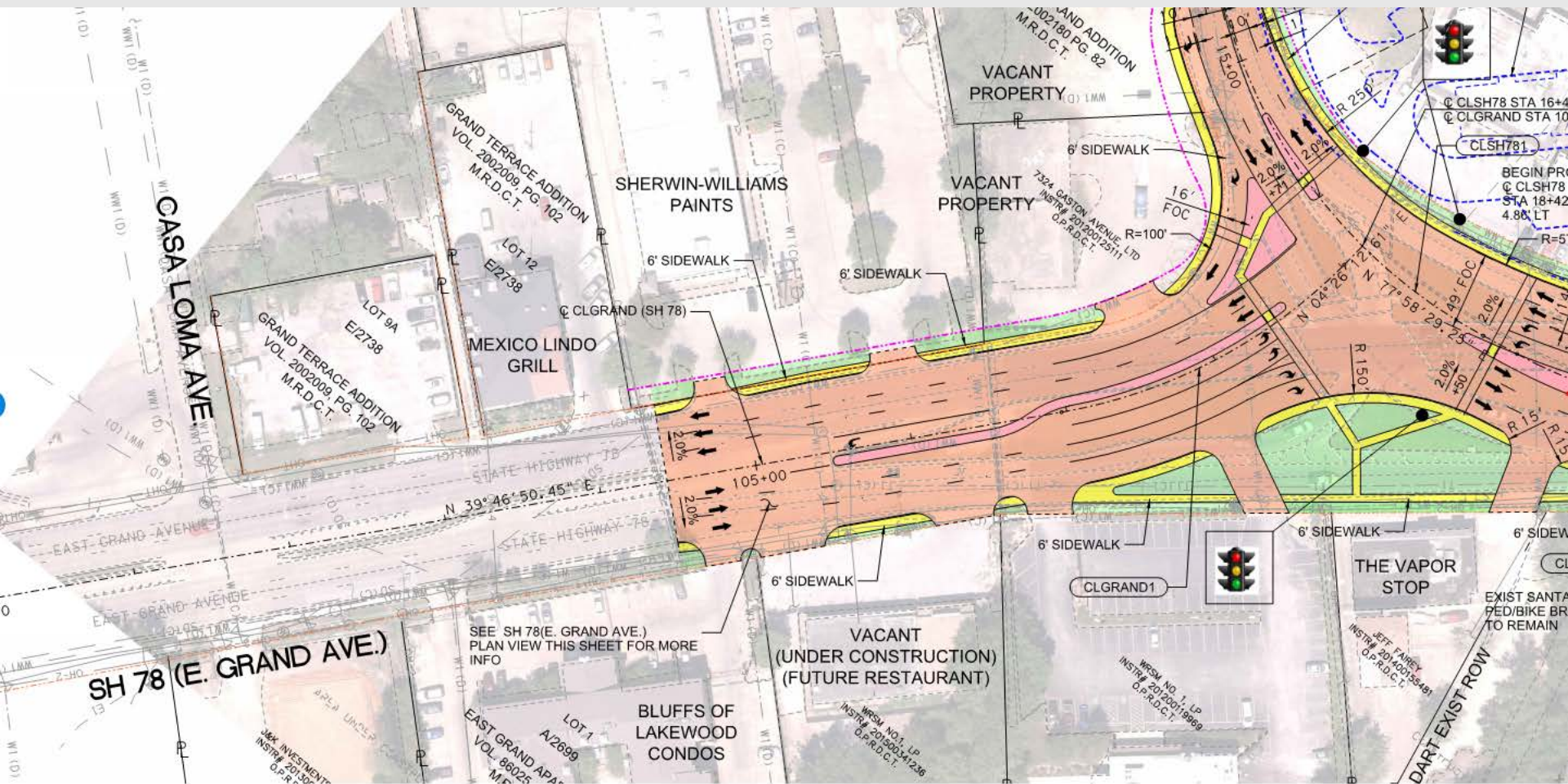
Existing Facility – Traffic Volumes



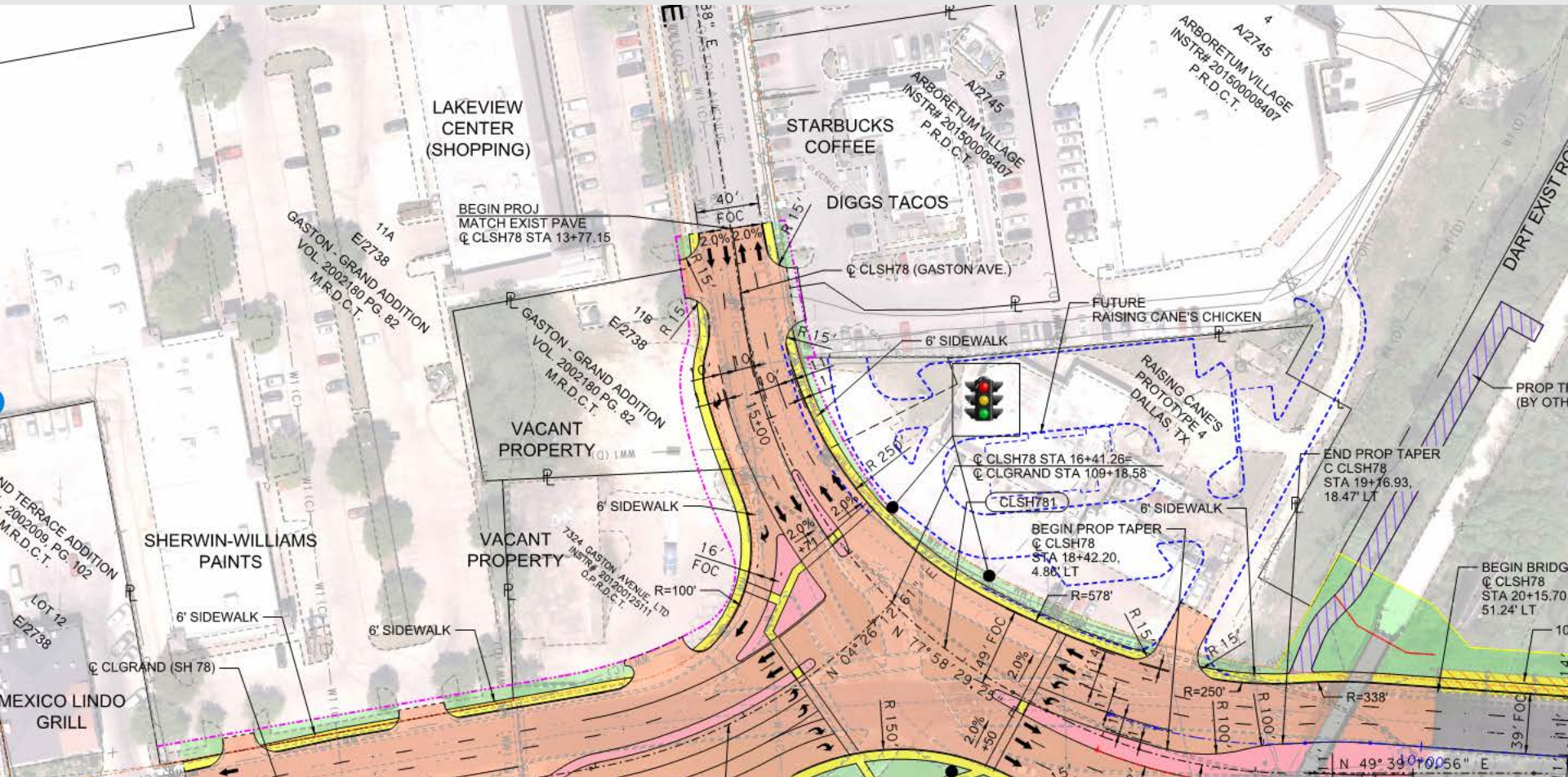
Proposed Facility



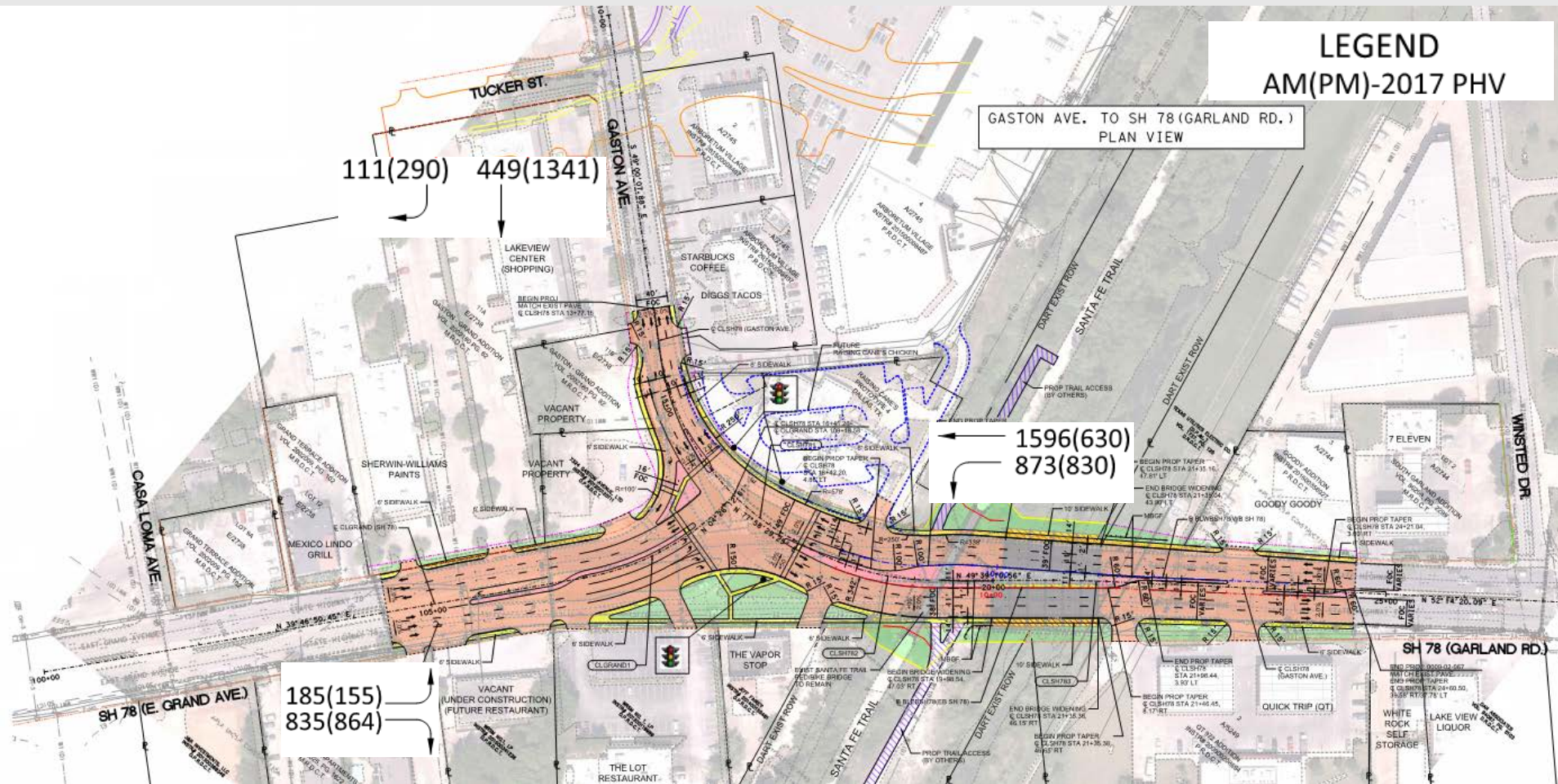
Proposed Facility – East Grand Avenue



Proposed Facility – Gaston Avenue



Proposed Facility – Traffic Volumes



- **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

November 2020

Construction Duration

Approximately 1 year

Estimated Construction Cost

Approximately \$5.5 Million

Estimated Total Project Cost

Approximately \$9.4 Million

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 Review / Impacts Addressed

- Right-of-Way/Displacements
- Land Use
- Utilities/Emergency Services
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Environmental Justice & Community
- Visual/Aesthetics
- Cultural Resources/Archeological Resources
- Historic Resources
- Water Resources
- Wetlands/Waters of the U.S.
- Floodplains
- Biological Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects
- Construction Phase

Environmental Review continued

Floodplains

- Portions of the project are within the 100-year floodplain
- Base flood elevation would not increase
- Facility would permit conveyance of the 100-year flood

Waters of the U.S.

- Proposed project crosses 1 water feature
- Impacts to 0.32 acre of Waters of the U.S. and no wetlands
- USACE Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 (Linear Transportation Projects) would be required for potential impacts

Hazardous Materials

- Study identified one site with moderate potential to impact the project
- TxDOT will further investigate this site prior to construction

Section 4(f) Property

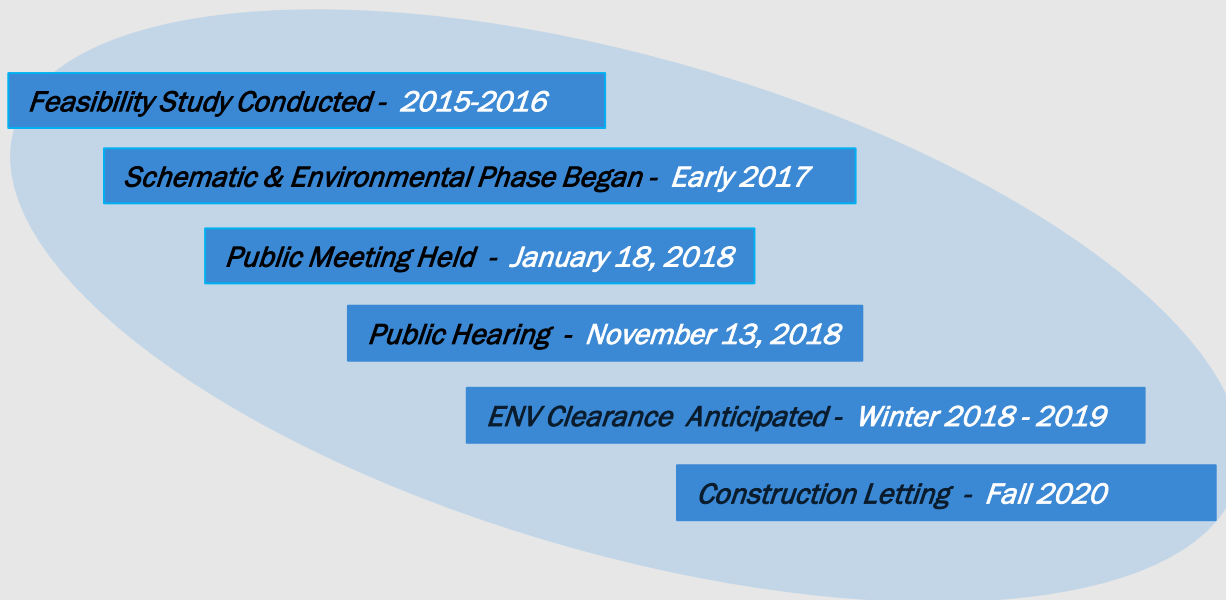
- A temporary construction easement of 0.32 acre of a Section 4(f) Property (Santa Fe Trail) is necessary to accommodate the proposed improvements.
- A Section 4(f) Exception was received for the proposed project due to temporary occupancy of the property.

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

- **Proposed Right-of-Way (ROW)**
 - Approximately 0.29 acre of new right-of-way and 0.32 acre of temporary construction easements
 - No displacements expected
 - No public facilities would be displaced

Next Steps and Timeline

- Public Comment Period (ends November 28, 2018)
- Anticipated Environmental Clearance (Winter 2018-2019)
- Plan Preparation
- Funding
- Approval of Construction Plans



20 minute recess, followed by Public Comments

- Submit yellow Comment Registration Form to speak
- Comments limited to 3 minutes each

Additional ways to provide comments:

- Fill out a comment form and place it in comment box
- Mail or Email written comments by November 28, 2018
- Provide verbal comment to Court Reporter

All of the above comment methods will be included in the official public hearing record

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 or emailed to:

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Ms. Michelle Raglon
Dallas District Public Information Officer
michelle.raglon@txdot.gov

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4777 E. Highway 80
Mesquite, TX 75150-6643

- Written comments must be postmarked by [Wednesday, November 28, 2018](#)
- Project information is available for inspection at:
 - www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved under “Hearings & Meetings Schedule”
 - www.keepitmovingdallas.com under “Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting”

So that everyone may speak, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes



Thank you for your interest in the

SH 78 (Garland Road/East Grand Avenue)
at Gaston Avenue Intersection
Improvement Project

