Virtual Public Hearing in Response to Public Health



TxDOT is conducting a Virtual Public Hearing to minimize in-person contact.

The virtual public hearing will provide the same information as an in-person hearing would have.

SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.



Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

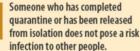
Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.



FACT

For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.



For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.



from isolation does not pose a risk of





- There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose. coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

 Fever Cough

FACT 5

- Shortness of breath
- Seek medical advice if you
- Develop symptoms
- AND
- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

cdc.gov/COVID-19



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

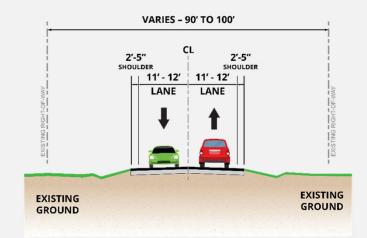
The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido, llevado a cabo por TxDOT - en virtud de 23 USC 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento del 9 de diciembre de 2019, y ejecutado por la FHWA y el TxDOT.

Existing Roadway

- Existing FM 1173:
 - Two-lane undivided roadway with one 11- to 12-foot-wide lane and 2- to 5-foot outside shoulders in each direction
 - Right-of-Way (ROW) width varies from 90 to 100 feet

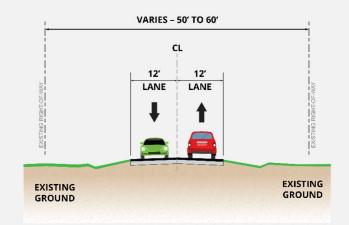
EXISTING FM 1173



• Existing Barthold Road:

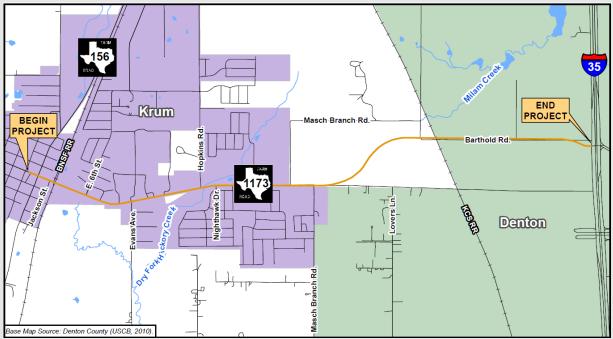
- Two-lane undivided roadway with one 12-foot-wide lane in each direction
- ROW width varies from 50 to 60 feet

EXISTING BARTHOLD ROAD



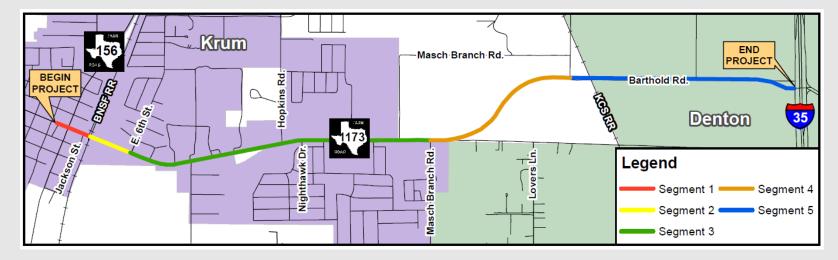


- FM 1173 project improvements would include:
 - Reconstruction of the existing FM 1173 approximately 1.8 miles
 - New construction of approximately 0.8 mile
 - Barthold Road reconstruction of approximately 1 mile
 - Rebuild 3 cross street and 11 side street intersections
 - Add 5- to 6-foot sidewalks through entire project limits
 - Proposed ROW Width for entire project ranges from 100 to 300 feet wide



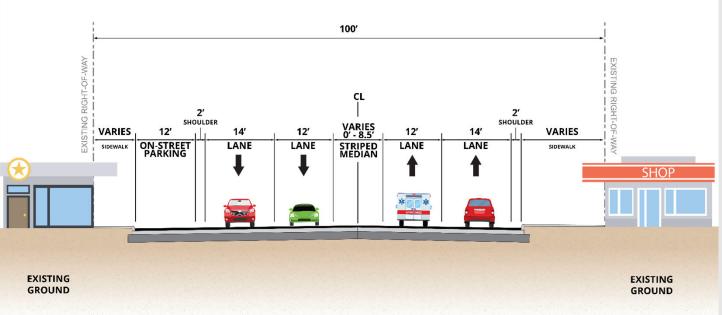
FM 1173 Project Segments:

- Reconstruction of the existing FM 1173 approximately 1.8 mile
 - Segment 1: From FM 156 to BNSF Railroad
 - Segment 2: From BNSF Railroad to East 6th Street
 - Segment 3: From East 6th Street to Masch Branch Road
- New construction of 0.8 mile (Segment 4)
 - Segment 4: From Masch Branch Road to Barthold Road
- Barthold Road reconstruction of approximately 1 mile in length
 - Segment 5: From Barthold Road to IH 35



Segment 1

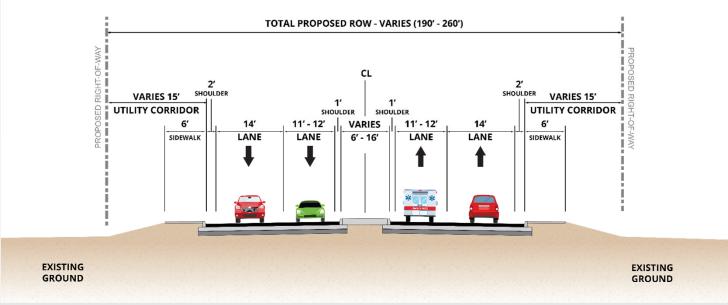
- One 12-foot inside lane
- One 14-foot outside shared-use lane in both directions
- 12-feet-wide on-street parking on the north side
- Sidewalk width varies in both directions
- Maintain existing ROW width of 100 feet



PROPOSED from FM 156 to BNSF RAILROAD

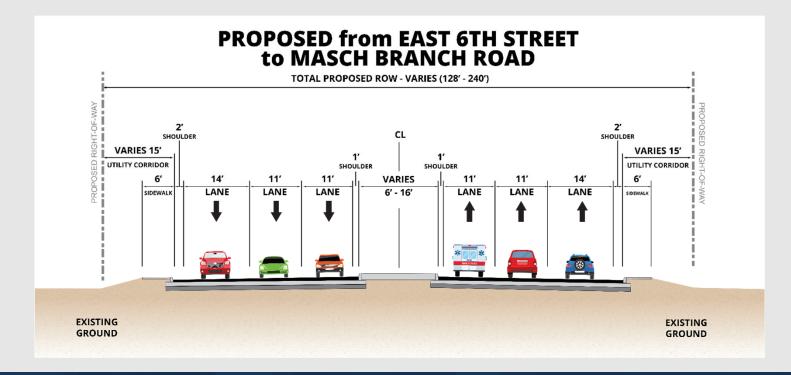
Segment 2

- Four travel lanes
- One inside 11-to-12-foot lane and one outside 14-foot shared-use lane in both directions
- Six-foot sidewalks in both directions
- Proposed ROW width of 190 to 260 feet



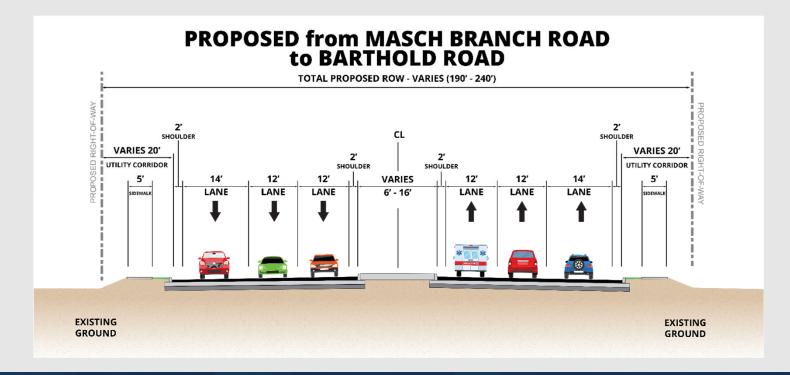
PROPOSED from BNSF RAILROAD to EAST 6TH STREET

- Segment 3
 - Six travel lanes
 - Two inside 11-foot lanes and one outside 14-foot shared-use lane in both directions
 - Six-foot sidewalks in both directions
 - Proposed ROW width of 128 to 240 feet



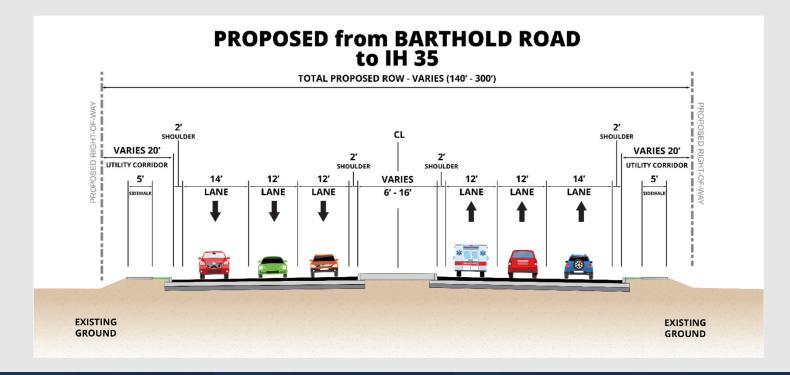
Segment 4

- Six travel lanes
- Two inside 12-foot lanes and one outside 14-foot shared-use lane in both directions
- Five-foot sidewalks in both directions
- Proposed ROW width of 190 to 240 feet



Segment 5

- Six travel lanes
- Two inside 12-foot lanes and one outside 14-foot shared-use lane in both directions
- Five-foot sidewalks in both directions
- Proposed ROW width of 140 to 300 feet



Next Steps and Timeline



- Public comment period (ends Dec. 18, 2020)
- Anticipated environmental clearance (August 2021)
- **Next Steps:** PS&E plan preparation
 - Funding
 - Approval of construction plans

Project Timeline:

Public Meeting Held - Oct. 10, 2019

Schematic Approved - March 2020

Public Hearing Held - Dec. 3, 2020

ENV Clearance Anticipated - August 2021*

Right-of-Way Acquisition Begins – August 2021*

Anticipated Ready to Let Date – 2025*

*Dates Subject to Change