

# SUMMER 2022 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

I-345 runs approximately 1.4 miles along the east side of downtown Dallas between the I-30 and Spur 366/Woodall Rogers Freeway. I-345 is the connection between I-45 and US 75, most do not realize it has it's own designation. TxDOT regularly reviews its existing infrastructure to ensure it still meets the needs of the traveling public. As part of this proactive process, TxDOT is finalizing a feasibility study to plan for the future of this corridor. The existing bridge was recently rehabilitated with a \$30 million project. It is regularly inspected and will be maintained for the duration of its service life.

#### **Do You Know?** Public Meeting Latest

- TxDOT had the third and final round of public meetings for the feasibility study in May 2022
- A Refined Hybrid Option was selected and presented as the recommended alternative for further evaluation

#### Get to Know Refined Hybrid Option

This design puts the interstate main lanes on a lower level (similar to US 75) and provides existing and new city street connections above. Also includes:

- Wider city streets above I-345
- Enhanced pedestrian and cycling options
- Opportunities for future capping development above the interstate
- Maintains the same number of highway thru lanes within the same footprint and still provides an important south-north connection for the downtown district and regional commuters
- Modified access to improve weaving, safety and way-finding
- This design could also surplus about seven acres of right of way and create around eight acres above the highway for potential capping.\*\*

\*\*Under Texas Administrative Code, surplus highway property is offered at fair market appraisal value first to local governments, then to adjacent property owners. If no takers, it goes to a sealed bid process to the highest bidder.

### Do You Know What the I-345 Feasibility Study Evaluated?



Regional ( traffic data

Current & future development plans including DART's D2



impacts

Stakeholder input from community & local governments

#### Do You Know What Drove the I-345 Traffic Studies?

Average existing I-345 daily traffic **180,000** vehicles each day in 2019\* **206,000** vehicles each day by 2045 \*Based on Pre-COVID counts

Regional traffic was analyzed by evaluating peak travel times (6:30-9 a.m., 3-6:30 p.m.) to determine how travelers and commuters use I-345 to reach downtown and other key destinations in the Dallas metro under four design alternatives (Depressed, Removal, Elevated, Hybrid).

The Removal alternative had the most travel time impacts with a potential

+40-50% increase in commuter times during peak hours. The Recommended (refined hybrid) alternative had no significant increases in travel times.

The traffic analysis from the May 2022 public meetings can be viewed at: www.keepitmovingdallas.com/I345.

#### What about CityMAP?

Dallas CityMAP (2016) developed alternative scenarios and gave us the "art of the possible". The current study reviewed the conceptual scenarios developed during CityMAP and refined them into conceptual alternatives based on engineering, current design criteria, City of Dallas Design Guidelines (2021), and public input.

## **Final Fast Facts**



The overall study will be complete by the end of 2022. The report will be published online.



Public comments gathered from the May 2022 public meetings will be compiled, published online and addressed in a report in early fall 2022.



Next steps for I-345 would include schematic design and environmental analysis, advanced engineering, detailed traffic evaluation, utility relocation and identifying funding.



Visit www.keepitmovingdallas.com/I345 to view latest study materials.



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