

# Public Hearing Interstate (I) 345 Connects Project

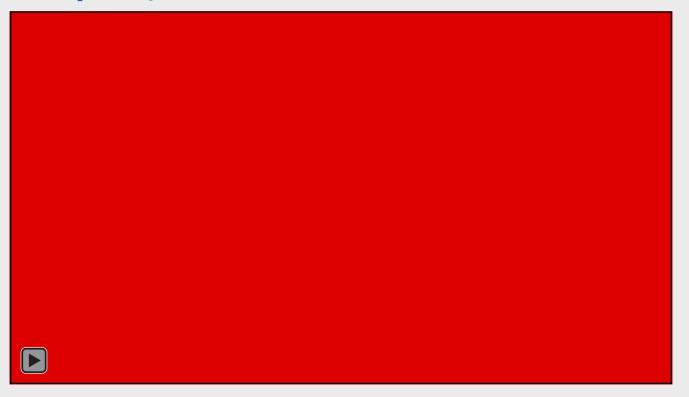
From I-30 to Woodall Rodgers Freeway (Spur 366) Dallas County CSJ: 0092-14-094



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# **Travis Campbell, P.E. Welcome Video**





### **Public Hearing Purpose**

A public hearing has four essential purposes:

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



### **Viewing Design Schematic and Project Information**

- In-Person Location
  - TxDOT Dallas District Office: 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas, 75150
- Websites
  - www.keepitmovingdallas.com
     Under "Public Hearing/Meeting"
  - <a href="http://www.345connects.com">http://www.345connects.com</a>



### **Need and Purpose**

The proposed project is needed because the existing I-345 from I-30 to Woodall Rodgers Freeway (Spur 366):

- provides limited direct pedestrian and bicyclist amenities (or accommodation) to connect communities to achieve multimodal mobility, and
- does not meet current design and safety standards, and
- is reaching its useful design life.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve multimodal mobility and meet current design and safety standards.



### **Build Alternative**

#### **I-345 Connects Project Limits:**

From I-30 to Woodall Rodgers
Freeways (Spur 366)

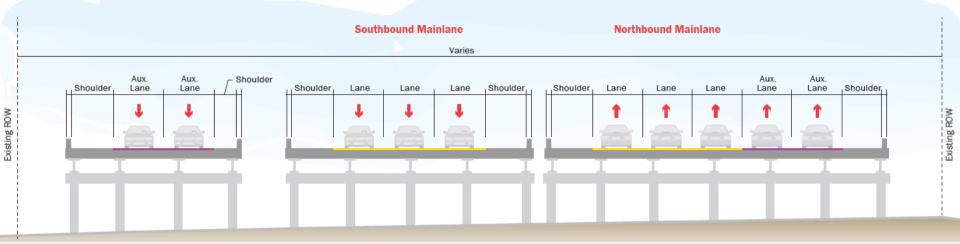
#### **Project Length:**

Approximately 2.8 miles





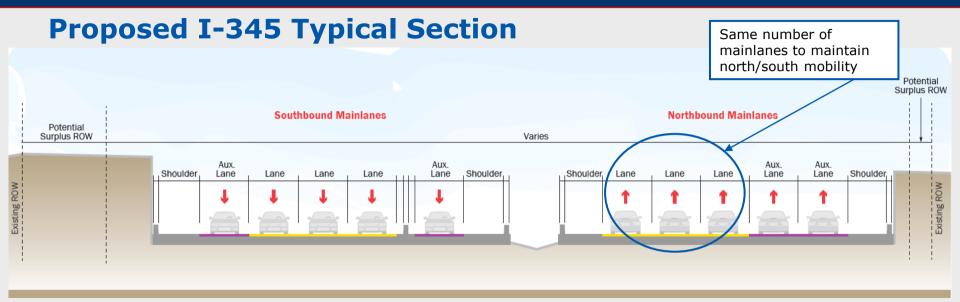
### **Existing I-345 Typical Section**



Note: Section is taken near Pacific Avenue. Not to scale.

- Existing facility is an elevated, urban highway
- Three 12-foot-wide mainlanes in each direction with 10-foot-wide shoulders on each side
- Includes auxiliary lanes and entrance/exit ramps alongside the mainlanes
- Discontinuous frontage road lanes are 12-foot-wide with two and three lanes in each direction
- Discontinuous sidewalks are located within the project limits





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- Mainlanes would be below ground with city street connections over the mainlanes
- Narrower right of way footprint would result in surplus right of way
- Maintains three mainlanes in each direction
- Includes bicycle and pedestrian accommodations at cross streets and frontage roads
- Discontinuous frontage roads would be constructed between Pacific Avenue and Ross Avenue



### **Cross Street Enhancements to Reconnect the Street Grid**

Additional cross/side streets would be realigned and reconstructed at ground level to accommodate the complete reconstruction of I-345 and its interchanges Woodall Rodgers Freeway (Spur 366) and I-30. Crossings include:

- I-30
- Canton Street
- Commerce Street
- Main Street
- Elm Street
- Pacific Avenue
- Cesar Chavez Boulevard

- Live Oak Street
- North and South Good Latimer Expressway
- Ross Avenue
- Louise Avenue
- Dawson Street
- Hickory Street
- Spur 366



# **Cross Street Typical Sections**

#### **EXISTING MAIN ST. UNDER I-345**



#### Westbound Lanes

**Eastbound Lanes** 

#### **PROPOSED MAIN ST. OVER I-345**

Buffers and clear zones separate vehicle traffic from bicyclists and pedestrians Westbound Lanes **Eastbound Lanes** 



## **Projected Cost and Schedule**

Anticipated Ready to Let Date\*

To be determined

**Estimated Construction Cost** 

\$1.65 Billion

<sup>\*</sup>Project is currently unfunded and cannot let until funding is identified.



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

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 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 fechado el 9 de diciembre del 2019, y ejecutado por la FHWA y el TxDOT.



# **Environmental Review - Resources and Topics Evaluated**

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is available for review.

The Draft EA prepared for the proposed project assesses potential impacts to the following areas:





#### **Environmental Review - Resources**

#### Traffic Noise

- FHWA Traffic Noise Model used to estimate existing and predicted traffic noise levels.
- Based on the analysis, it was determined that three preliminary noise barriers would be feasible and reasonable to abate traffic noise.

#### Waters of the U.S.

 There are no water or wetland features within the proposed project area.

#### **Historic**

• The proposed project is not anticipated to result in adverse effects to historic properties.

#### **Section 4(f)/Chapter 26**

- Carpenter Park is a protected property that could potentially be temporarily impacted by installation of a drainage pipe.
- TxDOT anticipates making a de minimis determination for this park under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.



### Right-of-Way (ROW)/Easements

- There would be no additional ROW required for this project
- No anticipated displacements or relocations
- The project would result in approximately 6.3 acres of potential surplus ROW
- A proposed drainage easement would be required for which two options are under evaluation
  - Option 1 would require 0.30 acre from Carpenter Park and Pearl Street
  - Option 2 would require 0.85 acre along Pacific Avenue



### **Project Timeline\***

The public comment period for this public hearing ends Friday, May 9, 2025.



### **We Request Your Feedback**

Please submit your comments regarding this public hearing using any of the methods listed.

Comments must be received or postmarked on or before Friday, May 9, 2025, to be included in the public hearing summary.

For general questions about the project, please contact the project manager:

**TxDOT Project Manager** Grace Lo, P.E. Email address: 345connects@txdot.gov or (214) 320-6100





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# Thank you!

This concludes the presentation.