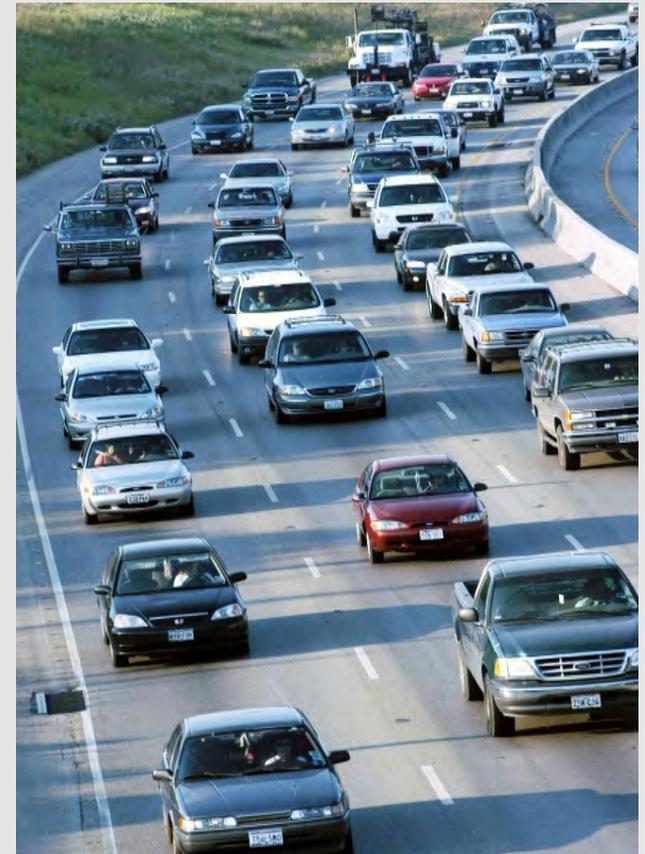




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# WELCOME!

Public Hearing: FM 969 Improvements

December 13, 2016

# Agenda

- Introductions
- Project overview
- Technical overview
- Environmental overview
- Right-of-way overview
- 10-minute break
- Public comments
- Adjourn

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

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# Project Overview

## Need of the Proposed Project

- The existing facility does not adequately accommodate current traffic demands, nor would it meet expected future demands.
- There are safety concerns associated with the current configuration that impact motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.



# Project Overview

## Purpose of the Proposed Project

- Increase mobility in the project area
- Decrease the risks associated with current traffic movements and current pedestrian and cyclist accommodations



# Project Overview

## State, Federal, and Local Government Relationship



- Federal and State funds through a Pass-Through Agreement with the County
- Advertising project for construction
- Manage construction contractor
- Continue to operate FM 969 upon construction completion
- TxDOT review & approval
- Providing funds through a 2011 Travis County Bond
- Project Development Activities including environmental studies, engineering design, & ROW acquisition
- Provide support during construction
- Utility relocations



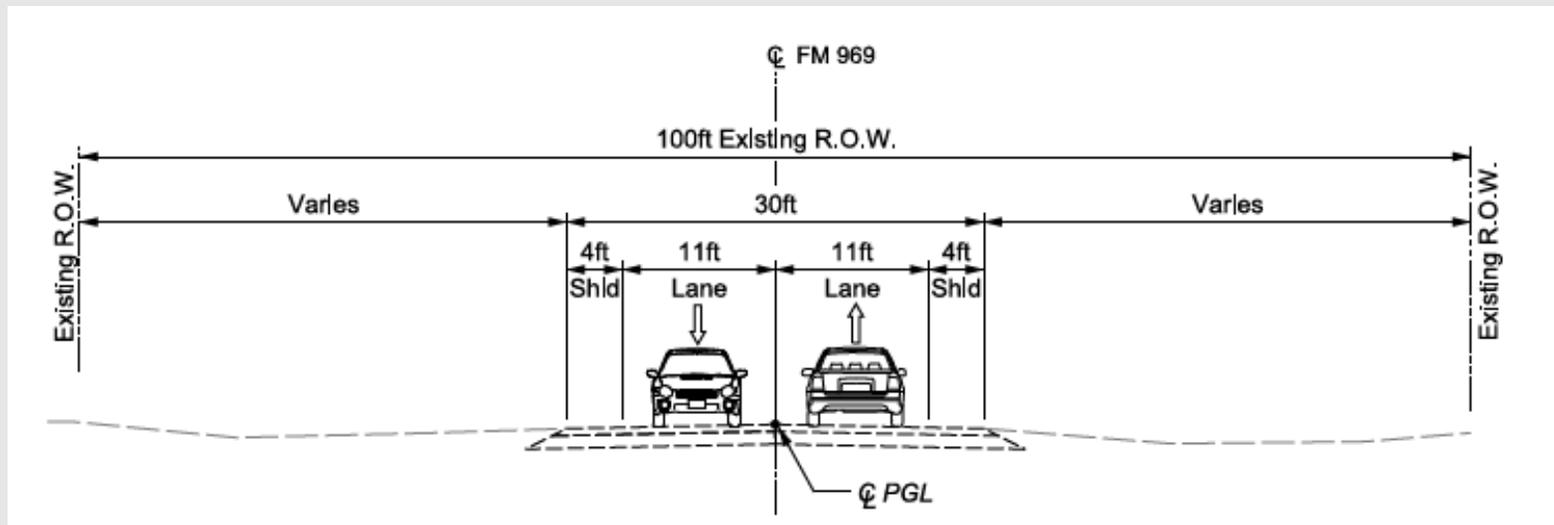
# TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

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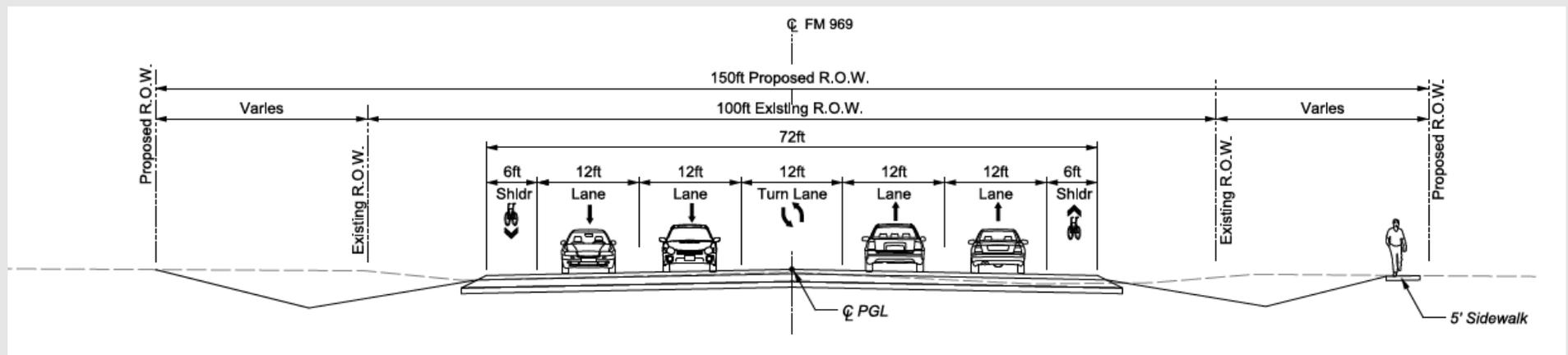
# Technical Overview

- Reconstruct existing 2-lane roadway from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Rd
- Existing roadway consist of two 11 ft lanes with 4 ft shoulders
- Isolated turn lanes SH 130, Gilbert Rd, Hound Dog Trail, & Hunters Bend Rd



# Technical Overview

- Proposed roadway would have two 12 ft lanes and a 6 ft shoulder in each direction
- Continuous 12 ft center turn lane
- Add pedestrian improvements including 5 ft continuous sidewalk and crossings at signalized intersections



# Technical Overview

- Straightens sharp curves throughout project
- Needs:
  - Approximately 7 acres of right of way
  - 4 displaced structures with at least 1 relocation
- Relocation of utilities would be coordinated with owners to ensure no substantial disruption of service
  - Manville Water Supply Company
  - Texas Gas Service
  - AT&T
  - Austin Energy
  - Hornsby Bend Utility Company
  - Time Warner Cable



# ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

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# Environmental Studies



**Air Quality &  
Traffic Noise**



**Hazardous Materials**



**Historic &  
Archaeological Resources**



**Land Use &  
Parkland**



**Indirect &  
Cumulative Impacts**



**Biological Resources**



**Threatened &  
Endangered Species**



**Water Resources**



**Social &  
Community Impacts**

# Resources Studied in Further Detail



**Hazardous Materials**



**Air Quality &  
Traffic Noise**



**Biological Resources**

**Required Further  
Study**



**Threatened &  
Endangered Species**



**Historic &  
Archeological Resources**

# Resources Studied in Further Detail



## Hazardous Materials

### Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment (ISA)

- Query of Regulatory Databases
- Field Observations

**FINDINGS:** No known sources of contamination on the Project Site



## Historic & Archeological Resources

### HISTORIC RESOURCES

#### Historic Resources Survey Report

- Assessed all historic age structures (Let Date – 45 years = 1972) in the project area to determine whether they were historically significant.

### ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

#### Background Study and an Intensive Archeological Survey

- Review previously recorded archeological sites
- Conduct field surveys

**FINDINGS:** Results were reviewed by TxDOT and the Texas Historical Commission. No known resources would be affected.

# Resources Studied in Further Detail



## Biological Resources

### Biological Evaluation

- **Vegetation/habitat impacts**
- **Protected species impacts**
  - **Federally listed threatened or endangered**
  - **State listed threatened or endangered**



## Threatened & Endangered Species

### FINDINGS:

- **The project would have No Effect on any federally listed threatened or endangered species.**
- **The project would have No Impact on any state listed threatened or endangered species.**
- **The project site has potential habitat for 7 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN).**
  - **TPWD-approved impact avoidance measures would be included as part of the project**

# Resources Studied in Further Detail



## Air Quality & Traffic Noise

### Traffic Noise Analysis Technical Memorandum

- **Noise Model**
  - **Predicts current noise levels now and 20 years after completion**
  - **Uses expected traffic loads for 20 year analysis**
- **Traffic Noise Impacts near Hunters Bend Road**
- **Currently Assessing Potential Noise Reduction Measures**
  - **Effectiveness**
  - **Constructability**
  - **Reasonable cost**
- **If it can be constructed, affected property owners will be notified**



# RIGHT-OF-WAY OVERVIEW

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# Project Schedule

▲ Decision points      Timescales

Weeks	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pass-Through Agreement	■		▲						
Schematic		■							
Environmental Process			■						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Decision</li> </ul>						▲			
Plans, Specifications, & Estimate (PS&E)						■			
ROW Process						■			
Bid/Letting								▲	
Construction								■	

Schedule Subject to Change

# Project Schedule

- Anticipate environmental decision: winter 2016/2017
- Anticipate utility clearance and ROW acquisition to be completed end of 2018
- Anticipate to go out to bid: spring 2019
- Anticipate construction completion: fall 2020

# **10-MINUTE BREAK**



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# **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

FM 969 Phase II

**3 MINUTES  
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