



Welcome
Public Meeting
IH 69 South/IH 610 West
Interchange Improvement Project
Harris County
March 3, 2016

Open House from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No formal presentation will be made.

City of Bellaire Civic Center

Houston, Texas

Changes to the design per comments received at Public Hearing held on June 4, 2015:

- Provide access to Fournace Place from the IH 610 southbound main lanes and both IH 69 connectors to IH 610 southbound**
- Eliminate double u-turn at Bellaire**
- Inclusion of noise walls**

Need and Purpose

• Project Needs

- IH 610 West and IH 69 South are heavily congested during peak hours (IH 610 West Loop is ranked as the #2 Most Congested Highway in Texas)
- One-lane direct connectors are over capacity
- Projected growth would increase demand
- **Safety:** No shoulders, low vertical clearances, below minimum sight distances, and crashes in merge areas.

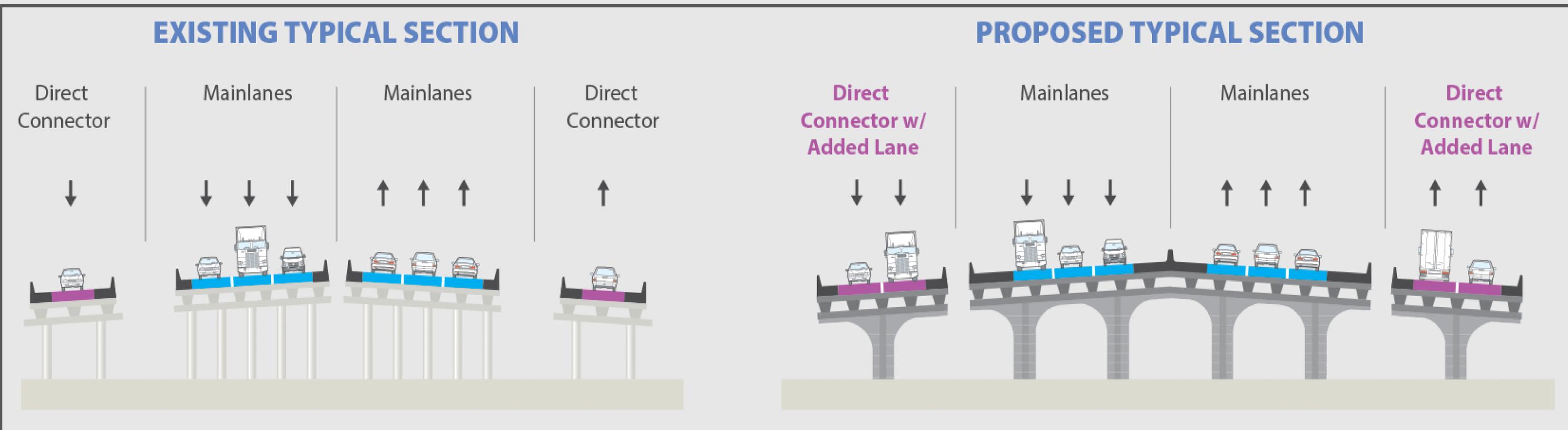


• Project Purpose

- The purpose of the proposed project is to increase safety, reduce congestion and improve operational efficiency.

Proposed Project

- Reconstructs one-lane connectors to two-lane connectors
- Upgrades interchange to current design standards
- Adds shoulders on IH 610 W main lane bridge
- Increases vertical clearances
- Increases sight distances
- Adds detention ponds
- Eliminates major weaving



- **2.41 acres of additional right-of-way needed**
- **Current project has been fully funded and will be incorporated into the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan**
- **Construction anticipated to begin fall 2017**
- **Current estimated construction cost - \$310 million**

Environmental Considerations

- ***Land Use***
- **Geology, Farmlands, and Soils**
- **Social and Economic**
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle**
- **Air Quality**
- ***Noise***
- **Water Quality and Permits**
- **Wildlife**
- **Threatened and Endangered Species**
- **Archeological Resources**
- **Historical Non-Archeological Properties**
- **Section 4(f)/6(f) Properties**
- **Hazardous Materials**
- **Indirect and Cumulative Effects**

Next Steps

- **Consider public meeting comments**
- **Develop Public Meeting Summary Report, with response to comments, for approval and release to the public**
- **Finalize environmental analysis**
- **Project decision from TxDOT for the final approved Categorical Exclusion**
- **Complete final design**
- **Anticipated construction activities to begin in fall 2017**

Public Meeting Comments

All comments must be submitted by March 17, 2016
Comments may be provided tonight at this Public Meeting, by
mail, by email, or on-line.

Submit Comments TONIGHT:
In the Comment Box

Submit Comments by MAIL to:
TxDOT Houston District
Attn: Director of Project Development
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

Submit Comments ELECTRONICALLY by:
EMAIL to:
HOU-piowebmail@txdot.gov

OR

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