



Public Hearing

State Highway (SH) 249

From FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission



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Welcome

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Public Hearing

February 18, 2015

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Elected Officials



- Federal Register: January 23, 2015
- Texas Register: January 23, 2015
- Houston Chronicle : January 16, 2015 and February 6, 2015
- La Voz : January 18, 2015 and February 8, 2015
- Magnolia Potpourri : January 21, 2015 and February 4, 2015



- Exhibit Viewing and Registration
- Public Hearing Presentation
- Public Comment Session
- Adjourn Public Hearing



Major Investment Study
(MIS) 2000 to 2002

Draft Environmental Impact Statement
(Draft EIS) 2003 to Present

Held 3 Public Meetings
(Nov. 2000 to Oct. 2001)

Released MIS
(2002)

Filed Notice of Intent
(Sept. & Oct. 2003)

Prepared Draft EIS for 4 Public Meetings
(Dec. 2003 to Oct. 2013)

Circulated Draft EIS; held Public Hearing
(Feb. 18, 2015)

Future Engineering and Environmental Studies

We Are Here



Project Needs

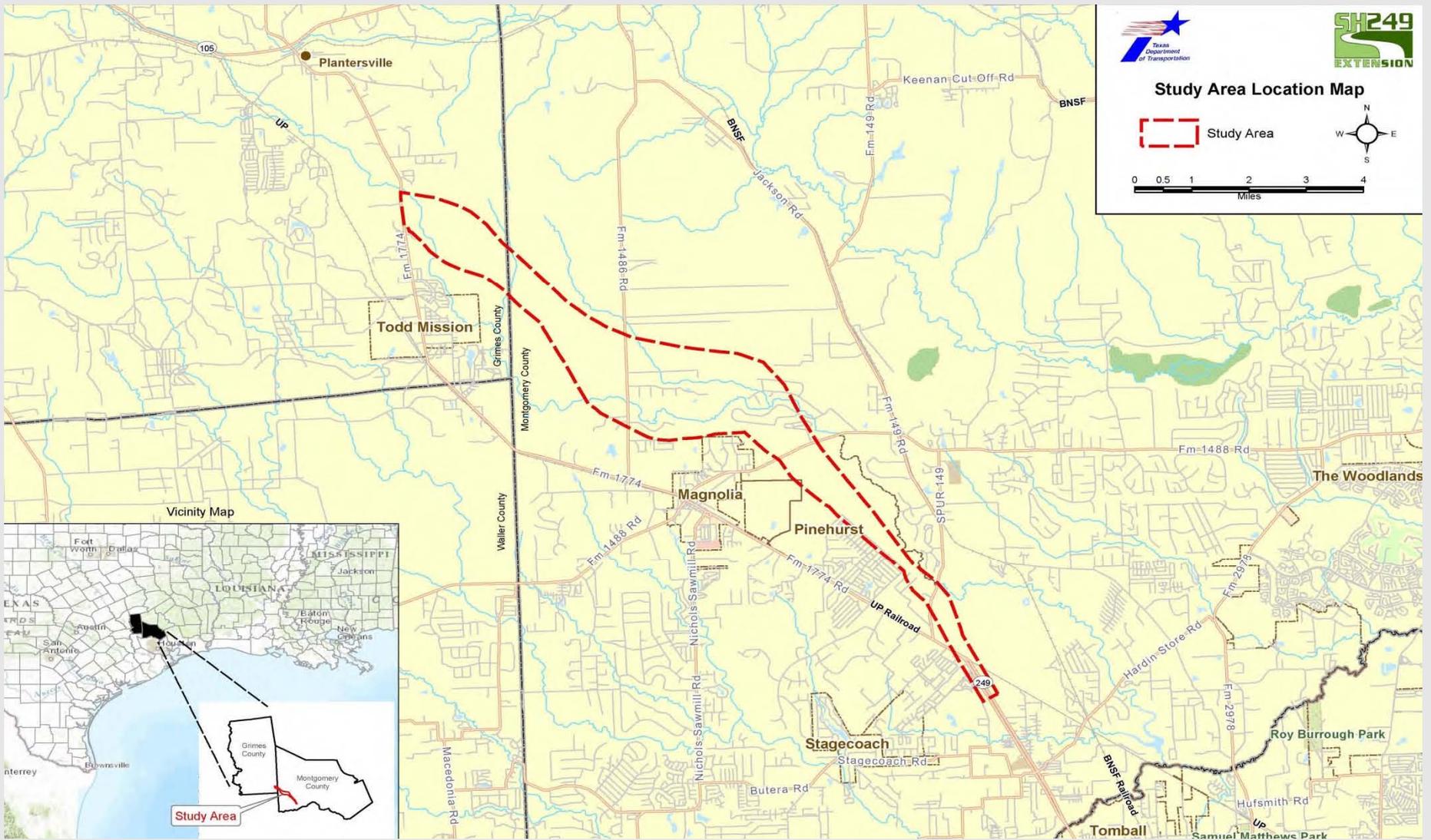
- System Linkage
- Expanded Capacity
- Safety
- Respond to Economic Development

Project Purpose

The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area.



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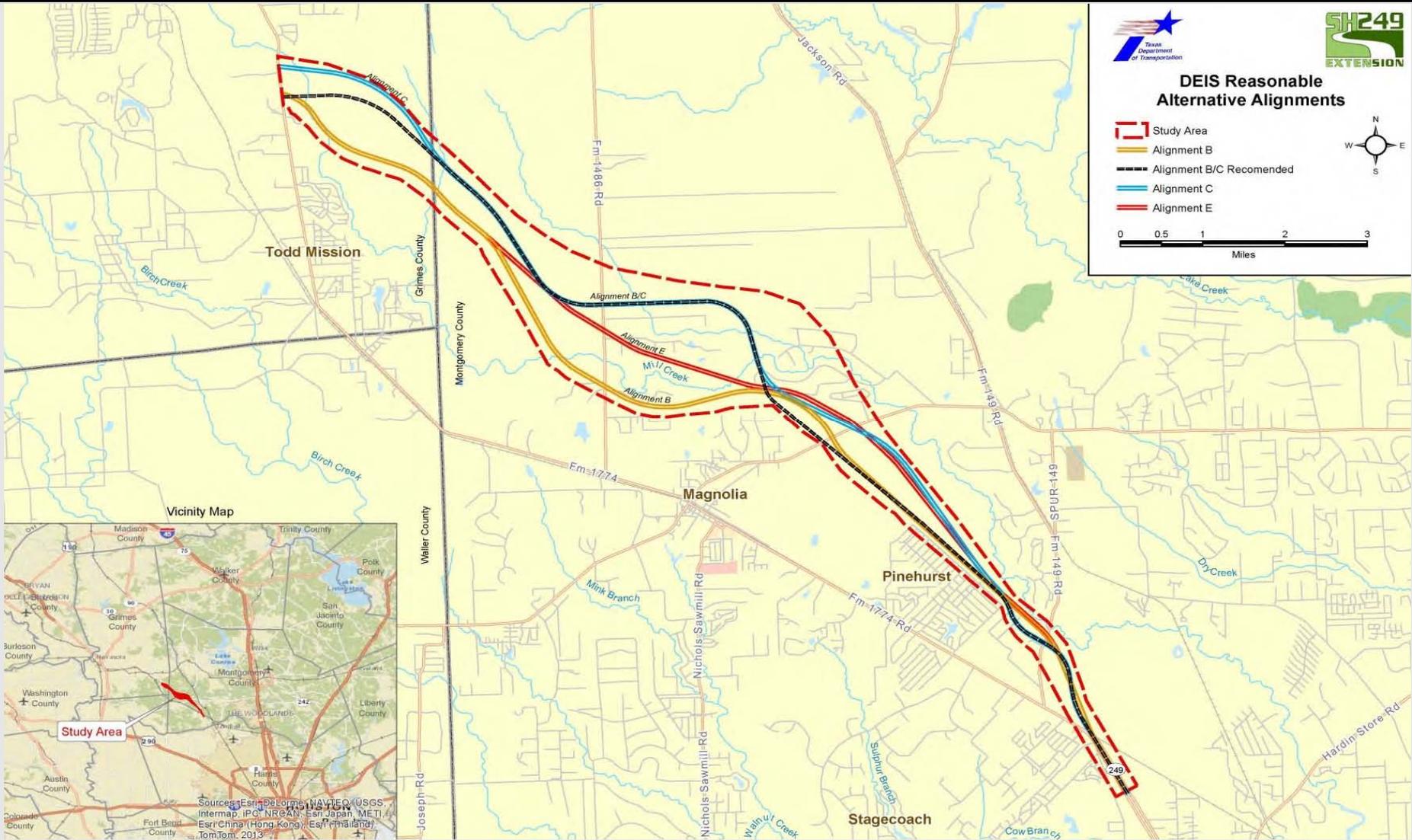


SH 249 Extension Study Area





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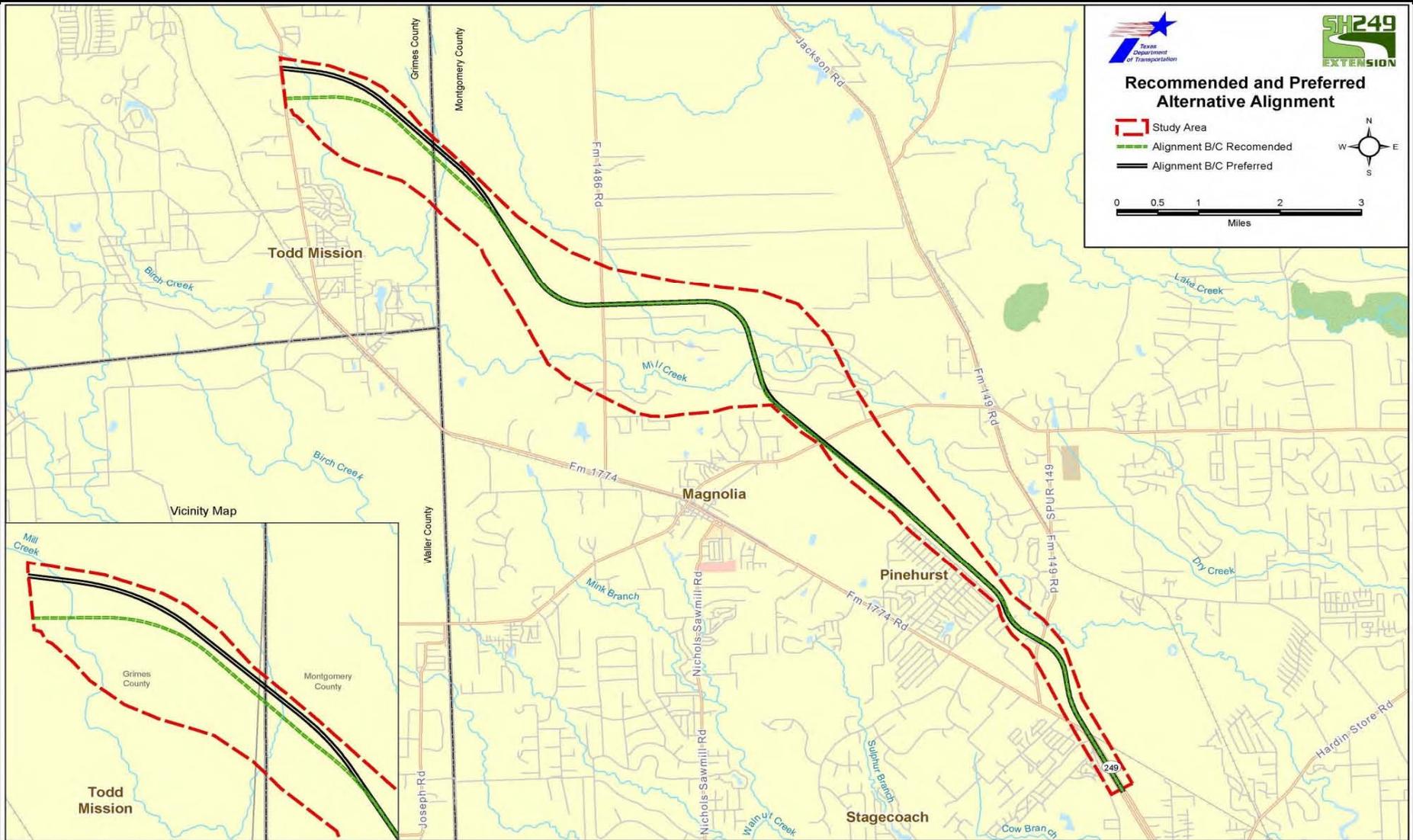


Reasonable Alternative Alignments





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Developing Alternative Alignment B/C





- Need and Purpose
- Alternative Analysis
- Existing Conditions
- Anticipated Impacts
- Public and Agency Coordination



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Criteria	Unit	Alignment B	Alignment B/C	Alignment C	Alignment E
Length of Proposed SH 249 Extension	Miles	15.3	15.0	15.3	14.2
Estimated Right-Of-Way Needed	Acres	741	727	741	688
Pipeline Crossings	Number of crossings	9	8	8	8
Potential Displacements/Relocations of Residences and Businesses	Number of displacements	26	7	7	18
Community Cohesion Impacts	High/ Medium/ Low	Medium	Low	Low	High
Wetland Impacts (National Wetland Inventory)	Acres	11.0	5.0	2.8	11.5
Floodplain Crossings	Linear feet	18,259	9,001	10,965	12,695
Stream Crossing	Number of crossings	27	21	22	19
Vegetation	Acres	711	724	730	691
Proposed Noise Barrier	Proposed number of barriers	0	1	0	0
Previous Public Involvement Support	High/ Medium/ Low	Low	High	Medium	Medium

Environmental Considerations





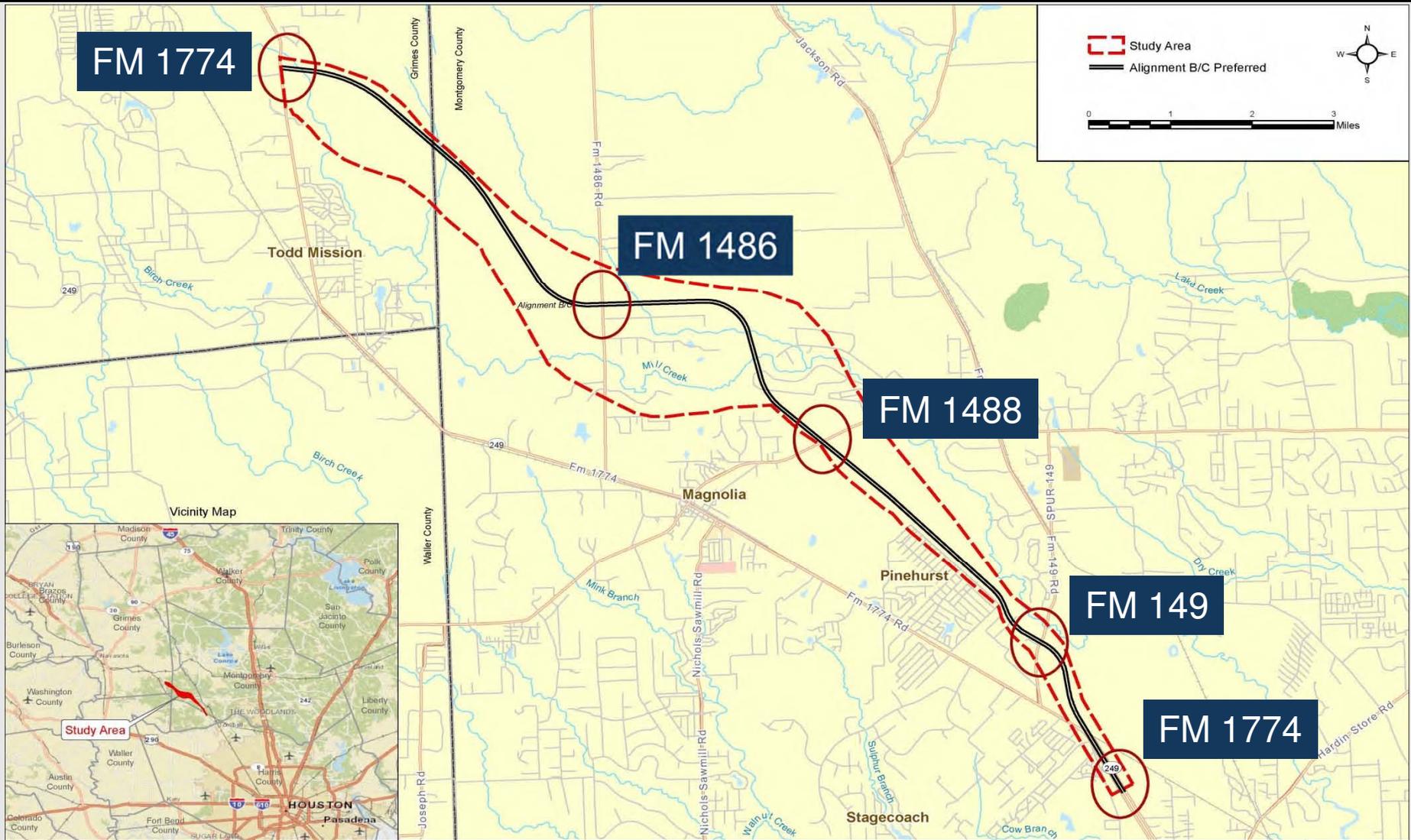
- Land Use
- Geology, Farmlands, and Soils
- Social and Economic
- Pedestrian and Bicycle
- Air Quality
- Water Quality and Permits
- Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Archeological Resources
- Historical Non-Archeological Properties
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects



- National Marine Fisheries Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- Texas Historical Commission
- Houston-Galveston Area Council
- Montgomery and Grimes Counties
- Cities of: Pinehurst, Magnolia, and Todd Mission
- Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce
- Magnolia Independent School District

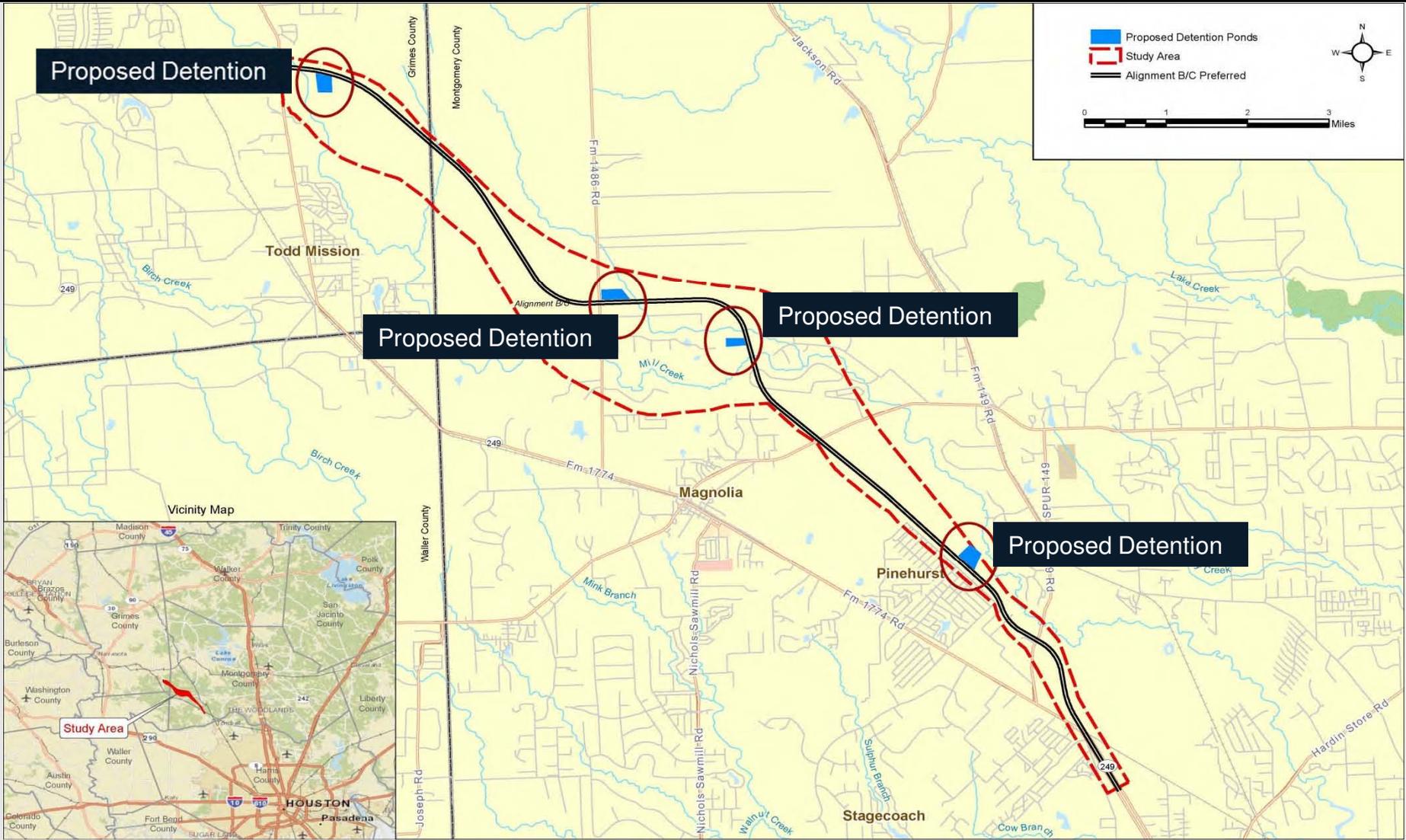


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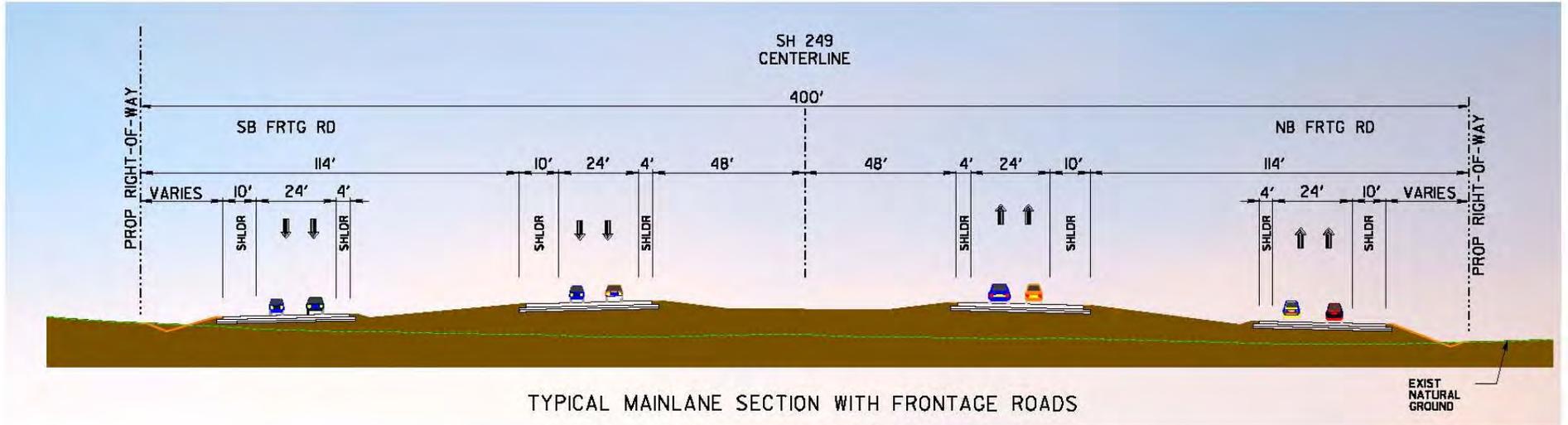
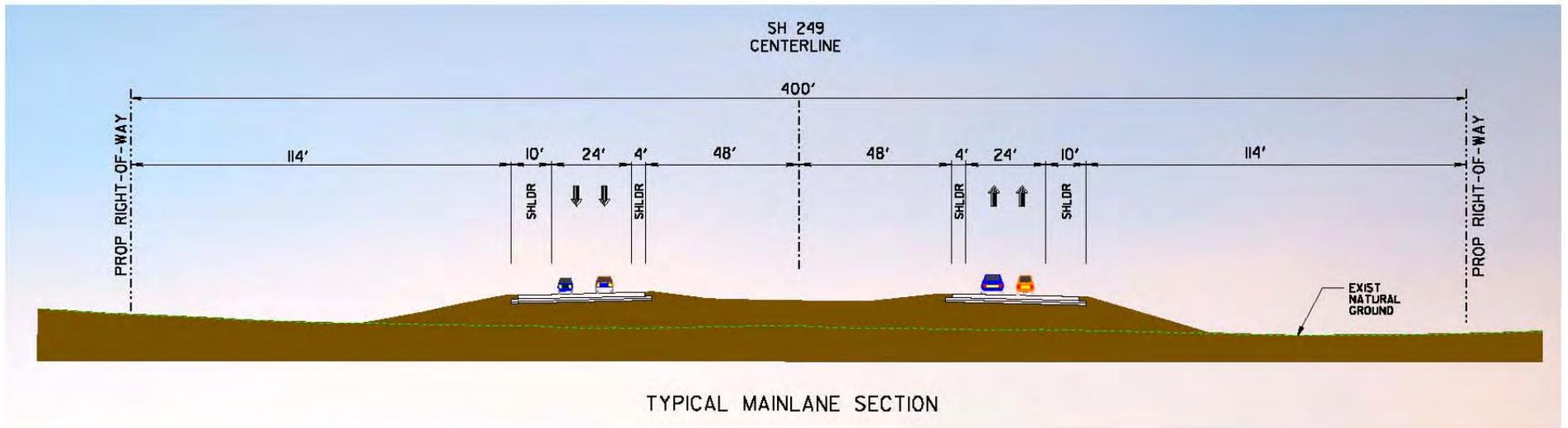
Preferred Alternative Access





Preferred Alternative Detention Facilities





Proposed Typical Sections





- TxDOT Houston District Office – Houston
- TxDOT Montgomery Area Office – Conroe
- TxDOT Bryan District Office – Bryan
- Malcolm Purvis Library – Magnolia
- Tomball Community Library/Lone Starr College – Tomball
- Navasota Public Library – Navasota
- Montgomery County Central Branch Library – Conroe

SH 249 Extension website:

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>



- Consider public hearing comments
- Develop Selected Alternative per comments
- Finalize environmental analysis
- Project decision from TxDOT for the Final EIS/Record of Decision
- Develop final schematic design
- Anticipated construction activities to begin between late 2016 and early 2017
- Anticipated construction duration: 2 years



Oral Comments

- Complete a speaker card to speak during the Public Hearing, or
- Give comments privately to the court reporter in the common area

Written Comments

- Submit/Postmark by March 9, 2015
- Email by March 9, 2015 to: HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov
- Website at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>



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Elected Officials Comment Session





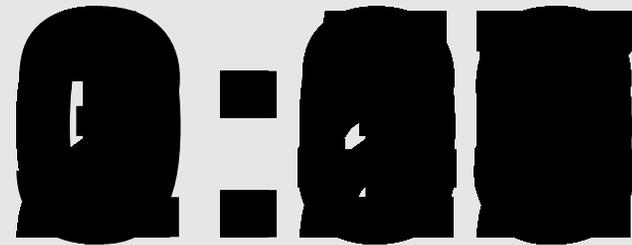
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Public Comment Session





- Submit Speaker Registration Card
- Limited to 3 minutes
- Use microphone and face court reporter
- State your name and whom you represent (if applicable)
- Unused time may not be given to another speaker





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Thank You

