



# Dallas / Fort Worth Core Express Service

## Public Scoping Meetings



### Agenda

**4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**  
Open House

**6:00 p.m.**  
Presentation

**6:30 p.m.**  
Public Comment

**7:30 p.m.**  
Open House Concludes

We encourage you to submit comments on or before **December 15, 2014**, to be included in the meeting summary report; however, comments are welcome at any time. For more information contact:

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### Agenda

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
Open House

**12:30 p.m.**  
Presentation

**1:00 p.m.**  
Public Comment

**2:00 p.m.**  
Open House Concludes

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## Project Overview



**TxDOT and FRA preparing a project-level Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Dallas / Fort Worth Core Express Project**

**Project is part of a larger high-speed and express rail system planned for Texas**

**TxDOT and FRA will evaluate routes, stations and operational alternatives for high-speed and express passenger rail between Fort Worth and Dallas**



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## What We Know as We Begin the Study



What we <u>DO</u> Know Today	What we <u>DON'T</u> Know Today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Environmental review process starting</li><li>✓ Potential track alignments identified in previous studies</li><li>✓ Alignments identified in regional transportation plans (IH 30)</li><li>✓ Study process and anticipated timeline</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ Final track alignments</li><li>✗ Stations: number and locations</li><li>✗ Types of high or higher-speed train technology</li><li>✗ Environmental impacts (potential noise, vibration etc.)</li><li>✗ Project costs and funding sources</li></ul>



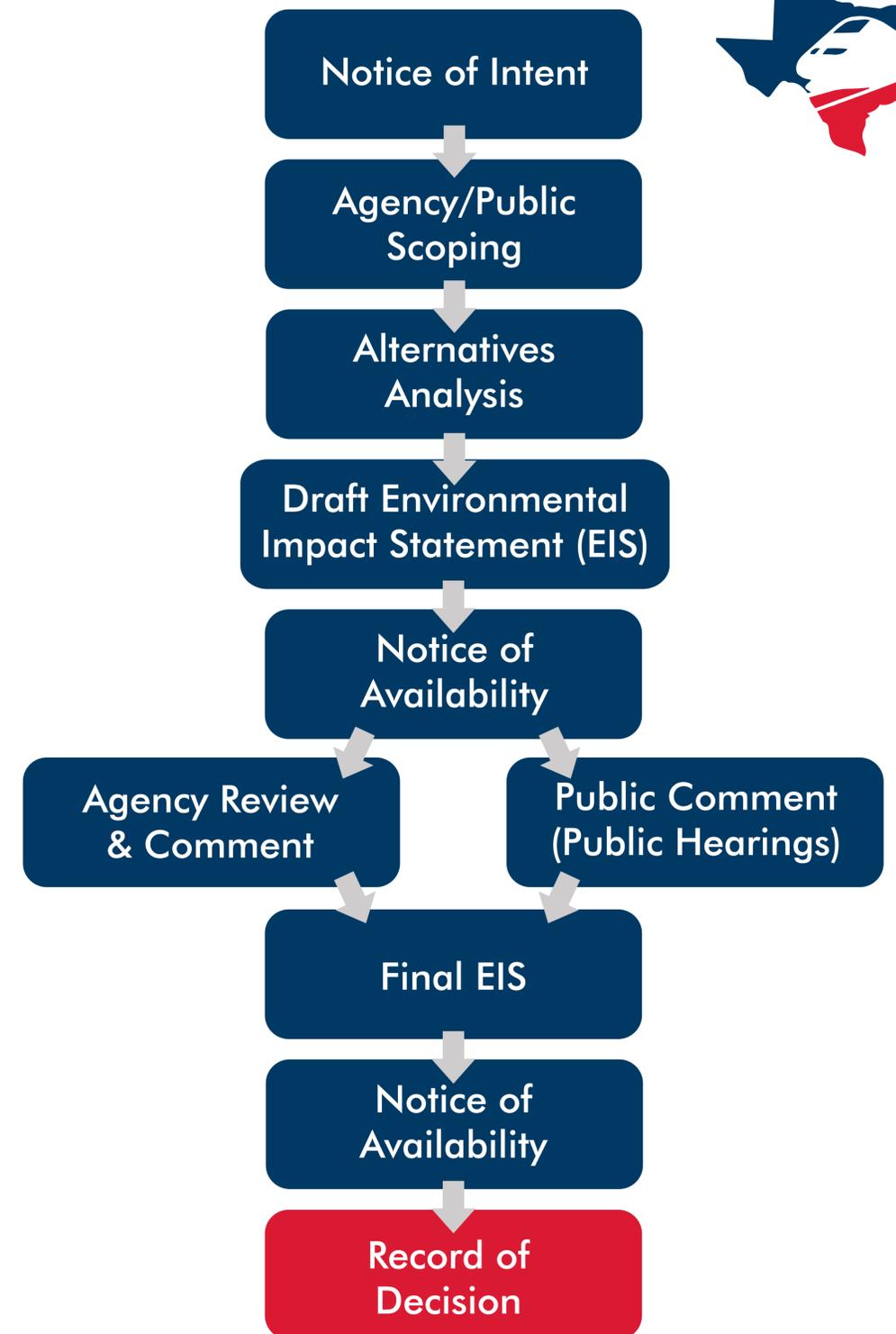
# Dallas / Fort Worth Core Express Service NEPA Environmental Study Process



NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act

Requires federal agencies to consider the environmental impacts of decisions prior to taking action

Provides multiple opportunities for agency and public involvement





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## Draft Project Purpose and Need



### **PURPOSE**

*To provide a financially viable, safe, reliable, and environmentally sustainable premium express passenger rail service connecting Dallas and Fort Worth, providing a key linkage to the Texas high-speed passenger rail system and regional transportation networks.*

*A Purpose and Need Statement is a critical part of an Environmental Impact Statement and fulfills the following:*

- *Presents why a proposed action, with its inherent costs and environmental impacts, is being pursued.*
- *Summarizes the transportation problems to be addressed.*
- *Identifies project goals and objectives.*
- *Drives the process for consideration of alternatives, analyses, and selection of a Preferred Alternative.*



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## Topics for Environmental Study

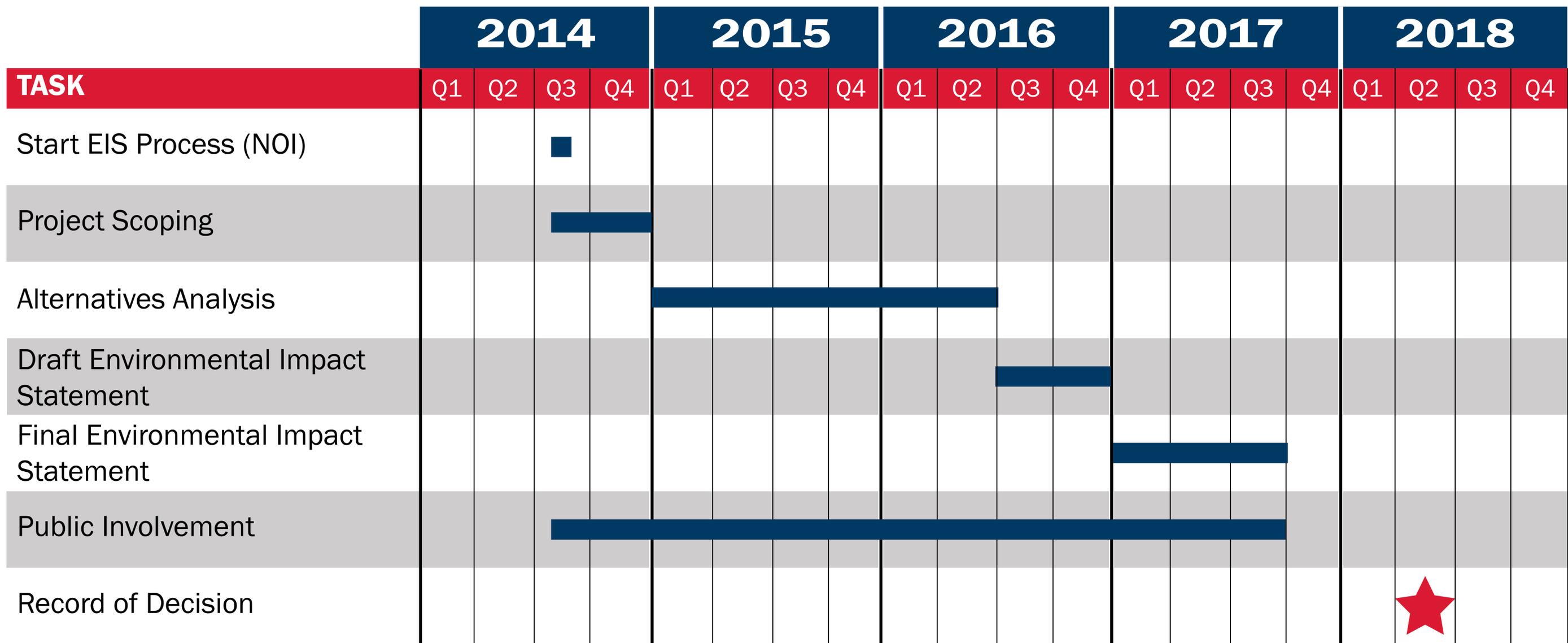


Natural Resources	Community Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Air Quality</li><li>✓ Energy</li><li>✓ Fish &amp; Wildlife Habitat</li><li>✓ Wetlands</li><li>✓ Water Quality</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Cultural resources</li><li>✓ Economic Development</li><li>✓ Historic Properties</li><li>✓ Environmental Justice</li><li>✓ Land Use</li><li>✓ Noise &amp; Vibration</li><li>✓ Safety &amp; Security</li><li>✓ Transportation</li></ul>

**Plus other issues raised by agencies and members of the public during the scoping period.**

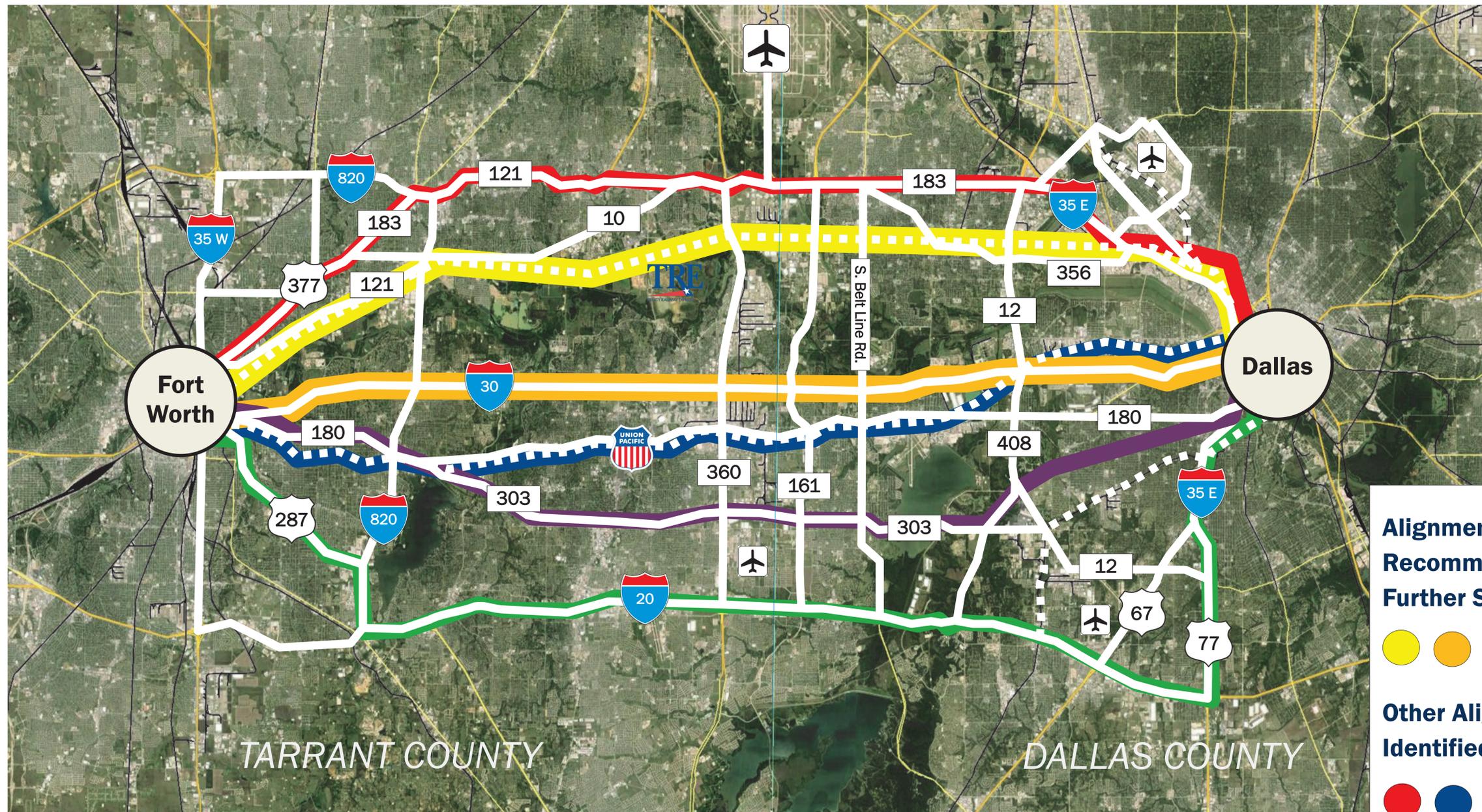


# Dallas / Fort Worth Core Express Service Project Schedule





# Dallas / Fort Worth Core Express Service Study Area



**Alignments Recommended for Further Study**

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**Other Alignments Identified in Prior Study**

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## Potential Station Locations

