



OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING No. 2

Loop 337 from I-35 to Hillcrest Drive

New Braunfels, Comal County





Loop 337

FROM: I-35

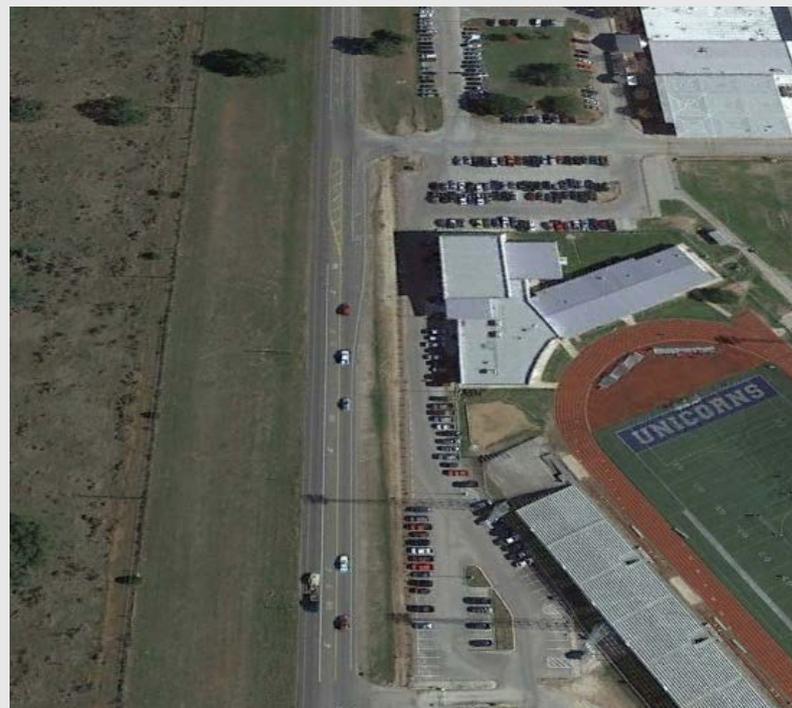
TO: Hillcrest Drive

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July 12, 2016

5:00pm – 7:00pm

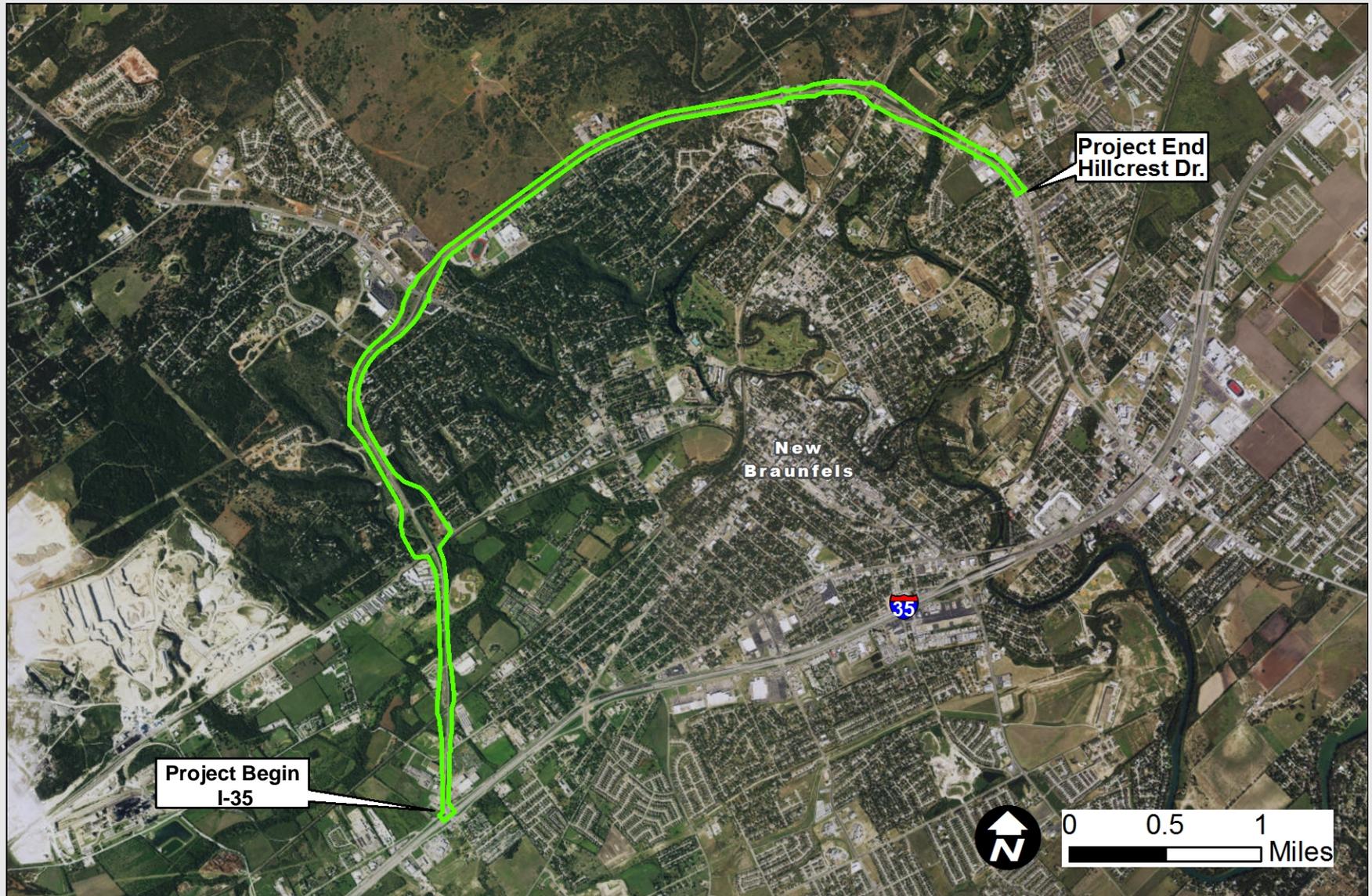


NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL

2551 Loop 337

New Braunfels, TX 78130

Project Location



Need and Purpose

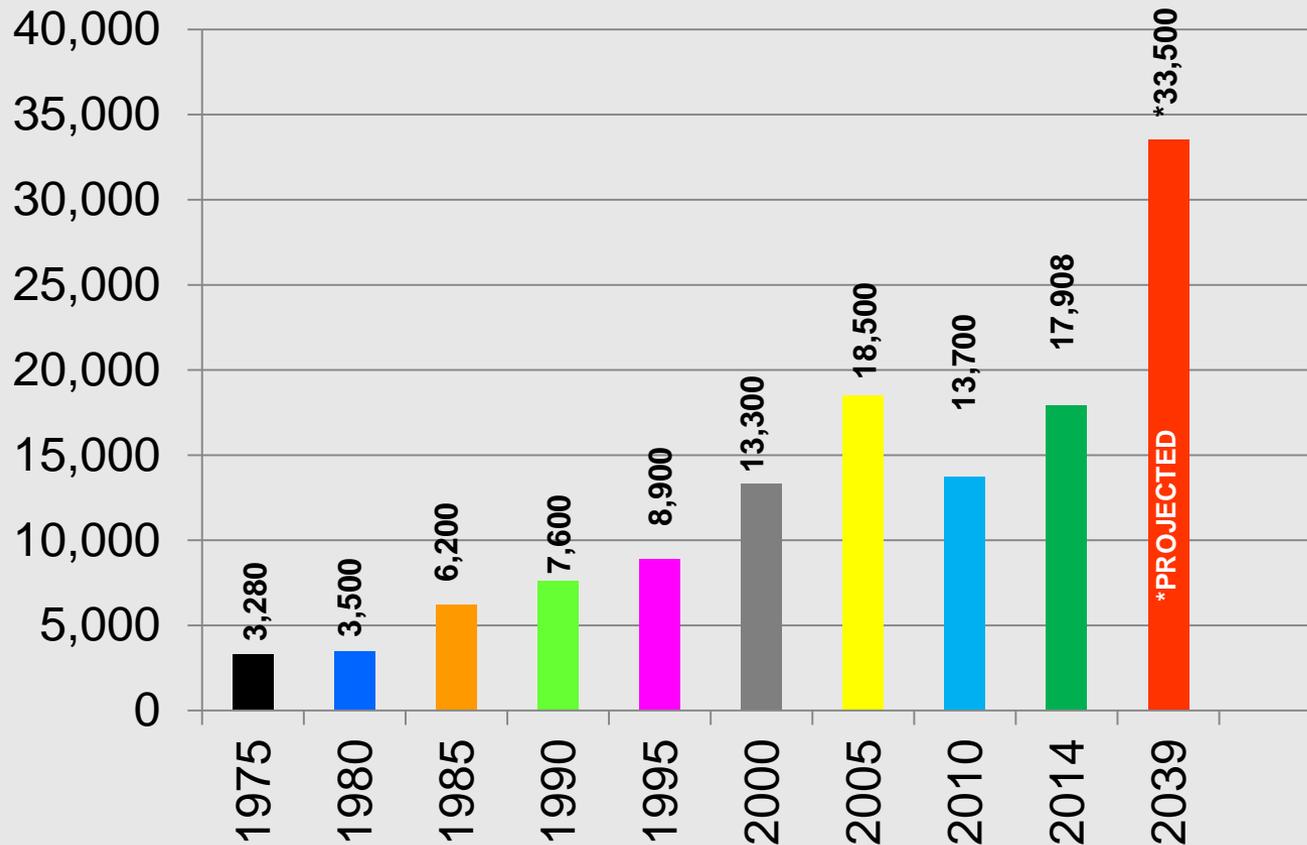
■ Need

- Growth along Loop 337 has resulted in the degradation of traffic flow through the corridor
 - According to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, six geographies in the project area rank in the top third in Comal County for projected population growth between 2010-2040.
 - Large scale master development is planned along Loop 337 in the project area
 - Traffic volumes on Loop 337 are expected to increase by 40-50% percent over the next 20 years.
- Increase in number of access points along the corridor without adequate turn lanes have created additional conflict points

■ Purpose

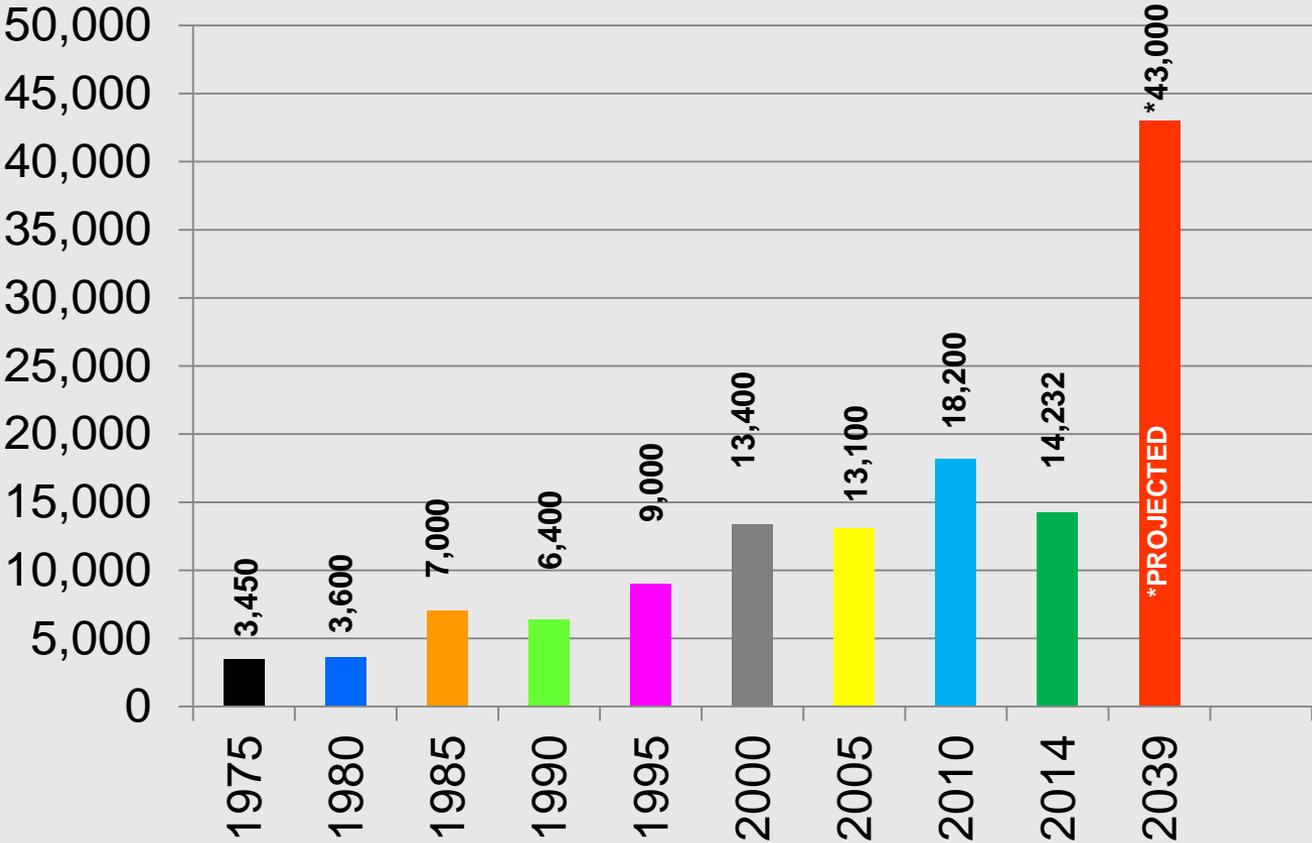
- The purpose of the project is to facilitate traffic flow on Loop 337 in order to accommodate the projected increase in traffic and population growth while increasing safety for the traveling public.

Projected Traffic



Loop 337 (North of River Road) – Average Daily Traffic

Projected Traffic

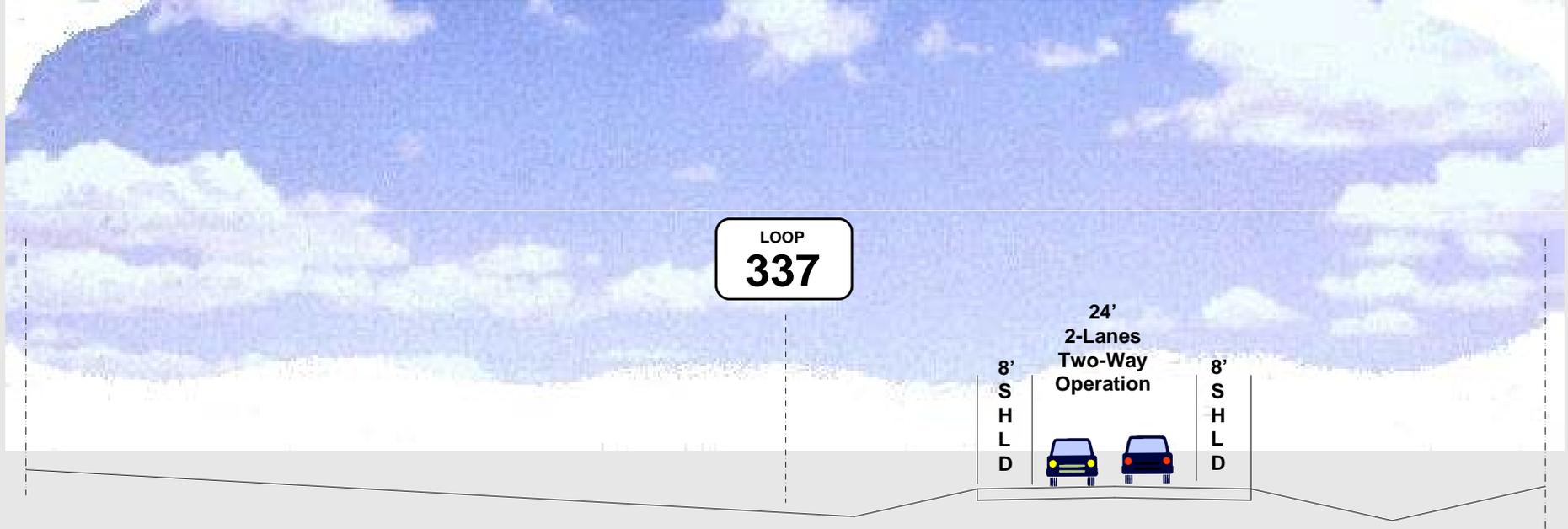


Loop 337 (South of SH 46 / Vicinity of San Antonio St.) – Average Daily Traffic

Project Information

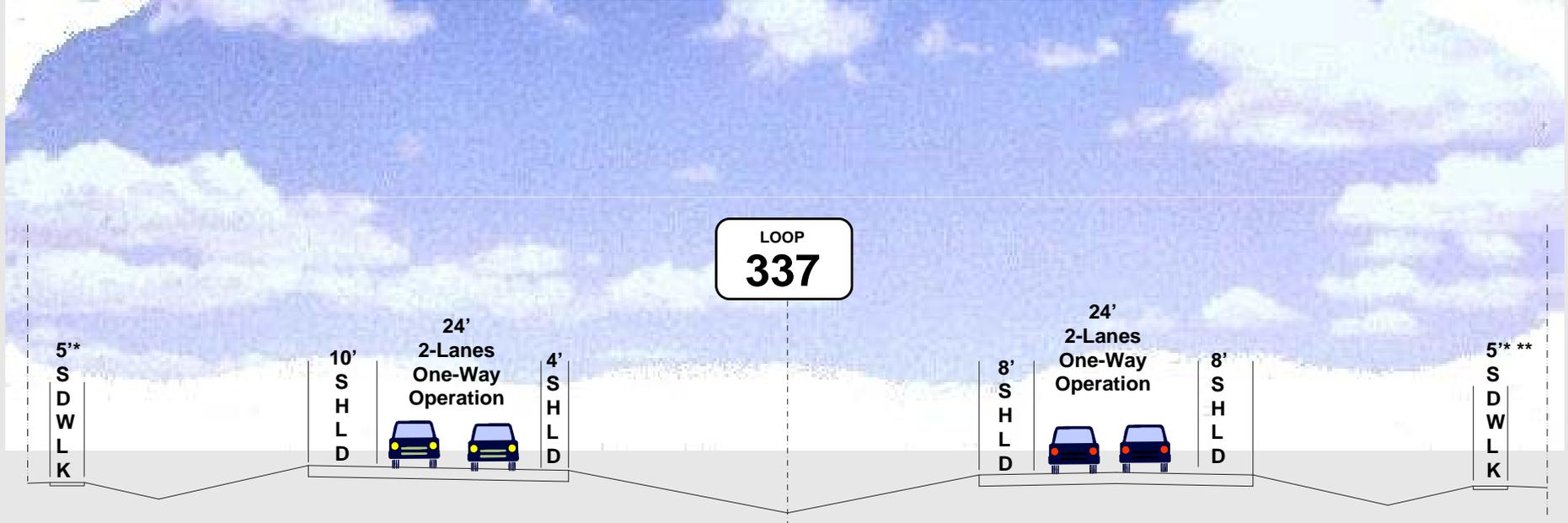
- Upgrade the existing Loop 337 roadway from two lanes undivided to a four-lane divided facility
- Sidewalks added from Rivercrest Drive to River Terrace and from River Road to SH 46
- No additional ROW required
- Total project length = approximately 6.7 Miles

Typical Section



Existing Loop 337 Typical Section

Typical Section



*From Rivercrest to River Terrace

*From Rivercrest to River Terrace
**From River Road To SH 46

Proposed Loop 337 Typical Section

Visual of Typical 2-lane Roadway



Visual of Typical 4-lane Divided Roadway



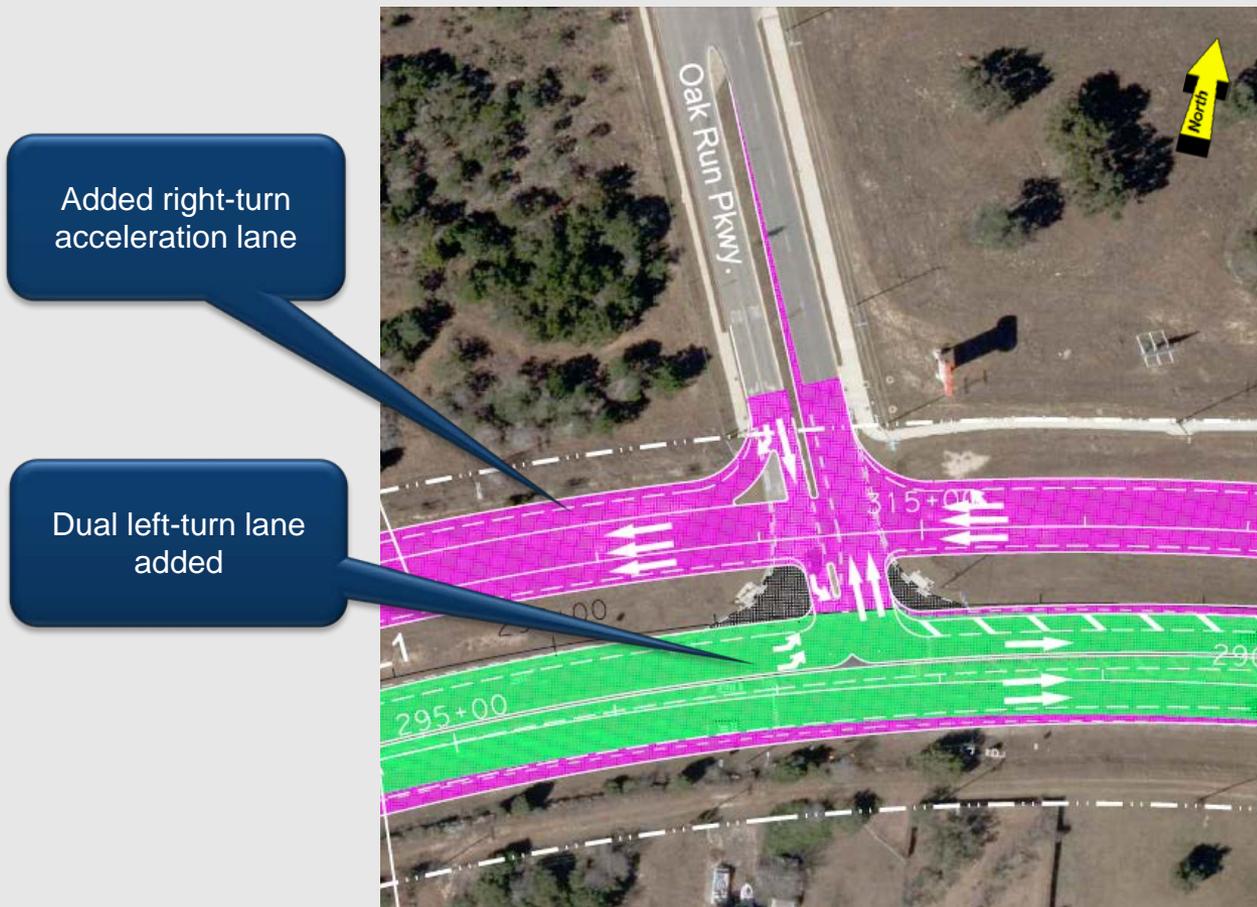
Update from Open House No. 1

- Open House Public Meeting was held on November 12, 2015 at New Braunfels High School
 - 171 people registered their attendance
 - 83 comments were received from comment forms, statements to the court reporter and one letter
- Changes have been made to the project based on public input from the open house and stakeholder meetings, and refinements from traffic analysis

Stakeholder Meetings Since Open House No. 1

- Since the November 2015 meeting, TxDOT has met with several stakeholders with an interest in the project corridor:
 - New Braunfels ISD (October 2015)
 - Oakwood Baptist Church (January 2016)
 - New Braunfels Transportation Forum at Eden Hill (February 2016)
 - Oakwood Baptist Church/City of New Braunfels (May 2016)

Schematic Revisions Made Since Open House No. 1



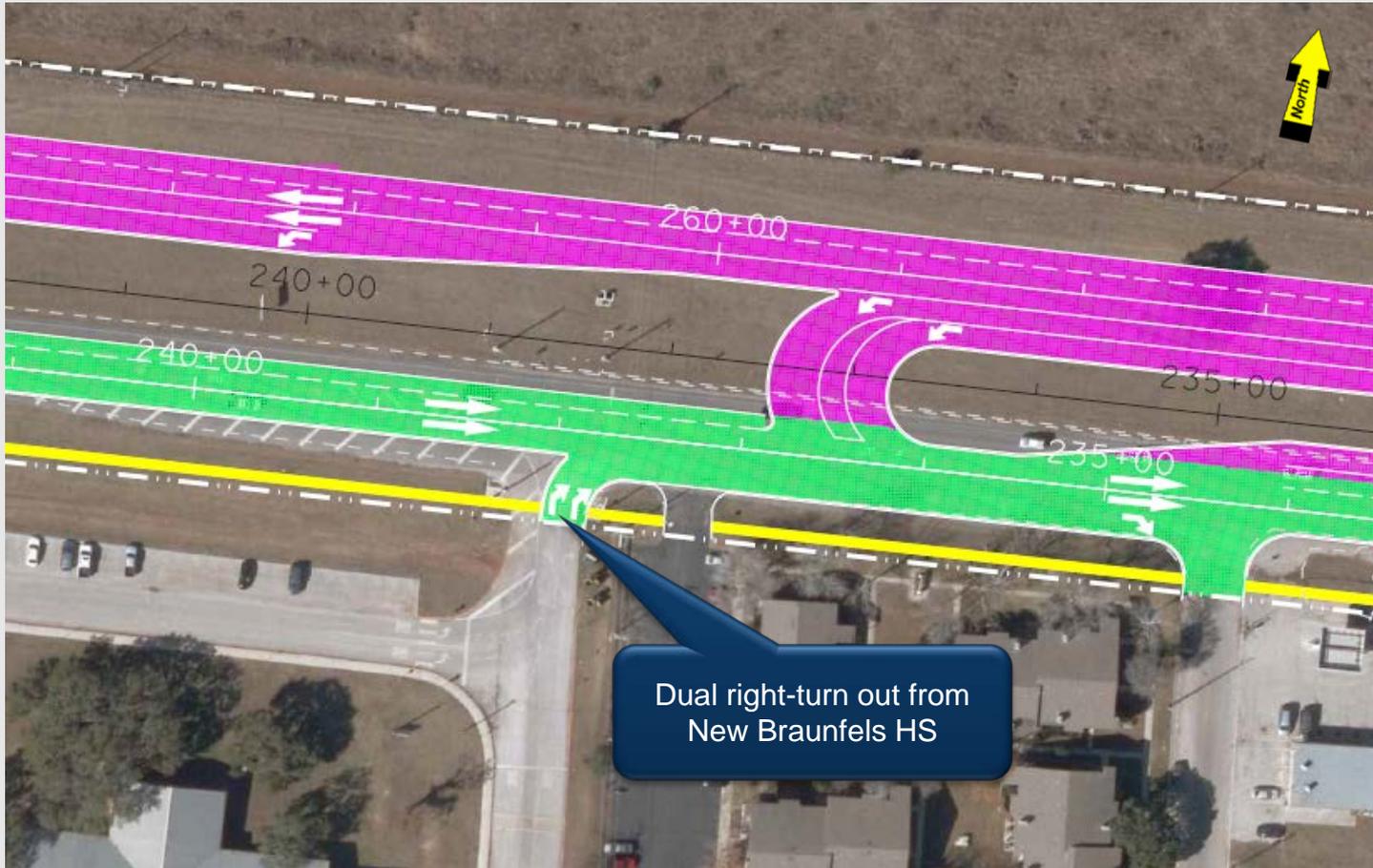
- Traffic analysis showed dual left-turn lanes are needed on northbound Loop 337 at Oak Run Parkway
- Also added a right-turn acceleration lane onto southbound Loop 337 from Oak Run Parkway

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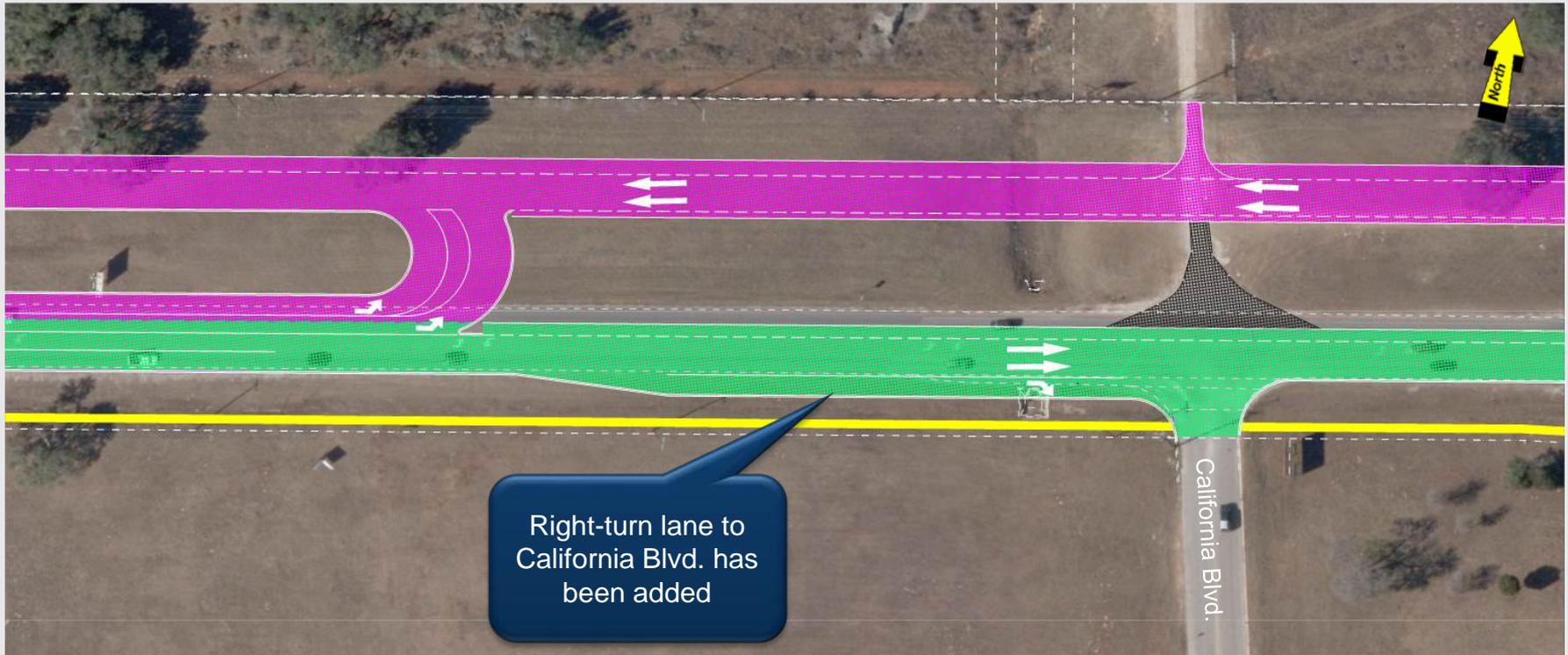
- Traffic analysis showed a northbound acceleration lane would help vehicles merge with the Loop 337 traffic

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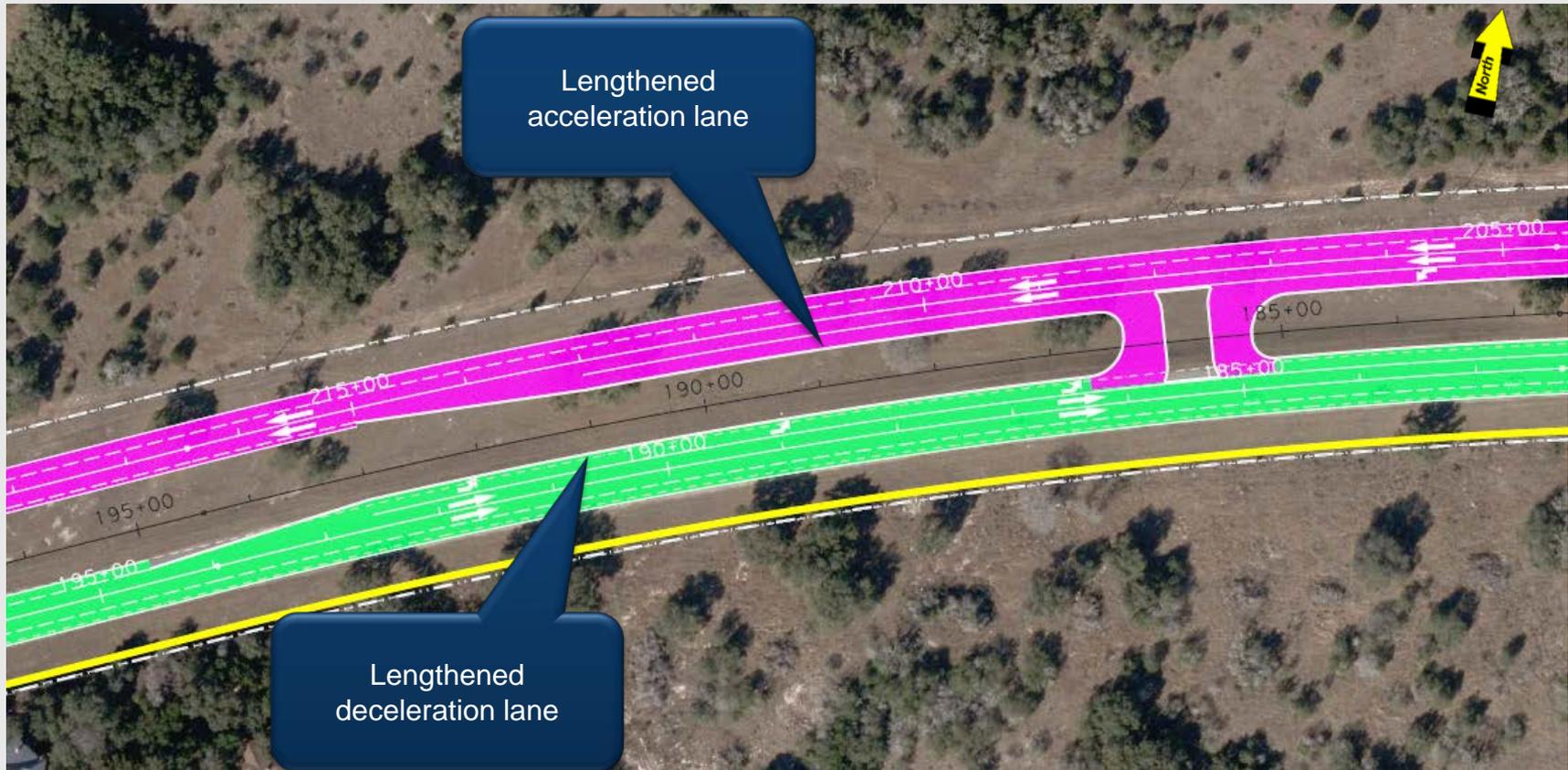
- To accommodate the vehicles leaving the high school, dual right-turn lanes would be provided

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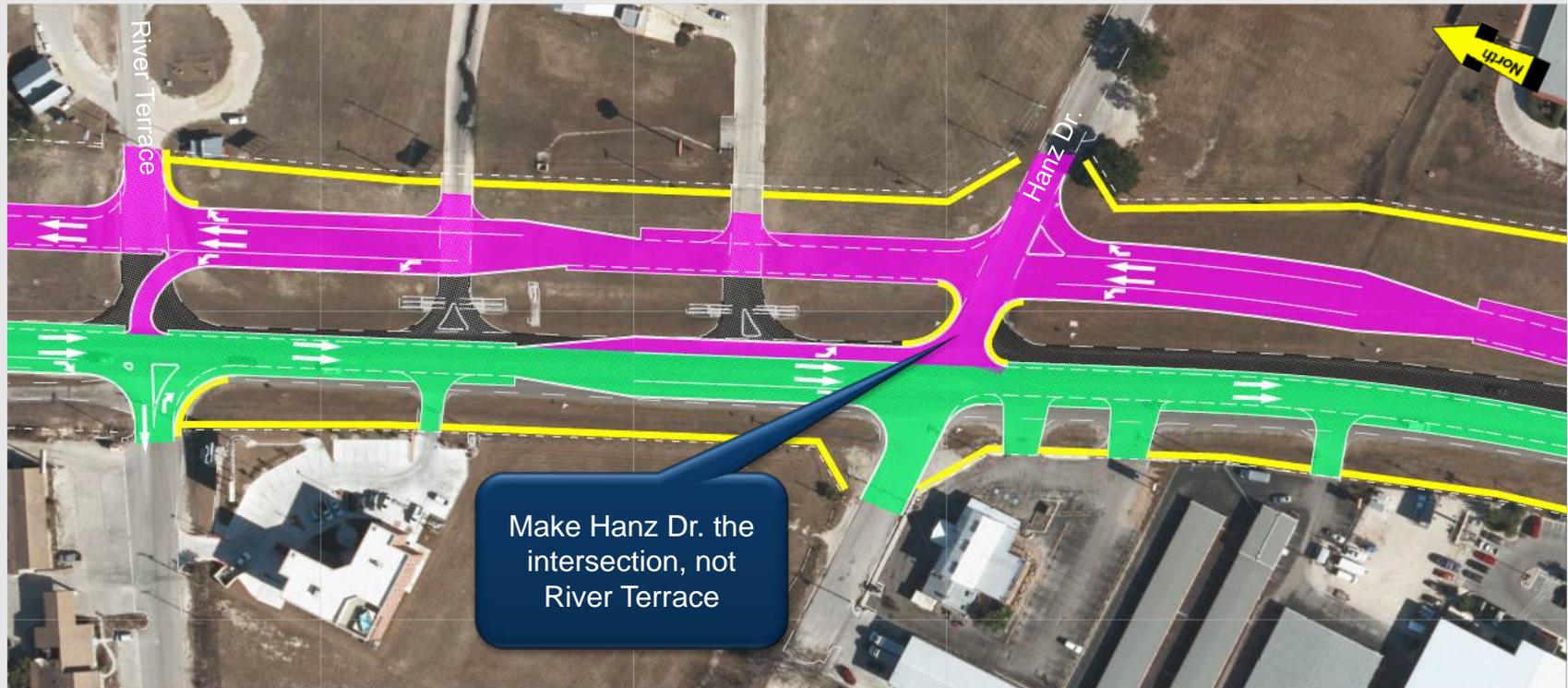
- Public comments requested a dedicated right turn lane to serve California Blvd.
- Proposed plan will add a right turn lane

Schematic Revisions Made Since Open House No. 1



- The deceleration and acceleration lanes for the turnaround that serves California Blvd. and Oakwood Church were lengthened

Schematic Revisions Made Since Open House No. 1



- The largest number of comments pointed to the need for a full intersection at Hanz Dr. rather than at River Terrace.
- Site visits to observe the traffic travel patterns confirmed the public comments, and of such the design was changed to make Hanz Dr. the full intersection.

- Community Impacts: no disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority or low income populations anticipated
- Traffic Noise: analysis is underway
- Cultural Resources: proposed project would have no effects on historic or archeological resources
- Biological Resources: evaluation is underway
- Water Resources:
 - Jurisdictional determination study has been performed
 - No impacts to wetlands are anticipated
 - Portions of the proposed project are located over the recharge and transition zones of the Edwards Aquifer
 - Portions of the proposed project are located within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain

- Current Let Date:
Spring 2017

- Estimated Construction Duration:
3 – 3 1/2 years

Current Estimated Construction Cost:
\$ 45 Million

Project Funding:
Alamo Area MPO, State, and Local Funds



- \$8.5 million from the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- \$31.5 million from State funds
- \$5 million local contribution

Provide Your Comments

Options for Commenting

1. Place comment card in comment box tonight
2. Provide comments to onsite court reporter
3. Fax comments to: (512) 338-2225, Attn: Emily Reed
4. Mail comments to: Cox McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc.
Attn: Emily Reed
6010 Balcones Drive, Suite 210
Austin, Texas 78731
5. Email comments to: loop337project@coxmcclain.com

Deadline for comments: July 22, 2016

Meeting materials and project information will be posted online:

- Visit txdot.gov and enter “Loop 337” in the search bar or
- Visit <https://goo.gl/EIQh7i>

***Thank You for Your
Participation!***

