



PUBLIC HEARING

Bell Boulevard Realignment





HEARING AGENDA

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



HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

- Email comments to:
BellBlvdRealignment@cedarparktexas.gov
- Mail comments to: City of Cedar Park
 C/O Emily Truman, P.E.
 450 Cypress Creek Road
 Cedar Park, TX 78613

**Comments received by March 8, 2019
will be included in the public hearing documentation**



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Bell Boulevard Realignment



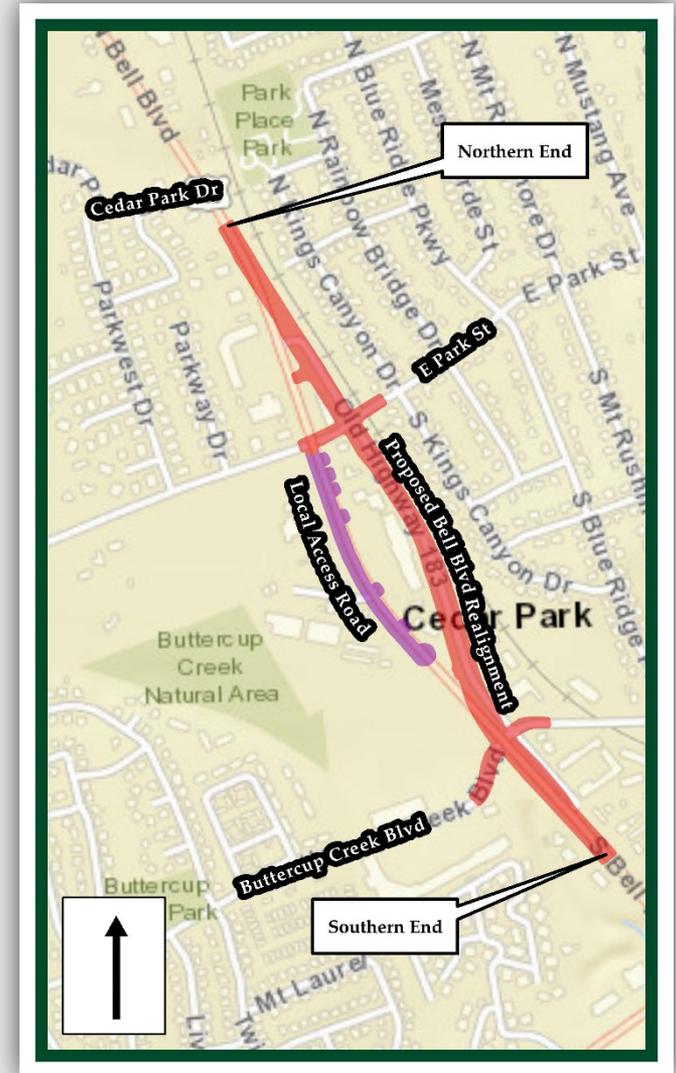
AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

- As proposed, the project would be fully funded by the City of Cedar Park (the local sponsor).
- TxDOT is involved as State DOT oversight on environmental and design purposes.



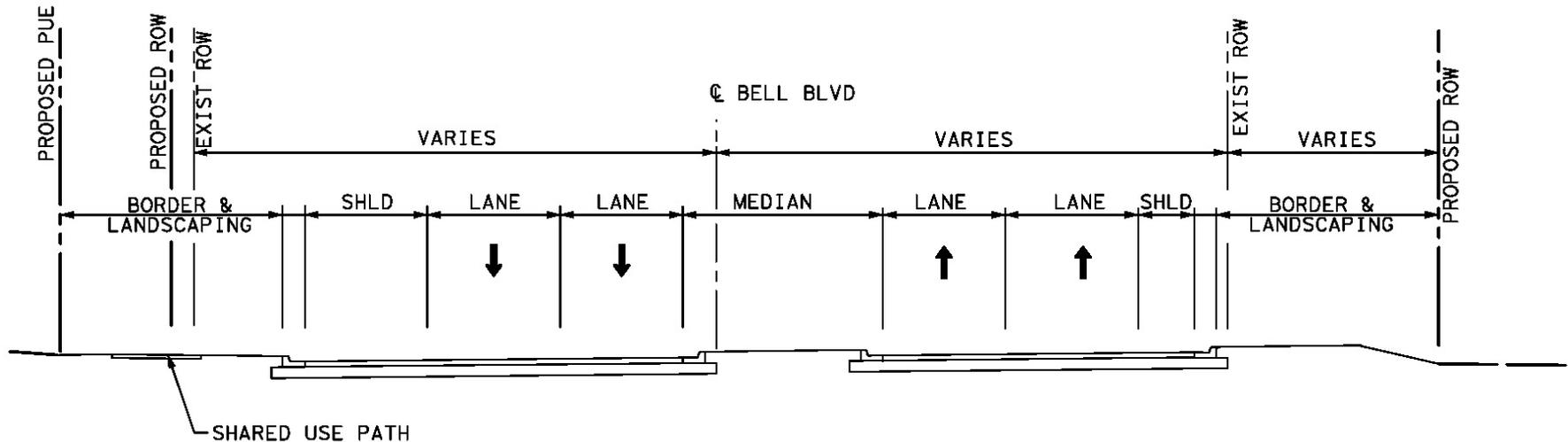
PROJECT LOCATION

- Cedar Park Drive (North)
- Buttercup Creek Blvd. (South)
- Project Length: 0.8 mile
- Current project phase: Preliminary Engineering and Design





Proposed Typical Section of the Bell Blvd. Realignment



- Two 12-foot lanes in each direction on Bell Boulevard
- Raised median with protected turn lanes
- 10-foot shared-use path along the west side of the roadway with crosswalks at Buttercup Creek Blvd. and Park Street intersections
- Project will include safety illumination and landscaping



ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

Bell Boulevard Realignment



Environmental Considerations

- Air Quality
- Archeological Sites and Cemeteries
- Historic Resources
- Public Parks/Recreational Areas
- Wildlife and Protected Species
- Migratory Birds
- Community Impacts
- Hazardous Materials
- Traffic Noise
- Wetlands/Waters of the U.S.
- Water Quality
- Public Involvement



Project Alternatives

Build Alternative:

- Realignment of existing Bell Boulevard east onto current Old Highway 183.

No Build Alternative:

- No infrastructural improvement to the project corridor.



Community Impact Assessment

- Land Use
- Demographics
- Displacements
- Community Cohesion
- Limited English Proficiency





Noise Analysis Regulations

TxDOT and FHWA Regulation: Projects on state system roadways that involve the addition of through lanes require a noise study to check for Traffic Noise Impacts.

Process: Sound meter and computer modeling were used at multiple locations along the project for determining existing and predicted noise levels.



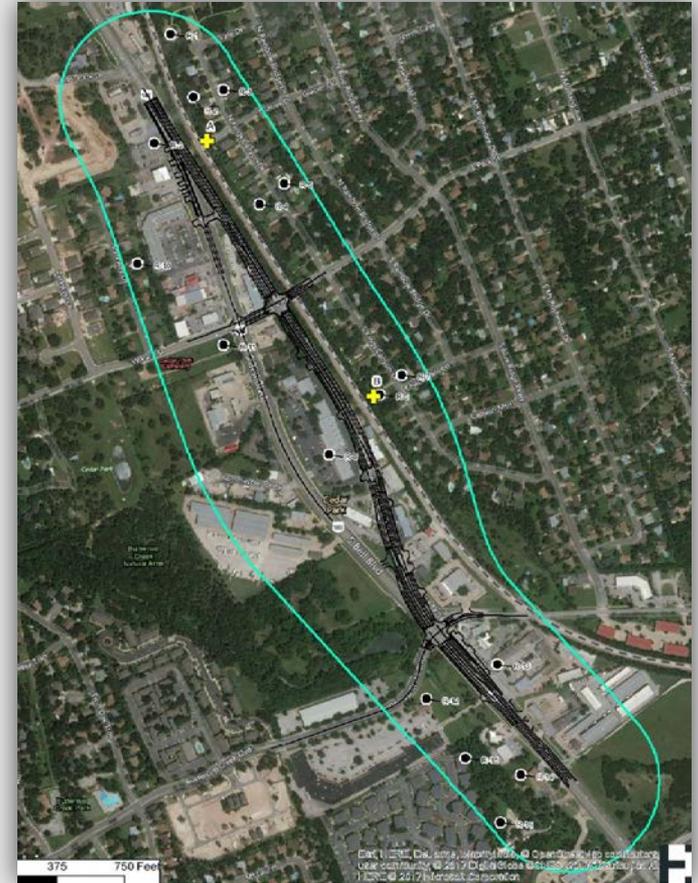
Noise Analysis Results

Results:

- 1) All receivers predict residential noise levels will not exceed 67 dB(A) with new alignment.
- 2) Analysis indicates an increase of less than 10 dB(A).

Conclusion:

For the current alignment, the predictions of the noise analysis indicate abatement is not required.





Anticipated Permits

Edwards Aquifer Rules

- Contributing Zone Plan (CZP)

Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System (TPDES)

- Notice of Intent/Notice of Termination
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) during construction



RIGHT-OF-WAY OVERVIEW

Bell Boulevard Realignment



Anticipated Displacement

Five Commercial Displacement Parcels:

- Parcel R325310- Centex Playscape Refurbishers (previously Callahan's Feed)
- Parcel R031882- Neighborhood Park and Sell (previously Firestone Auto Care)
- Parcel R0311923- City of Cedar Park Administrative Offices
- Parcel R031909- Plush Upholstery Studios and Plush Fabrics
- Parcel R031951- Connie's Car wash



Anticipated ROW Acquisitions

Permanent ROW Acquisition within:

- 13 parcels

Permanent Easement Acquisition within:

- 9 parcels

Temporary Construction Easements:

- 3 parcels



ROW Acquisition Process

ROW Acquisition Manual



Revised January 2019

© 2019 by Texas Department of Transportation
(512) 463-8630 all rights reserved



Project Schedule*



* This project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.



10 MINUTE BREAK



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bell Boulevard Realignment



**3 MINUTES
FOR EACH SPEAKER**



HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

- Email comments to:
BellBlvdRealignment@cedarparktexas.gov
- Mail comments to: City of Cedar Park
 C/O Emily Truman, P.E.
 450 Cypress Creek Road
 Cedar Park, TX 78613

Comments received by **March 8, 2019** will be included in the public hearing documentation.

Thank you for your participation!