



Will there be a Noise Wall?

A noise study has been completed. Noise monitoring was conducted in the summer of 2017 to create a baseline of current conditions. TxDOT Draft Noise Study shows no noise abatement is warranted for the road realignment.

What screening measures are planned between the road and neighborhood?

The City has been sensitive to what it has heard during the numerous events about how best to incorporate the redevelopment of Bell Boulevard which includes the moving of the road within an existing and established environment. As such, the City is considering constructing some style of panel wall combined with enhanced landscaping between the road and CapMetro right-of-way. This will serve as a screen or buffer for the neighborhood. We are here tonight to get your feedback on our initial thoughts.

Will all current driveways be maintained?

Most current driveways will be maintained. A few driveways for businesses with multiple driveways will have their driveways combined or improved into a single commercial driveway to allow for right-of-way acquisition and/or improved mobility along Bell Boulevard. Some existing driveways may need to be reconstructed due to right-of-way adjustments. In most cases, driveways will no longer be full turning movements. Most will be right in and right out.

What land is needed for the right of way?

The extent of right-of-way acquisition is still being assessed. Once it is determined where land will be needed, the City will follow all state and federal guidelines to obtain it.

When will the traffic move to the new (eastern) alignment of Bell Boulevard?

The current schedule, which is dependent on approvals from TxDOT and other organizations, indicates that traffic will likely be moved to the new alignment in phases. The northbound lanes may move to the new alignment, followed by the southbound lanes. It is anticipated that no changes to existing flow of traffic will occur until late 2019 or 2020.

What will be done with the current alignment?

It is anticipated that the current (western) right-of-way of Bell Boulevard will become the property of the City of Cedar Park. Eventually, the western alignment will be reconstructed with the southern end terminating in a cul-de-sac with pedestrian improvements as shown in the Bell Boulevard Redevelopment Master Plan. Initially, it will be striped to the configuration of a two-lane road.



What is the Purpose?

The Bell Boulevard (US 183) Realignment Project will improve public safety within the corridor in a manner consistent with the Destination Bell Boulevard Master Plan. During the Destination Bell Boulevard Master Plan process, the public selected the separation of the through traffic on Realigned (East) Bell Boulevard and the commercial access traffic on what is the proposed West Bell Boulevard. This separation seeks to improve safety and accessibility for vehicles and pedestrians accessing the commercial corridor between Cedar Park Drive and south of Buttercup Creek Boulevard.

Quick Facts:

- Project length is 0.819 mile
- Project limits are from Cedar Park Drive to south of Buttercup Creek Boulevard
- Current project phase is Preliminary Engineering and Design
- One 14-foot lane and one 11- or 12-foot lane in each direction on Bell Boulevard (final section still under review)
- Raised median with protected turn lanes
- 8- to 10-foot shared-use path with crosswalks at Buttercup Creek Boulevard and Park Street intersection(s)
- Project will include safety illumination and landscaping

Questions/Comments?

Verbal and/or written comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted at the open house and for 15 subsequent calendar days to BellBlvdRealignment@cedarparktexas.gov. All comments received by Wednesday, April 4, 2018, will be included in the official record of the open house.

Find exhibits from the open house at:

www.txdot.gov - and search: Bell Boulevard (US 183) Realignment and
www.cedarparktexas.gov/departments/engineering/city-project-updates

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a memorandum of understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



BELL BOULEVARD REALIGNMENT OPEN HOUSE

Public Meeting March 20, 2018
5pm - 7pm
Cedar Park Recreation Center
1435 Main Street
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Need for the Bell Boulevard Realignment?

Existing conditions along current Highway 183/Bell Boulevard from Cedar Park Drive south to Buttercup Creek Boulevard include a continuous left-turn lane from Cedar Park Drive to Park Street, and from Park Street to Buttercup Creek Boulevard. Traffic has been steadily increasing since the 1980s resulting today in congestion during peak hours. Safe access within the corridor for vehicles and pedestrians has decreased with the increase in traffic.

Projected growth of the city is expected to make the conditions even worse. We needed a plan for accommodating that growth and new growth coming from the supported vision for Destination Bell Boulevard, as well as the foreseen increases in other modes of transportation (pedestrian and bicycle) in a safe and efficient manner. The stakeholders (thousands of participants) evaluated three very different road alignment alternatives for addressing mobility concerns. Moving the highway to the east was the one with the greatest support.