



Documentation of Public Hearing

Project Location

Travis County

FM 969

CSJ 1186-01-091

Project Limits

FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road

Hearing Location

Dailey Middle School

Hearing Date and Time

December 13, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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Presenters

Lorena Echeverria de Misi, TxDOT

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Scott Williams, LJA Engineering

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Elected Officials in Attendance

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Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

110

Total Number of Commenters

9

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FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Public Hearing Report
December 13, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A. Comments and Responses

Comment Number	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic	Response
1	Beverly Rupe	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter writes "Why does the County or City issue new home building permits for areas where roads are not able to accommodate the capacity of cars? County has admitted 969 does not meet current demands."	Construction developments must follow the applicable City of Austin and/or Travis County permitting regulations. The FM969 improvements will increase the vehicle capacity of this facility by adding one lane for each direction of FM969.
2	Angela Potter	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter wants team to review the signal at FM 969 and Imperial Drive for a longer yellow.	Comment pertains to an issue outside of the project limits. This section of FM 969 is currently under construction. After construction is complete the turn lanes will be longer and should improve the traffic at this intersection. Actual traffic signal timing is based upon standard engineering practice.
3	Angela Potter	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter noted "At FM 969 and Hunters Bend Road, I have waited 45 minutes just to cross the light going west. Could you have a longer green."	The FM 969 improvements west of the Hunters Bend intersection include expanding to 2 lanes in each direction all the way to SH 130. This added capacity will help alleviate traffic congestion due to removing the merge down to 1 lane near Hound Dog Trail, and thus reducing traffic at Hunters Bend.
4	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter wants a secondary access to SH 130, preferably at Harold Green, to alleviate traffic on FM 969.	Improvements to SH 130 are outside the scope of the project. Suggestions for improvements outside FM 969 corridor are noted. Improvements to SH 130 are outside the scope of the project.
5	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter is concerned about drainage at their property at 13911 FM 969 due to the construction of the school and the Family Dollar.	New roadside ditches will be engineered and constructed with this project. Drainage conveyance will be significantly improved as part of this project. When the project is completed the roadway will drain correctly and safely.
6	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	All controlled intersections should each include a right turn lane separate from the main travel lanes.	The addition of a second lane in each direction and shoulders will help ease traffic by allowing through traffic to stay in the left lane, while turning traffic utilizes the right lane.
7	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter suggested each intersecting road should include a left turn lane.	Suggestions for intersecting street improvements are noted.
8	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	All controlled intersections should have traffic sensors embedded in the road and be connected to signal control computers set to maximize access to FM 969 from feeder roads.	Each traffic signal will have detection equipment along with a traffic signal controller to help control intersection movements. This will also allow future changes to the signal timing to help operations.

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9	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter would like the project to extended Cadillac Drive. This is due to multiple wrecks at the intersection, and difficulty for buses turning onto Cadillac Dr. The curve directly after Cadillac Dr has bad line-of-sight and there needs to be a traffic signal at that intersection. Please see Section E. for copy of comments received.	Question relates to an intersection outside of the limits of this project. The project limits for this improvement were established at FM 973 and Hunters Bend due to both roadways being large traffic generators. This project will not preclude future improvements from being made east of Hunters Bend. The project limits are determined based upon an environmental designation of logical termini.
10	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter is concerned about the speed limit in front of Hornsby Bend Assembly of God. It is difficult to enter and exit the property. The problem will grow if not addressed.	The addition of a center turn lane and the additional second lane in each direction should help turning traffic. Driveway turning radii will also be constructed to meet current standards. The speed limit is posted at the 85th percentile of the average speed of traffic on the roadway. The 85th percentile is the point of least risk of collision. This is in accordance with state law: Texas Transp Code 545.353ff and Texas Admin Code chap 25.27
11	Ashley Trimpley	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter writes "Hound dog trail has become more than a 'school' road and the timing of the light @ Hound Dog trail and FM 969 is entirely too fast. We will also need a school zone for Hornsby Dunlap Elementary as the students will use the sidewalks."	The timing of the existing traffic signal at Hound Dog Trail is noted. This signal timing will be reevaluated during the design of this project. The need for a school speed zone is noted. A school speed zone must be done by an engineering study and is outside the scope of this project.
12	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter is interested in additional options to ease traffic on FM 969 including; extension of Gilbert Rd to FM 973, extension of Harold Green to Austin's Colony, and a back exit from Forrest Bluff subdivision.	Improvements being asked about are outside the scope of the project. Suggestions for improvements outside FM 969 corridor are noted.
13	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter wants the improvements ASAP. Commenter is concerned with the schedule and how long it is taking. Wants to know where the tax dollars are going and why all the planning.	Since this project requires new right-of-way (ROW), the project must go through an Environmental Assessment (EA) as well as the ROW acquisition process. Each of these processes must follow federal guidelines set by the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Administration (23 CFR 771 - Environmental Impact and Related Procedures). Before ROW can be acquired, the EA must be conducted and approved. The public hearing, comment responses, environmental research, and schematic design are all a part of the EA process. The completion of the public involvement process is one of the final steps before approval of the EA and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. The construction plans will be completed before the ROW is acquired so construction can begin as soon as this process is completed. The project is funded as part of a Pass-Through Financing agreement between Travis County and TxDOT. Travis County is funding the construction, ROW acquisition, and utility relocations with their tax dollars. TxDOT will then reimburse Travis County approximately 80% of the construction costs after project completion.

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14	William Jack Collins	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter noted that no representative from their County Commissioner or State Representative was present at the hearing.	The Travis County Commissioner at the time of the hearing was Commissioner Davis, and one of his staff was on site during the meeting. Regarding State Representatives it is Noted
15	William Jack Collins	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Commenter wants to know why we are waiting until 2011 (sic) to drive in peace.	Since this project requires new right-of-way (ROW), the project must go through an Environmental Assessment (EA) as well as the ROW acquisition process. Each of these processes must follow guidelines set by the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Administration (23 CFR 771 - Environmental Impact and Related Procedures). Before ROW can be acquired, the EA must be conducted and approved. The public hearing, comment responses, environmental research, and schematic design are all a part of the EA process. The completion of the public involvement process is one of the final steps before approval of the EA and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. The construction plans will be completed before the ROW is acquired so construction can begin as soon as this process is completed.
16	No Name on card	12/13/2016	Comment Card	<p>Commenter is concerned about the rapid growth in Austin, especially on the east side, and concerned about when the FM 969 Improvement Project will begin. Commenter also lists some improvements for consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exit and Alternate routes during construction 2. Alternate lanes during peak hour traffic times 3. Future growth for Metro Rail 4. Future growth for bus routes <p>Commenter emphasized the need for a plan for future mass transit.</p>	<p>The need for mass transit options is noted but is outside the scope of this project.</p> <p>The public will be kept informed of construction activities in advance to help citizens plan alternative routes. If detours are needed during construction they will be kept to a minimum duration.</p>
17	Samuel & Debra Glass	12/13/2016	Comment Card	Property owner that will have property acquired for the project wants to be kept informed.	A stakeholder database was created that includes contact information for everyone that has commented on the project along with property owners. All property owners will be kept notified of progress.
18	Sharlene Birch	12/13/2016	Letter	The letter reads: "This letter is regarding the property at 1208 FM 969. This property is rental property. The income is used to pay county taxes. If the project is undertaken, all future income would be lost. Also, if the project advances, there will probably be additional cost to property owners for plumbing expenses. Please consider the needs of property owners."	We have noted these specific concerns about the property. The ROW acquisition process will follow federal and state statutes, including the Uniform Act. An appraisal will be prepared to help determine the value of land to be acquired, real property improvements, and damages (if any) to the remaining property.

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19	Dennis Miller	12/20/2016	Letter	The merges on each side of SH 130 create traffic bottlenecks and safety issues. The one west bound on the west side of SH 130 at the Corner Store entrance/exit has been witnessed to have collisions associated with it - since there is only one lane to the west of the driveway.	The proposed improvements include 2 lanes in each direction along with a center turn lane and shoulders. The merges will be eliminated at the Corner Store, and on the east side of SH 130.
20	Dennis Miller	12/20/2016	Letter	Commenter would like to prohibit right turns on red from Delta Post onto FM 969 during rush hours. Please see Section E. for copy of comments received.	The addition of a second lane in each direction will eliminate the merge that happens west of the Delta Post intersection. This should help alleviate backups during the rush hours.
21	Peggy Lofton	12/20/2016 & 1/2/2017	Email	Commenter noted "The meeting on Wed. 12/13/2016 wasn't all what I expected to be told with regards to the relief and SAFETY of Austin's Colony." Please see Section E. for copy of comments received.	The purpose of the meeting was to present the project to the public, discuss the purpose and need of the project, summarize the environmental findings, discuss the schedule, and discuss the ROW acquisition process. Safety of the travelling public is our first priority and this project aims to improve safety along this corridor.
22	Peggy Lofton	12/20/2016 & 1/2/2017	Email	Commenter is concerned about the schedule and being pushed back another year, even with all the new home building. Commenter wants the project started now since the money is approved, the manpower is available, and have the support of 2 parties (TxDOT and Travis County). Please see Section E. for copy of comments received.	Since this project requires new right-of-way (ROW), the project must go through an Environmental Assessment (EA) as well as the ROW acquisition process. Each of these processes must follow guidelines set by the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Administration (23 CFR 771 - Environmental Impact and Related Procedures). Before ROW can be acquired, the EA must be conducted and approved. The public hearing, comment responses, environmental research, and schematic design are all a part of the EA process. The completion of the public involvement process is one of the final steps before approval of the EA and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. The construction plans will be completed before the ROW is acquired so construction can begin as soon as this process is completed.

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23	Peggy Lofton	12/20/2016 & 1/2/2017	Email	Commenter is concerned over funding of other projects and being completed before the FM 969 project. Please see Section E. for copy of comments received.	Since this project requires new right-of-way (ROW), the project must go through an Environmental Assessment (EA) as well as the ROW acquisition process. Each of these processes must follow guidelines set by the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Administration (23 CFR 771 - Environmental Impact and Related Procedures). Before ROW can be acquired, the EA must be conducted and approved. The public hearing, comment responses, environmental research, and schematic design are all a part of the EA process. The completion of the public involvement process is one of the final steps before approval of the EA and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. The construction plans will be completed before the ROW is acquired so construction can begin as soon as this process is completed.
24	Christie Nalle	12/29/2016	Email	Commenter is asking about future plans for FM 969 going west towards Austin.	Improvements being asked about are outside the scope of the project. Suggestions for improvements outside FM 969 corridor are noted.
25	Christie Nalle	1/5/2017	Email	Property owner in area wants to get on a mailing/contact list	A stakeholder database was created that includes contact information for everyone that has commented on the project along with property owners. All property owners will be kept notified of progress.
26	Paula Bisher-Jensen	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter would like to see the project started sooner than the current start date of 2019.	Since this project requires new right-of-way (ROW), the project must go through an Environmental Assessment (EA) as well as the ROW acquisition process. Each of these processes must follow guidelines set by the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Administration (23 CFR 771 - Environmental Impact and Related Procedures). Before ROW can be acquired, the EA must be conducted and approved. The public hearing, comment responses, environmental research, and schematic design are all a part of the EA process. The completion of the public involvement process is one of the final steps before approval of the EA and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. The construction plans will be completed before the ROW is acquired so construction can begin as soon as this process is completed.

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27	Rod Castilleja	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter would like to see the project start sooner and questioned the budget allotted for the project.	Since this project requires new right-of-way (ROW), the project must go through an Environmental Assessment (EA) as well as the ROW acquisition process. Each of these processes must follow guidelines set by the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Administration (23 CFR 771 - Environmental Impact and Related Procedures). Before ROW can be acquired, the EA must be conducted and approved. The public hearing, comment responses, environmental research, and schematic design are all a part of the EA process. The completion of the public involvement process is one of the final steps before approval of the EA and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. The construction plans will be completed before the ROW is acquired so construction can begin as soon as this process is completed.
28	Mario Ramirez	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter would like to see an alternate route besides FM 969 out of the area due to the increase in housing development that is happening, also feels like the improvement project should start sooner.	Improvements being asked about are outside the scope of the project. Suggestions for improvements outside FM 969 corridor are noted.
29	Melia O'Dell	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter would like to see project start sooner, feels Phase II should be started before Phase I, and would like to see a secondary route out of the area.	Since this project requires new right-of-way (ROW), the project must go through an Environmental Assessment (EA) as well as the ROW acquisition process. Each of these processes must follow guidelines set by the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Administration (23 CFR 771 - Environmental Impact and Related Procedures). Before ROW can be acquired, the EA must be conducted and approved. The public hearing, comment responses, environmental research, and schematic design are all a part of the EA process. The completion of the public involvement process is one of the final steps before approval of the EA and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. The construction plans will be completed before the ROW is acquired so construction can begin as soon as this process is completed.
30	Hector Castano	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter suggests additional signage at Hunters Bend and FM 969, would like to see the improvement project started earlier.	All signage and pavement striping will be brand new with this project and will follow the latest Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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31	Loretta Goericke	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter is concerned with Hornsby Bend Assembly of God losing parking and having to incur the cost of moving a sign.	The ROW acquisition process will be done in accordance with federal law. The concerns over the costs and parking issues is noted and will be addressed during the ROW acquisition process.
32	Loretta Goericke	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter is concerned with flooding of their property due to development around their church and the improvements to be made to FM 969.	New roadside ditches will be engineered and constructed with this project. Drainage conveyance will be significantly improved as part of this project. When the project is completed the roadway will drain correctly and safely.
33	Katherine Hernandez	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter worried about evacuation route in an emergency.	The FM 969 improvements includes expanding to 2 lanes in each direction all the way from Hunters Bend to FM 973. This added capacity will help alleviate traffic congestion due to removing the merge down to 1 lane near Hound Dog Trail, and thus reducing traffic along the corridor.
34	Katherine Hernandez	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter would like to see flashing school zone lights on FM 969.	The need for a school speed zone is noted. A school speed zone must be done by an engineering study and is outside the scope of this project.
35	David Biering	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter would like to see an additional route out of the area.	Improvements being asked about are outside the scope of the project. Suggestions for improvements outside FM 969 corridor are noted.
36	Peggy Lofton	12/13/2016	Public Hearing Comments	Commenter would like to see expansion to 6 lanes,	The FM 969 improvements include expanding to 2 lanes in each direction and adding a continuous two-way left turn lane.

FM 969
FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Public Hearing Report
December 13, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

B. Public Hearing Certification



Public Hearing Certification

Project Name: FM 969

County Name Travis

Control Section Job Numbers (CSJ): 1186-01-091

Project Limits:

From: FM 973

To: Hunters Bend Road

I certify that the following statements are true and apply to the project identified above.

- A. A public hearing was held on December 13, 2016 at Dailey Middle School in Austin, Texas.
- B. The economic and social effects of the project location and design and its impacts on the environment have been considered
- C. In determining economic, social, and environmental effects, the statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been considered.
- D. The project consistency with the goals and objectives of urban planning, as dictated by the community, has been considered.
- E. Requirements of Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, Section 2.107 have been met.

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.

Signed: DocuSigned by:
Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E. Director of TP&D **Date:** 4/5/2017

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Print Name: Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.

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C. Notices

Summary of Outreach Methods

The project team invited stakeholders - property owners, nearby residents, local neighborhood associations, and representatives from organizations and businesses – in the affected area. An ad was placed, in both English and Spanish, in the November 21, 2016 edition of the Austin American-Statesman. Signage was placed at FM 969 and Westall Street. The Public Outreach Administrator for Dailey Middle School (DMS) posted the event on the DMS Facebook page and sent notice via Twitter. The project team maintained a stakeholder database and made phone calls to stakeholders and sent follow-up emails. Approximately 110 citizens attended the public hearing.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the County of Travis, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Andrea Feltner, Advertising Agent of the Austin American-Statesman, a daily newspaper published in said County and State that is generally circulated in Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Colorado, Comal, Coryell, Fayette, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Kerr, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, Milam, Nueces, San Saba, Travis, Washington and Williamson Counties, who being duly sworn by me, states that the attached advertisement was published at the lowest published rate for Classified advertising in said newspaper on the following date(s), to wit: ADISA PUBLIC RELATIONS INC, FM 969 PUBLIC HEARING, First date of Publication 11/21/2016, Last date of Publication 11/21/2016, Web and print times Published 2, Legal Notices, 1 X 372, and that the attached is a true copy of said advertisement.

FM 969 PUBLIC HEARING
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Andrea Feltner



JUSTIN PETERSON, Notary Public
In and for the State of Ohio
My Commission Expires July 31, 2019

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04/04/2017

Notary Public

Justin Peterson

**Notice
Draft Environmental
Assessment Available for
Public Review
and
Public Hearing**

**Farm-to-Market Road 969
From FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road
CSJ: 1186-01-091
Travis County, Texas**

Travis County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation, is proposing to widen FM 969 (MLK Blvd.) from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road in Travis County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter 1, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on December 13, 2016 at Dailey Middle School, located at 14000 Westall Street. Displays will be available for viewing at 6 p.m., with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project is needed because the existing roadway does not adequately accommodate current traffic demands, nor would it meet expected future demands. There are also safety issues associated with the current configuration. The majority of the existing FM 969 roadway from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road consists of two 11-foot undivided travel lanes with variable shoulders and intermittent left-turn lanes. The proposed project to widen FM 969 within the project limits, a distance of approximately 2 miles in eastern Travis County just east of the Austin city limits, would upgrade the roadway to four travel lanes (two in each direction), a continuous center-turn lane, outside shoulders, and a continuous sidewalk. Currently, the outside shoulders within the project limits are inconsistent in width. The proposed project includes six-foot outside shoulders that could accommodate bicyclists and allow a safe refuge for vehicles. The sidewalk would be constructed south of, and roughly

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parallel to, the roadway. The continuous shoulders and sidewalks would provide bicyclists and pedestrians a safe way to move through the project corridor separated from the main traffic lanes.

The typical existing right of way (ROW) is approximately 100 feet, but widens to approximately 350 feet in some areas to accommodate features such as intersections and stormwater drains. The proposed project would generally occur along the existing roadway alignment and within the existing ROW of FM 969; however, the proposed alignment would straighten several existing curves in the roadway in an effort to increase sight distances and safety. The roadway would also be widened. In order to accommodate the expanded lanes and the straightened curves, a total of approximately 6.58 acres of new ROW would be required on both sides of the existing roadway. The proposed ROW acquisitions would potentially result in four displaced structures. The proposed project would displace three residences, which includes at least one occupied residence, and one commercial structure. Information about relocation assistance, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from Travis County contact Dee Heap at Dee.Heap@traviscountytexas.gov or 512-854-7647.

The project area is located within the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplains associated with Elm Creek and two of its unnamed tributaries. Coordination with the local Floodplain Administrator would be required. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for review Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT's Austin District Office, located at 7901 N. I-35, Austin, TX 78753, 512-832-7000; Travis County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department offices, located at 700 Lavaca Street, 5th Floor, Austin, TX 78767, 512-854-9383; during library hours at the City of Austin's University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola Lane, Austin, TX 78723, 512-974-9940 and online at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html> and <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/tnr/public-works/roads>. This information will also be available for review at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, submitted in-person or submitted by mail to Adisa Communications, 13492 Research Blvd, Suite 120 PMB 631, Austin, TX 78750-2254. Comments must be received on or before Friday, January 6, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing that have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Shuronda Robinson, FM 969 Public Involvement Coordinator, at 512-895-9592 or FM969@makingthingsclear.com. Requests should be made at least 5 days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Scott Williams, P.E., FM 969 Project Manager, at 512-439-4739 or swilliams@ljaengineering.com.

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.

**Notificación de Audiencia Pública
proyecto de la Carretera
Farm-to-Market Road 969
desde FM 973 hasta
Hunters Bend Road
CSJ: 1186-01-091
Condado de Travis, Texas**

El condado de Travis junto con el Departamento de Transporte de Texas propone ampliar la carretera rural FM 969 (Boulevard MLK) desde la carretera FM 973 hasta la calle Hunters Bend Road en el condado de Travis, Texas. De acuerdo al Código Administrativo de Texas, Título 43, Parte 1, Capítulo 2, Sub-capítulo E, §2.107 y §2.108 y el Código de Regulación Federal, Título 23, Capítulo I, Sub-capítulo H, §771.111 y Título 40, Capítulo V, §1506, esta notificación le comunica al público que el borrador de evaluación ambien-

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tal (EA) está disponible al público para que lo revise, y que el Departamento de Transporte de Texas, TXDOT estará conduciendo audiencias públicas tocante el proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el 13 de diciembre, 2016 en la escuela Dailey Middle School, ubicada en 14000 Westall Street. Habrá exhibición gráfica para el público desde las 6 p.m., y la audiencia formal empezará a las 6:30 p.m. El propósito de esta audiencia es presentar las mejoras planeadas y para recibir los comentarios del público en el proyecto propuesto.

El proyecto propuesto es necesario porque las vías actuales de transporte no son aptas para las demandas de tráfico actuales, ni las que se esperan tener en un futuro. También hay algunos problemas de seguridad con la configuración actual. La mayoría de los caminos que existen en el FM 969, desde el FM 973 hasta la calle Hunters Bend Road consiste de carriles de 11 pies sin división, con orillas o arcenes variables y carriles intermitentes para voltear a las izquierdas. El proyecto propuesto para ampliar la anchura a la carretera FM 969 dentro de los límites del proyecto que sería una distancia de aproximadamente 2 millas al este del Condado de Travis, justo al este de los límites de la ciudad de Austin, y que incrementaría el tamaño del camino a cuatro carriles para transportarse (dos en cada dirección), un carril central continuo para voltear, arcenes (shoulders), y una banqueta continua. Actualmente, los arcenes dentro del proyecto no son consistentes en anchura. El proyecto propuesto incluye arcenes exteriores de seis pies que podrían acomodar ciclistas y permitirían un sitio seguro para los vehículos. La acera/banqueta podría ser construida al sur del camino y paralela aproximadamente. Los arcenes continuos y las banquetas proveerían a los ciclistas y a los peatones un camino seguro para transitar por el corredor del proyecto separado de las líneas principales de tráfico.

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Si usted tiene preguntas generales o comentarios con respecto al proyecto propuesto o de la audiencia, por favor contacte a Scott Williams, P.E., FM 969 Supervisor del Proyecto, al 512-439-4739 o swilliams@ljaengineering.com.

La evaluación ambiental, consultoría, y otras acciones requeridas por la ley Federal ambiental para este proyecto son, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por el Departamento de Transportación TxDOT de acuerdo con estatutos del 23 U.S.C. 327 y con el Memorando de Acuerdo (Memorandum of Understanding) con fecha del 16 de diciembre del 2014 y ejecutado por FHWA y el TxDOT. 11-21/2016 #676961

MailFirstName	MailLastName	Organization	MailAddress	MailCity	MailState	MailZip
Gary W	Anderson	Travis County Property Owner	11513 Coalwood Ln	Austin	TX	78739
Donald L. Dearing	and Tammy L. Burns	Travis County Property Owner	149 Park Place	Georgetown	TX	78628
Pauline	Kluge	Travis County Property Owner	1276 County Road 218	Cameron	TX	76520
Alliance Bank Central Texas		Travis County Property Owner	P.O. Box 7554	Waco	TX	76714
NTI Drop Down One LLC		Travis County Property Owner	One Valero Way	San Antonio	TX	78249
Jean & Joyce Barefield		Travis County Property Owner	2213 Garden Ct	San Marcos	TX	78666
CB2LS LLC		Travis County Property Owner	9606 N Mopac Expy Ste 125	Austin	TX	78759
Attn: Tax Dept		Travis County Property Owner	1503 LBJ Freeway, Ste 400	Dallas	TX	75234
Frances & James	Bratton	Travis County Property Owner	34 Little Falls Pl	The Woodlands	TX	77375
Attn: Tax Dept		Travis County Property Owner	1341 W Mockingbird Ln #700	Dallas	TX	75247
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	1503 LBJ Freeway, Ste 400	Dallas	TX	75234
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	12712 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Stephen J.	Howle	Travis County Property Owner	1402 Corto Drive	Dallas	TX	75218
AJ & Dorotha	Stewart	Travis County Property Owner	12351 Ballerstedt Road	Elgin	TX	78621
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	3212 Walnut Ave	Austin	TX	78722
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	12283 Abbey Glen Ln	Austin	TX	78753
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	13300 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
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Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	13213 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	6342 Mercedes Ave	Dallas	TX	75214
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	13402 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	13404 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	P.O. Box 908	Del Valle	TX	787617
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	15000 Hogeye Rd	Manor	TX	78653
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	1402 Cometa St	Austin	TX	78721
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	6317 Thurgood Ave	Austin	TX	78721
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	4608 Candletree Ln	Austin	TX	78744
Diane Marley	Dailey	Travis County Property Owner	13213 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724

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Diane Marley & Marian M	Dailey	Travis County Property Owner	13214 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin		Travis County Property Owner	PO Box 13327	Austin	TX	78711
c/o Donald L. Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin	Fruge	Travis County Property Owner	1600 Congress Ave.	Austin	TX	78701
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	PO Box 13327	Austin	TX	78711
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	12535 Reed Rd	Sugerland	TX	77478
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	13700 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Del Valle ISD		Travis County Property Owner	13700 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Hornsby Bend Assembly of God		Travis County Property Owner	5301 Ross Rd Ste 118	Del Valle	TX	78617
Realty Income Properties 25 LLC	PM Department #4383	Travis County Property Owner	13911 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	11995 El Camino Real	San Diego	CA	92130
St. Elmo Miss Baptist Church		Travis County Property Owner	5902 Mountain Villa Dr	Austin	TX	78731
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	14015 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
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Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	4737 Castleman Dr	Austin	TX	78725
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Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	4731 Castleman Dr	Austin	TX	78725
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	1901 E Palm Valley	Round Rock	TX	78664
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ZM & AK Properties Inc		Travis County Property Owner	14236 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
		Travis County Property Owner	Unit A, 14300 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
John	Bedford	Travis County Property Owner	13904 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Samuel F & Debra G	Glass	Travis County Property Owner	705 Fairview Cove	Round Rock	TX	78665
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David	Escamilla	Travis County Property Owner	PO Box 1748 Austin	Austin	TX	78767
Harold & Alice	De Los Santos	Travis County Property Owner	12904 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Myrtle L.	Birch	Travis County Property Owner	12810 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Sharlene	Birch	Travis County Property Owner	PO Box 398	Del Valle	TX	78617
Brandon	Birch	Travis County Property Owner	12812 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Leroy & Minnie Jean	Brown	Travis County Property Owner	12804 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
River Road Baptist						
Church		Travis County Property Owner	12712 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
RealManage		Travis County Property Owner	P.O. Box 700128	Dallas	TX	75370
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Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	Unit A, 14300 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
Attn: Property Owner		Travis County Property Owner	15017 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724
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October 28, 2016

Dear Friend,

On behalf of Travis County and the Texas Department of Transportation, please be advised of the notice of cancellation of the Public Hearing for the FM 969 proposed improvements on Thursday, November 3, 2016. The cancellation is due to unforeseen circumstances where the Travis County East Service Center is temporary unavailable for public events. ***A new Public Hearing date has been set for Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Dailey Middle School, 14000 Westall Street, Austin, Texas 78724 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.***

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public testimony on the proposed project. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING
FM 969 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
DECEMBER 13, 2016
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
DAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
14000 WESTALL STREET
AUSTIN, TX 78724**

The proposed FM 969 project, which is located in eastern Travis County, will widen FM 969 from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road, a distance of approximately 2 miles. The final project would include a continuous turn lane, new shoulders and a new continuous sidewalk on the south side of FM 969. The proposed 6-foot outside shoulders would accommodate cyclists.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Shuronda Robinson, FM 969 Public Involvement Coordinator, at 512-895-9592 or FM969@makingthingsclear.com. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

Attached please find the formal Public Hearing Notice and a flier for you to share with others who may be interested is attached.

Thank you.



**Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
Farm-to-Market Road 969
From FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road
CSJ: 1186-01-091
Travis County, Texas**

THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2016 AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY EAST SERVICE CENTER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 6:00-8:00 PM, DECEMBER 13, 2016 AT DAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, 14000 WESTALL STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78724

Travis County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation, is proposing to widen FM 969 (MLK Blvd.) from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road in Travis County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on December 13, 2016 at the Dailey Middle School, located at 14000 Westall Street. Displays will be available for viewing at 6 p.m. p.m., with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project is needed because the existing roadway does not adequately accommodate current traffic demands, nor would it meet expected future demands. There are also safety issues associated with the current configuration. The majority of the existing FM 969 roadway from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road consists of two 11-foot undivided travel lanes with variable shoulders and intermittent left-turn lanes. The proposed project to widen FM 969 within the project limits, a distance of approximately 2 miles in eastern Travis County just east of the Austin city limits, would upgrade the roadway to four travel lanes (two in each direction), a continuous center-turn lane, outside shoulders, and a continuous sidewalk. Currently, the outside shoulders within the project limits are inconsistent in width. The proposed project includes six-foot outside shoulders that could accommodate bicyclists and allow a safe refuge for vehicles. The sidewalk would be constructed south of, and roughly parallel to, the roadway. The continuous shoulders and sidewalks would provide bicyclists and pedestrians a safe way to move through the project corridor separated from the main traffic lanes.



The typical existing right of way (ROW) is approximately 100 feet, but widens to approximately 350 feet in some areas to accommodate features such as intersections and stormwater drains. The proposed project would generally occur along the existing roadway alignment and within the existing ROW of FM 969; however, the proposed alignment would straighten several existing curves in the roadway in an effort to increase sight distances and safety. The roadway would also be widened. In order to accommodate the expanded lanes and the straightened curves, a total of approximately 6.58 acres of new ROW would be required on both sides of the existing roadway. The proposed ROW acquisitions would potentially result in four displaced structures. The proposed project would displace three residences, which includes at least one occupied residence, and one commercial structure. Information about relocation assistance, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from Travis County contact Dee Heap at Dee.Heap@traviscountytexas.gov or 512-854-7647.

The project area is located within the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplains associated with Elm Creek and two of its unnamed tributaries. Coordination with the local Floodplain Administrator would be required. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for review Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT's Austin District Office, located at 7901 N. I-35, Austin, TX 78753, 512-832-7000; Travis County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department offices, located at 700 Lavaca Street, 5th Floor, Austin, TX 78767, 512-854-9383; during library hours at the City of Austin's University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola Lane, Austin, TX 78723, 512-974-9940 and online at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html> and <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/tnr/public-works/roads>. This information will also be available for review at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, submitted in-person or submitted by mail to Adisa Communications, 13492 Research Blvd, Suite 120 PMB 631, Austin, TX 78750-2254. Comments must be received on or before Friday, January 6, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record.

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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.



Notificación
Borrador de Evaluación Ambiental Disponible para la Revisión Pública
y Audiencia Pública
Carretera Farm-to-Market Road 969
Desde FM 973 hasta Hunters Bend Road
CSJ: 1186-01-091
Condado de Travis, Texas

(LA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA DEL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2016 EN EL CENTRO DE SERVICIO TRAVIS COUNTY EAST SERVICE CENTER SE HA CAMBIADO PARA EL 13 DE DICIEMBRE, 2016, DE 6:00-8:00 PM EN DAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, 14000 WESTALL STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78724)

El condado de Travis en conjunto con el Departamento de Transporte de Texas propone expandir la carretera rural FM 969 (Boulevard MLK) desde la carretera FM 973 hasta la calle Hunters Bend Road en el condado de Travis, Texas. De acuerdo al Código Administrativo, Título 43, Parte 1, Capítulo 2, Sub-capítulo E, §2.107 y §2.108 y el Código de Regulación Federal, Título 23, Capítulo I, Sub-capítulo H, §771.111 y Título 40, Capítulo V, §1506, esta notificación le comunica al público que el borrador de evaluación ambiental (EA) está disponible al público para revisión pública y que el TXDOT estará conduciendo audiencias públicas tocante el proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el 13 de diciembre del 2016 en el Dailey Middle School, ubicado en la 14000 Westall Street. Habrá una exhibición gráfica para el público desde las 6:00 p.m., y la audiencia formal empezará a las 6:30 p.m. El propósito de esta audiencia es presentar las mejoras planeadas y para recibir los comentarios del público en el proyecto propuesto.

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Communications, 13492 Research Blvd, Suite 120 PMB 631, Austin, TX 78750-2254. Los comentarios se deben recibir en o antes del miércoles 28 de diciembre del 2016 para ser parte del récord oficial de la audiencia.

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Si usted tiene preguntas generales o comentarios con respecto al Proyecto propuesto o de la audiencia, por favor contacte a Scott Williams, P.E., FM 969 Supervisor del Proyecto, al 512-439-4739 o swilliams@ljaengineering.com.

La evaluación ambiental, consultoría, y otras acciones requeridas por la ley Federal ambiental para este proyecto son, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por el Departamento de Transporte TxDOT de acuerdo con estatutos del 23 U.S.C. 327 y con el Memorando de Acuerdo (Memorandum of Understanding) con fecha del 16 de diciembre del 2014 y ejecutado por FHWA y el TxDOT.

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November 21, 2016

The Honorable
Dawnna Dukes
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RE: FM 969 Phase II Project – Public Hearing

Dear Representative Dukes:

You are cordially invited to attend a public hearing for the above-referenced project. The proposed project, which would widen FM 969 from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road, is being developed cooperatively by Travis County (the project sponsor) and the Texas Department of Transportation*. The public hearing will serve to introduce the proposed project to the public and allow the public the opportunity to provide comments, feedback and suggestions.

The public hearing will be held on December 13, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Dailey Middle School, 14000 Westall Street, Austin, Texas). The hearing will begin with a brief presentation and question/answer period. An open house session will follow the presentation. Maps, drawings and other project information will be on display and project team members will be available to answer questions.

We ask that you forward this information to staff and other stakeholders who may have an interest in the project.

If you need additional information on this project or the public hearing, please contact me at (512) 854-7586 (miguel.villarreal@traviscountytexas.gov), or Scott Williams at (512) 439-4739 (swilliams@ljaengineering.com).

Sincerely,

M. Villarreal

Miguel Villarreal, P.E.
Project Manager

cc: Anthony Horne, Environmental Specialist, Austin District, TXDOT
Joseph Muck, P.E., North Travis Area Office, Austin District, TXDOT

**The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project is being, or has been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated April 12, 2012, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*

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October 27, 2016

FM 969: From FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road
Travis County, CSJ: 1186-01-091

Bob Patterson
1904 Newning Avenue
Austin, Texas 78704

Dear Mr. Patterson,

This letter is to notify you that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with Travis County has scheduled a public hearing for the above-referenced project. **The public hearing previously scheduled for November 3, 2016 at the Travis County East Service Center has been rescheduled for December 13, 2016 at Dailey Middle School. A copy of the revised public hearing notice is attached.**

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Dailey Middle School, 14000 Westall Street in Austin. Maps and other displays will be available for viewing beginning at 6:00 p.m., and the formal hearing presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

At some point in the past, you requested to be notified of all the Austin District's public meetings and hearings. If you no longer wish to be notified of these meetings, please contact Anthony Horne at the Austin District office (512-832-7056) to request removal from the mailing list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shirley Nichols", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Shirley Nichols
Environmental Coordinator
Austin District

Attachment

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.



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
Farm-to-Market Road 969
From FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road
CSJ: 1186-01-091
Travis County, Texas

Travis County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation, is proposing to widen FM 969 (MLK Blvd.) from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road in Travis County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on November 3, 2016 at the Travis County East Service Center, located at 6011 Blue Bluff Road. Displays will be available for viewing at 6 p.m. p.m., with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project is needed because the existing roadway does not adequately accommodate current traffic demands, nor would it meet expected future demands. There are also safety issues associated with the current configuration. The majority of the existing FM 969 roadway from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road consists of two 11-foot undivided travel lanes with variable shoulders and intermittent left-turn lanes. The proposed project to widen FM 969 within the project limits, a distance of approximately 2 miles in eastern Travis County just east of the Austin city limits, would upgrade the roadway to four travel lanes (two in each direction), a continuous center-turn lane, outside shoulders, and a continuous sidewalk. Currently, the outside shoulders within the project limits are inconsistent in width. The proposed project includes six-foot outside shoulders that could accommodate bicyclists and allow a safe refuge for vehicles. The sidewalk would be constructed south of, and roughly parallel to, the roadway. The continuous shoulders and sidewalks would provide bicyclists and pedestrians a safe way to move through the project corridor separated from the main traffic lanes.

The typical existing right of way (ROW) is approximately 100 feet, but widens to approximately 350 feet in some areas to accommodate features such as intersections and stormwater drains. The proposed project would generally occur along the existing roadway alignment and within the existing ROW of FM 969; however, the proposed alignment would straighten several existing curves in the roadway in an effort to increase sight distances and safety. The roadway would also be widened. In order to accommodate the expanded lanes and the straightened curves, a total of approximately 6.58 acres of new ROW would be required on both sides of the existing roadway. The proposed ROW acquisitions would potentially result in four displaced structures. The proposed project would displace three residences, which includes at least one occupied residence, and one commercial structure. Information about relocation assistance, benefits and



services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from Travis County contact Dee Heap at Dee.Heap@traviscountytexas.gov or 512-854-7647.

The project area is located within the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplains associated with Elm Creek and two of its unnamed tributaries. Coordination with the local Floodplain Administrator would be required. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for review Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT's Austin District Office, located at 7901 N. I-35, Austin, TX 78753, 512-832-7000; Travis County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department offices, located at 700 Lavaca Street, 5th Floor, Austin, TX 78767, 512-854-9383; during library hours at the City of Austin's University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola Lane, Austin, TX 78723, 512-974-9940 and online at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>. This information will also be available for review at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, submitted in-person or submitted by mail to Adisa Communications, 13492 Research Blvd, Suite 120 PMB 631, Austin, TX 78750-2254. Comments must be received on or before Monday, November 21, 2016 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing that have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Shuronda Robinson, FM 969 Public Involvement Coordinator, at 512-895-9592 or FM969@makingthingsclear.com. Requests should be made at least 5 days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Scott Williams, P.E., FM 969 Project Manager, at 512-439-4739 or swilliams@ljaengineering.com.

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.



Notificación
Borrador de Evaluación Ambiental Disponible para la Revisión Pública
y Audiencia Pública
Carretera Farm-to-Market Road 969
Desde FM 973 hasta Hunters Bend Road
CSJ: 1186-01-091
Condado de Travis, Texas

El condado de Travis en conjunto con el Departamento de Transporte de Texas propone expandir la carretera rural FM 969 (Boulevard MLK) desde la carretera FM 973 hasta la calle Hunters Bend Road en el condado de Travis, Texas. De acuerdo al Código Administrativo, Título 43, Parte 1, Capítulo 2, Sub-capítulo E, §2.107 y §2.108 y el Código de Regulación Federal, Título 23, Capítulo I, Sub-capítulo H, §771.111 y Título 40, Capítulo V, §1506, esta notificación le comunica al público que el borrador de evaluación ambiental (EA) está disponible al público para revisión pública y que el TXDOT estará conduciendo audiencias públicas tocante el proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el 3 de noviembre del 2016 en el centro de servicios Travis County East Service Center, ubicado en la 6011 Blue Bluff Road. Habrá una exhibición grafica para el público desde las 6:00 p.m., y la audiencia formal empezará a las 6:30 p.m. El propósito de esta audiencia es presentar las mejoras planeadas y para recibir los comentarios del público en el proyecto propuesto.

El proyecto propuesto es necesario porque las vías de transporte en existencia no acomodan adecuadamente las demandas de tráfico actuales, ni las que se esperan tener en un futuro. También hay algunos problemas de seguridad con la configuración actual. La mayoría de los caminos que existen en el FM 969, desde el FM 973 hasta la calle Hunters Bend Road consiste de carriles de 11 pies sin división orillas o arcenes variables y carriles para voltear a las izquierdas intermitentes. El proyecto propuesto para agregar anchura a la carretera FM 969 dentro de los límites del proyecto que sería una distancia de aproximadamente 2 millas al este del Condado de Travis, justo al este de los límites de la ciudad de Austin, y que incrementaría el tamaño del camino a cuatro carriles para transportarse (dos en cada dirección), un carril central continuo para voltear, arcenes (shoulders), y una banqueta continúa. Actualmente, los arcenes dentro del proyecto no son consistentes en anchura. El proyecto propuesto incluye arcenes de seis pies que podrían acomodar ciclistas y permitirían un sitio seguro para los vehículos. La banqueta podría ser construida en el sur de y ligeramente paralela al camino. Los arcenes continuos y las banquetas proveerían a los ciclistas y a los peatones un camino seguro para transitar por el corredor del proyecto separado de las líneas de tráfico principales. El típico derecho de paso, (por sus siglas en inglés, ROW), es aproximadamente de 100 pies, pero se extiende hasta aproximadamente 350 pies en algunas áreas para acomodar sus características incluyendo intersecciones y drenajes para el agua de lluvia. El proyecto propuesto generalmente ocurriría dentro de la alineación del camino existente y dentro de los derechos de paso (ROW) existentes del FM 969; independientemente de esto, la alineación propuesta enderezaría varias curvas existentes en el camino en un intento por incrementar la vista de las distancias y la seguridad. El camino también se ampliará. Para acomodar las líneas que se ampliarán y curvas enderezadas, un total de aproximadamente 6.58 acres de nuevos derechos de paso (ROW) serían requeridos en ambos lados del camino actual. Las adquisiciones propuestas de derechos de paso (ROW) podrían resultar en desplazamiento de cuatro estructuras. El



proyecto propuesto también desplazaría tres residencias, incluyendo una que está habitada, y una estructura comercial. Información de asistencia para reubicación, beneficios y servicios para las personas que tendrían que reubicarse, e información de las fechas tentativas de la adquisición de los derechos de paso (ROW) y de la construcción se pueden obtener del condado de Travis, comunicándose con Dee Heap en Dee.Heap@traviscountytexas.gov o al teléfono 512-854-7647. El área del Proyecto está ubicada dentro de las llanuras aluviales de 100 años designadas por FEMA del arroyo Elm Creek y dos de sus tributarios cuyos nombres no fueron mencionados. Coordinación con el Administrados de las Llanuras Aluviales será requerida. El diseño hidráulico del proyecto propuesto estaría de acuerdo con la FHWA actual y las políticas de diseño de TxDOT.

El Borrador de Evaluación Ambiental, contiene un mapa del proyecto, su ubicación y su diseño, los horarios tentativos de construcción y más información con respecto al proyecto están en el archivo y estarán disponibles para revisarlos de lunes a viernes entre 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. en la oficina del distrito de Austin del TxDOT, ubicada en el 7901 N I-35, Austin, TX 78753, 512-832-7000; El Transporte del Condado de Travis y las oficinas del Departamento de Recursos Naturales, ubicados en 700 Lavaca St, 5to Piso, Austin, TX 78767, 512-854-9383; durante horas de servicio de la biblioteca de la Ciudad de Austin, University Hills, 4721 Loyola Lane, Austin, TX 78723; 512-974-9940 y en línea en <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>. Esta información también está disponible para revisión en la audiencia pública. Comentarios verbales y escritos del público con respecto al proyecto serán requeridos y pueden ser presentados en la audiencia o entregados en persona o por correo regular a Adisa Communications, 13492 Research Blvd, Suite 120 PMB 631, Austin, TX 78750-2254. Los comentarios se deben recibir en o antes del lunes, 21 de noviembre 21 del 2016 para ser parte del récord oficial de la audiencia.

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La evaluación ambiental, consultoría, y otras acciones requeridas por la ley Federal ambiental para este proyecto son, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por el Departamento de Transporte TxDOT de acuerdo con estatutos del 23 U.S.C. 327 y con el Memorando de Acuerdo (Memorandum of Understanding) con fecha del 16 de diciembre del 2014 y ejecutado por FHWA y el TxDOT.

FM 969

PROYECTO DE MEJORAS CARRETERA FM 973 HASTA HUNTERS BEND ROAD CONDADO DE TRAVIS Y EL DEPARTAMENTO DE TRANSPORTACIÓN DE TEXAS

¿DE QUÉ SE TRATA?

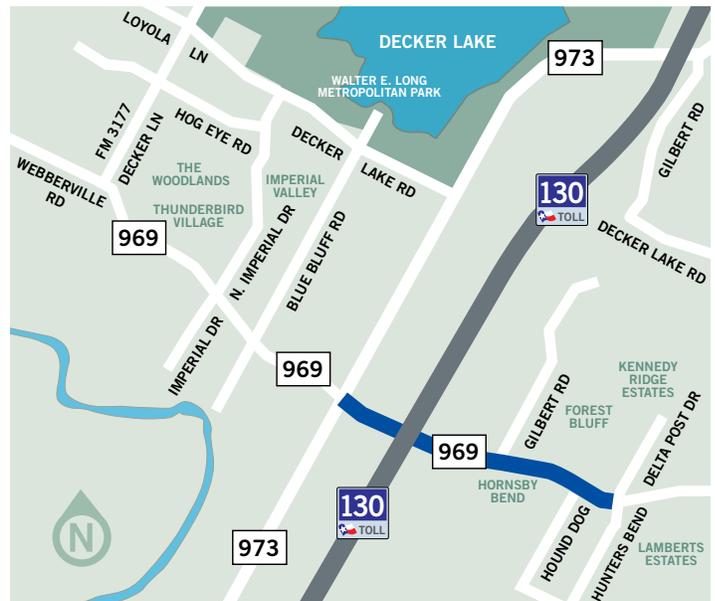
El Condado de Travis junto con el Departamento de Transportación de Texas propone mejoras a la carretera FM 969 entre la carretera FM 973 y Hunters Bend Road, un tramo de 2 millas aproximadamente. El proyecto final actualizaría la carretera a cuatro carriles (dos en cada dirección), incluiría un carril continuo para voltear, nuevos carriles/arcenes de emergencias y nueva banqueta/acera continua en el lado sur de la carretera FM 969. Los arcenes (shoulders) propuestos de 6 pies serían en los lados exteriores para los ciclistas.

¿POR QUÉ SE NECESITA?

La meta de este proyecto es mejorar la seguridad de los conductores y peatones a lo largo de la carretera. A medida que la congestión ha aumentado a lo largo de esta carretera también ha incrementado la necesidad de mejoras. Con una banqueta/acera la carretera sería más segura para peatones que la usan.

COSTOS DEL PROYECTO

La financiación de este proyecto es en colaboración única entre el Condado de Travis y el Departamento de Transportación de Texas. El método de financiamiento es "financiación distributiva" en cual los costos del proyecto son compartidos entre las dos entidades. El Condado de Travis pagará aproximadamente \$8 millones para diseñar y construir las mejoras.



Se espera iniciar la construcción en la Primavera de 2019

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(512) 895-9592

FM 969

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FM 973 TO HUNTERS BEND ROAD TRAVIS COUNTY AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHO TO CONTACT ABOUT THE FM 969 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Have a question or general comment:

Please contact:

Shuronda Robinson

FM 969 Public Involvement Coordinator

512.895.9592

FM969@makingthingsclear.com

WANT YOUR COMMENT INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE PROJECT?

Please mail to Shuronda Robinson, Adisa

Communications 13492 Research Blvd, Suite 120

PMB 631, Austin, TX 78750-2254 by January 6, 2017.

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION?

Information about relocation assistance, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition can be obtained from Travis County contact Dee Heap at Dee.Heap@traviscountytexas.gov or 512.854.7647.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

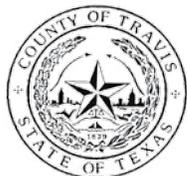
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ADDITIONAL PROJECTS IN THE FM 969 AREA

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	SPONSOR
Shoulder Widening	FM 969: Decker Creek Dr. to Bastrop County Line (1186-01-087)	Texas Department of Transportation
Mill and Overlay	FM 969: Airport Blvd to FM 3177 (1186-01-089)	Texas Department of Transportation
Sidewalk Improvement	FM 969: US 183 to Johnny Morris Blvd. (1186-01-094)	Texas Department of Transportation
Sidewalk Improvement	FM 3177: Daffan Ln to Loyola Ln (3277-01-022)	Texas Department of Transportation
Road widening to add continuous left lane, shoulders and sidewalk	FM 969: FM 3177/Decker Lane to FM 973 (1186-01-090)	Texas Department of Transportation, Travis County
Gilbert Road Extension	Gilbert Rd: FM 969 to Westall Street/Sandifer Street	Travis County
Road Widening to 4 lanes with a center left turn lane	Blake Manor Rd: Wildhorse to East Metro Park	Travis County
Construct a Shared Use Path	Blake Manor Rd SUP: Wildhorse to East Metro Park	Travis County
Intersection Improvements	Taylor Lane: Blake Manor Road to Braker Lane	Travis County

BROUGHT TO YOU BY A
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FM 969

PROYECTO DE MEJORAS

CARRETERA FM 973 HASTA HUNTERS BEND ROAD

CONDADO DE TRAVIS Y EL DEPARTAMENTO DE TRANSPORTACIÓN DE TEXAS

CON QUIEN HABLAR TOCANTE EL PROYECTO DE MEJORAS A LA CARRETERA FM 969

Si tiene alguna pregunta o comentario general:

Favor de contactar a:

Shuronda Robinson

Coordinadora de Participación Pública del FM 969

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¿QUIERE QUE SU COMENTARIO SEA INCLUIDO EN EL RÉCORD PÚBLICO OFICIAL DEL PROYECTO?

Por favor envíe su comentario a Shuronda Robinson, Adisa Communications 13492 Research Blvd, Suite 120 PMB 631, Austin, TX 78750-2254 para 6 de enero, 2017.

¿TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA TOCANTE PROPIEDADES QUE SE COMPRAN PARA DERECHOS DE VÍAS (ROW)?

Información tocante ayuda para reubicaciones, beneficios y servicios para personas desplazadas, igual que para información tocante los calendarios y fechas para compra de propiedades para derechos de vía (ROW) y construcciones, se puede obtener del Condado de Travis, comunicándose con Dee Heap en Dee. Heap@traviscountytexas.gov or 512.854.7647.

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ADDITIONAL PROJECTS IN THE FM 969 AREA

DESCRIPCIÓN	UBICACIÓN	PATROCINADOR
Ampliar Arcenes (Shoulders)	FM 969: Decker Creek Dr. a la línea límite del Condado Bastrop (1186-01-087)	Departamento de Transportación de Texas
Trituración y Recubrimiento	FM 969: Airport Blvd a FM 3177 (1186-01-089)	Departamento de Transportación de Texas
Mejoras a Banquetas/Aceras	FM 969: US 183 a Johnny Morris Blvd. (1186-01-094)	Departamento de Transportación de Texas
Mejoras a Banquetas/Aceras	FM 3177: Daffan Ln a Loyola Lane (3277-01-022)	Departamento de Transportación de Texas
Ampliar carretera a cuatro carriles con carriles para voltear, arcenes y banquetas	FM 969: FM 3177/Decker Lane a FM 973 (1186-01-090)	Departamento de Transportación de Texas, Condado Travis
Extensión de Gilbert Road	FM 969: Gilbert Road a Westall Street/Sandifer Street	Condado Travis
Ampliar carretera a 4 carriles con carril en medio para vueltas a la izquierda	Blake Manor Rd: Wildhorse a East Metro Park	Condado Travis
Construir un sendero para usos múltiples compartidos	Blake Manor Rd SUP: Wildhorse a East Metro Park	Condado Travis
Mejoras a intersecciones	Taylor Lane: Blake Manor Road a Braker Lane	Condado Travis

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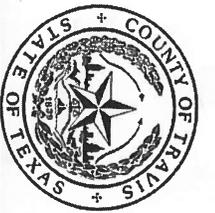
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	14011 FM 969 LLC				5902 Mountain Villa Dr.	Austin	TX	78731
	St. Elmo Miss Baptist Church				14015 FM 969	Austin	TX	78724

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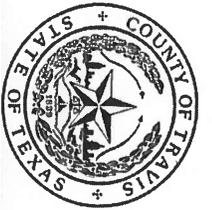
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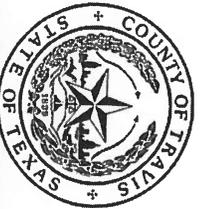
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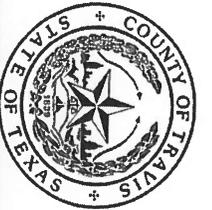
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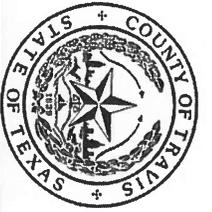
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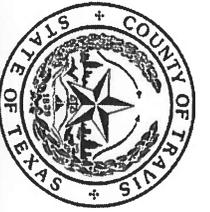
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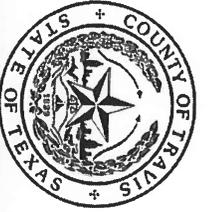
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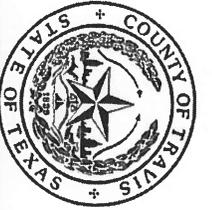
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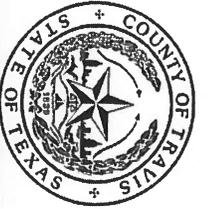
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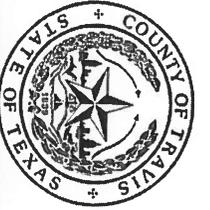
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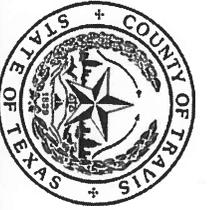
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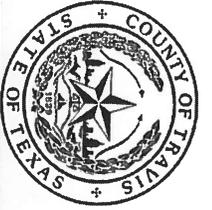
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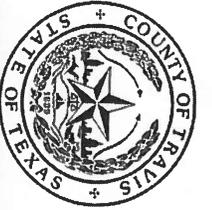
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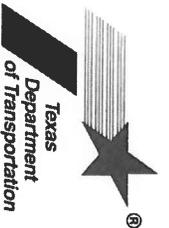
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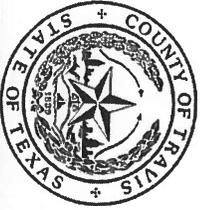
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SPEAKER SIGN-UP CARD

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NAME: PAULA M BISHIR - JENSEN

ADDRESS: 2245 FM 969

REPRESENTING: _____

(Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:

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NAME: Rod Castilleja

ADDRESS: 7006 NEZ PERCE TRACE

REPRESENTING: SELF + PSNA

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NAME: Melia O'Dell

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NAME: HECTOR CASTANO

ADDRESS: 15207 LUCIAN ST AUSTIN, TX 73728

REPRESENTING: Myself

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ADDRESS: 13911 Fm 969

REPRESENTING: Hornsby Bend Assembly of God.

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NAME: Kathleen Henning

ADDRESS: _____

REPRESENTING: _____

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ADDRESS: 4201 Gulbreath Cove

REPRESENTING: myself

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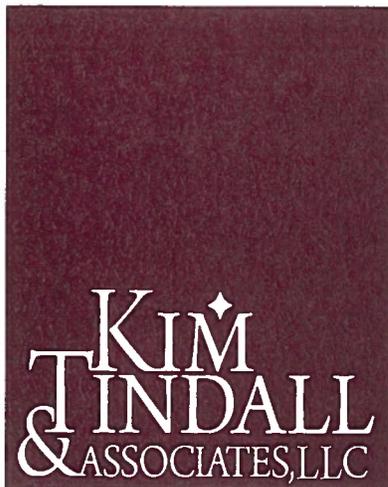
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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC HEARING
FM 969 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dailey Middle School
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DECEMBER 13, 2016
6:32 P.M. - 7:23 P.M.

1 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Good evening. My
2 name is Lorena Echeverria De Misi, and I am the Director of
3 Transportation Planning and Development for the Austin
4 District, Texas Department of Transportation, known as
5 TxDOT. I'll be serving as the official public hearing
6 officer for tonight's public hearing.

7 Today is December 13, 2016, and the official
8 time is 6:32 p.m. I'd like to begin the public hearing for
9 the proposed FM 969 Phase II project. The limits of the
10 project, which is sponsored by Travis County, are from FM
11 973 to Hunters Bend Road. I would like to note that this
12 public hearing is for the FM 969 Phase II project only and
13 does not address any other proposed projects in the area.

14 I respectfully ask at this time that you
15 please turn off or silence any personal electronic devices
16 for the remainder of this hearing.

17 On behalf of TxDOT, I would like to welcome
18 you to tonight's hearing. Thank you all for your
19 attendance, and we look forward to receiving your comments.

20 If you did not sign in when you entered
21 tonight, please do so either during the break or before
22 leaving so we will have a record of everyone's attendance
23 this evening.

24 At this time, I would like to recognize the
25 local government officials who are present tonight. I

1 didn't receive any signed -- are there any in -- would you
2 please stand up and introduce yourself?

3 DEONE WILHITE: My name is Deone Wilhite. I'm
4 here representing Commissioner Ron Davis, Travis County,
5 Precinct One.

6 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Thank you for
7 attending. I just want to make sure I didn't miss anybody
8 else. Any other elected officials in the room?

9 I'd also like to recognize the personnel from
10 TxDOT and the project team here that's with us tonight.
11 Those are -- if y'all can -- TxDOT and the project team
12 folks, just raise your hand. These are the folks during our
13 break you can go and ask questions and look at the exhibits
14 we have here.

15 We'd also like to thank --

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: There are seats here that
17 are not being used for the people standing up.

18 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: If there is people
19 standing up in the room, there is some seats up here in the
20 front that you are welcome to come and take a seat up here,
21 plenty of space up front. Thank you, sir.

22 And finally we'd also like to thank Del Valley
23 Independent School District for allowing us to use their
24 facility for tonight's meeting.

25 The format of the hearing will include

1 introductions, a presentation, and then a public comment
2 session. After my opening and brief introduction, Chris
3 Bishop, the TxDOT public information officer, will present
4 an overview of the project. Next Scott Williams, project
5 manager, will present details of the proposed project. And
6 then finally Walt Meitzen, the environmental lead, will
7 provide an overview of the environmental process.

8 Again, we appreciate you being here to review,
9 discuss and provide input on the proposed FM 969 Phase II
10 project. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide
11 an update on the project and to receive public input on the
12 proposed improvements.

13 This public hearing is being recorded by a
14 certified court reporter for a formal record and who will
15 prepare a transcript of this hearing. We do not want to
16 hear from you -- we do want to hear from you, so please take
17 your time -- we do want to hear from you, so please take the
18 time to provide your input either by filling out a comment
19 form or speaking during the public comment period after this
20 presentation.

21 In adhering to public hearing rules, we are
22 not allowed to answer questions or respond to your comments
23 during the public comment session; however, our project team
24 will be available during the break to answer your questions
25 one on one and will also be available after the comment

1 session.

2 If you wish to present a verbal comment during
3 tonight's formal public comment session, please fill out a
4 speaker registration card. These cards are located at the
5 sign-in table as you entered. You can leave your completed
6 card with our staff at that table. Speakers will be called
7 up in the order they have submitted their cards. You can
8 also provide your verbal comments to the court reporter
9 that's located back there at the corner during the break or
10 any time during the comment period tonight. There is a
11 written comment form that's available. If you would like to
12 comment but do not wish to comment verbally tonight or if
13 you would like to comment in more detail, you may submit
14 your comments in writing. Written comments may be placed in
15 the boxes located at the comments table and sign-in table.
16 They can also be mailed, faxed or submitted online to our
17 study team.

18 All comments to be included in the public
19 hearing comment record must be received by January 6, 2017
20 by midnight Central Standard Time. Your comments will be
21 reviewed and will be taken into consideration doing future
22 project development. Our response to comments received will
23 be provided in a comment matrix at a later date and provided
24 by TxDOT.

25 At this time, I would like to turn the

1 discussion over to Chris Bishop, the TxDOT Austin district
2 public information officer, to provide an overview of the
3 project.

4 CHRIS BISHOP: Well, the purpose of this
5 project is to improve safety and mobility for all users on
6 FM 969 while minimizing right-of-way, community and
7 environmental impacts. The project proposes to reconstruct
8 the existing two-lane road from FM 973 to Hunters Bend with
9 an estimated cost of \$7 million. The road at present does
10 not meet current demands and will not meet future traffic
11 requirements as well. There are also safety concerns for
12 motorists, bicycles and pedestrians. So the goal is to
13 increase mobility and decrease the risks for all road users.

14 This proposed project is a joint effort with
15 Travis County using a pass-through financing agreement.
16 TxDOT and the county are taking responsibility for different
17 aspects of the project development and construction, and
18 that will be outlined at some point here on the screen.

19 Let's bring up Scott Williams now, the project
20 engineer with LJA Engineering. He's going to present more
21 in-depth details on the proposed project.

22 SCOTT WILLIAMS: Good evening. My name is
23 Scott Williams. I'm with LJA Engineering. I'm going to
24 give you a brief technical presentation on the improvements.
25 The existing road, as you know up there, is a two-lane

1 roadway with limited lanes and four-foot shoulders with
2 isolated turn lanes on State Highway 130, Gilbert Road,
3 Hound Dog Trail and Hunters Bend.

4 The proposed roadway contains two 12-foot
5 lanes, 6-foot shoulders in each direction and a continuous
6 12-foot center turn lane. There will also be additional
7 pedestrian improvements, including 5-foot sidewalk
8 continuous along the south side of the roadway, and then the
9 project would also have room to accommodate a future shared
10 use path.

11 The project would straighten several curves
12 throughout the project. As a result of the wider roadway
13 and straightening of the curves, approximately seven acres
14 of right-of-way are needed. This results in four displaced
15 structures with at least one relocation.

16 Utilities would also be relocated, and this
17 would be coordinated with each utility owner to ensure no
18 substantial disruption of service. Some of these utilities
19 include Mannville Water Supply, Texas Gas Service, AT&T,
20 Austin Energy, Hornsby Bend Utility Company and Time Warner
21 Cable. For a close-up, these same exhibits that are up here
22 are also around the room. You can see it in greater detail.

23 I'm now going to turn it over to Walt Meitzen
24 with Cox McLain to discuss the environmental study.

25 WALT MEITZEN: The icons on the screen here

1 represent some of the resources that we assessed during the
2 environmental assessment. We assessed to see what might
3 happen to human and natural conditions as a result of
4 constructing the project. These are the resources that we
5 found needed additional study. Each of these resources,
6 like I said, received additional document -- additional
7 documentation and further study.

8 For hazardous materials, we conducted a
9 hazardous materials initial site assessment, and we used
10 field investigations and research into previously reported
11 issues to determine whether it would be likely that the
12 project would encounter hazardous materials during
13 construction. Based on the research, we do not expect to
14 find any contamination on the project site.

15 For historic resources and archeological
16 resources, archeologists and historians conducted field
17 studies and records research to determine whether the
18 project would impact sensitive sites. The findings of both
19 studies were reviewed by TxDOT specialists and the Texas
20 Historical Commission and they determined that no known
21 resources would be affected.

22 For biological and ecological concerns,
23 including threatened and endangered species, we prepared a
24 biological evaluation and found that the project would not
25 impact any species that are listed as threatened or

1 endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the
2 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The project area has
3 suitable habitat for seven species that Texas Parks and
4 Wildlife Department recognize as species of greatest
5 conservation need. There are preapproved measures that TPWD
6 and TxDOT have developed that would be implemented into the
7 project as a precaution to minimize the likelihood of
8 impacts to these species.

9 Traffic noise is another issue that required
10 further assessment, which is detailed in the noise analysis
11 technical memorandum. The noise analysis uses mathematical
12 models to predict traffic noise at the time project is
13 completed and 20 years after the completion of construction.
14 The 20-year analysis is based on expected traffic loads in
15 20 years. Based on those predictions in an area near
16 Hunters Bend Road, traffic noise -- traffic noise that
17 exceeds thresholds that are established by the Federal
18 Highway Administration and recognized by TxDOT. In other
19 words, there would be traffic noise impacts in those areas.
20 Those areas are shown on the schematic diagrams displayed
21 here. Because there would be an impact, the project team is
22 analyzing potential ways to reduce the noise levels. One
23 possible solution is to construct a noise barrier, which is
24 basically a wall to block some of the sound. Each potential
25 solution is analyzed using guidelines that satisfy Federal

1 Highway Administration followed by TxDOT. If any reasonable
2 and feasible solutions are identified, affected property
3 owners would be contacted, and they would participate in the
4 final decision on whether or not this solution would be
5 implemented. Turn it back to Chris.

6 CHRIS BISHOP: Expanded lanes and straightened
7 curves would require approximately seven acres of
8 right-of-way for this project. This project will follow the
9 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition
10 Policies Act of 1970, commonly referred to as the Uniform
11 Act. This law sets the standard for appraisal, negotiations
12 and relocations and has also been incorporated into state
13 law as set out in the Texas Transportation Code and the
14 Texas Property Code. The proposed project would require the
15 need for some additional right-of-way and easements. One
16 residential displacement is anticipated.

17 The State, acting through TxDOT, has appointed
18 an authorized agent who is responsible for the acquisition
19 of necessary right-of-way and for all relocation services.
20 Acquisitions would be made in accordance with federal and
21 state statutes and guidelines. Again, the primary federal
22 law that sets the guidelines for acquisition and relocation
23 assistance is found in the Uniform Act. This law sets the
24 standards for appraisal negotiations and relocations; and,
25 as I've said, it's been incorporated in the Texas

1 Transportation Code and Texas Property Code. For a basic
2 review of your rights, I would recommend you pick up one of
3 the brochures. It's entitled State Purchase of
4 Right-of-Way, as well as Relocation Assistance booklet.
5 Both of those are available through the sign-in table or
6 electronically on the TxDOT web page. Directions to the
7 department's web page can also be found at the sign-in
8 table.

9 Now, Travis County will be responsible for
10 acquisition and relocation activities. Independent fee
11 appraisers have been contracted to appraise all necessary
12 property. Affected property owners would receive written
13 notification of the pending appraisal inspection.
14 Appraisers would request permission to enter a property for
15 inspection and offer the property owner or their
16 representative their right to accompany them on the
17 inspection. The appraiser would be asked then also to
18 determine the value of the land to be acquired, real
19 property improvements within the area to be acquired, and
20 damages, if any, to the remaining property. The written
21 appraisal would be provided to the land owner at the time
22 the offer is made.

23 This project is currently funded. Once
24 environmental clearance has been obtained and the project
25 has been fully authorized, the county's acquiring agent

1 would commence acquisition process. This agent would send
2 each property owner an offer letter, along with a copy of
3 the appraisal. That letter, along with the appraisal, would
4 advise each affected owner as to the value of the land to be
5 acquired, the value of any improvements within the
6 acquisition area and damages, if any, to the remaining
7 property. Each property owner could accept the offer based
8 on the appraisal or make a counteroffer based upon
9 additional information that may affect the value of the land
10 under consideration. If no agreement can be reached, the
11 county would obtain authorization to proceed with eminent
12 domain proceedings. The initial stage of an eminent domain
13 proceeding is what's known as a special commissioner's
14 hearing. In the special commissioner's hearing, a judge
15 with jurisdiction over such proceedings would appoint three
16 special commissioners to hear the evidence of both the
17 landowner and Travis County. The special
18 commissioner's hearing is generally informal and usually not
19 in a courtroom but rather in a public meeting room. A
20 property owner may hire an attorney to represent them in
21 this proceeding or appear on their own behalf. Now based
22 upon the testimony given, the special commissioners issue an
23 award, which would be their determination of value. Once
24 the county has deposited the amount of this award in the
25 registry of the court, it would have a right of possession

1 to the property. Either the landowner or the state can
2 appeal an award of special commissioners and a court
3 proceeding would then be scheduled to resolve the issue of
4 value. In all cases, the property owner would be reimbursed
5 for any reasonable and incident expenses necessarily
6 incurred in transferring title the acquired property to the
7 state. Expenses eligible for reimbursement generally
8 include recording fees and similar required expenses to
9 convey the real property along with any penalties that are
10 required for prepayment of any pre-existing recorded
11 mortgage entered into good faith encumbering the property.

12 The State of Texas is required through federal
13 and state laws that were previously mentioned to assist
14 persons being displaced from their homes and businesses
15 because of highway projects. TxDOT and Travis County have
16 available Relocation Assistance booklets, which provide a
17 general overview of the Relocation Assistance Program.
18 These booklets outlines the services offered and any
19 payments which displaced individuals, families, business and
20 non-profit organizations may be eligible to receive. If you
21 feel you have an interest or that you may be affected by
22 this proposed project, I encourage you to pick up one of
23 these brochures before leaving tonight.

24 If you have any questions regarding these
25 matters, Dee Heap with Travis County right-of-way is here

1 tonight. Dee is over there on the side with her hand
2 raised. She has a table over here to the right, and she
3 would be happy to provide you with any additional
4 information or details that you might need.

5 Let's bring Lorena back up for the next
6 portion of our hearing tonight.

7 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: So we are ready to
8 take a break. Please feel free to review the project
9 materials and ask questions of the team members that are
10 around the room.

11 If you would like to provide verbal comments
12 on the project, please fill out a speaker registration card.
13 These are located at the sign-in table back in that
14 direction.

15 After a ten-minute off, we will reconvene to
16 receive your verbal comments. Please ask your questions on
17 the study team now during the recess. The study team
18 members are wearing name tags and are ready to meet with you
19 at the exhibits.

20 We will now take a brief recess and allow you
21 an opportunity to view the exhibits and discuss with the
22 study team.

23 (Recess taken.)

24 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: If everyone would
25 could please have a seat, please. We're ready to reconvene

1 the public hearing. If everyone could please take their
2 seat, and we'll begin the public comment portion of the
3 hearing. My apologies. Before the break, we kind of
4 skipped over a few things, so there is one thing I would
5 like to go back to. Ed, if you could pull back the
6 schedule, I think we did not cover that.

7 Again, we just want to re-emphasize the main
8 purpose of this hearing is to hear from you and provide you
9 an opportunity to comment on the project, including what
10 you've seen and heard here tonight.

11 So just looking at this schedule, we
12 anticipate that the project will receive environmental
13 clearance late this year, early next year, 2016-2017, with a
14 construction contract awarded in the spring of 2019. If
15 approved construction completion is anticipated in the fall
16 of 2020. During construction, access to properties located
17 along FM 969 would be maintained.

18 So one point I would like to make is that
19 nothing we have presented here tonight is final. It is all
20 subject to change based on the written and verbal comments
21 that we receive from you. I also want to remind you that
22 during the verbal comment period we will not be able to
23 answer any questions. It's time put aside for you to
24 provide comments.

25 If you wish to present verbal comments tonight

1 and you haven't turned a speaker card yet, please give it to
2 any of the hearing personnel hear tonight. If they can
3 please hold up their hands. Those cards are located at the
4 sign-in table, and we have a few extra. If you have not
5 picked one up when you entered, please hold one up and they
6 can bring one to you.

7 If you do not wish to stand and speak tonight,
8 you can also use any other card or paper to write down your
9 comments. Written comments may be placed in the white box
10 located at the sign-in table, and they can also be mailed or
11 faxed to our study. The mailing address and fax number are
12 located on the comment form itself.

13 I will call out the names of the people who
14 signed up to speak so your comments can be included in the
15 official record. In order to ensure that everyone who wants
16 to make a formal comment this evening has an opportunity to
17 do so, we will limit all comments to three minutes. After
18 three minutes, you will be asked to be seated so the next
19 speaker can make their comment. Please use the microphone
20 here at the front and be sure to face me so that your
21 comments can be accurately recorded. We will take the
22 speakers in the order they signed up. If there are any
23 elected officials that would like to speak, they're welcome
24 to speak first. Do we have any? Then let's start with
25 speaker number one. That is Paula M. Bisher-Jensen.

1 PAULA BISHER-JENSEN: Hi, I'm Paul
2 Bisher-Jensen. I'm a retired TxDOT employee. I spent five
3 years in right-of-way, five years in design and 20 years in
4 internal audit, and I'm glad to see y'all doing this
5 property. It is desperately needed, but the timeline is
6 completely unacceptable. I don't think there is a person
7 here that would disagree that this project needs to be done
8 sooner than 2019.

9 There are also several other things that could
10 be done to help alleviate the traffic congestion here. I
11 know on your little sign-in sheet it says that there's a
12 Gilbert Lane project under construction. That's not the
13 part that's going to alleviate the traffic. The part that's
14 going to alleviate the traffic is connecting the Gilbert
15 Lane that's on the north side to the Gilbert Lane that's up
16 off of Nez Perce.

17 I don't live here in Travis County. I live in
18 Bastrop County, but I drive 969 to come into town every day.
19 I do not go through this intersection because it adds 20 to
20 30 minutes to my commute. I go down Decker Lane to Gilbert
21 to Nez Perce to 973 way out of my way to go south on 130
22 because this traffic construction -- or this traffic
23 congestion is just too bad. So I'm urging you to please,
24 please do whatever you can to accelerate the project. I
25 know it's possible because I used to work at TxDOT. Thank

1 you.

2 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Next speaker
3 signed up is Rod Castilleja.

4 ROD CASTILLEJA: My name is Rod Castilleja.
5 I'm on the board of directors at Park Springs Neighborhood
6 Association. And I'm glad that y'all finally are working on
7 969, but about 20 years late. So I guess this is better
8 late than never. And I was hoping you would have divided
9 rows here set up, have a combination, just add -- give us
10 maybe some -- give us more than we have now.

11 I'd like for y'all to start next year if
12 possible, and we'd much rather start this way and go up to
13 the west instead of vice versa. I think we need it more so
14 now than the other side. The other side have the divided
15 area where you can either go left or right. We don't have
16 that.

17 I also have just one more comment to make is
18 how much it costs to do this. \$7 million. I'd just like
19 the audience here to look -- if I was on the other side of
20 Austin on 360, you could spend \$250 million on (inaudible).
21 That's what you're all having to do. Thank you for giving
22 us \$7 million, what we have now.

23 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Next speaker is
24 Mario Ramirez.

25 MARIO RAMIREZ: Thank you very much. I'm

1 Mario Ramirez. I'd like to agree with other people who went
2 before me about this project being, you know -- it needs to
3 be sooner because the one thing that's happened in this area
4 are more houses. And from the last neighborhood meeting,
5 they told us that a few more hundred houses would be built
6 on the other side. So it's just going to become a pressure
7 point at this point, and we all have to sit through traffic
8 30 minutes every morning just to get out of the
9 neighborhood. So with the -- with more building and more
10 houses here, there needs to be a pressure point. I want to
11 address the public now that we need to start looking at
12 ideas of a secondary route out of here because with all of
13 the new housing -- I mean having FM 969 as your only outlet
14 may not be enough. It's just too much building to have of
15 little road to take us out. Thank you very much.

16 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Next speaker is
17 Melia O'Dell.

18 MELIA O'DELL: Good evening. I'm Melia
19 O'Dell. Thank you all for coming. This is very important
20 to all of us out here. I agree. The previous speakers had
21 some very good comments. We need Gilbert Road to be
22 completed going north. We need the FM 969 Phase II to be
23 first before Phase I. We need Phase II to start sooner. We
24 need a secondary egress, which I think would be west of
25 Austin's Colony, connect with Harold Green to connect to SH

1 130 and maybe even FM 973. I'd like to see when the project
2 starts electric signs. And I was glad to see one
3 advertising this meeting showing the dates of lane closures.
4 They could also advertise a detour where people can turn
5 west at Hunters Bend on FM 969 and go around. I don't ever
6 go that way, but I know there is a way where you can hook
7 back around and go west towards Austin, if they could
8 advertise that. And I guess that's it. Oh, they're right
9 about the houses. Qualico Developers is getting ready to
10 build hundreds and hundreds more houses, so it's going to
11 get a lot worse before it gets better. Thank you.

12 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Next speaker is
13 Hector Castano.

14 HECTOR CASTANO: I'm Hector Castano. I just
15 have more of a suggestion of what we can do like in the
16 immediate. We need a no right turn sign at the intersection
17 of Hunters Bend and 969 for the cars that come out on Delta
18 Post Drive. That causes a huge backup. The other thing we
19 really need is a do not block the box sign. That -- that is
20 a big issue there. And we need law enforcement out here to
21 stop the people from cutting through. It's like ten cars a
22 day or just sitting there. Not ten cars a day but just me
23 sitting there and I'll see ten cars come through. A little
24 bit of money for you guys there. But other than that --
25 that's kind of an immediate solution I feel could cost like

1 a thousand bucks. And, yeah, we need this sooner. Other
2 than that, thank you for your time, everyone.

3 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Next speaker is
4 Loretta Goericke.

5 LORETTA GOERICKE: I'm Loretta Goericke and
6 I'm co-pastor of Hornsby Bend Assembly of God, and I
7 represent them. I have three major concerns that we have
8 with regard to the impact and loss of use that we can
9 experience due to this project on our property. Number one,
10 we're concerned about the fact that we're going to lose
11 parking spaces that we currently use; and if there is a
12 consideration that is going to be made, to help us to
13 complete additional parking spaces to alleviate the loss
14 that we're going to have; and if they're going to consider
15 because of the front part of our property will be taken,
16 putting another entrance so that we can make a loop around
17 the entrance instead of trying to come in and out of the
18 same entrance with a reduced space to do that in.

19 Secondly, we're concerned about the loss -- or
20 the forced need to move our sign that currently exists for
21 the church. And if there is going to be a consideration
22 made, to either move that sign and repair it if it's damaged
23 in the moving because that shouldn't be a cost that we
24 experience. Our sign has been there for many years. We
25 inherited -- or had our church at that property for over 85

1 years.

2 Thirdly, we already have a major concern
3 because the county -- and we have already visited with the
4 county regarding this, but they have never gotten back with
5 us. But they approved a building of the school after our
6 territory existed at a higher elevation. And the school
7 surrounds us on two sides, and then they approved
8 development for the Family Dollar on the other side of us at
9 a higher elevation. And with the years as they've raised
10 the paving on the road, we're in a hole now. And so when we
11 have rains, it rains and drains into our property, flooding
12 parking lot and in heavy rains coming into our building.
13 And we have a major concern that the future planning is
14 going to flood us even more, and we would like for there to
15 be some consideration as to the damages that we are going to
16 incur as a church.

17 Do we believe this project needs to be done?
18 Do we believe that there is a problem with traffic? Yes.
19 We run a private school at the church -- a small private
20 school, and it is very difficult to get in and out because
21 of the traffic problems that are there. But the existing
22 businesses -- there needs to be consideration that we're not
23 being damaged in the process and that we can still utilize
24 that property effectively. Thank you.

25 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Are there any

1 other comments? Anybody else sign up to speak? Looks like
2 we have one final speaker, Katherine Hernandez.

3 KATHERINE HERNANDEZ: I would like to say --
4 this is Katherine Hernandez. I'd like to mention, God
5 forbid, if we have a fire like Bastrop. Imagine everybody
6 trying to get out at the same time. And if the fire is in
7 both locations, you have nowhere to go. So that's one of my
8 biggest concerns is if we have to evacuate, then everybody
9 is trying to evacuate in one lane, and that's going to be a
10 disaster there.

11 The other thing is on 969 one of the parents
12 had mentioned there's not any flashing school zones. So we
13 need school zone lights on FM 969 going and coming. So
14 that's really important, and I just want to mention that.
15 Thank you.

16 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: We've got another
17 person signed up. This is Daniel Biering.

18 DAVID BIERING: My name is Daniel Biering. I
19 just wanted to, first of all, state that, yes, this project
20 is definitely needed as well here; and the faster we can get
21 it done, the quicker. But one of the things I would like
22 TxDOT to consider is finding another way for those of who
23 are east of Austin to cross the road because we have the
24 toll road, 973 or 183. That's it. And a lot of times when
25 973 floods, we're stuck in either taking the toll road or

1 we've got to go back into town and do that. So if there is
2 a way where perhaps we can extend a bridge over and connect
3 south, you know, down into Del Valley, maybe that way or
4 something, may find an alternative route that helps those of
5 us who live south out of this neighborhood so we're not all
6 concentrated on this road. So it's just something I would
7 like TxDOT to consider and the county to consider as an
8 alternative way for us to get across because we are sort of
9 locked in here.

10 LORENA ECHEVERRIA DE MISI: Anybody else? All
11 comments we receive tonight, as well as those received by
12 January 6, 2017, will be summarized, analyzed and responded
13 to in a report. The comments and responses will be made
14 available to the public on the project's web site and will
15 be addressed in the final environmental document.

16 This concludes the public hearing. Thank you
17 all once again for attending. The time is 7:23. And this
18 hearing is officially adjourned. Good night.

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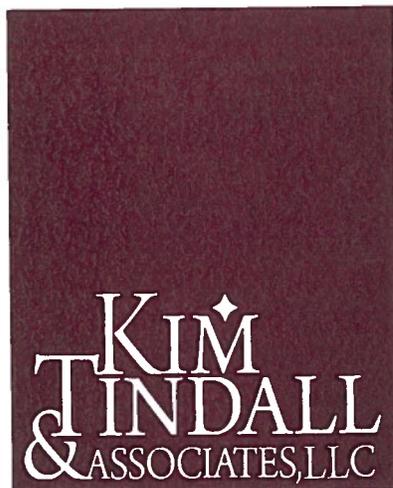
Transcript of the Testimony of
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FM 969 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC HEARING (COMMENTS)
FM 969 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
FROM FM 973 TO HUNTERS BEND ROAD
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

DAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
14000 WESTALL STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78724

DECEMBER 13, 2016
6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

1 PEGGY LOFTON: I would like to see there
2 to be a total of six lanes, meaning two lanes east, two
3 lanes west and a turning lane. I have never, in my
4 life, experienced a highway that didn't have six lanes.
5 And the homes that are out here are in abundance. They
6 are constantly building.

7 We have pretty much so Hornsby Dunlap
8 which lets us out onto 969; we have Dunlap Road which
9 lets us out onto 969; and we have Gilbert Lane which has
10 been paved, striped and is still, to this point, not
11 open, but again, it lets us out onto 969. Then we have
12 those folks who are coming out of the Bastrop County,
13 folks who are coming out of Manor who are thinking that
14 they're going to make better time and cut through this
15 way, and so it just creates a backlog.

16 I had a friend -- without calling names --
17 where there was a morning where she was tailgated. The
18 lady actually hit her. When she got out of her car to
19 assess the damages the lady actually attacked her, ended
20 up body slamming her on the top of her car with her
21 13-year-old daughter sitting in the front seat.
22 Needless to say, the child was traumatized.

23 So all of this just states on the fact of
24 it's like most of what happens, it's way too late, and
25 then you try to catch up. Whereas, there should have

1 been someone monitoring the growth out in Austin's
2 Colony to be able to better gauge that we need better
3 roads. So I'm pretty much so fearful when I travel 969,
4 and if you don't hit it just right you are stuck. Some
5 mornings I can leave here and I can get there in 22
6 minutes. "There" being my job. That's providing school
7 is not in. And then there are mornings where I sit in
8 traffic for 1 hour and 27 minutes to go to work. So,
9 needless to say, I am pretty much so at wits end just
10 like the majority of the people who live out here. So
11 we need to do something really quick to try to prevent
12 any other dangers, if you would. Just get this road
13 open. Get it going.

14 I've been told for three years -- because
15 I moved out here in June of 2014 -- the money is there,
16 the work was going to start January of 2016. January of
17 2016 is gone. I called back. Now, the work is going to
18 start January of 2017. I am just hoping that we do not
19 continue to get pushed back, pushed back, pushed back
20 and continue to apply these funds other places in the
21 City of Austin; because we are all paying taxes. That's
22 it. Done.

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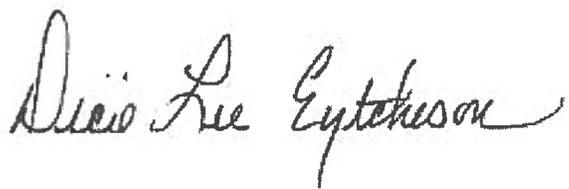
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FM 969
FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Public Hearing Report
December 13, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

F. Comments Received



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Why does the County or city issue new home building permits for areas where roads are not able to accommodate the capacity of cars? County has admitted ~~FM~~ 969 does not meet current demands.

Beverly Rupe
15102 Walcott H Dr.
Austin, TX 78725
512-785-4912

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So dangerous
Please revert signal at
969 and Impervia Dr.
for longer yellow.

At 969 & Bend Rd
i have waited 45 mins
just to cross the
light going west could
you have longer green?
or Thank You Angela Baker

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We need an immediate secondary exit to 130. The traffic load/demand is too great and there are only more people moving in to add to the traffic. Please consider building a connector to 130 via Harold Green. This would alleviate a lot of the traffic on ~~FM~~ 969 going to 130. Thank you!

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Our property @ 13911 Fm 969 has a drainage problem.
It has no drainage. Due to the construction of the School,
Also the raising of the property of Family Dollar, has put
us in low spot. There is enough elevation ~~for~~ to
accommodate Adequate drainage.

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1. All controlled intersections should each include a right turn lane separate from the main travel lanes
2. Each feeder road should include a left turn lane.
3. All controlled intersections should have traffic sensors embedded in the road and be connected to signal control computers set to maximize access to FM969 from feeder roads

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The project should extend a bit further to Cadillac Dr. There have been multiple wrecks, including fatalities @ that intersection in the past. Also, buses cannot turn onto Cadillac Dr off of FM 969 if there is a vehicle at the stop sign coming off of Cadillac Dr. The bus must wait for the vehicle to move or the vehicle has to go backwards to allow ~~the~~ room for the bus to make the turn. The curve directly after Cadillac Dr. has a bad line-of-sight, which is the cause of many of the wrecks I imagine. At the very least, there needs to be a stoplight at that intersection. (FM 969 / Cadillac Dr)

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*At Hornsby Bend Assembly of God we have concerns
~~concerns~~ about the speed limits. It is already
difficult to enter & exit our property. Speed is
an issue, especially with this being a school zone.
We anticipate this problem will only grow if
not addressed. Current speed limit is 50 miles
an hour in front of our church & school &
Hornsby/Dunlap Elementary.*

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Hound dog trail has become more than a "School" Road and the Timing of the Light @ Hounddog trail and Fm 969, is entirely to fast.

We will also need a School zone for Hornsby Dunlap Elementary as the students will use the sidewalks.

Ashley Trimpey

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We would be interested in additional options to ease traffic on 969 with extension of Gilbert Rd to 973, extension of Harold Green Rd to Austin's Colony as well as a back exit from the Forrest Bluff subdivision that could possibly go to Hogg Eye Rd or Taylor Ln. All of the options above would help ease traffic on 969 into and around our area here in Eastern Travis County. Please let us know how we can gain additional road improvements.

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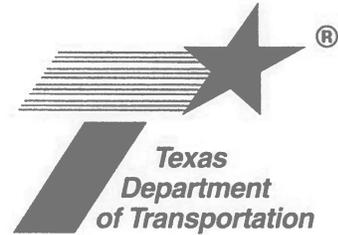
SAFETY

We need improvement asap prior to proposed time being Spring 2019. When I first spoke w/ TXDOT it was to start Jan. 2016, then Jan 2017 Now Spring of 2019. Where are the tax #'s going? Safety first for this rural community. This expansion is late and causing havoc for those who live in the area as many folks use this area as a pass through. builders are populating with homes & no way to really get out. HELP Thank you 12/13/16

Start in 2017 - SAFETY

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Whats with all the planning? Please get started on these improvements.



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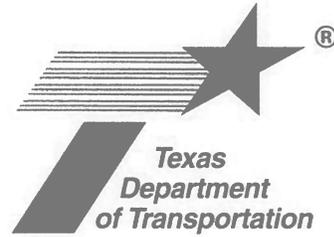
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Thank you TXDOT —
My issue deals with the lack of respect of Travis County. No Representative from our New Commissioner or even our State Representative. It would have been nice if our County Judge could be here. This bond passed in 2011.
The media should do there job and question why we are waiting until 2011 to drive in place.
William Jack Collins
14209 Highsmith St
Austin TX 78725

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Austin is expanding rapidly especially the east side.

FM 969 improvement project needs to happen immediately

Things to consider to improve

- 1) Exit or Alternate routes during construction
- 2) Alternate lanes during working peak hours such as 3 lane going to downtown and 1 lane coming into Austin Colony M-F 6AM-9AM by using floor led lights as other areas in US and do the same M-F 5PM-7PM 3 lane going to Austin Colony and 1 lane going to downtown
- 3) Future growth for Metro Rail. I could not emphasize this enough
- 4) Same for Bus routes, we need future expansion for bus routes.

We need to plan for future MASS Transit not band-aid fixes because the issues will arise again & again.

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<p>Samuel F. Glass Debra G. Glass Mailing address: 705 FAIRVIEW COVE Round Rock, TX</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>512-751-6180 512-751-6183</p>	<p>PROPERTY OWNERS of 13804 FM 969 Expected to be acquired for 969 expansion Please keep us informed.</p>
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12-13-2016

TxDOT

7901 N. I35

Austin, TX

Dear Sirs,

This letter is regarding the property at 1208 FM 969. This property is rental property. The income is used to pay county taxes. If the project is undertaken, all future income would be lost. Also if the project advances, there will probably be additional cost to property owners for plumbing expenses. Please consider the needs of property owners.

Sincerely,

Sharlene Birch



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The merges on each side of SH130 create traffic bottlenecks and safety issues. The one west bound on the west side of SH130 at the Corner Store entrance/exit has been witnessed to have collisions associated with it – since there is really only one lane to the west of the driveway. The merges create sort of a raceway between them, as I am sure that Deputies from TCSO could attest to. If possible, elimination of the western merges should be priority, and should have in my opinion, been assessed in the right-of-way when SH130 was still in the planning stages. Again, the west bound western merge should have been considered in the drive permit for the Corner Store, and at a minimum, a right turn lane should have been installed to allow vehicles slowing to turn in to not slow the merging traffic behind them. I explained some of these issues to representatives at the meeting, but felt that I should also follow up with this in writing. I also firmly agree with the commenter's remarks on prohibiting right turns on red out from Delta Post onto FM969 during at least the morning rush hour times (6-9am). I would be willing to discuss the above in more detail if deemed necessary or advantageous, just contact me via my personal email listed below. I sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Dennis Miller, 4400 Sojourner St. Austin Tx. 78725 – Austin Colony resident for 22 years and also Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Safety Specialist Senior. miller.dennis@att.net

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From: Peggy Lofton <peggy.lofton57@att.net>
Reply-To: Peggy Lofton <peggy.lofton57@att.net>
Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 6:25 PM
To: "fm969@makingthingsclear.com" <FM969@makingthingsclear.com>
Subject: Improvement Project FM969 to Hunters Bend Road - SAFETY - Homes - People - Cars.....Growth

Greetings

Safety is at hand - we need to move forward please review.

We need to move forward..too much growth at hand

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- You have the funds approved - 7 million a lot less than any improvements I've heard of
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- you've done your research
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- put yourself in the equation
- invest the time - please get started on this project
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Respectfully

Peggy O Lofton

From: Peggy Lofton [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 2, 2017 3:38:54 PM

To: FM969

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Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 10:07:55 AM Central Standard Time

From: Shuronda Robinson

To: Melissa Ramos

Braker lane project

Also ask Ed if we can discontinue the email and phone line for this project

Tangee can handle the phone line disconnect, tell her to set it up so that it no longer accepts VM. We want to keep the number for future projects.

Kaleb can shut down the email in its entirety once you get the go ahead

I'm up and can talk for the next hour

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From: Peggy Lofton [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:44:52 AM

To: Shuronda Robinson; FM969

Subject: Improvement Project FM969 to Hunters Bend Road - SAFETY - Homes - People - Cars.....Growth

Greetings,

as I started my 1 hour commute this morning I couldn't help but to replay in my mind the disappointment of our HOA meetings agenda widening 969 - I listen to the news and streets that are being reconfigured in various parts of Austin mainly North Austin & Northeast Mueller where I used to live at 51st/Mueller are being addressed before what was approved for 969 years ago. These areas are spending 250 million plus when our improvement was stated 7 million we need 969 Austin Colony area widened to accommodate the level of traffic flow. Folks are coming from Bastrop/Manor joining the already heavy traffic of the homeowners in Austin Colony. Budget approved for this 7 million dollar project YET we can't seem to get the support from TXDOT - why because I feel the funds are being used to support others. I feel today it depends on the individuals that feel more important than this side of Austin - this isn't a good feeling as I and others in the Austin Colony pay the same TCAD taxes and the same toll fees, etc., but get treatment of step children. We need our streets of travel the street widened & sidewalks before something or someone is seriously injured. The growth hasn't stopped but for some reason we can't get our much required assistance we get PUSH BACK after push back I've been in the area since June 2014 and so far twice the dates for this project has changed twice and not to community favor. Yet paying our monies/fees to improve somewhere else in Austin. This isn't fair nor best practice. We request that the widening of 969 with turn lanes & sidewalks be addressed sooner than later. Matter of fact I'm still in shock this is allowed to take place. This is a safety hazard for families in Austin colony having one way in one way out with two lanes this is a highway and I no - not any highways that are two lanes but six indeed. I'm so disappointed. Put you in this arena not pleasant. Austin is growing I get it. Thank you for receiving my email

Respectfully,
Peggy O Lofton

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From: Christie Nalle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 5:02 PM
To: Scott Williams
Subject: FM 969

Mr. Williams,

We own property at 10407 FM 969, just west of the proposed widening of FM 969 starting at FM 973.

Are there any future plans for FM 969 going west towards Austin?

Thank you,

Christie B Nalle
(512) 327-2666

Subject: Fwd: Re: FM 969

Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 at 7:43:11 PM Central Standard Time

From: Shuronda Robinson

To: Melissa Ramos

Just seeing this

shuronda robinson
adisa communications
512.472.6112, ext 1
srobinson@makingthingsclear.com

From: Christie Nalle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 9:32:08 AM
To: Scott Williams
Cc: Shuronda Robinson; Ed Collins
Subject: Re: FM 969

Mr. Williams,

This is the first I have heard of this. My tenant on the property said he had heard from a neighbor involved in the road work going east to Hunter's Bend that work is being proposed for the westbound section.

Do you know who I can contact at TxDot or Travis County in order to get on a mailing/contact list?

Thank you,

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On Thu, Jan 5, 2017 at 9:23 AM, Scott Williams <swilliams@ljaengineering.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Nalle,

Thank you for your inquiry about future improvements to FM 969 from FM 973 going westward toward Austin. The attached is a list of improvements that are planned or underway in the vicinity of FM 969. Please note that there are several projects on FM 969. The most significant project is the jointly-funded TxDOT-Travis County project to widen FM 969 from FM 3177 to FM 973 which will begin construction in the Spring of 2017.

I hope this information is helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information. I can also put you in contact with someone at TxDOT who may be able to give further details on these projects.

Sincerely,

Scott Williams, PE

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FM 969
FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Public Hearing Report
December 13, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

G. Figures



**Travis County
FM 969 Improvement Project
Public Hearing
December 13, 2016**

6 P.M. Open House (viewing of exhibits)
Public Hearing begins at 6:30 P.M.

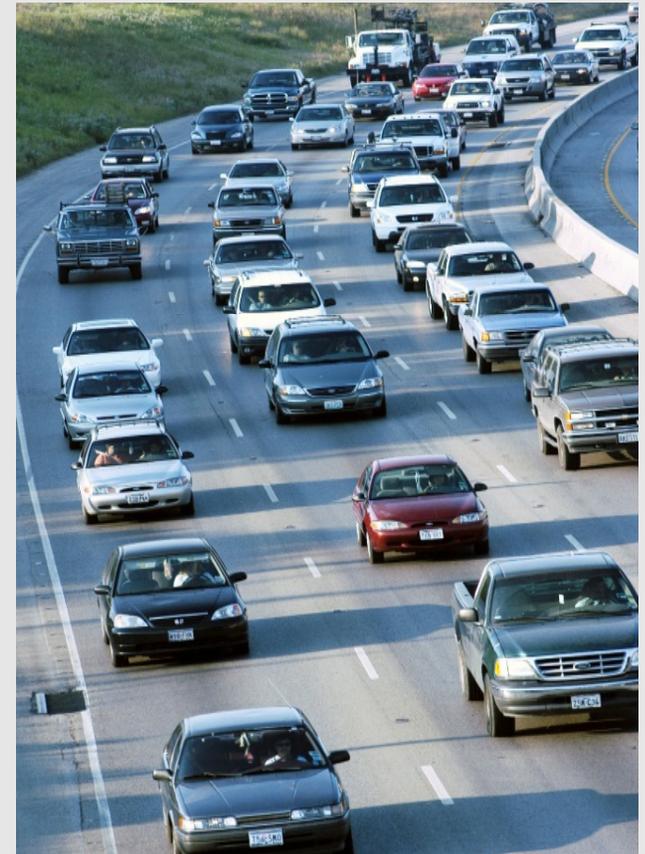
Dailey Middle School
14000 Westall Street
Austin, TX

Agenda

- I. Open House
- II. Public Hearing
- III. Presentation
- IV. Break
- V. Public Testimony
- VI. Adjourn



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



WELCOME!

Public Hearing: FM 969 Improvements

December 13, 2016

Agenda

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

How to Submit Comments

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

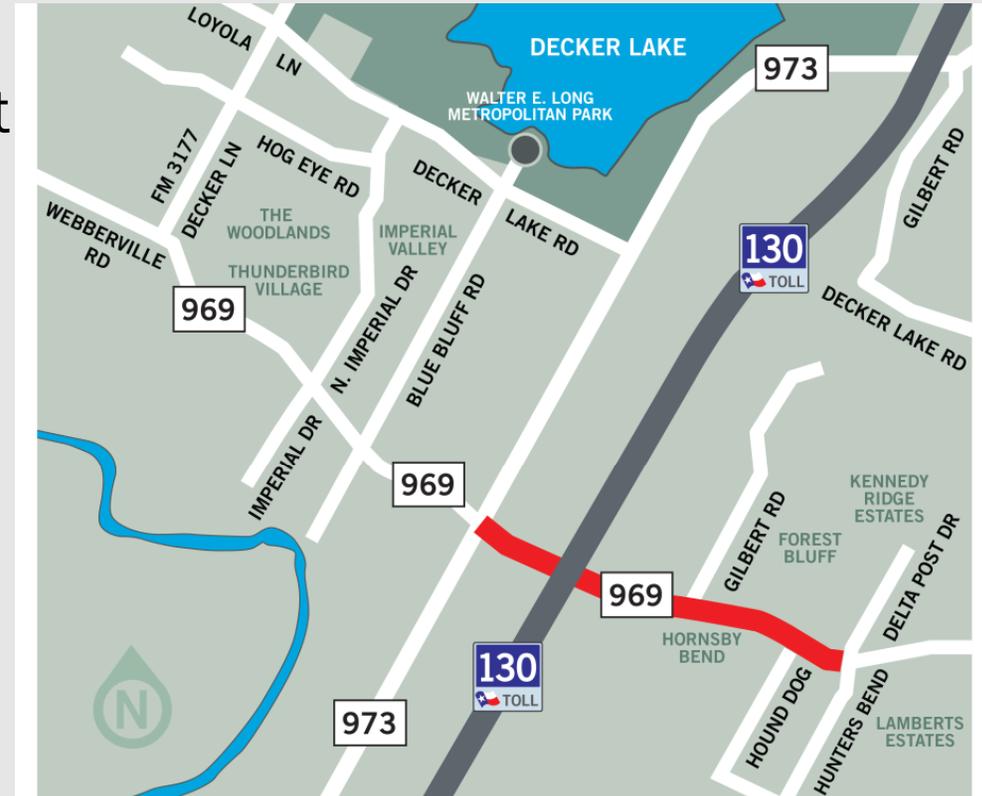
FM 969

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Project Overview

Need of the Proposed Project

- The existing facility does not adequately accommodate current traffic demands, nor would it meet expected future demands.
- There are safety concerns associated with the current configuration that impact motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.



Project Overview

Purpose of the Proposed Project

- Increase mobility in the project area
- Decrease the risks associated with current traffic movements and current pedestrian and cyclist accommodations



Project Overview

State, Federal, and Local Government Relationship



- Federal and State funds through a Pass-Through Agreement with the County
- Advertising project for construction
- Manage construction contractor
- Continue to operate FM 969 upon construction completion
- TxDOT review & approval
- Providing funds through a 2011 Travis County Bond
- Project Development Activities including environmental studies, engineering design, & ROW acquisition
- Provide support during construction
- Utility relocations

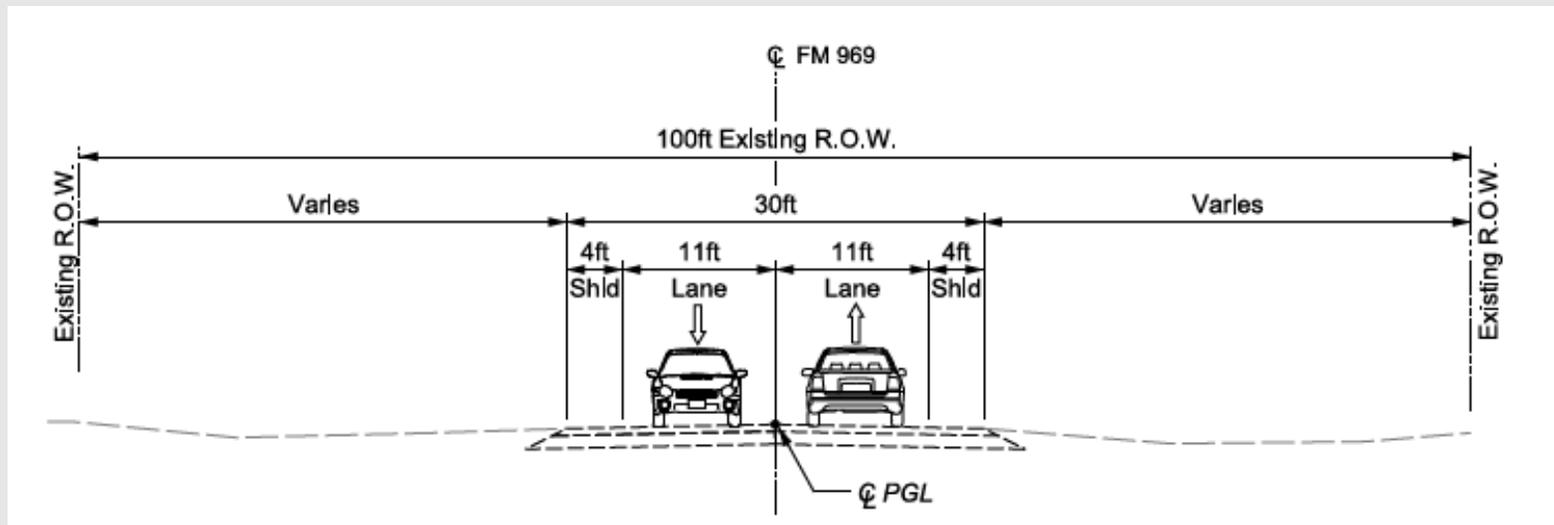


TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

FM 969

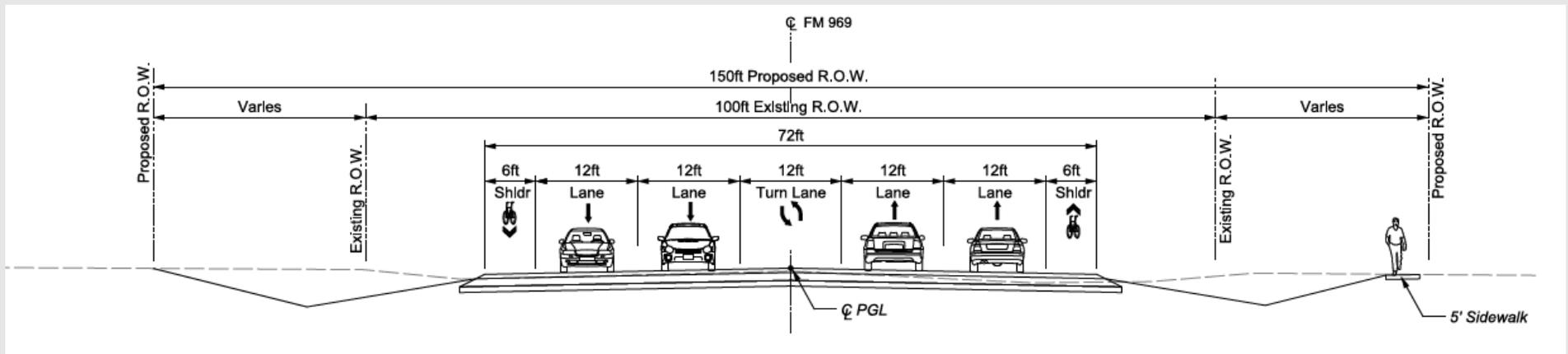
Technical Overview

- Reconstruct existing 2-lane roadway from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Rd
- Existing roadway consist of two 11 ft lanes with 4 ft shoulders
- Isolated turn lanes SH 130, Gilbert Rd, Hound Dog Trail, & Hunters Bend Rd



Technical Overview

- Proposed roadway would have two 12 ft lanes and a 6 ft shoulder in each direction
- Continuous 12 ft center turn lane
- Add pedestrian improvements including 5 ft continuous sidewalk and crossings at signalized intersections



Technical Overview

- Straightens sharp curves throughout project
- Needs:
 - Approximately 7 acres of right of way
 - 4 displaced structures with at least 1 relocation
- Relocation of utilities would be coordinated with owners to ensure no substantial disruption of service
 - Manville Water Supply Company
 - Texas Gas Service
 - AT&T
 - Austin Energy
 - Hornsby Bend Utility Company
 - Time Warner Cable



ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

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Environmental Studies



**Air Quality &
Traffic Noise**



Hazardous Materials



**Historic &
Archaeological Resources**



**Land Use &
Parkland**



**Indirect &
Cumulative Impacts**



Biological Resources



**Threatened &
Endangered Species**



Water Resources



**Social &
Community Impacts**

Resources Studied in Further Detail



Hazardous Materials



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Biological Resources

**Required Further
Study**



**Threatened &
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**Historic &
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Resources Studied in Further Detail



Hazardous Materials

Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment (ISA)

- Query of Regulatory Databases
- Field Observations

FINDINGS: No known sources of contamination on the Project Site



Historic & Archeological Resources

HISTORIC RESOURCES

Historic Resources Survey Report

- Assessed all historic age structures (Let Date – 45 years = 1972) in the project area to determine whether they were historically significant.

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Background Study and an Intensive Archeological Survey

- Review previously recorded archeological sites
- Conduct field surveys

FINDINGS: Results were reviewed by TxDOT and the Texas Historical Commission. No known resources would be affected.

Resources Studied in Further Detail



Biological Resources

Biological Evaluation

- **Vegetation/habitat impacts**
- **Protected species impacts**
 - **Federally listed threatened or endangered**
 - **State listed threatened or endangered**



Threatened & Endangered Species

FINDINGS:

- **The project would have No Effect on any federally listed threatened or endangered species.**
- **The project would have No Impact on any state listed threatened or endangered species.**
- **The project site has potential habitat for 7 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN).**
 - **TPWD-approved impact avoidance measures would be included as part of the project**

Resources Studied in Further Detail



Air Quality & Traffic Noise

Traffic Noise Analysis Technical Memorandum

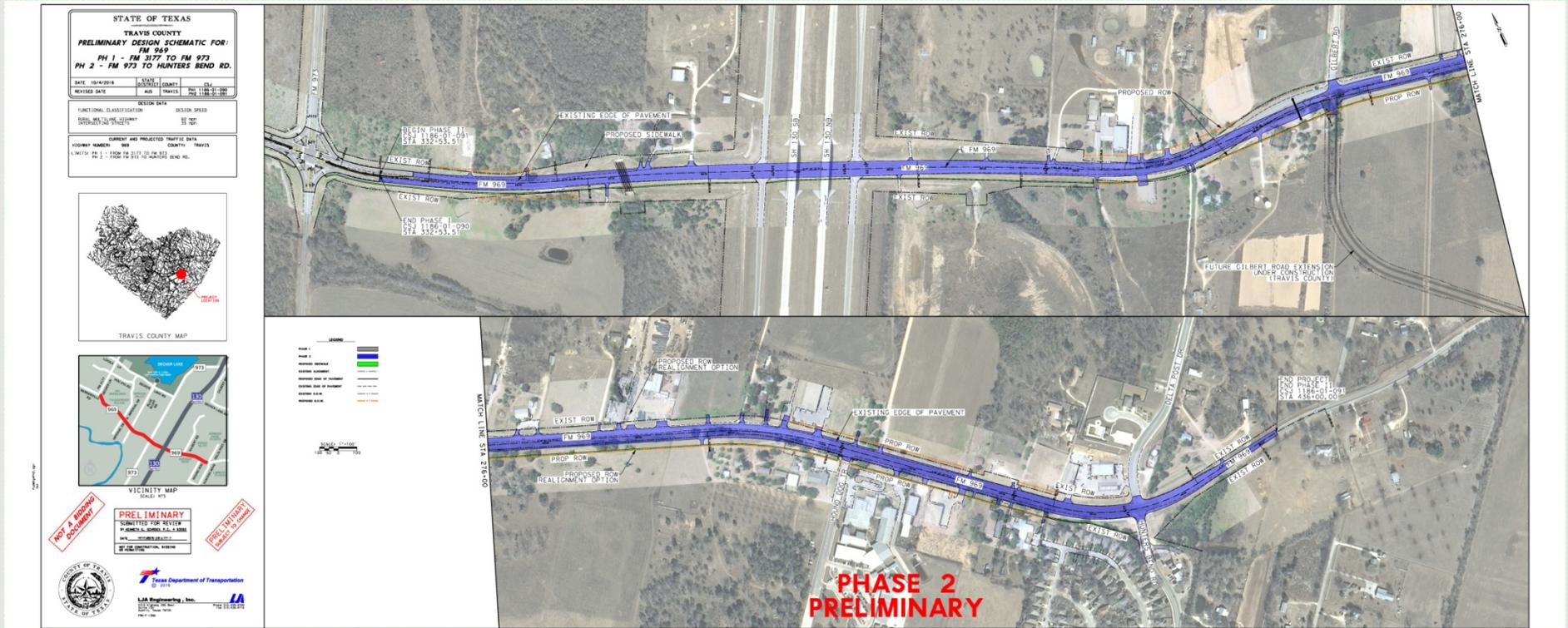
- **Noise Model**
 - **Predicts current noise levels now and 20 years after completion**
 - **Uses expected traffic loads for 20 year analysis**
- **Traffic Noise Impacts near Hunters Bend Road**
- **Currently Assessing Potential Noise Reduction Measures**
 - **Effectiveness**
 - **Constructability**
 - **Reasonable cost**
- **If it can be constructed, affected property owners will be notified**



RIGHT-OF-WAY OVERVIEW

FM 969

ROW Overview



Project Schedule

▲ Decision points Timescales

Weeks	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pass-Through Agreement	■		▲						
Schematic		■							
Environmental Process			■						
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Plans, Specifications, & Estimate (PS&E)						■			
ROW Process						■			
Bid/Letting								▲	
Construction								■	

Schedule Subject to Change

Project Schedule

- Anticipate environmental decision: winter 2016/2017
- Anticipate utility clearance and ROW acquisition to be completed end of 2018
- Anticipate to go out to bid: spring 2019
- Anticipate construction completion: fall 2020

10-MINUTE BREAK



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

FM 969 Phase II

**3 MINUTES
FOR EACH SPEAKER**



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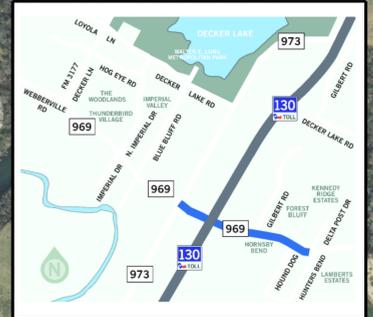
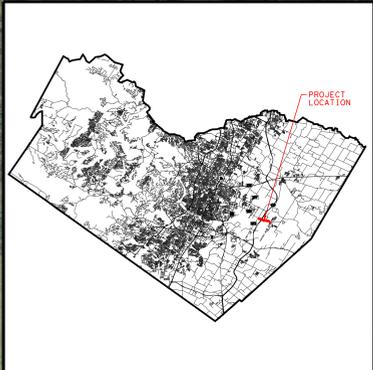
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FM 969 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SCALE: 1" = 400'



Travis County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation, is making improvements to a section of FM 969 from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road. The goal of the project is to improve the safety for drivers and pedestrians along the roadway. When completed, the project will include:

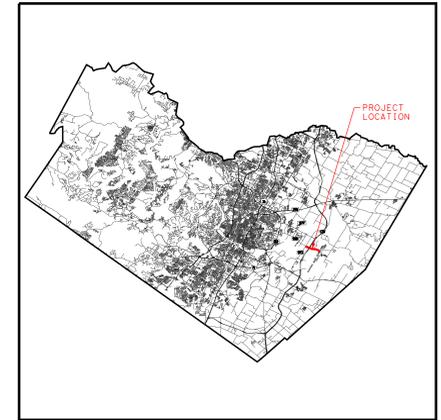
- Continuous Turn Lane
- Two Additional Lanes
- New Shoulders
- New Sidewalk

This project is being funded through a unique partnership between Travis County and the Texas Department of Transportation. A financing method called "pass thru financing" is being used to share the project costs between the two entities. Travis County will pay approximately \$8 million to design and build the improvements.

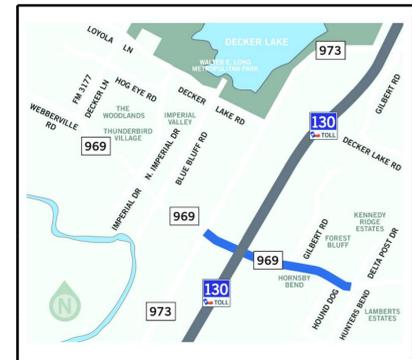
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STATE OF TEXAS
 TRAVIS COUNTY
**PRELIMINARY DESIGN SCHEMATIC FOR:
 FM 969**
 FM 973 TO HUNTERS BEND RD.



TRAVIS COUNTY MAP
 SCALE: NTS



VICINITY MAP
 SCALE: NTS

PRELIMINARY
 SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW
 BY KENNETH G. SCHROCK, P.E. # 93993
 DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2016
 NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION, BIDDING
 OR PERMITTING

**NOT A BIDDING
 DOCUMENT**

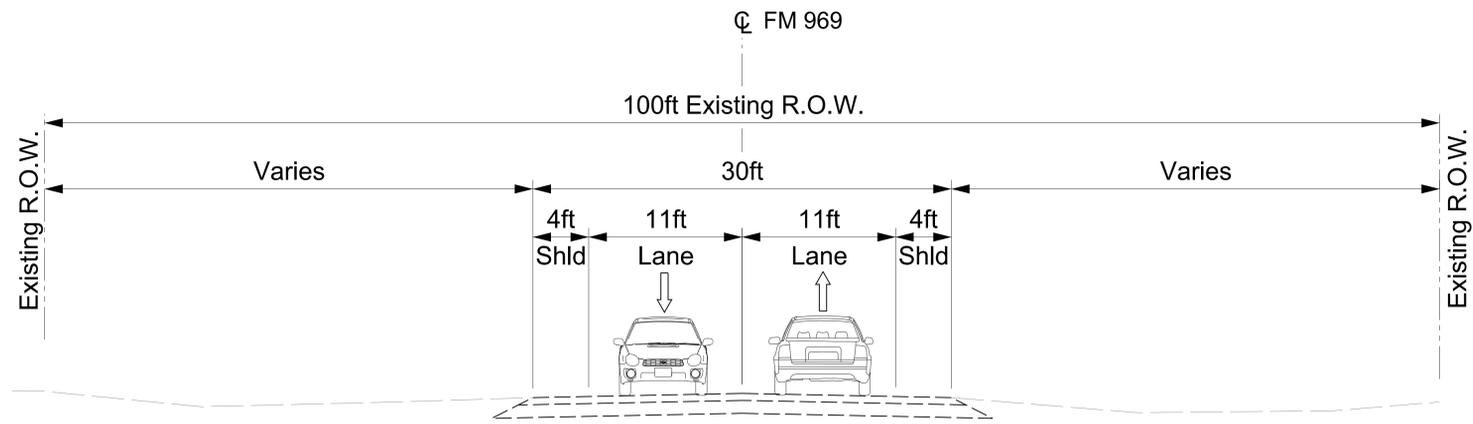
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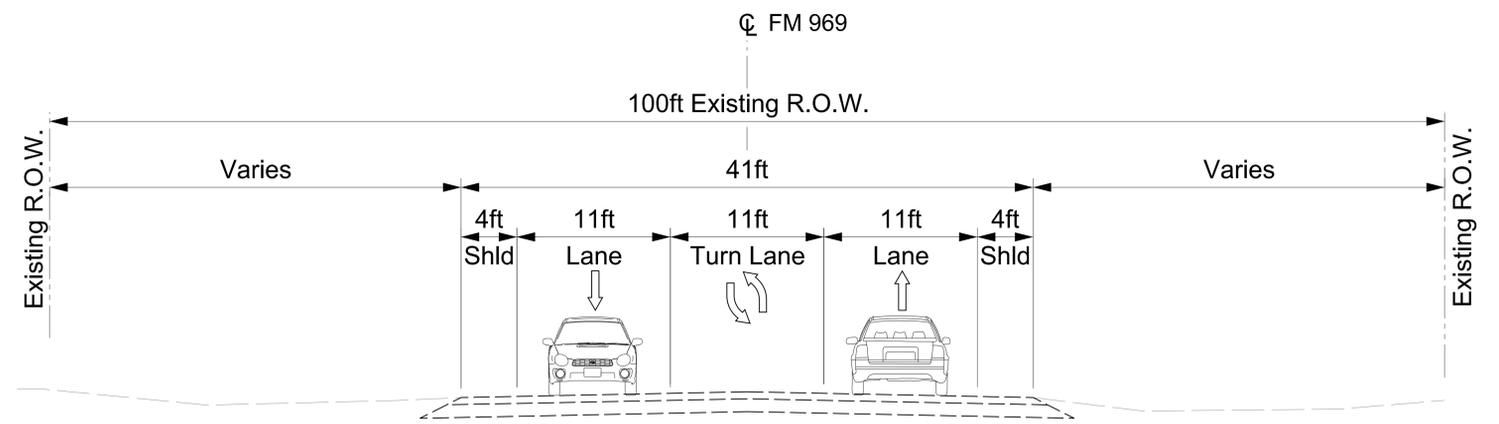
- LEGEND**
- PROPOSED FM 969 PAVEMENT
 - PROPOSED SIDEWALK
 - EXISTING ALIGNMENT
 - PROPOSED EDGE OF PAVEMENT
 - EXISTING R.O.W.
 - PROPOSED R.O.W.



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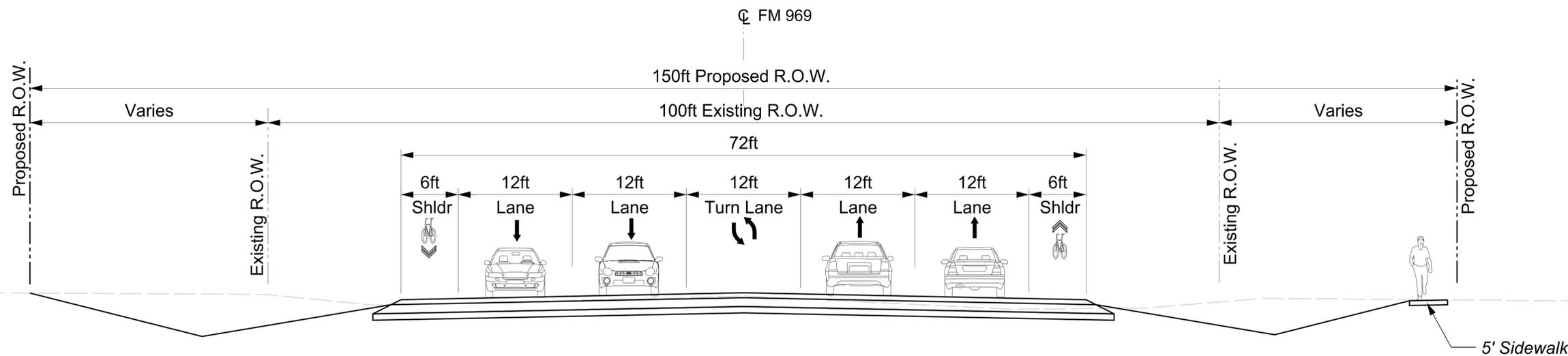


*Existing FM 969
FM 973 to Hound Dog Trail*



*Existing FM 969
Hound Dog Trail to Hunters Bend Rd/Delta Post Dr*

PRELIMINARY
SUBJECT TO CHANGE



*Proposed FM 969
FM 973 to Hunters Bend Rd/Delta Post Dr*

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