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PROJECT PURPOSE

Or, What are we trying to do?

- Improve **mobility and operational efficiency**
- Promote **long-term congestion management**
- Increase **multimodal travel options** for people and goods
- Improve **safety**
- Improve **emergency response**

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PROJECT NEED

Or, what are we trying to solve?

- **Travis County's population has grown from 212,000 in 1960 to just over 1.2 million in 2016, increasing congestion** (US Census Data, 2016)
- **1,208 crashes occurred on US 290/SH 71 between 2010 and 2016, resulting in five fatalities, 30 incapacitating injuries, plus other injuries and property damage** (TxDOT, 2017)
- **Lost time** – Drivers wasted more than 454,000 hours per year stuck in traffic on US 290/SH 71 in 2014 (Texas A&M Transportation Institute, 2015)
- **Lack of reliable connectivity**
- **Unreliable route for transit and emergency vehicles**

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Or, what are we proposing?

- **An upgraded, state-of-the-art roadway consisting of three mainlanes for through traffic in each direction, as well as two to three frontage road lanes in each direction**
- **An overpass for the US 290 mainlanes over William Cannon Drive**
- **New flyovers between US 290 and SH 71**
- **Significant bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along the entire corridor including a seven-mile shared-use path, sidewalks, and a trailhead at Williamson Creek on William Cannon Drive**
- **Upstream water detentions ponds to reduce potential flooding**
- **Multiple stormwater detention and water quality treatment ponds within the corridor**
- **New landscaping, tree plantings, and corridor aesthetics**

THE PROPOSED OAK HILL PARKWAY WOULD BE BUILT NON-TOLLED.

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

These social, economic, and environmental issues are being considered:

- WATER RESOURCES
- AIR QUALITY & TRAFFIC NOISE
- ARCHEOLOGICAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES
- SOCIAL & COMMUNITY IMPACTS
- LAND USE & PARKLAND
- VEGETATION & WILDLIFE
- THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES
- INDIRECT & CUMULATIVE IMPACTS
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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NOISE STUDY COMPLETED

A noise study was performed to analyze the potential traffic noise impacts.

The noise study analyzed changes in the future traffic noise levels under each alternative. The study evaluated noise abatement measures, such as noise barriers, for adjacent land uses that might be impacted by traffic noise.

Currently, noise barriers are proposed for:

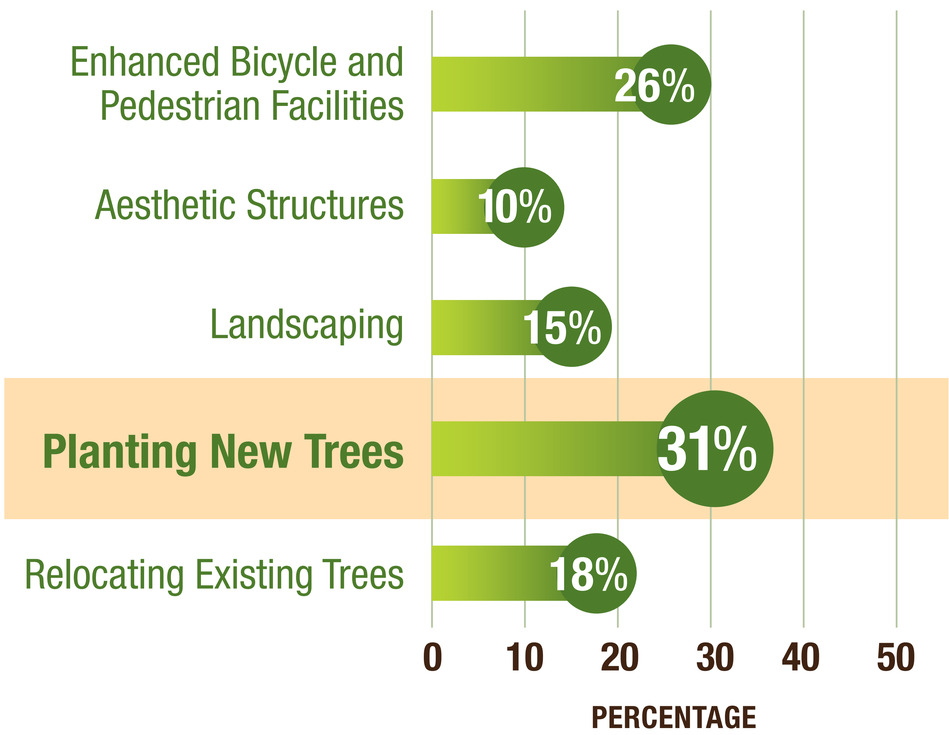
- Ridgeview subdivision
- Vineyard Hills Apartment Complex
- Bell Quarry Hill Apartments
- Holiday Mobile Home Park

The final decision to construct noise barriers will not be made until completion of the project design and utility evaluation. Once this work is completed, the project team will hold noise workshops to provide information to property owners adjacent to each proposed barrier. These property owners will be invited to a workshop and receive a ballot by mail. They will be asked to vote for or against the barrier adjacent to their property. If the majority of adjacent property owners who return ballots want a proposed barrier, it will be constructed as part of the project.

REPORTING BACK
Interactive Aesthetics Survey

We received great input from the June 2016 Interactive Aesthetics Survey and here are the results.

AESTHETIC BUDGET PRIORITIES RESULTS



WHAT WE HEARD:

- Support for bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the corridor
- Support for the preservation, planting, and relocation of trees in the corridor
- Support for a “natural” look in the project aesthetics and landscaping plan, including a mix of oaks and smaller flowering trees
- Support for an aesthetic style that reflects the history of the area
- Support for protecting Williamson Creek

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WHAT IS THE NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE?

The No-Build Alternative **would not allow** for any new travel lanes, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, water quality features, and other elements of the proposed Oak Hill Parkway Project.

US 290 and SH 71 would continue to exist as they do today and would continue to have standard, routine maintenance over the next 30 years.

Travel times will increase approximately 25-35 minutes over today, and safety and mobility would continue to decline in the Oak Hill area as population increases.

The No-Build, or "Do Nothing" Alternative serves as the baseline against which the Build Alternative is evaluated and it remains an option for final approval.

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NEXT STEPS

What happens after the Public Hearing?

- ✓ Receive public and agency comments until June 18, 2018
- ✓ Consider public and agency comments
- ✓ Complete and submit Final Environmental Impact Statement to the TxDOT Environmental Division

As assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the TxDOT Environmental Division will then determine whether the preferred build alternative moves forward or not. This act is known as the Record of Decision.

If the build alternative is approved to move forward into construction, the earliest the project could break ground is 2020, once funding is identified.

Construction duration will depend on funding.

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.