



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WELCOME

Public Hearing

RM 620 South

SH 71 to Hudson Bend Road

Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Public hearing with formal presentation – 6:30 p.m.

Public comment to follow

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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



Why Are We Here?

- **To receive public comment on:**
 - **The Draft Environmental Assessment**
 - **The proposed Build Alternative for improving RM 620**
- **Share project information and updates**



Project Purpose

What are we trying to do?

- **Improve safety**
- **Improve mobility**
- **Accommodate existing and future traffic demand**

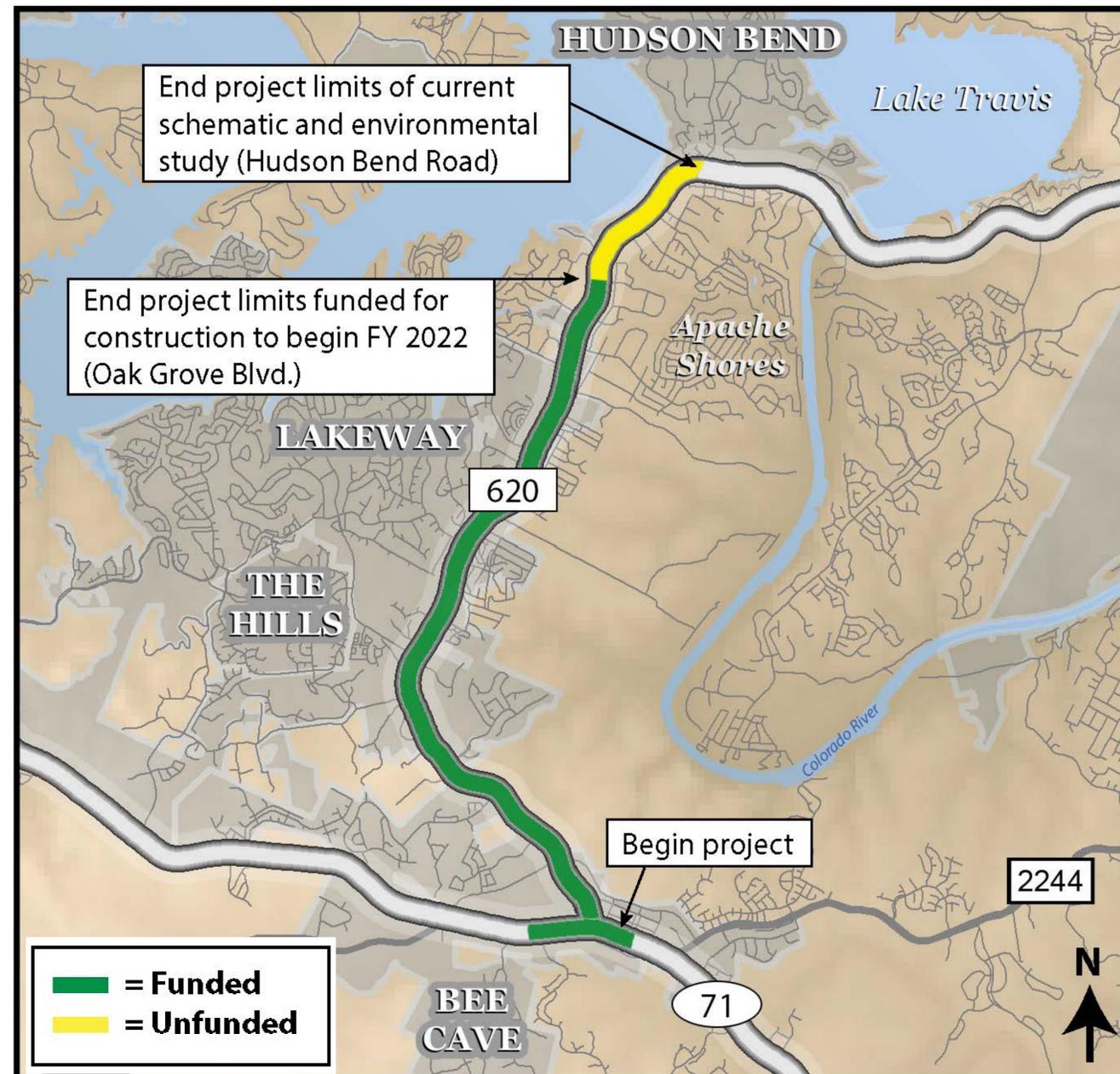


Proposed Right of Way (ROW)

- **Approximately 34.3 acres of new ROW**
- **No required displacements**
- **All ROW acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended**



RM 620 South – Project Location Map





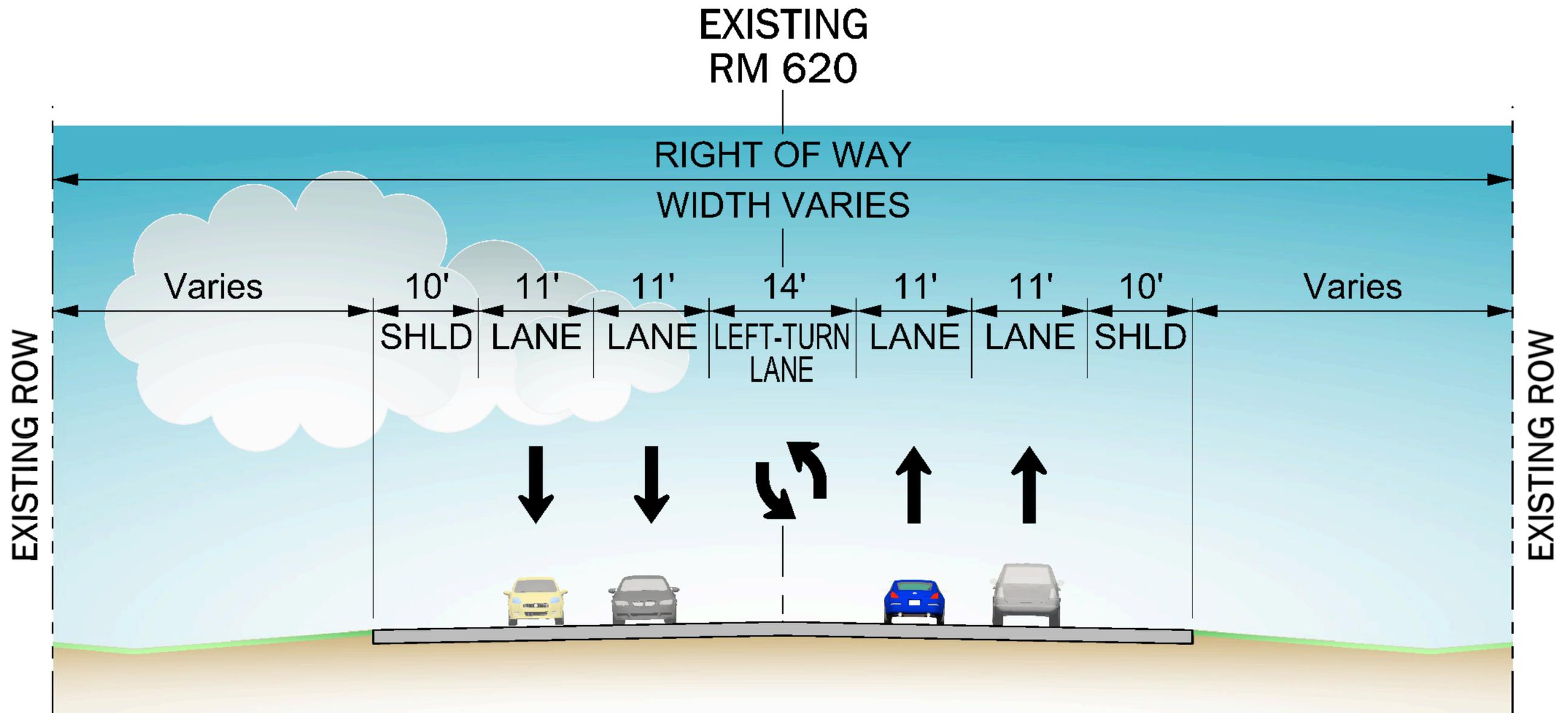
Proposed Improvements

- **Widening the existing 4-lane divided rural roadway with a continuous left-turn lane to a 6-lane divided urban roadway**
 - **Adding a third lane in each direction from SH 71 to Oak Grove Boulevard (the limits from Oak Grove Boulevard to Hudson Bend Road not currently funded for construction)**
- **Adding raised medians**
- **Adding continuous bicycle/pedestrian paths along both sides of the roadway**



Benefits

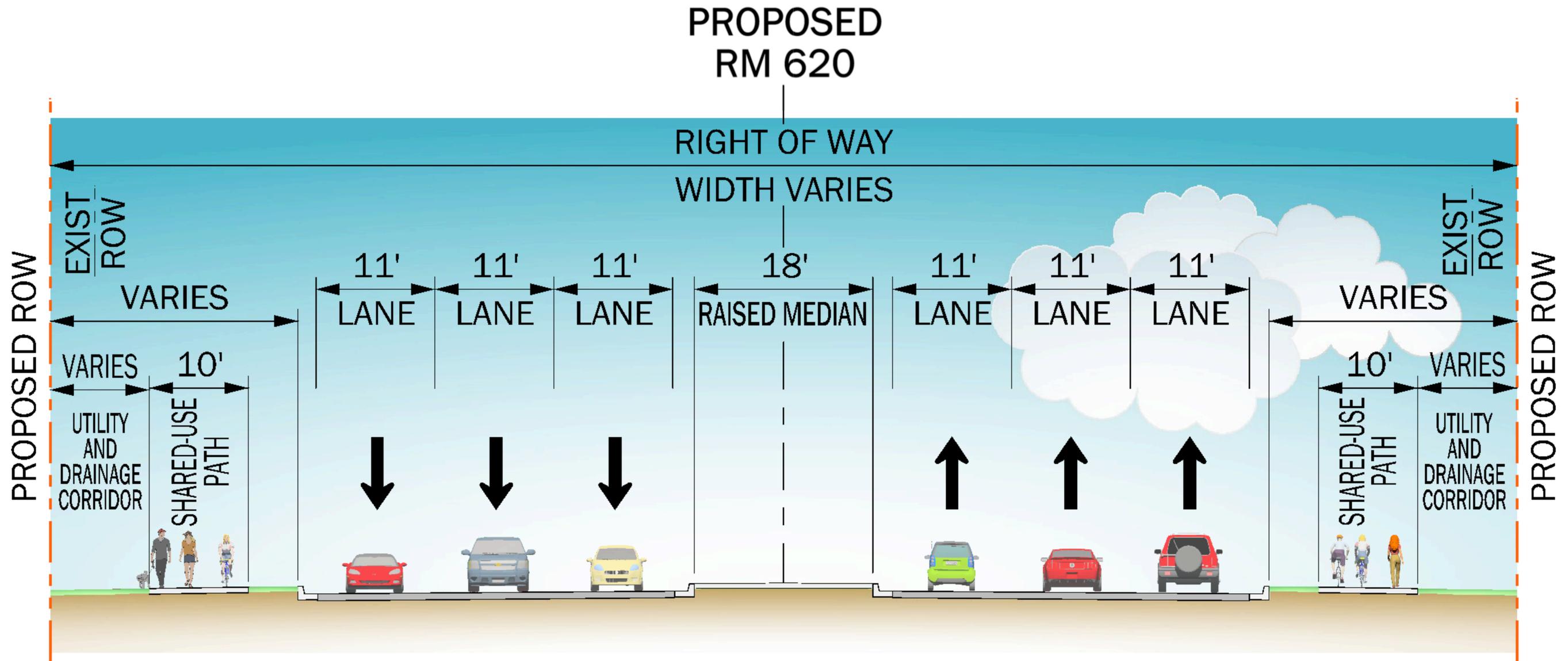
- **Improved safety and mobility**
 - **Additional travel lane in each direction**
 - **Raised median**
 - **Where demand for mid-block turns is high, a raised median improves safety by separating traffic flows and controlling left-turn and crossing maneuvers (reduces the number of conflict points)**
- **Improved bicycle/pedestrian accommodations**



EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION - RM 620
FROM SH 71 TO HUDSON BEND ROAD



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PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION - RM 620
FROM SH 71 TO HUDSON BEND ROAD



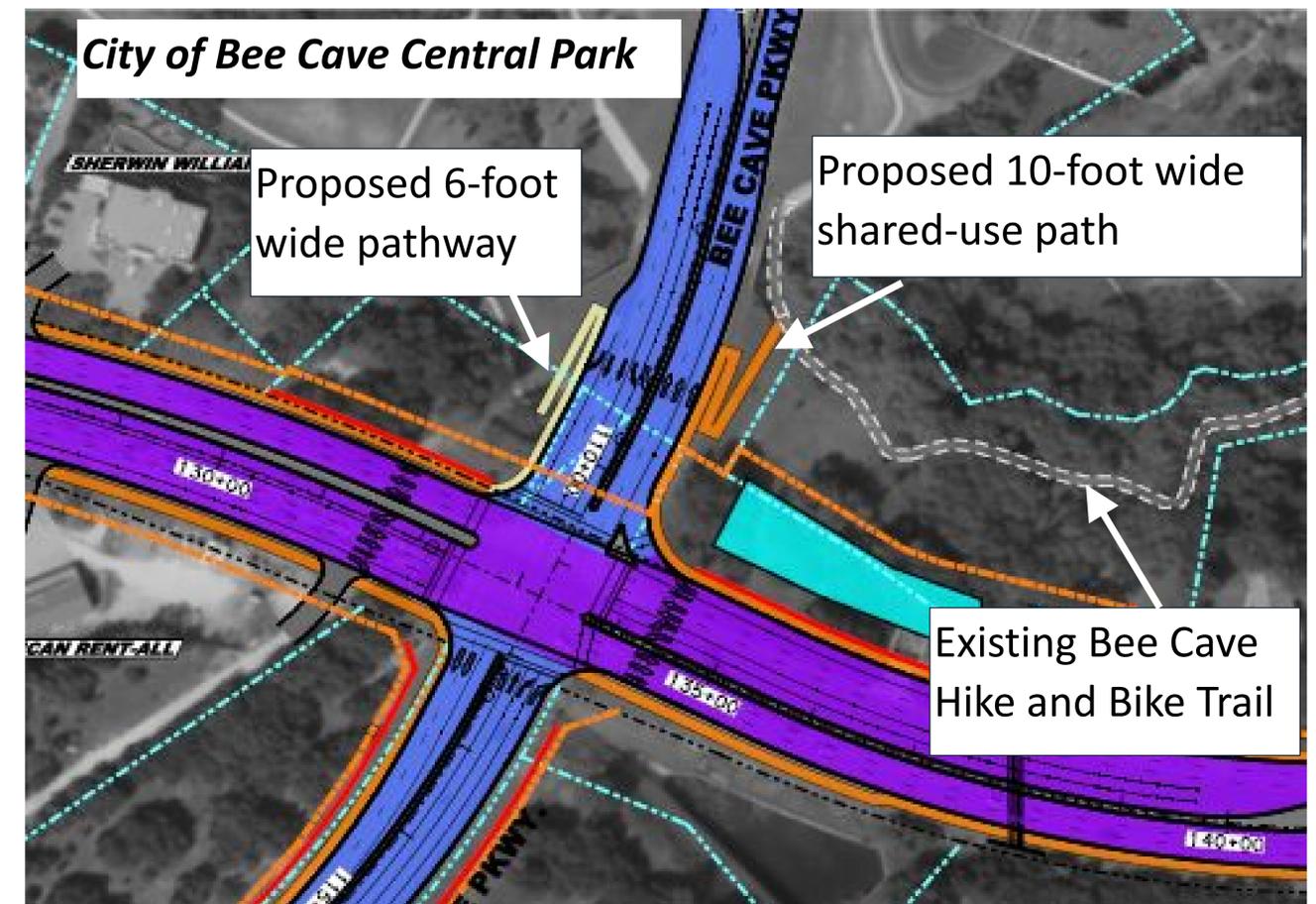
Environmental Assessment

- **Agency coordination and extensive public involvement**
- **Purpose and need for the project**
- **Evaluation of potential impacts**
- **Detailed description of the affected environment**
 - **Natural resources**
 - **Human environment**
- **Identification of recommended alternative**



City of Bee Cave Central Park

- **Section 4(f) and Chapter 26 regulations apply**
- **Use of approximately 0.4 acre of park property to construct turn lanes**
- **Impacts existing 5-foot bicycle/pedestrian path in park**
- **Mitigation incorporated into project design**
- **Section 4(f) de minimis determination**





What is the No Build Alternative?

The No Build Alternative would not allow for any new travel lanes, bicycle/pedestrian accommodations, raised center medians, or other elements of the proposed RM 620 South project

- **RM 620 would continue to exist as it does today and would continue to have standard, routine maintenance over the next 30 years**
- **The annual average daily traffic along RM 620 within the project limits is anticipated to increase by almost 40% between years 2023 and 2043, according to the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division**



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.



Next Steps

What happens after the public hearing?

- **Receive public and agency comments until March 6, 2020**
- **Consider public and agency comments**
- **Complete and submit Final Environmental Assessment to the TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division**

As assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division will then determine whether the Build Alternative (TxDOT's Recommended Alternative) moves forward.

If the Build Alternative is approved to move forward into construction, the earliest the funded portion of the project could break ground is late 2022



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We want your input!

You may make a verbal comment during the public hearing. Written comment forms are available this evening as well. You can also mail, email, or submit comments online by Friday, March 6, 2020 to:

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For more information, visit the TxDOT website at www.txdot.gov and search keywords “RM 620 South”