



# RM 620 South Improvement Project

From SH 71 to Hudson Bend Road  
Public Hearing



- Provide an update on RM 620 South project
- Present Draft Environmental Assessment and the Recommended Alternative
- Receive public input



- Introduction
- Project design presentation
- Environmental presentation
- 15-minute recess
- Public comments



# Your comments are important to us!





Submit comments by  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020**



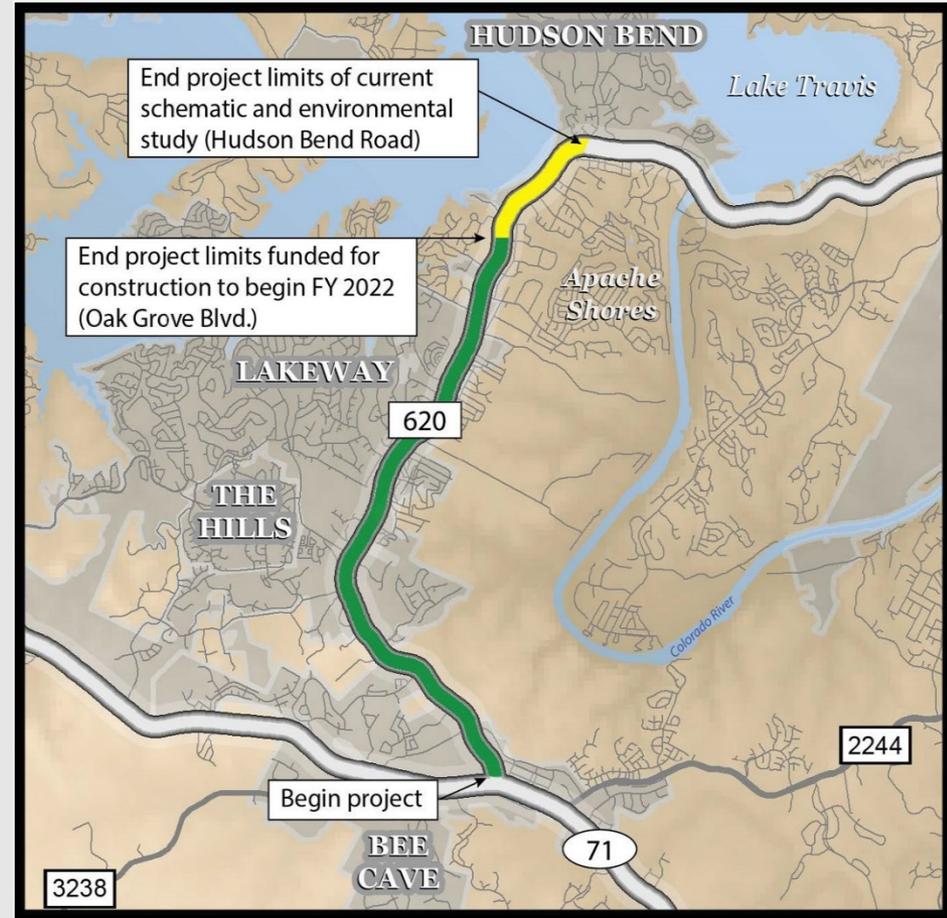
# Project design presentation

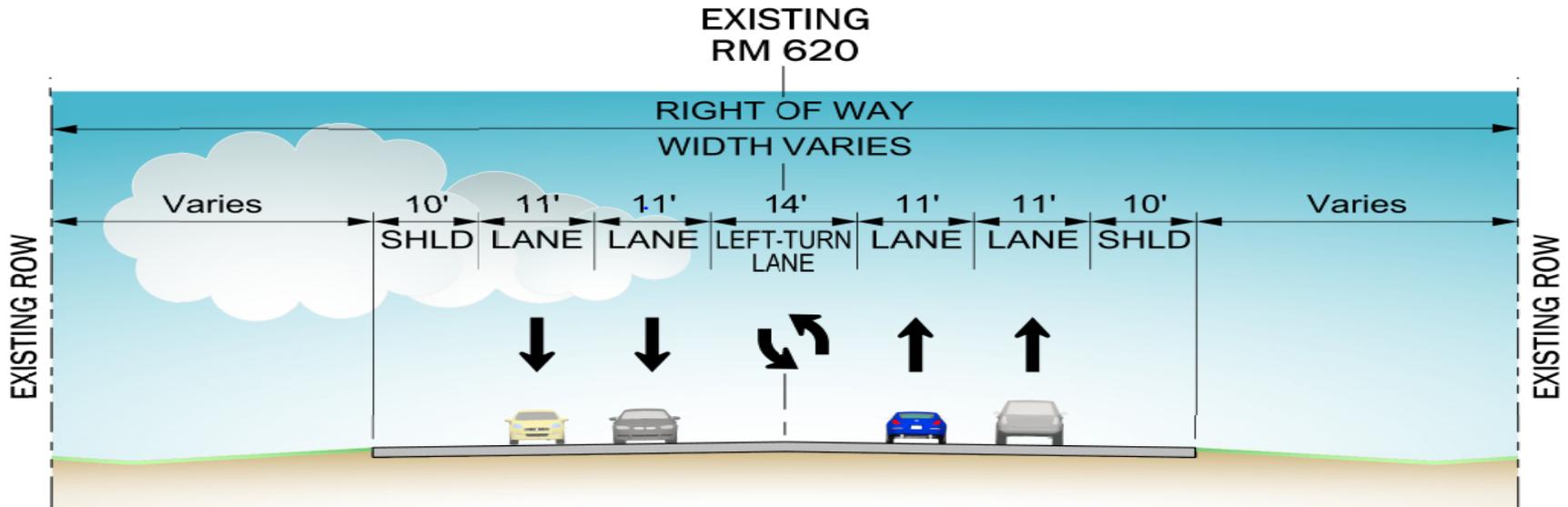
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RTG - consultant project manager



- Project Limits
  - SH 71 to Hudson Bend Road
  - Project length - 9.2 miles
  - Funded Section: SH 71 to Oak Grove Boulevard
- Project Need
  - Existing capacity inadequate to meet current/future traffic volumes
  - Congestion, reduced mobility and safety issues
- Project Purpose
  - Improve safety
  - Improve mobility
  - Accommodate existing and future traffic demand

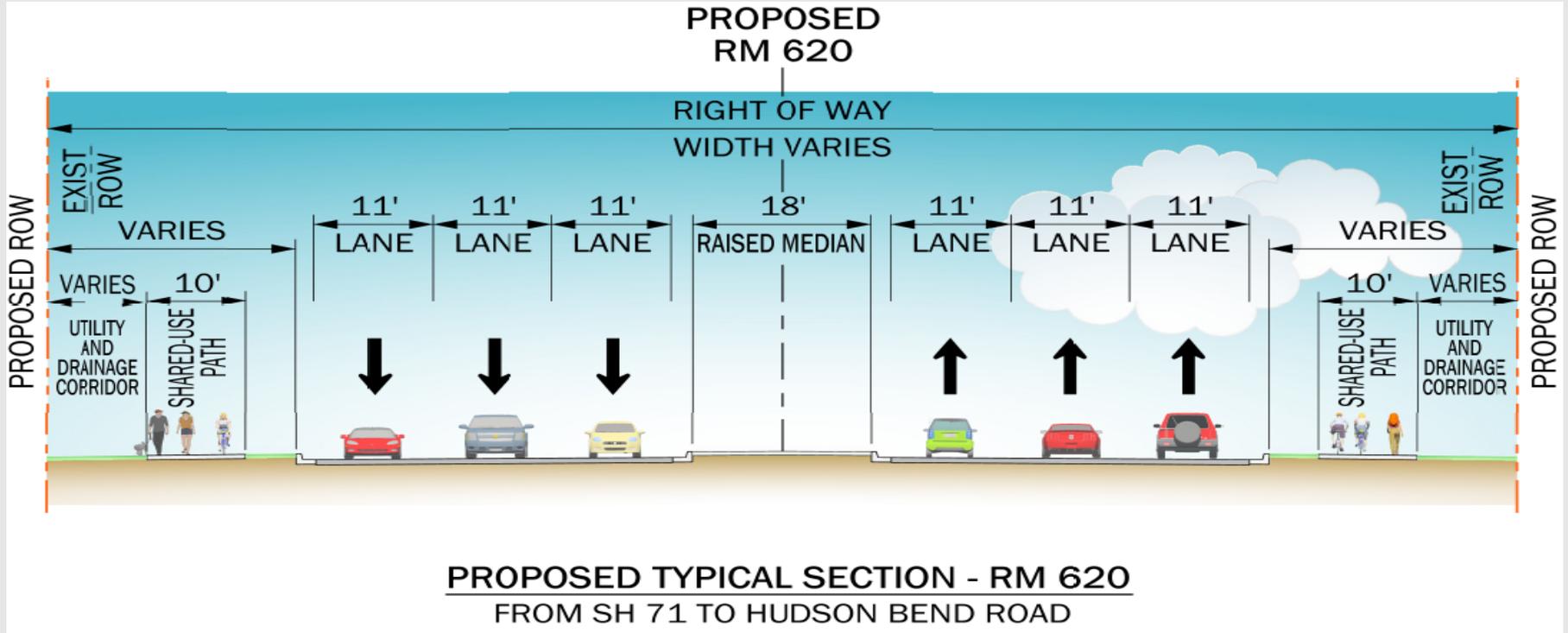




**EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION - RM 620**  
FROM SH 71 TO HUDSON BEND ROAD

## ■ Current Roadway

- Two, 11-foot mainlanes with 10-foot shoulders in each direction
- Mainlanes separated by 14-foot continuous center-turn lane
- No bike lanes or sidewalks



- Proposed improvements
  - Add 11-foot mainlane in each direction
  - Replace continuous center-turn lane
  - Add 18-foot raised median
  - Add 10-foot bicycle/pedestrian paths



- Underground and overhead utilities
  - Known existing utilities have been identified and mapped
  - Conflicting utilities will need to be adjusted or relocated prior to roadway construction



- Anticipated Construction Start: Late 2022
- Estimated Total Project Cost: \$75 Million



# Environmental presentation

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CP&Y - consultant  
environmental manager

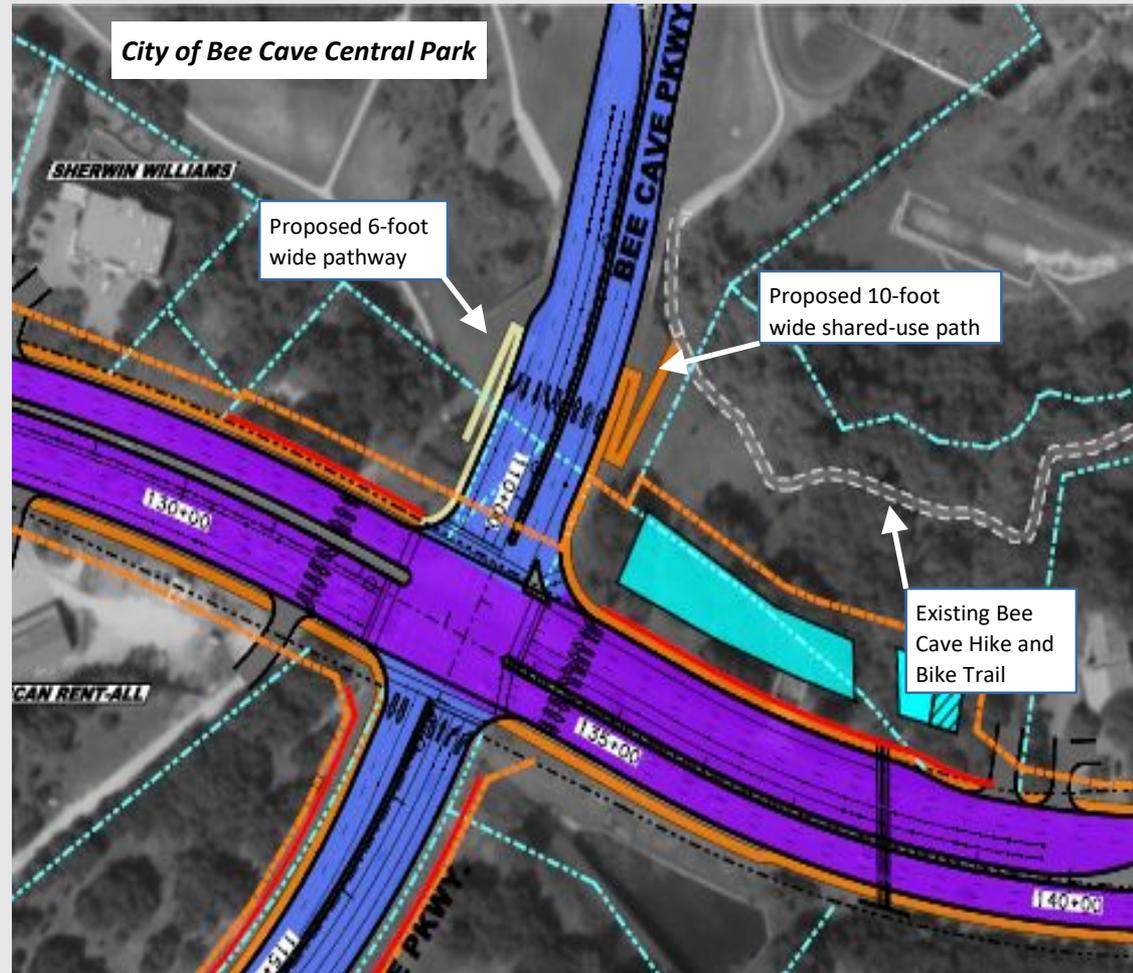


- Right of way
- Traffic noise
- Community/socio-economic
- Air quality
- Visual/aesthetics
- Archeological resources
- Historic resources
- Water quality
- Wetlands/waters of U.S.
- Biological resources
- Hazardous materials
- Indirect and cumulative effects
- Section 4(f) (land from publicly owned parks, recreation areas)
- Chapter 26 resources (protection of public parks and recreational lands)



### ■ 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





- Proposed project would impact habitat for federally endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler
- Project May Affect, but is Not Likely to Adversely Affect the species. Informal consultation is in progress with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



- Traffic Noise Analysis completed according to TxDOT and FHWA guidelines
- 23 noise receivers are expected to be impacted
- Noise barriers would be feasible/reasonable for three of the impacted receivers:
  - Falconhead Apartments
  - Villas on Travis Residential Apartments (north section)
  - Villas on Travis Residential Apartments (south section)



## ■ Floodplains/Edwards Aquifer

- Portions of project within FEMA 100-year flood hazard areas associated with an unnamed tributary to Little Barton Creek
- Project would not violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances
- Southern portion of project area lies in Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone; requires TCEQ Contributing Zone Plan

## ■ Waters of the U.S., including Wetlands

- Tributaries to Little Barton Creek, Honey Creek, and two wetland features were evaluated
- Proposed project would permanently fill 0.04 acre of streams; no fill within wetlands or other special aquatic sites
- Requires a USACE permit without pre-construction notification; compensatory mitigation not required

Conclusion: Studies, analyses, and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant impacts.



- Public comment period ends March 6, 2020
- Anticipated environmental decision (Spring 2020)
- Prepare detailed design
- Acquire right of way
- Utility construction
- Roadway construction



- Approximately 34.3 acres of new ROW
- No required displacements
- TxDOT ROW personnel available for questions
- All ROW acquisition would be completed according to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended



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# RECESS

15 minutes

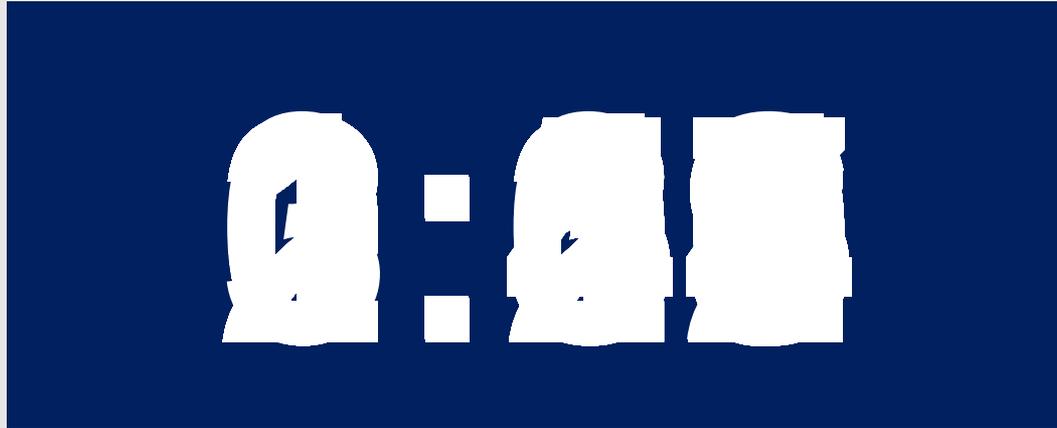


## ■ Comment Period

- Please note that we will not attempt to respond to your comments at this time
  
- All comments will be fully considered and responded to in the project record which is available on the TxDOT project website



Please limit your comments to three  
(3) minutes





- Address questions/comments to:
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- Project information available at: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)  
Search: “Public Hearings and Meetings Schedule”
  
- **Written comments must be postmarked by Friday, March 6, 2020**
  
- TxDOT addresses all comments; prepares Final Environmental Assessment



# Thank you for your interest in the RM 620 South Improvement Project

