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WELCOME

Open House

RM 620 South

SH 71 to Hudson Bend Road

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. 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Why are we here?

- To listen to the local community to better understand the mobility and safety concerns impacting the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Hudson Bend, Apache Shores, and Lake Travis areas
- To learn what's important to local stakeholders as mobility improvements are considered
- To receive your input regarding the scope of the environmental study

What are we trying to solve?

- Current and projected traffic congestion along the corridor
- Vehicular and bicycle/pedestrian safety along RM 620

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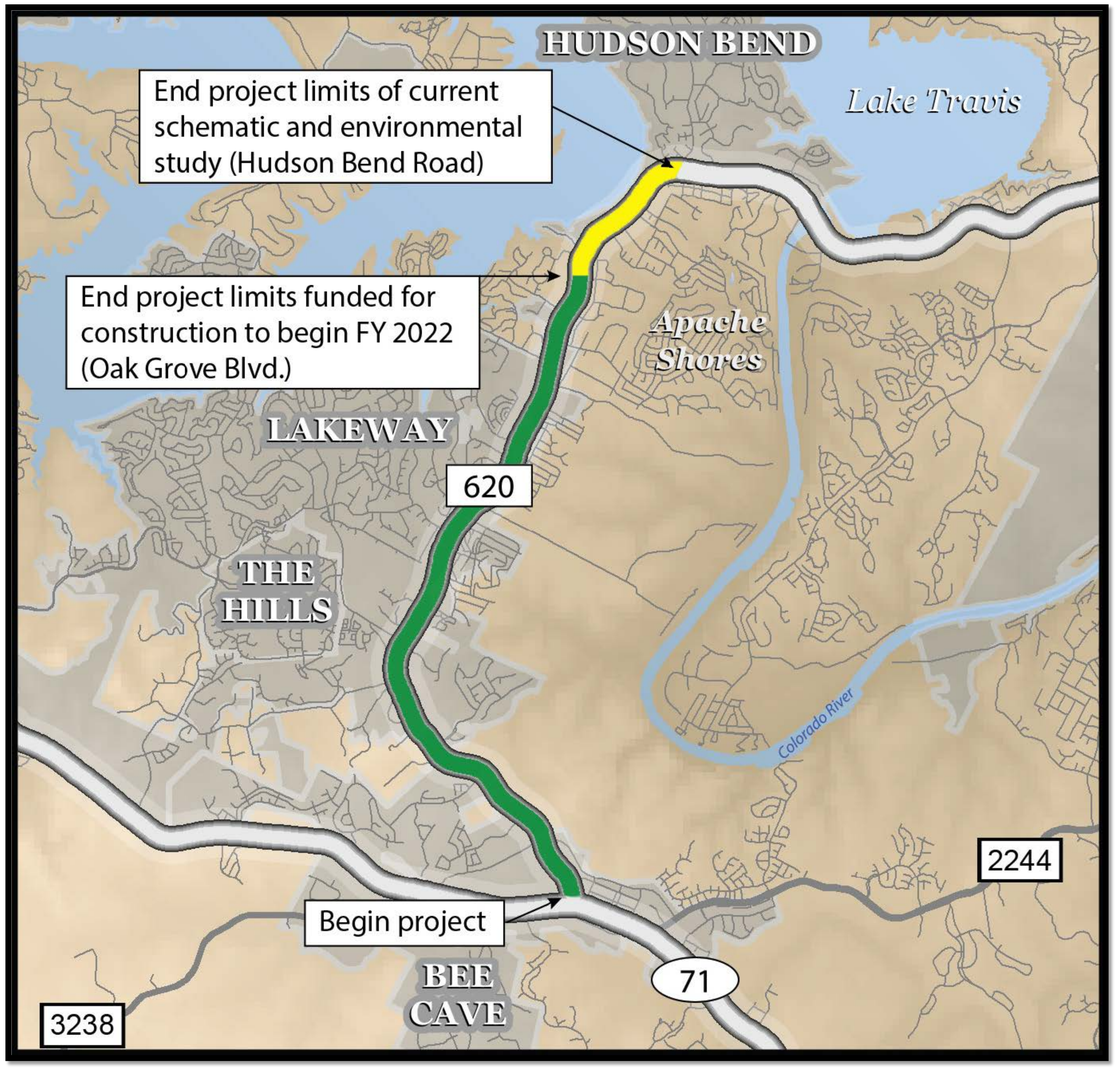
RM 620 South – Project Location Map



Feasibility Study - Overview

- Feasibility study: spring 2015 – spring 2017
- Study limits: from SH 71 West to US 183 (18.8 miles)

Feasibility Study - Overview

- **Addressed short-, mid-, and long-term RM 620 needs by evaluating**
  - Existing/forecasted traffic volumes to 2035
  - Crash/safety data from 2010-2015

Feasibility Study
Public Involvement

- **Formed working groups to evaluate six sections of RM 620**
- **Extensive meetings with local business, government, and civic groups**
- **Conducted online survey**
  - Over 3,000 survey responses
  - Identified top 10 most significantly congested intersections
  - Received roadway improvement suggestions

Feasibility Study Findings

- **Short term**
  - Intersection improvements and additional auxiliary lanes
- **Mid-term**
  - Add a raised median with dedicated turn lanes along entire length of RM 620
  - Widen from four lanes to six lanes from SH 71W to Lakeway Boulevard
- **Long term**
  - Extend the six-lane roadway with raised median north of Lakeway Boulevard to Hudson Bend Road

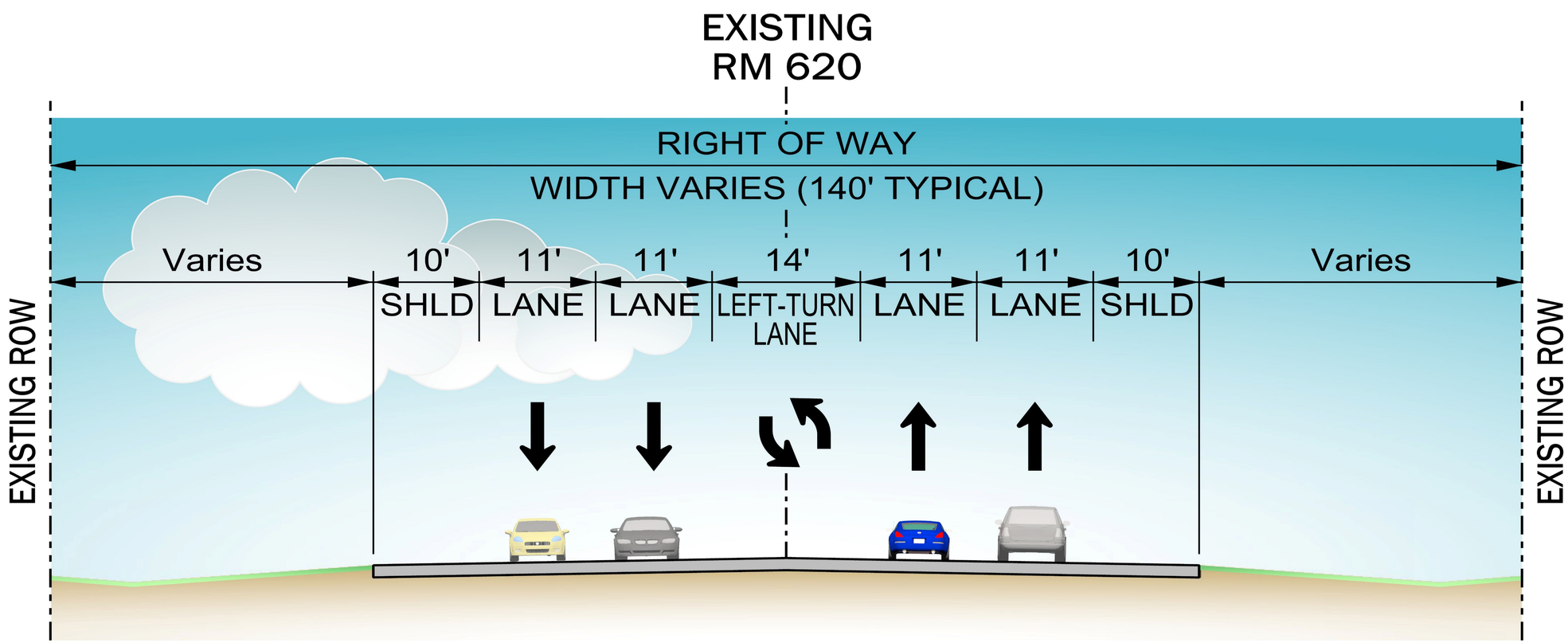
What are we trying to do now?

Develop design options for the build alternative, compare them to the no- build alternative, and prepare an environmental study for the project

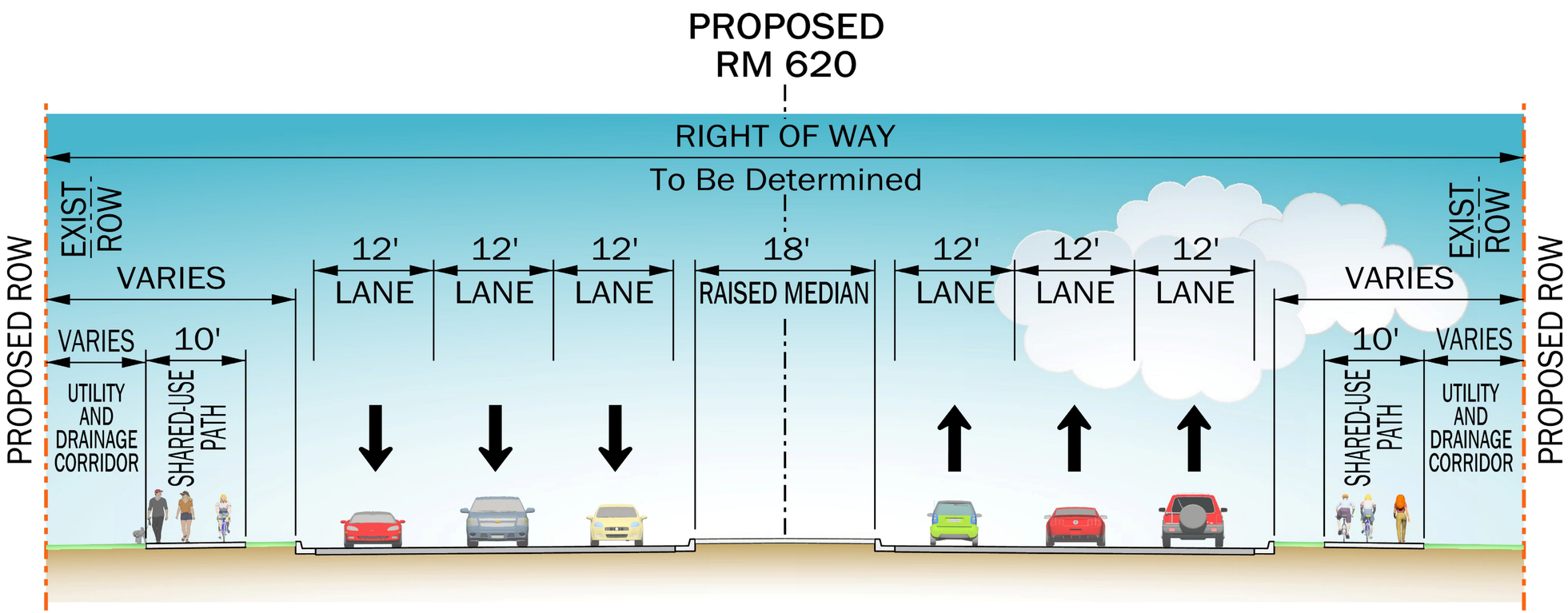
- **Proposed improvements include**
  - Widening the existing four-lane divided rural roadway with a continuous left- turn lane into a six-lane divided urban roadway, adding a third lane in each direction from SH 71 to Hudson Bend Road
  - Adding raised medians
  - Adding a continuous bicycle/pedestrian shared-use path along the corridor

Benefits

- **Improved mobility and safety**
  - Additional travel lane in each direction
  - Raised median to provide safer access to business and development along RM 620
    - Where development is occurring and demand for mid-block turns is high, raised medians may improve safety by separating traffic flows and controlling left-turn and crossing maneuvers
- **Improved bicycle/pedestrian accommodations**
- **Opportunities for aesthetic improvements**



EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION - RM 620



PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION - RM 620

BETWEEN SH 71 AND HUDSON BEND ROAD

Environmental Process

The environmental study will include

- Extensive public and agency involvement
- Discussion of purpose and need for the project
- Alternative analysis
  - Evaluate a range of reasonable options
  - Include a no-build alternative in all analyses
- Evaluation of potential impacts
- Detailed description of the affected environment
  - Natural resources
  - Human environment
- Result in selection of recommended alternative

Schedule

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE*

Oct. 10, 2018	Early 2019	Late 2019	Mid-2020	FY 2022
First Open House	Second Open House	Public Hearing	Anticipated Environmental Finding	Construction Start**

**timeline contingent on environmental finding, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocations*
***Applies to funded project from SH71 to Oak Grove Boulevard*

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We want your input!

Written comment forms are available this evening. You can also mail, email, or submit comments online by Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018 to

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