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Loop 9, Segment A: US 67 to IH 35E

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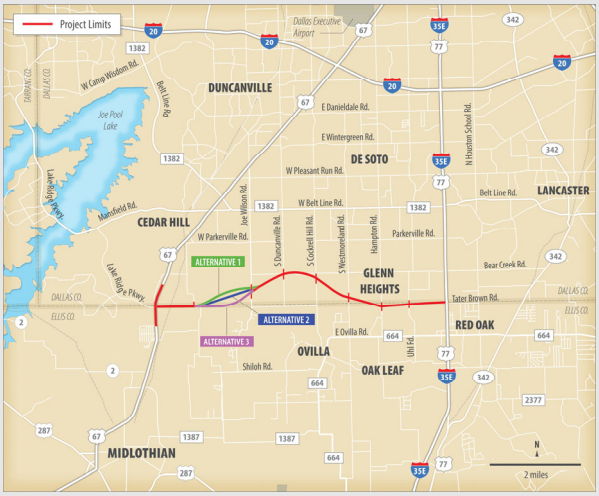

July 2019 Public Scoping Meeting

Open House Format

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Red Oak Municipal Center
200 Lakeview Parkway
Red Oak, TX 75154

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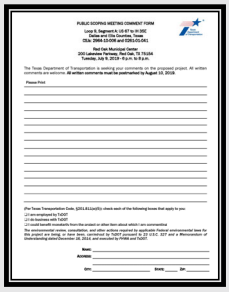
Purpose of Public Scoping Meeting



Inform the public of the project, gather public input and answer questions

Provide comments on project

Review and comment on Purpose and Need Statement and Project Coordination Plan

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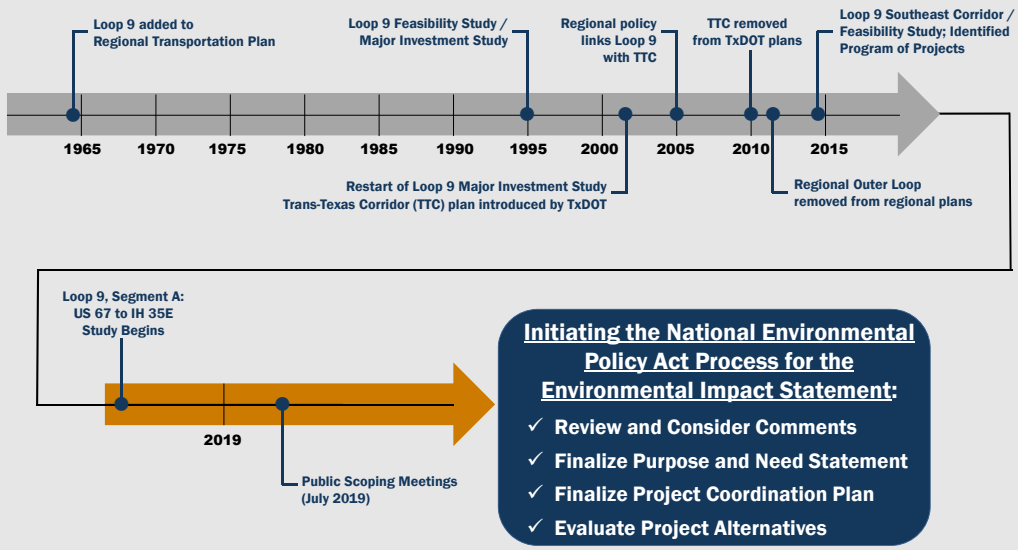
Project History Timeline



Initiating the National Environmental Policy Act Process for the Environmental Impact Statement:

- ✓ Review and Consider Comments
- ✓ Finalize Purpose and Need Statement
- ✓ Finalize Project Coordination Plan
- ✓ Evaluate Project Alternatives

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Project History / Three Major Segments

Segment A: Currently under Schematic / Environmental Study

Segment B: Based on transportation needs, this corridor was studied first and has been completed. Estimated Construction Start: TBD

Segment C: Future Study

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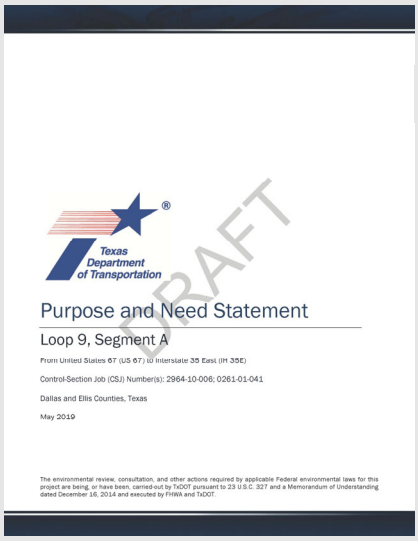
Project Purpose and Need

Project Needs

- ✓ Transportation demand resulting from population and economic growth in the region
- ✓ System linkage
- ✓ Connectivity of existing roadway facilities

Project Purpose

- ✓ Accommodate regional growth
- ✓ Address transportation demand
- ✓ Provide system linkage
- ✓ Improve connectivity of existing roadway facilities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Purpose and Need Statement

Loop 9, Segment A

From United States 67 (US 67) to Interstate 35 East (IH 35E)

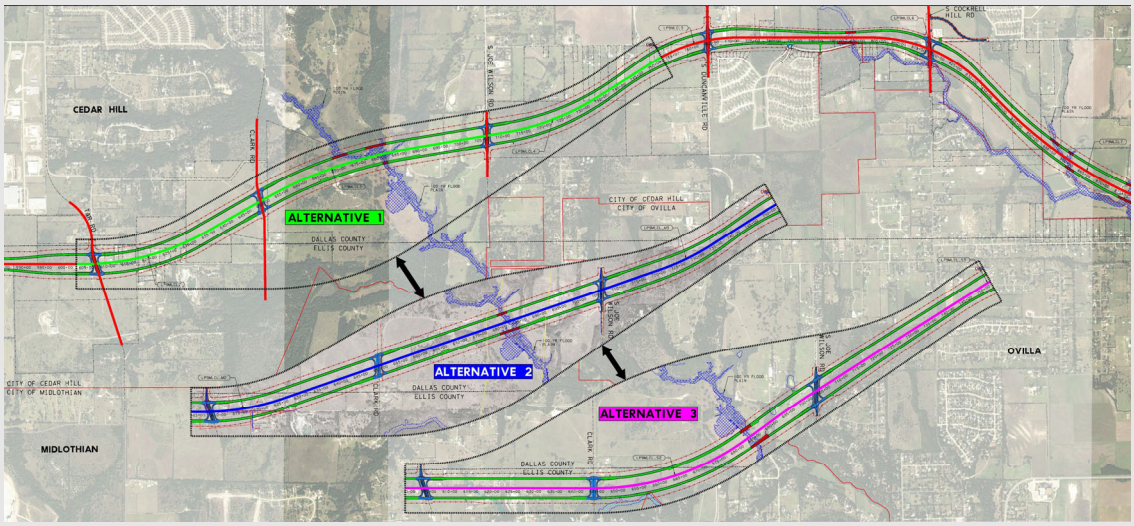
Control-Section Job (CSJ) Number(s): 2964-10-006; 0261-01-041

Dallas and Ellis Counties, Texas

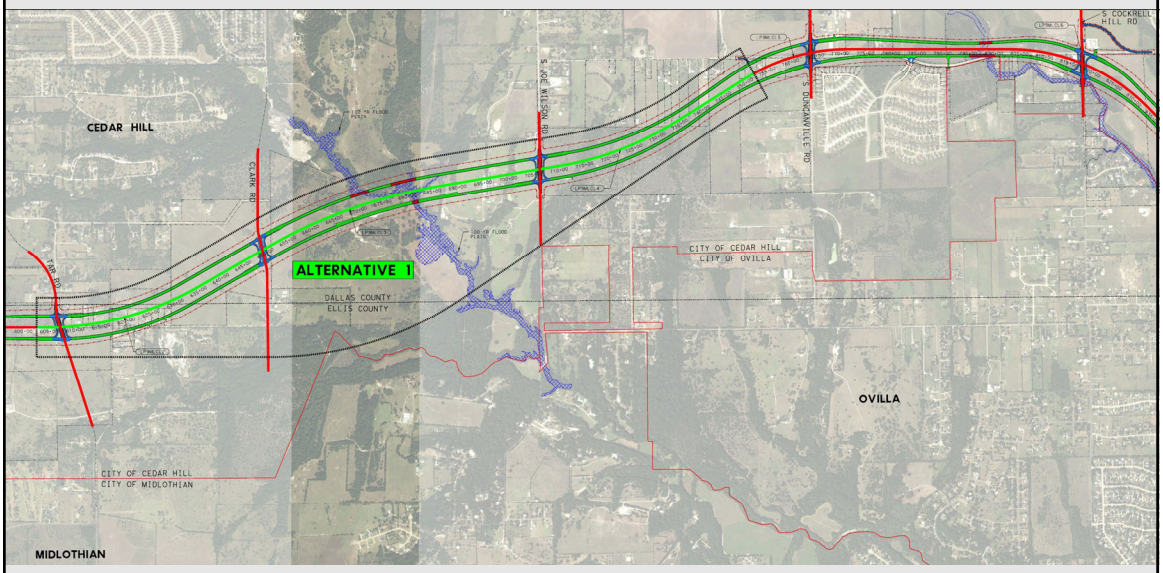
May 2019

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.

Preliminary Project Alternatives



Preliminary Project Alternatives – Alternative 1



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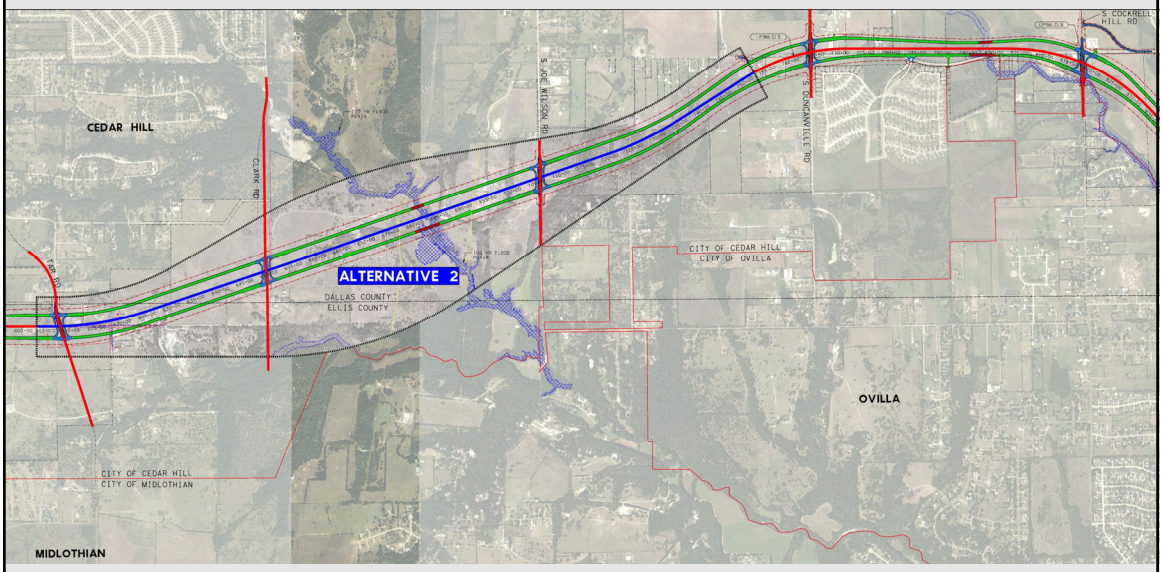
Preliminary Project Alternatives – Alternative 2



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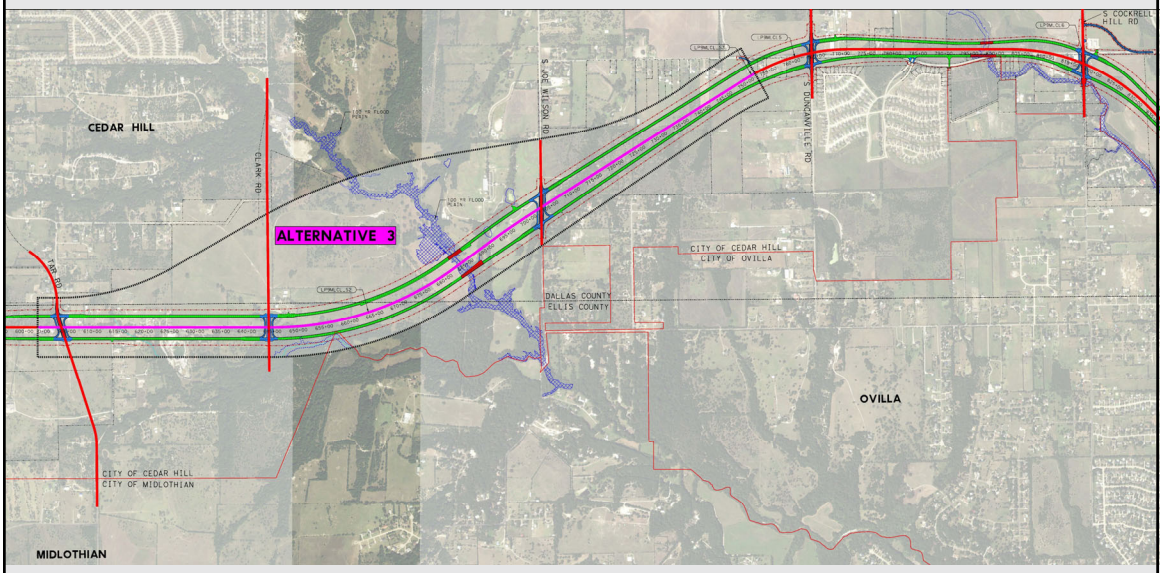
Preliminary Project Alternatives – Alternative 3



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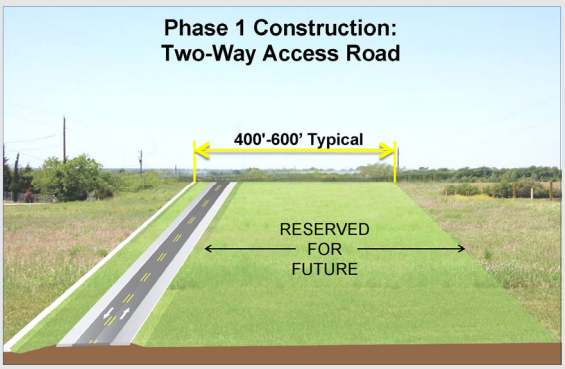

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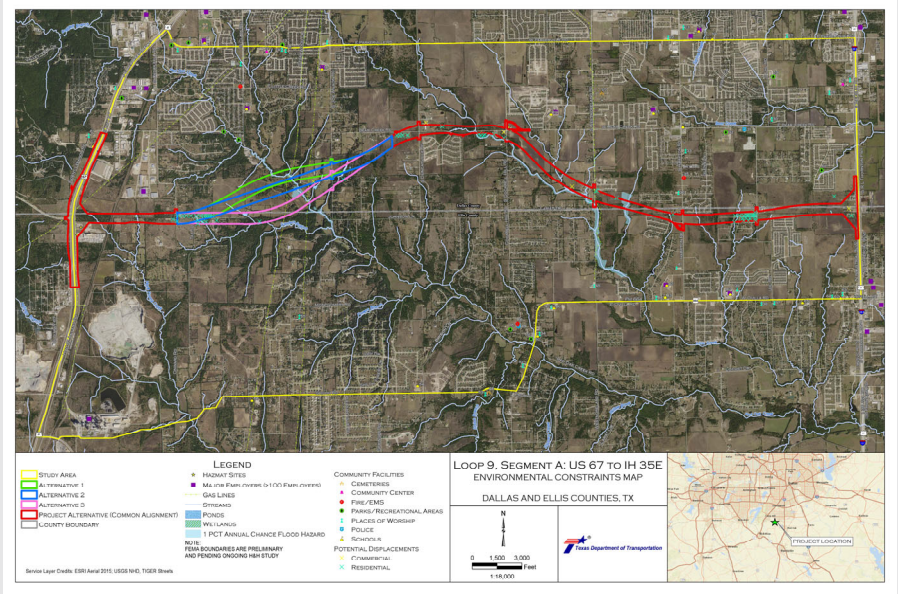
Environmental Constraints Map



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Criteria Evaluated during the Environmental Impact Statement Process

- ✓ Air Quality
- ✓ Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- ✓ Biological Resources
- ✓ Community Impacts
- ✓ Construction Impacts
- ✓ Cultural Resources
- ✓ Displacements
- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Floodplains
- ✓ Geology, Farmlands, and Soils
- ✓ Hazardous Materials
- ✓ Historic / Archeological Preservation
- ✓ Indirect and Cumulative Impacts
- ✓ Irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources
- ✓ Land Use
- ✓ Permits
- ✓ Traffic Noise
- ✓ Relationship of local short-term uses vs. long-term productivity
- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Social Characteristics
- ✓ Threatened and Endangered Species
- ✓ Traffic Noise
- ✓ Utilities/Emergency Services
- ✓ Vegetation and Wildlife Habitat
- ✓ Visual Impacts
- ✓ Water Quality
- ✓ Wetlands and Waters of the U.S.

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Current Status and Next Steps

- Finalize Purpose and Need (Summer 2019)
- Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Winter 2019 – Summer 2020)
- Circulate Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Agency / Public Review) (Summer 2020)
- Conduct Public Hearings on Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Summer 2020)
- Select Preferred Alternative (Summer 2020)
- Prepare and Circulate a Combined Final Environmental Impact Statement / Record of Decision (Fall 2020 – Summer 2021)
- Final Environmental Clearance (Winter 2022)
- Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition (Following Environmental Clearance)
- Begin Construction (To be determined)

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How to Stay Involved with the Project

Thank you for joining our Scoping Meeting today – be a part of the planning team by engaging in any or all of the following:

Submit Comments **In Writing**

- ✓ Place in comment box at Scoping Meeting tonight, or
- ✓ Mail/Email comments to:

Matthew Atkinson, PE
TxDOT Dallas District
4777 E. Highway 80
Mesquite, Texas 75150

Matthew.Atkinson@txdot.gov

Project Information **Online**

- ✓ Under "Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting" at: www.keepitmovingdallas.com, or
- ✓ At TxDOT's project website: https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/dallas/loop9.html
- ✓ Sign up for project updates online

Complete the Project Survey

Go to online survey link at:

- ✓ https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/dallas/loop9.html, or
- ✓ Scan the Quick Response (QR) code with your smartphone or tablet

All comments to be considered must be submitted or postmarked by:
August 10, 2019

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THANK YOU!

We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to join us tonight.

Please travel safely!

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