State Loop 288 (SL 288) Frontage Roads Project

From: IH 35W

To: IH 35

Denton County, Texas

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

July 9, 2020

Virtual Public Hearing in Response to Public Health

TxDOT changed the in-person public hearing to a virtual format in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The virtual public hearing and TxDOT website will provide the same information as an in-person hearing would have.

Appointments for in-person viewing of project materials may be requested. Please see the Supplemental Public Notice on the project website for details.

SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT 1 Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.

FACT 2 For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.

FACT 3 Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT 4 There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

FACT 5 You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

CDC

cdc.gov/COVID-19

PUBLIC HEARING PURPOSE

1. Inform the public of project status and project recommendations.

2. Describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected.

3. Provide the public the opportunity to provide input.

4. Develop a record of public participation.

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For general questions about the presentation or the project, please contact TxDOT Project Manager, Nelson Underwood, P.E. at Nelson.Underwood@txdot.gov. The public may email at any time in the project development process to ask questions about the project.

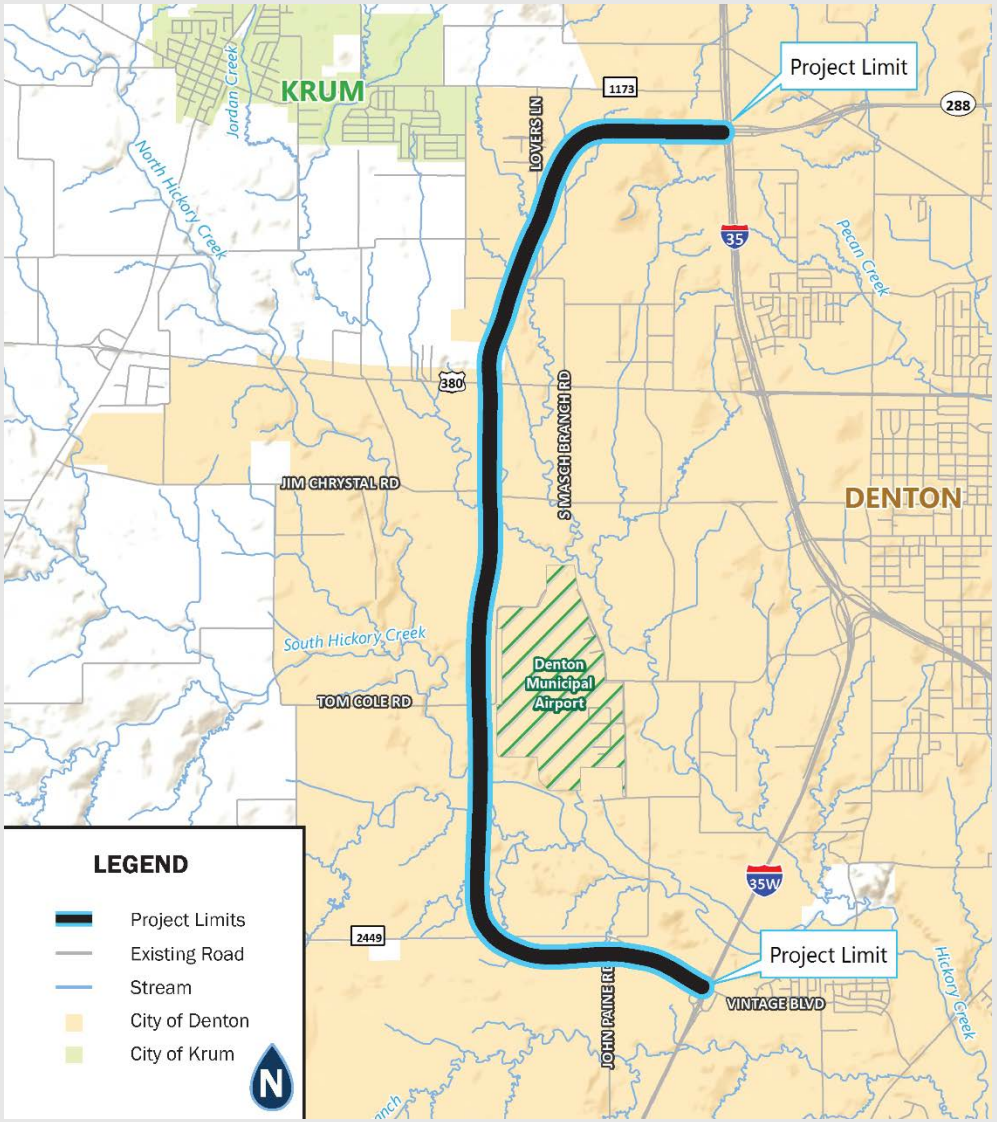
Websites:

- www.keepitmovingdallas.com/SL288
  Direct site link to the posted materials

- www.txdot.gov
  Search "Public Meetings and Hearings"

The information presented on these websites is the same information being presented in this video.

PROJECT LOCATION, NEED AND PURPOSE



PROJECT LIMITS:

- SL 288 from IH 35W to IH 35
- Project Length: 9.0 miles
- City of Denton
- Denton County

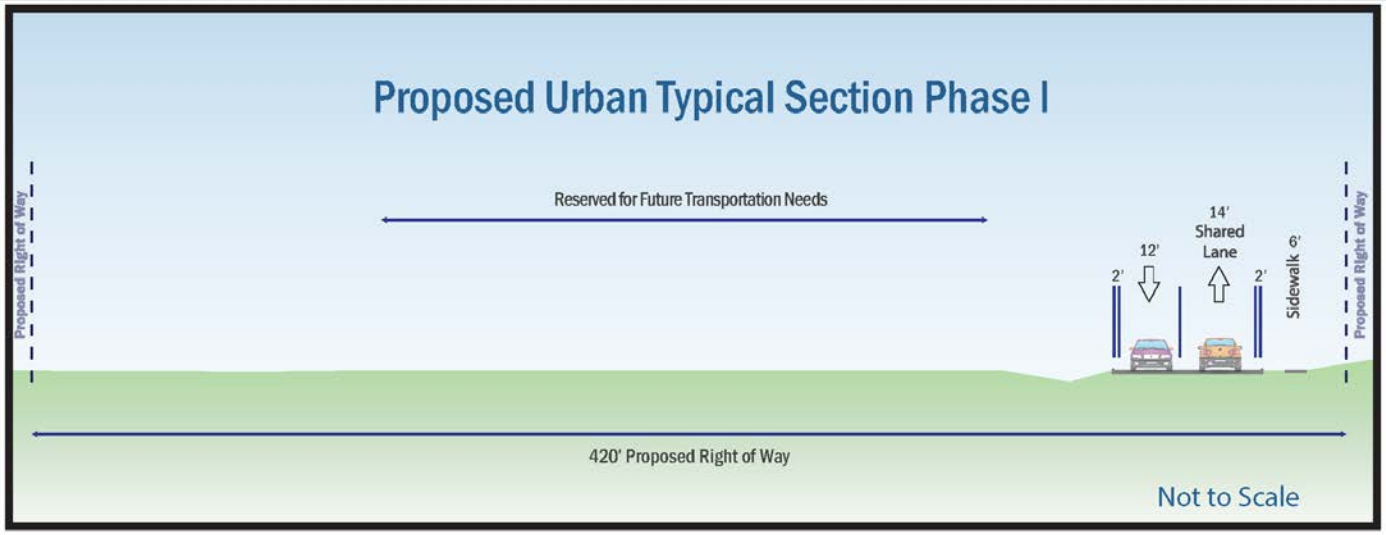
PROJECT NEED:

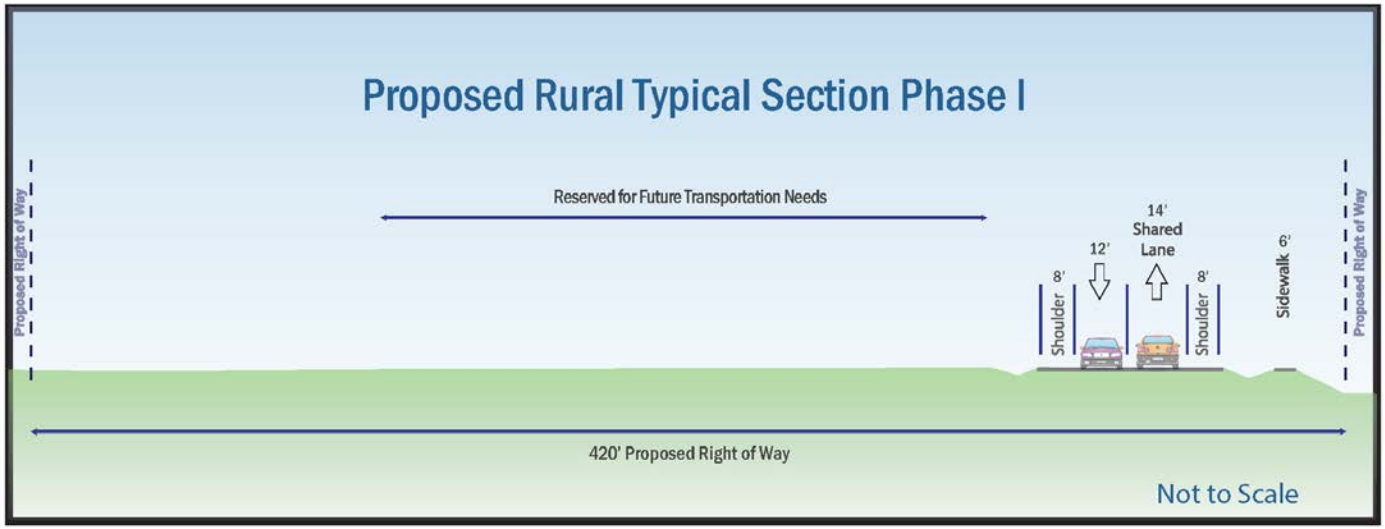
- Population growth will result in congestion, reduced mobility, and safety issues along existing roadway network.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

- Improve vehicular mobility
- Accommodate future traffic demand
- Improve safety

PROPOSED HIGHWAY – PHASE I

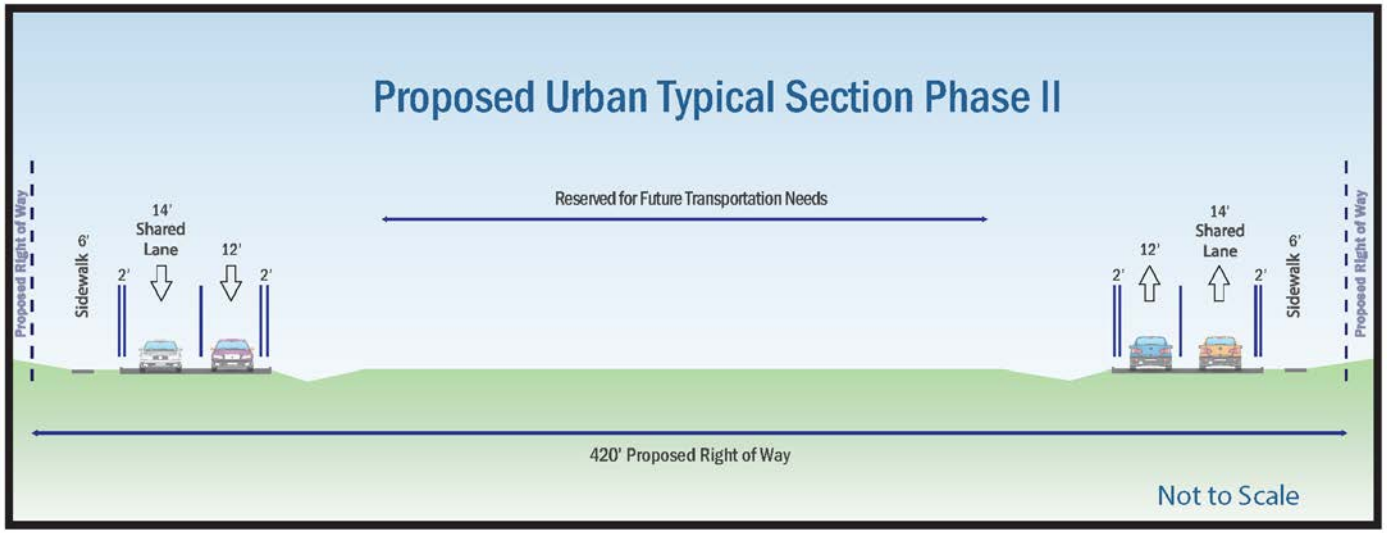


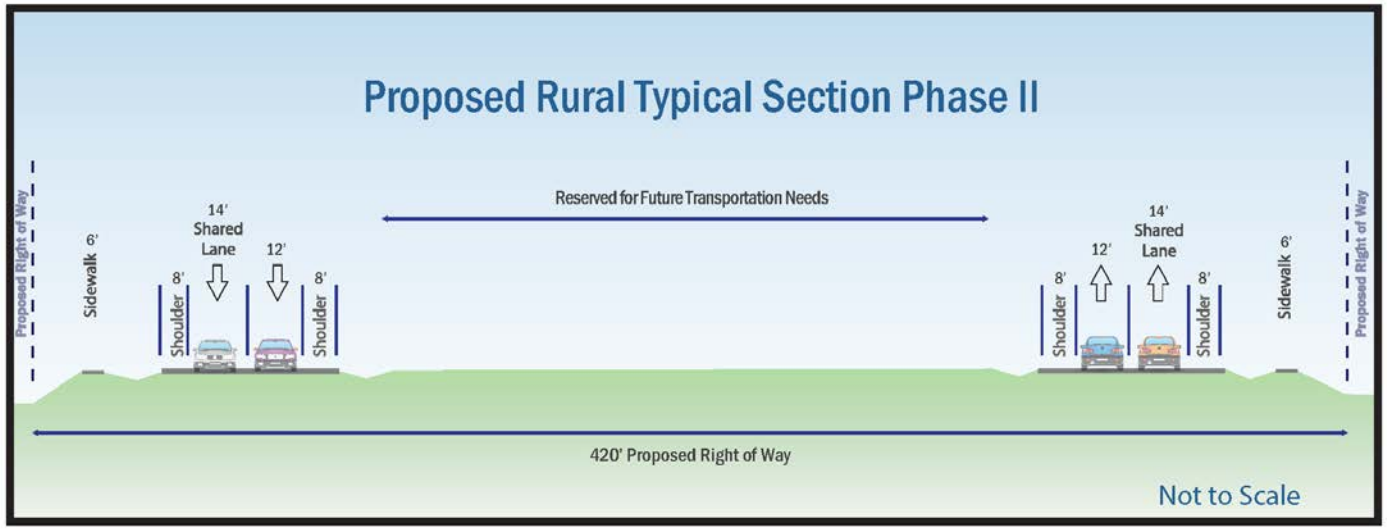


Phase I improvements would include:

- **Single two-lane, two-way frontage road**
- **6-foot-wide sidewalk along the frontage road**
- **Median that would accommodate future construction of an ultimate mainlane facility**
- **Typical 420-foot-wide proposed right of way**

PROPOSED HIGHWAY – PHASE II





Phase II improvements would include:

- **Completion of the full frontage road system**
- **Conversion of the two-way frontage road built in Phase I to a one-way operation**
- **Construction of the other two-lane, one-way frontage road**
- **Construction of grade separations at specific high-volume intersections.**
- **6-foot-wide sidewalks along both frontage roads**

UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

- **Underground and overhead utilities**
  - **Adjustments and relocations may be required prior to and during construction of the proposed project**
  - **No substantial service interruptions are anticipated**

Current Let Date

2026

Construction Duration

Approximately 3 years

Estimated Total Project Cost

Approximately $135.7 Million

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW/IMPACTS ADDRESSED

- Right of Way/Displacements
- Traffic Noise
- Community/Socioeconomic
- Air Quality
- Visual/Aesthetics
- Archeological Resources
- Historic Resources
- Water Resources
- Wetlands/Waters of the U.S.
- Biological Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects
- Section 4(f) Resources
  - Publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife/waterfowl refuges, and historic properties

Proposed Right of Way (ROW)/Displacements

- Approximately 414.7 acres of proposed ROW and 1.2 acres of proposed permanent drainage easements
- Displacements
  - Five single-family residences
  - One commercial property
- All ROW acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

Waters of the U.S., including Wetlands

- **The project would result in the permanent fill of 0.41 acre of streams, 0.04 acre of impoundments, and 0.18 acres of wetlands and special aquatic sites.**
- **A USACE Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 with Pre-construction Notification is required, in addition to compensatory mitigation.**

Floodplains

- **Portions of the project are within the 100-year floodplains of Hickory Creek, Dry Fork Hickory Creek, and their associated tributaries.**
- **The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current FHWA, TxDOT, and local design policies, laws, regulations, and standards.**

Cultural Resources

- **No historic-age buildings within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) meet eligibility criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).**
- **No archeological resources recorded within the APE meet eligibility criteria for listing on the NRHP or as a State Antiquities Landmark (SAL).**

Hazardous Materials

- **Five hazardous materials sites pose a moderate environmental risk.**
- **All moderate risk sites are located adjacent to the project ROW.**
- **Special provisions will be included in the construction plans to handle hazardous materials and/or petroleum contamination according to applicable federal, state and local regulations.**

Traffic Noise

- **Traffic Noise Analysis showed traffic noise impacts to multiple receivers.**
- **Mitigation was analyzed for all impacted receivers.**
- **Noise barriers determined to not be feasible and reasonable for the impacted receivers.**

Conclusion:

- **Studies, analyses, and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant impacts.**

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

- **Public Comment Period (ends July 28, 2020)**
- **Anticipated Environmental Clearance - Fall 2020**
- **ROW Acquisition Begins – Fall 2020***
- **Utility Relocation Begins – Winter 2025***
- **Construction Letting – 2026***

PROJECT TIMELINE

***Dates subject to change**

Public Meetings Held	Schematic Approved	Public Hearing	Environmental Clearance Anticipated	ROW Acquisition	Utility Relocations	Construction Letting
May 2005 and March 2019	March 2020	July 2020	Fall 2020	Fall 2020*	Winter 2025*	2026*

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