



Fort Worth District

I-30

From Linkcrest Drive to I-820

Tarrant County, Texas

CSJ: 1068-01-214

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING





Welcome



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

The virtual public hearing will provide the same information as the in-person hearing:

- Project information
- Estimated timeline
- Process for submitting comments
- Key contacts

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.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT 2

Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

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.



COVID-19 FACTS

FACT 4

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.

FACT 5

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.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



1 Public Hearing Purpose

2 Project Overview

3 Environmental Overview

4 Right of Way

5 Public Comment Process

6 Adjournment



- Present a project update to the public
- Inform the public of project design
- Provide the public with the environmental documentation
- Offer the public an opportunity to provide comment
- Develop a record of public engagement and collect formal statements



I-30: From Linkcrest Drive to I-820 Tarrant County, TX





- **3.3 miles in length**
- **Project Limits: I-30 from Linkcrest Drive to I-820**
- **Tarrant County**
- **City of Fort Worth**



- **City of Fort Worth/NCTCOG/TxDOT and Neighborhood Meetings were held**
 - **March 23, 2016;**
 - **April 26, 2016;**
 - **and May 25, 2016**
- **Stakeholder Meeting held May 5, 2018**
- **Public Meeting held Dec. 5, 2018**
- **Public Hearing: Sept. 22, 2020**



- Public Hearing notices were published in the following papers:
 - Fort Worth Star-Telegram – 9/06/20
 - White Settlement Bomber News - 9/03/20
 - La Estrella – 9/05/20
- TxDOT webpage (www.txdot.gov) on 9/02/20
- Local Municipal Websites
- Affected property owners, elected and public officials, and project stakeholders were mailed individual notices or postcards
- Public Hearing Displays were available for in person viewing at the TxDOT- Fort Worth District Office, RTC Room were by appointment only



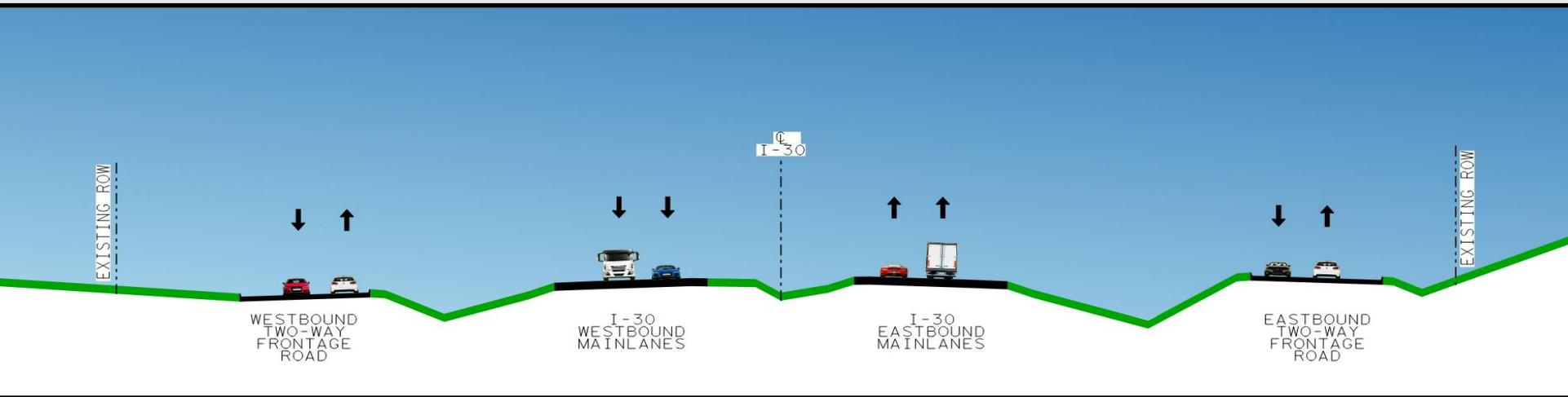
- **Improve safety and mobility**
- **Add capacity to accommodate increased traffic demand**
- **Improve connectivity for pedestrian and bicycle use**



- I-30 is two general purpose lanes in each direction
- Discontinuous frontage roads within the project corridor
- Two-way frontage roads between Linkcrest Drive and Spur 580
- Left hand entrances, two-way frontage roads, complex intersections and routing pattern at Spur 580 interchange
- Short weaving segment for I-30 traffic



- Four 12-foot general purpose lanes and shoulders separated by a grass median, within a right of way width of 350 feet and greater





- Left hand entrances, two-way frontage roads, complex intersections and routing pattern at Spur 580 interchange





- **Widen the existing I-30 lanes to provide three lanes in each direction (plus auxiliary lanes)**
- **Provide continuous one-way frontage roads with pedestrian and bicycle shared-use paths for approximately 3.3 miles**
- **I-30 interchanges at RM 2871 and Spur 580 would be reconstructed**
- **Reconstruction of ramps will include improvements meeting current safety and design standards**

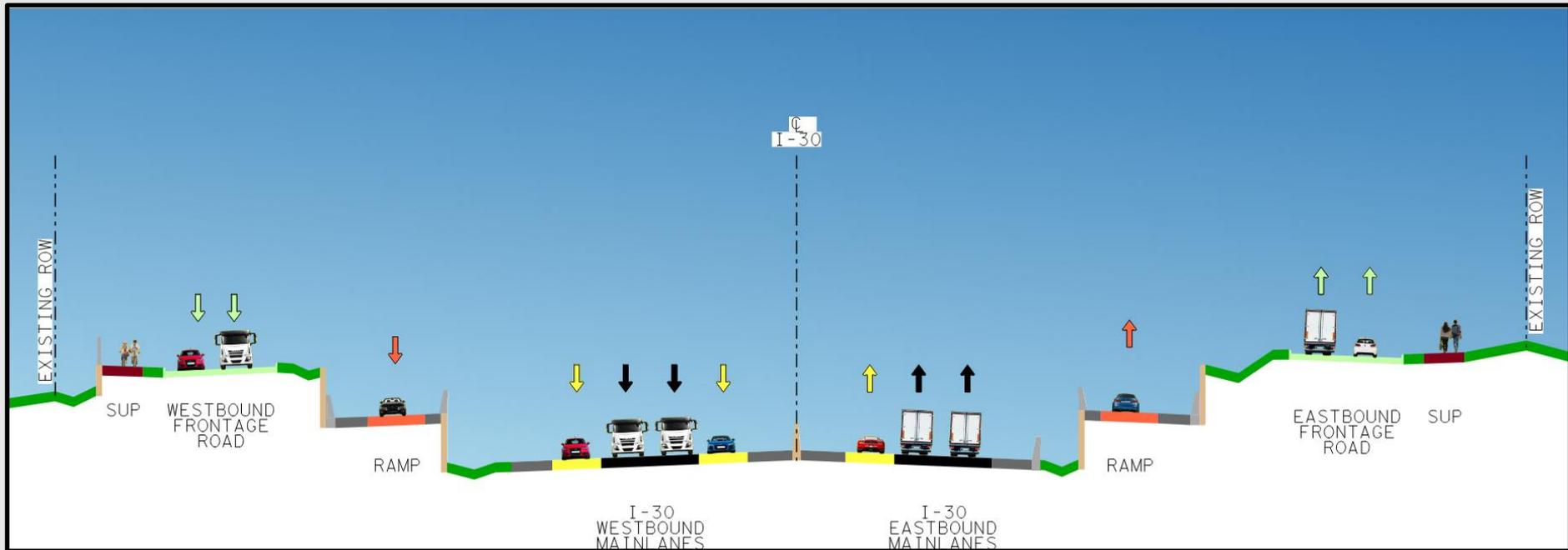


- U-turns would be provided at Linkcrest Drive and Chapel Creek Boulevard
- Alameda Street, the I-820 frontage roads between Westpoint Boulevard and North Normandale Street, and the direct connector from southbound I-820 to westbound I-30 would be reconstructed
- The project would provide 18 feet and 6 inches of vertical clearance for Freight Mobility Corridors.
- New denial of access would be required along the frontage roads from adjacent properties at new ramp junctions
- Approximately 3.5 acres of additional right of way is required

Proposed Typical Section – Recommended Alternative

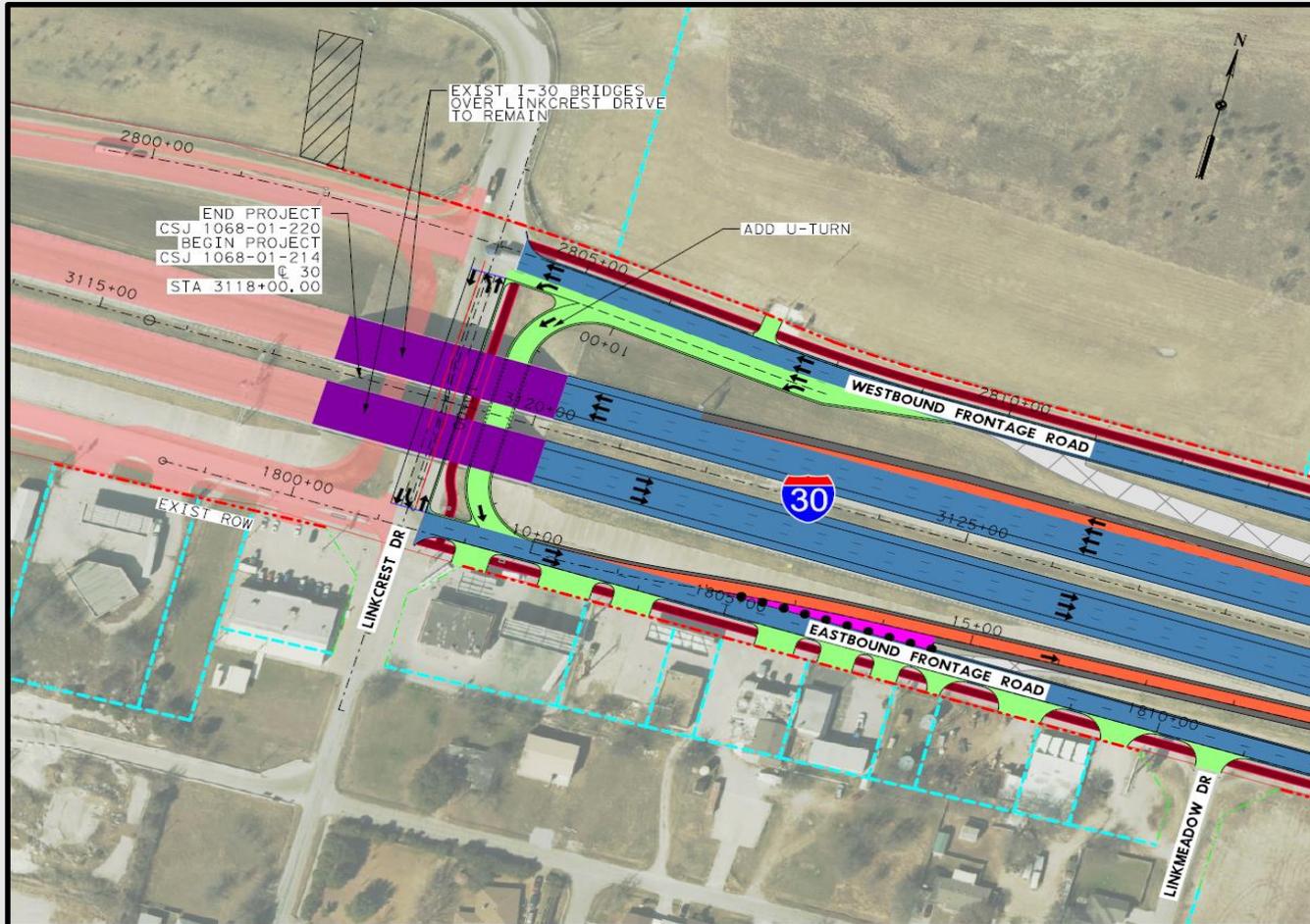


- Six 12-foot general purpose lanes and auxiliary lanes separated by median barrier, ramps reconstructions, frontage roads improvements, and shared-use paths within a right-of-way width of 350 feet and greater





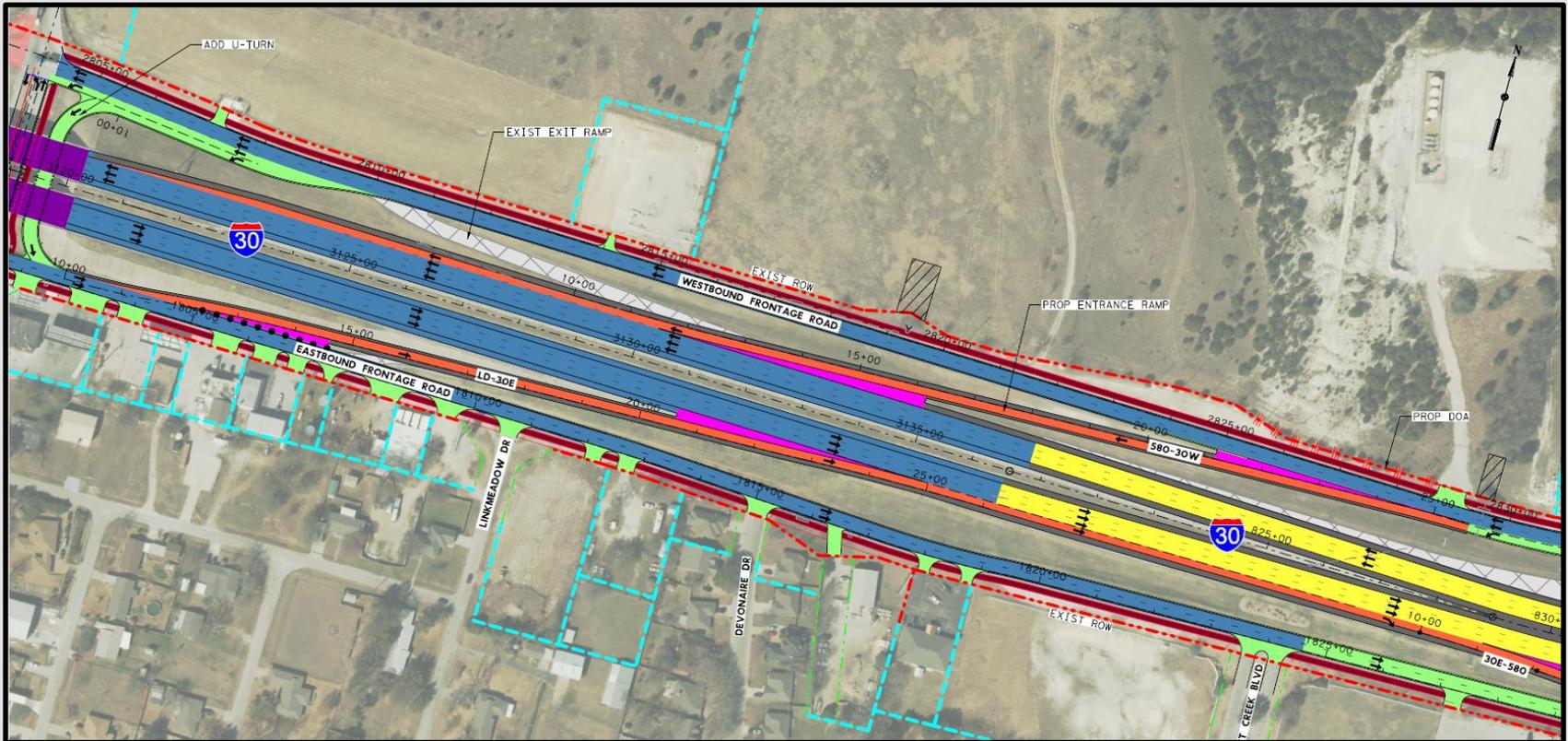
- Add U-Turn lane to westbound frontage road and shared-use path at Linkcrest Dr



Proposed Improvements – Recommended Alternative



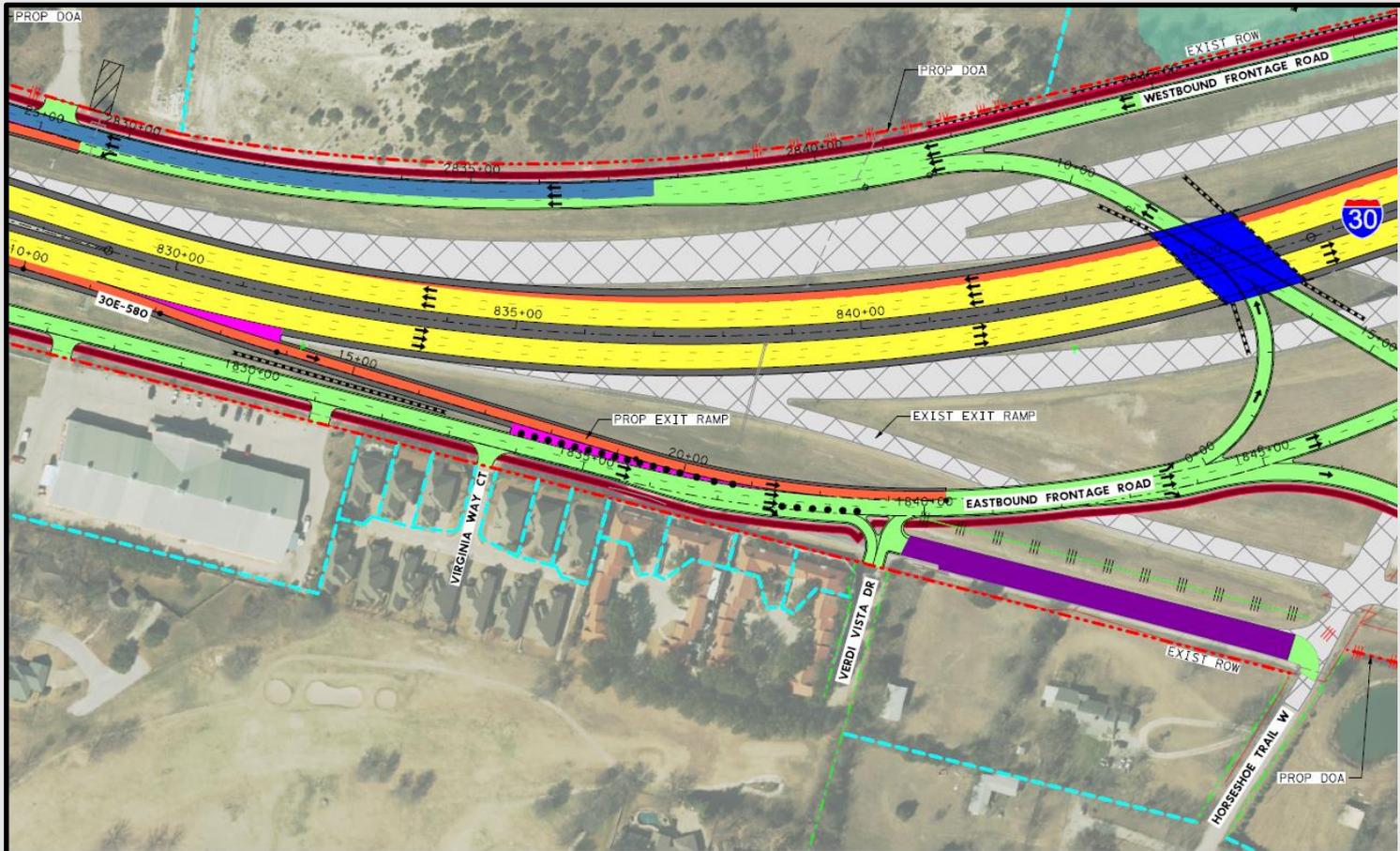
- Ramp Modifications - Remove I-30 WB to Linkcrest Drive exit ramp; Add Spur 580 to I-30 WB entrance ramp with frontage road Denial of Access; Reconstruct Linkcrest Drive to I-30 EB entrance ramp with I-30 auxiliary lane



Proposed Improvements – Recommended Alternative



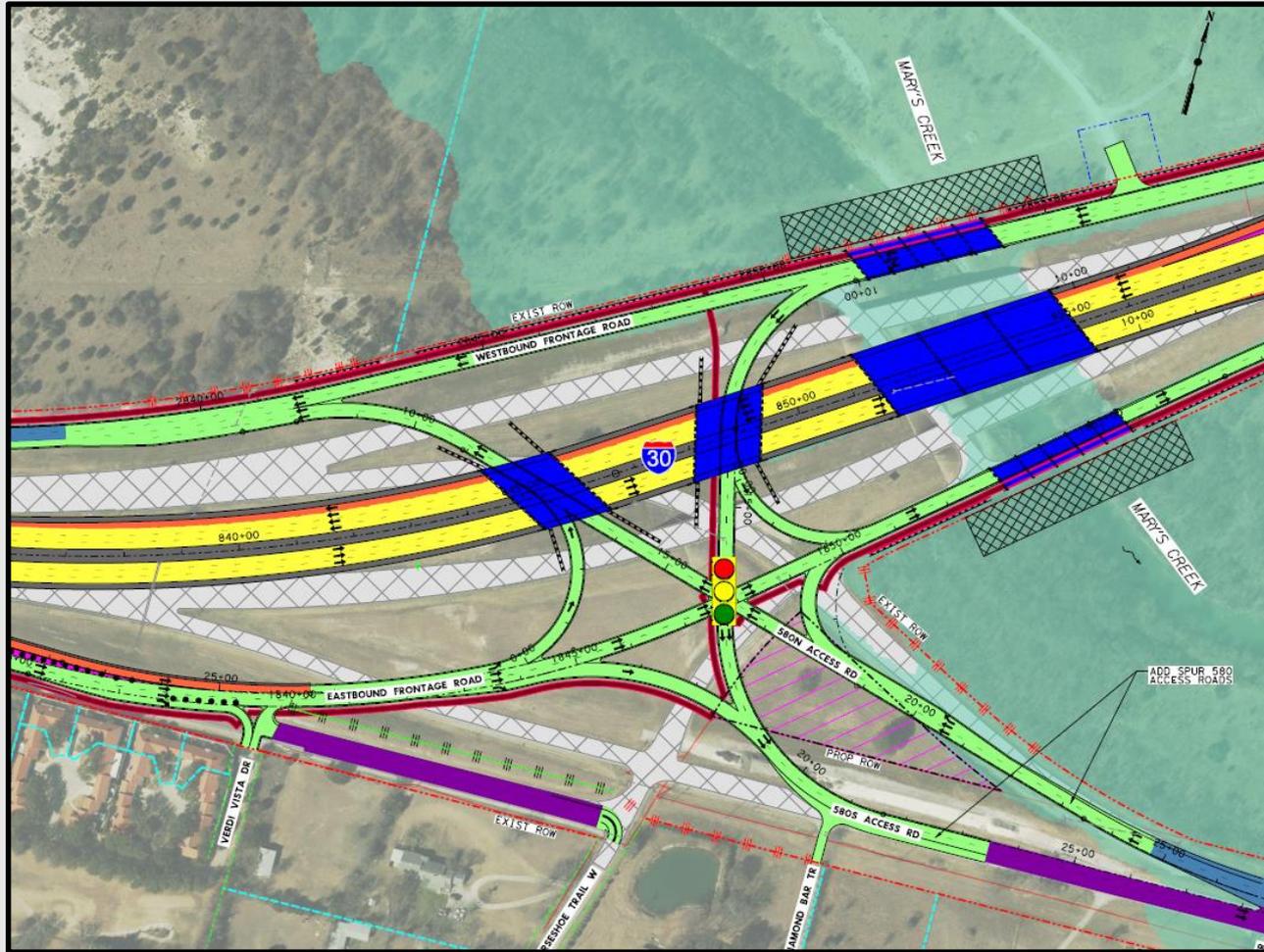
- Ramp Modification – Relocate I-30 EB to Spur 580 exit ramp
- Reroute Horseshoe Trail W connection to eastbound frontage road



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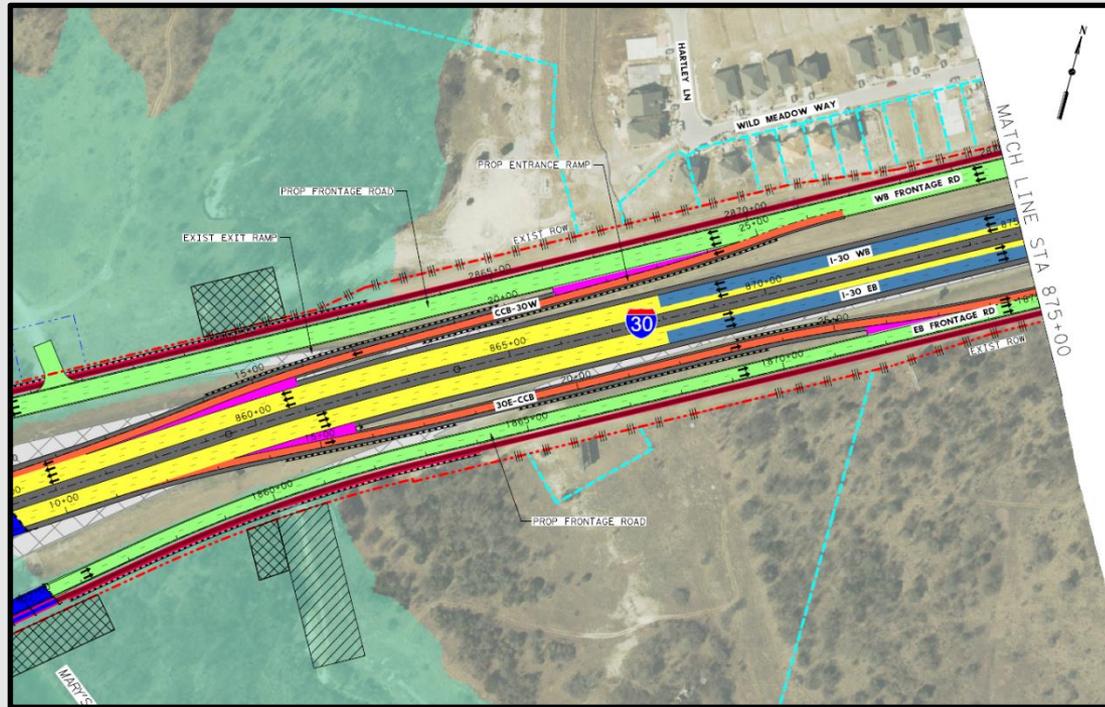
- Reconstruct Spur 580 Interchange with new Spur 580 access roads to the reconstructed frontage roads



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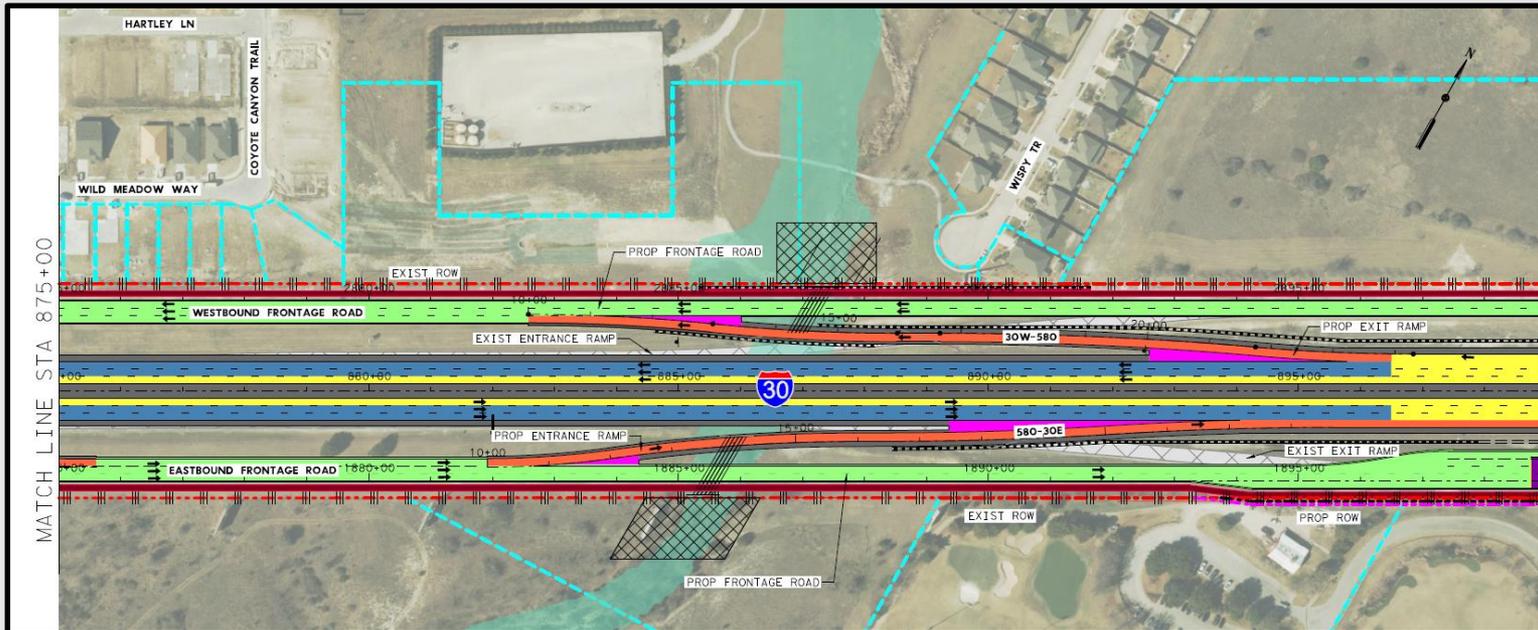
- Ramp Modifications – Relocate Chapel Creek Blvd to I-30 WB entrance ramp; Relocate I-30 eastbound to Chapel Creek Blvd exit ramp
- Construct new one-way frontage roads between Spur 580 and Chapel Creek Blvd



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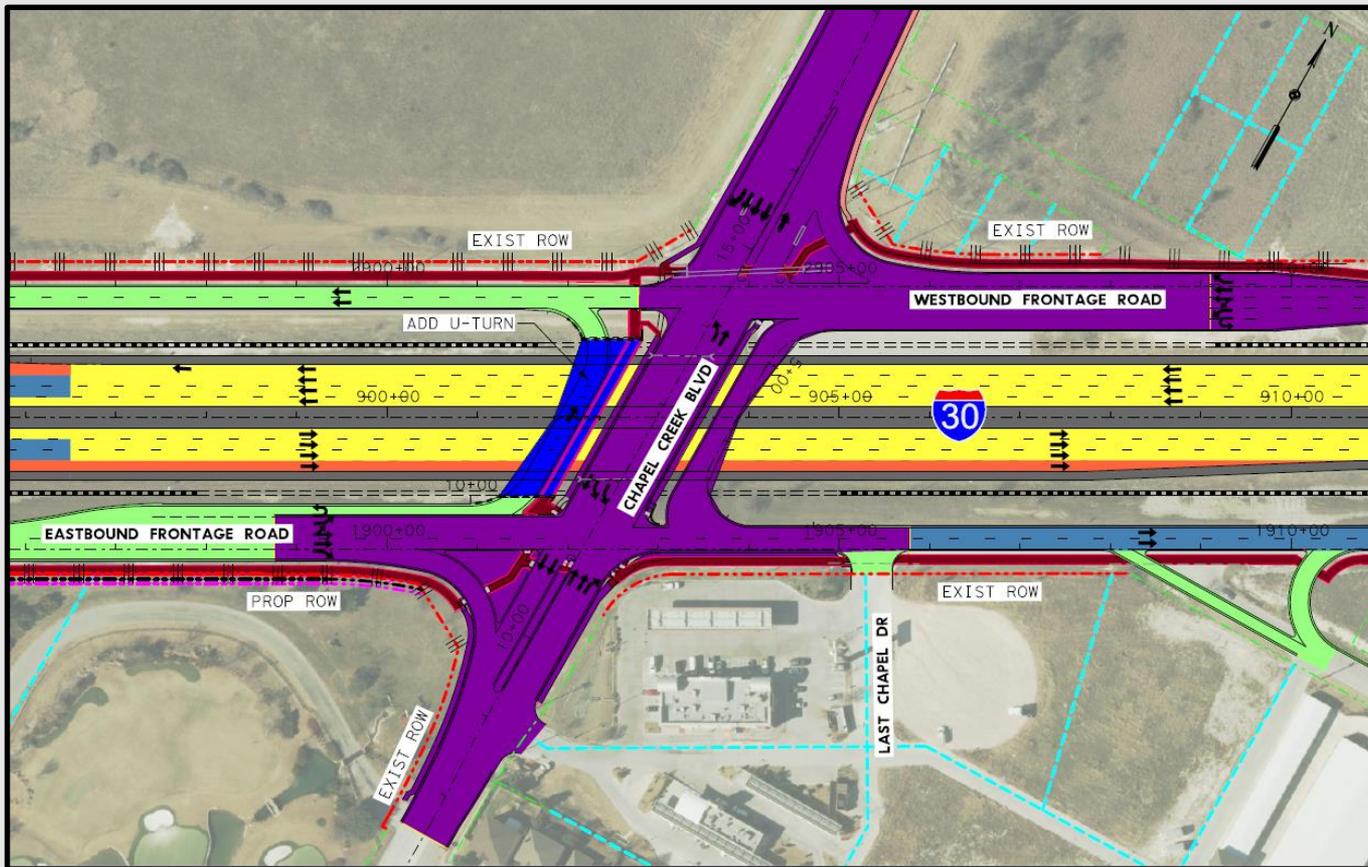
- Ramp Modifications – Relocate I-30 WB to Spur 580 and Linkcrest Dr exit ramp; Relocate Spur 580 to I-30 EB entrance ramp
- Construct new one-way frontage roads between Spur 580 and Chapel Creek Blvd



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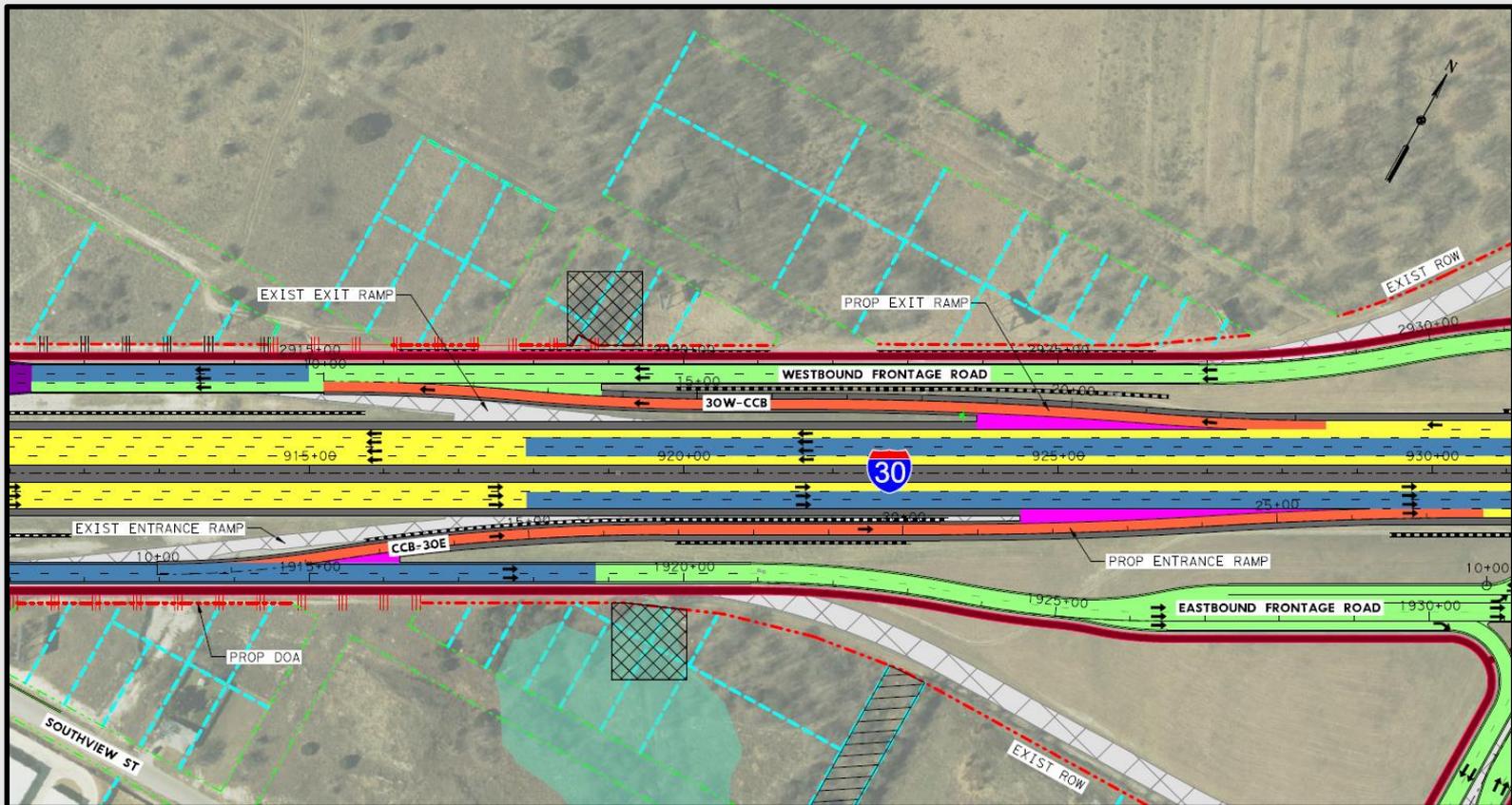


- Add U-Turn lane to eastbound frontage road at Chapel Creek Blvd
- Construct shared-use path along frontage roads and at Chapel Creek Blvd





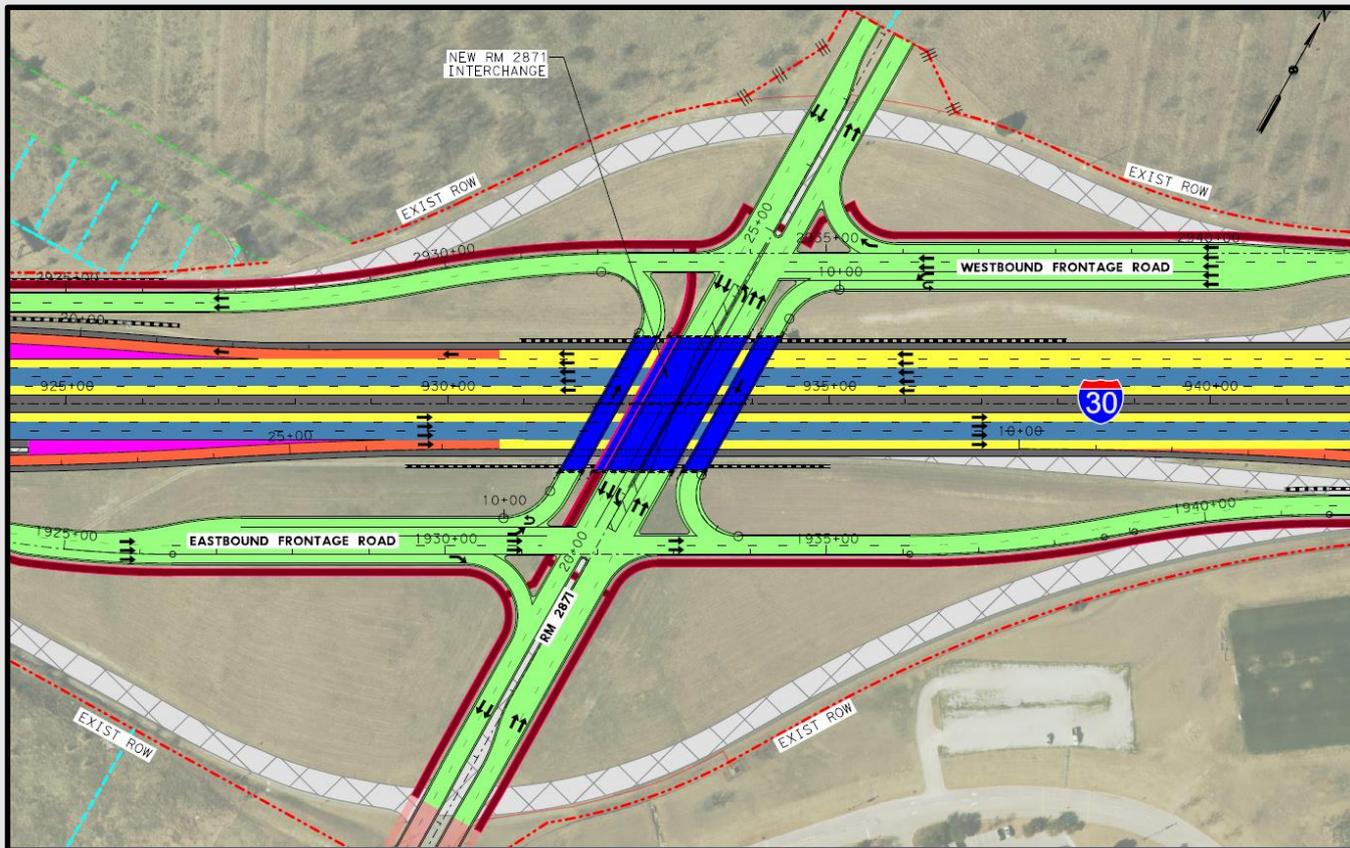
- Ramp Modifications – Reconstruct I-30 WB to Chapel Creek Blvd exit ramp and Chapel Creek Blvd to I-30 EB entrance ramp with frontage roads Denial of Access



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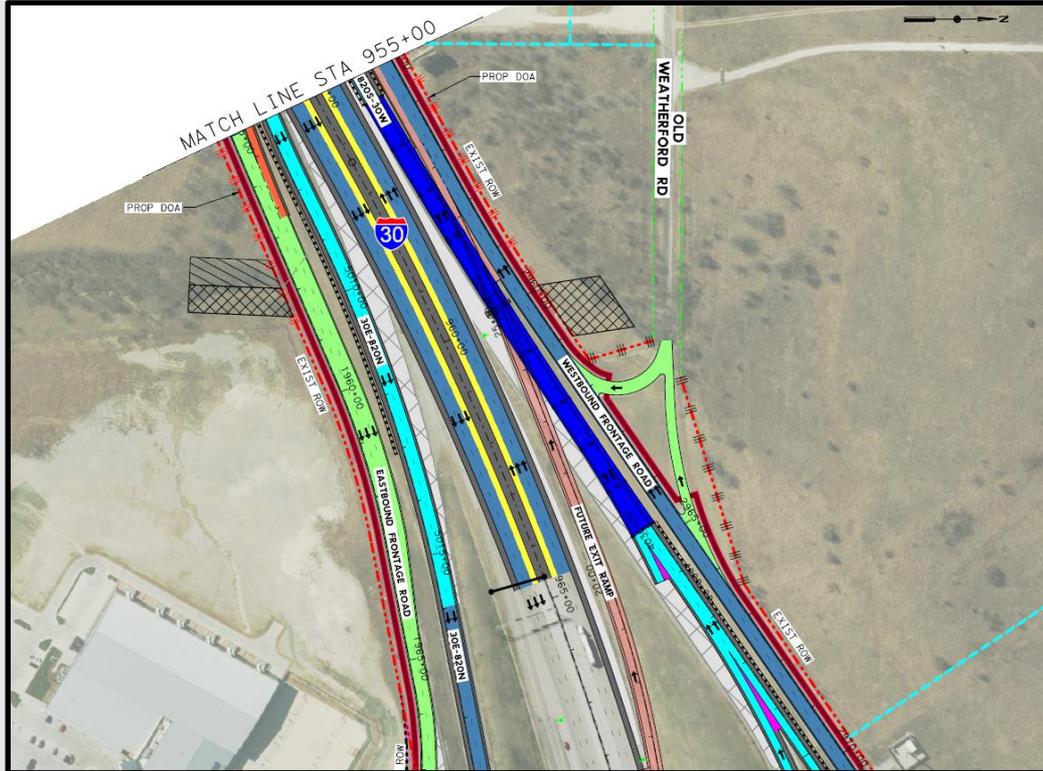


- Reconstruct RM 2871 Interchange with U-turns and new frontage roads
- Construct shared-use path along frontage roads and at RM 2871





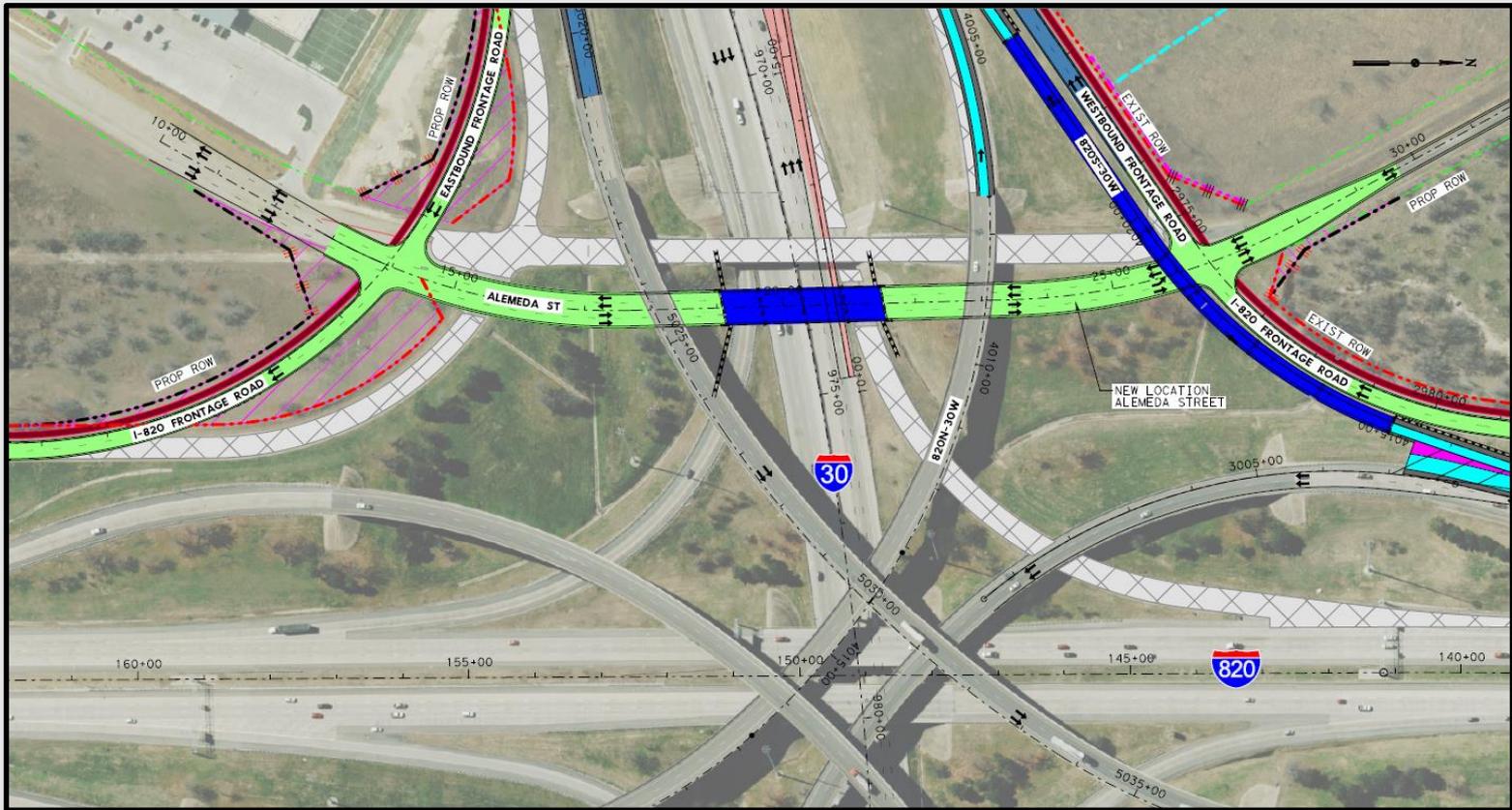
- Ramp Modifications – Reconstruct I-30 EB to Alemeda St exit ramp and has frontage road Denial of Access; Reconstruct direct connectors (I-820 to I-30 WB and I-30 EB to I-820) Plan for future I-30 WB to RM 2871 exit ramp



Proposed Improvements – Recommended Alternative



- Reconstruct Alemeda St, I-820 SB frontage road, I-820 SB to I-30 WB direct connector
- Construct shared-use path along frontage roads





Full versions of the Public Hearing Displays are available for download at www.txdot.gov.

Search “I-30 Linkcrest”



**Traffic simulation videos are available for download at
www.txdot.gov.**

Search “I-30 Linkcrest”

**Existing and proposed 2045 A.M. and P.M. Peak simulation
Proposed I-30/Spur 580 Interchange simulation**



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.



- A Categorical Exclusion (CE) is being prepared in accordance with NEPA
- Provided to the public with the environmental documentation
- Includes an evaluation of the following:
 - Right of Way/Easements
 - Water Resources
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Accommodations
 - Cultural Resources
 - Community Impacts
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Vegetation and Wildlife
 - Traffic Noise
 - Air Quality



Right of Way:

- Approximately 3.5 acres of additional right of way is required

Easements:

- Approximately 0.41 acres of temporary construction easements and 4.01 acres of permanent drainage easements would be required



Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations:

- **10-foot shared-use path will be continuous along the frontage roads for 3.3 miles separated from the travel lanes by a 5-foot buffer**



- **Habitat impacts**
 - **1.03 acres of riparian vegetation,**
 - **0.87 acres of floodplain,**
 - **2.90 acres of Edwards plateau savannah, woodland, and shrubland**
 - **1.77 acres tallgrass prairie, grassland**



- **Species of Greatest Conservation Need:**
 - Woodhouse's toad
 - Western burrowing owl
 - Mink
 - Plains spotted skunk
 - Slender glass lizard
 - Smooth softshell
 - Timber (canebreak) rattlesnake

- **State Threatened species:**
 - Louisiana pigtoe
 - Sandbank pocketbook
 - Texas heelsplitter
 - Alligator snapping turtle



Summary of Waterbody/Wetland Features

Name	Type	Acres within project area (all waterbodies and wetlands)	Linear feet within project area (waterbodies only)
Mary's Creek 1	Perennial Stream	0.76	662.5
Unnamed Tributary to Mary's Creek	Intermittent Stream	0.31	830.7
Unnamed Tributary to Mary's Creek	Intermittent Stream	0.12	642.5
Unnamed Tributary to Mary's Creek	Intermittent Stream	0.16	732.3
Unnamed Tributary to Mary's Creek	Intermittent Stream	0.04	236.5
Unnamed Tributary to Mary's Creek	Intermittent Stream	0.02	118.7
Unnamed Tributary to Mary's Creek	Intermittent Stream	0.12	523.3
Wetland A	Herbaceous Emergent	<0.01	-
Wetland B	Herbaceous Emergent	0.07	-
Wetland C	Herbaceous Emergent	0.04	-
	TOTAL:	1.64	3746.5

- Impacts to water resources are anticipated to be permitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 14 - Linear Transportation Projects with a Pre-Construction Notification
- Mitigation may be necessary and would be determined during the permitting process
- Final impacts to waterbodies and wetland features will be determined during PS&E



- **Seven projected noise impacts within the corridor**
- **Noise Wall recommended at All Saint's Episcopal School**
- **Noise workshop to be conducted at a later date**



- **A qualitative mobile source air toxins (MSAT) assessment was conducted**
 - Temporary increases in emissions may occur from construction activities
 - Emissions will be minimized using dust control measures

- **NCTCOG Congestion Management Process form was completed**
 - provides information on alternative strategies for alleviating congestion and enhancing the mobility



- Negative impacts to Environmental Justice (EJ) or Limited English Proficiency (LEP) communities is not anticipated
- Negative impacts to community facilities is not anticipated
- No hazardous material sites were identified
- No cultural resources were identified



Agency Coordination:

- Texas Historical Society (THC)
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
- Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)
- Tribal Coordination



- The following Environmental Technical Reports can be viewed and downloaded at www.TxDOT.gov. Search “I-30 Linkcrest”

- List of Technical Reports:

- Wetland Delineation Report
- Water Surface Analysis Form
- Species Analysis Form/Tier 1 Site Assessment
- Historical Project Coordination Request
- Archeological Background Study
- Community Impact Assessment
- Hazardous Materials Site Assessment
- Traffic Noise Technical Report
- Air Quality Technical Report



- Based on studies thus far, the environmental investigations indicate that the proposed project would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment
- Revisions may be made to the environmental documents to update them or to address the needs of the state and federal agencies
- Revisions may also be made as a result of public comments received during the comment period
- After all necessary revisions are provided, a Categorical Exclusion determination is anticipated for this project



- **Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970**

A law passed in 1970 that was designed to ensure that anyone who owned property needed for a public purpose would be treated fairly. The law establishes guidelines for the acquisition of property and the relocation of displaced individuals and businesses

- It is the policy of the TxDOT that individuals impacted by transportation systems expansion shall not be denied benefits excluded from participation or otherwise be subjected to discrimination based on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, handicaps or national origin



- Each impacted property owner is offered “just compensation” for the property needed for the project. To arrive at this value, independent appraisers hired to prepare detailed appraisals and establish value
- A written offer to the property owners is made based on the value determined in the appraisals
- Property owners given a minimum of 30 days to consider the offer
- Right of Way Brochures are available on the TxDOT Website:

<http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/forms-publications/publications/landowner-rights.html>



September 2020	Virtual Public Hearing
Fall 2020	Environmental Approval
Summer 2022	Utility Adjustments
Summer 2023	Begin Construction
Summer 2025	End Construction

- **Approximate Construction Cost:**
 - Recommended Alternative = \$107.6 Million;
 - Total project cost is \$125 Million;
 - Currently funded = \$90 Million



Submit comments by:

- Emailing: Natnael.Asfaw@txdot.gov
- Calling: (833) 933-0431 to leave up to a 3-minute comment
- Filling out a comment card in person or mail to:
 - Texas Department of Transportation
 - ATTN: Carl L. Johnson, P.E.
 - 2501 Southwest Loop 820
 - Fort Worth, TX 76133
- Online by visiting the website www.TxDOT.gov, Search “I-30 Linkcrest”, then click on the “Submit Your Comment” button

While comments are always welcome, they must be received on or before Tuesday, **Oct. 7, 2020** to be included in the official hearing documentation

The public may call project staff at (817) 370-6603 during regular office hours or email project staff at any time in the project development process



Thank You for Watching

*Please don't forget to submit your comments by
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2020*