



Virtual Public Hearing

SH 114 From FM 1938 (Davis Boulevard) to Dove Road

Tarrant County

Project Number: 0353-03-100



Posted Online: Thursday, April 30, 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 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 4/23/20

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

Virtual Public Hearing Agenda



1 Welcome

2 Project Overview

3 Environmental Overview

4 Project Schedule and Next Steps

5 Public Comment Process

6 Adjournment



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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



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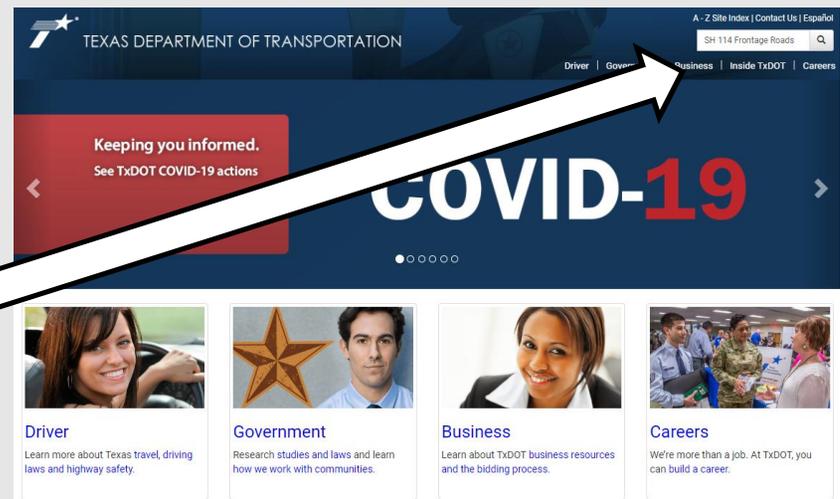


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Project Partners



- City of Southlake
- Town of Trophy Club
- Town of Westlake
- Tarrant County

Public Hearing Purpose



- Provide project update to the public
- Inform the public of project design
- Provide the environmental analysis to the public
- Provide the public an opportunity to offer input
- Develop a record of public engagement and collect formal statements



- A notice of this public hearing was published in the *Star-Telegram* on Sunday, April 12, 2020.
- The public hearing notice was also posted on the TxDOT Meetings & Hearings Webpage on Friday, April 10, 2020.
- Adjoining property owners and elected and public officials were mailed individual notices on Thursday, April 9, 2020.



- The SH 114 corridor connects the City of Southlake, the Town of Trophy Club, and the Town of Westlake. It is an east-west bound corridor in Tarrant County, Texas.
- Currently, there is a lack of frontage roads in the area limiting mobility between the City of Southlake, the Town of Trophy Club, and the Town of Westlake.



- Purpose

- The primary purpose of the project is to enhance connectivity, improve mobility, and enhance safety along this travel corridor through the City of Southlake, Town of Westlake, and Town of Trophy Club, Tarrant County, Texas.

- Need

- Access in the area is limited due to the lack of frontage roads.
- New business developments along the SH 114 corridor in the City of Southlake and the Town of Westlake are generating large volumes of traffic, and this traffic uses local roadways for access because of a lack of frontage roads along SH 114.
- Emergency response will be enhanced by providing alternate routes when incidents occur on the mainlanes.

Prior Public Involvement

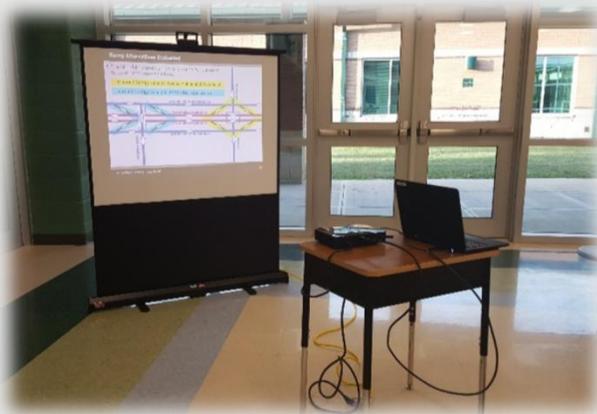


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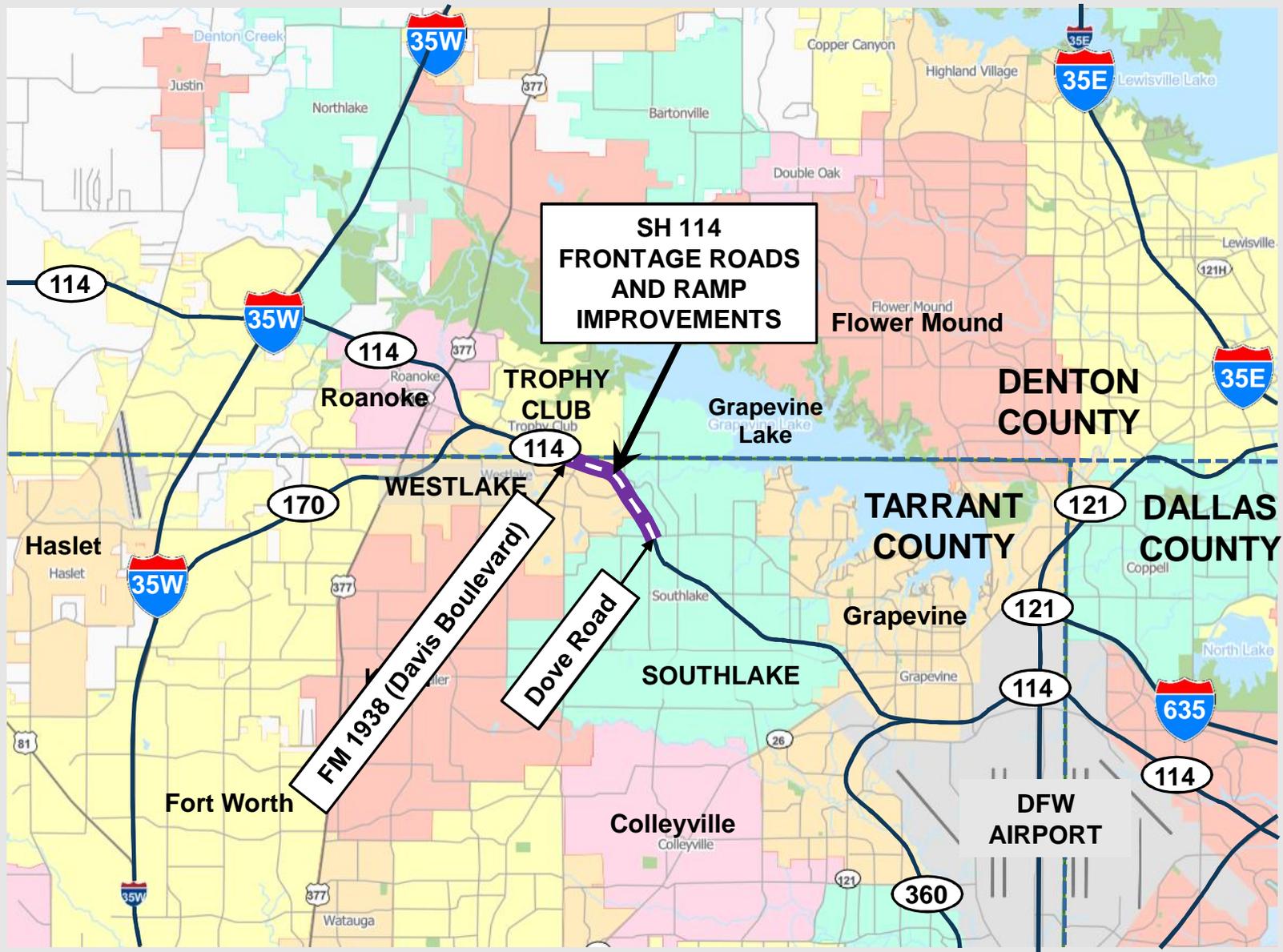
Public Involvement

October 23, 2018

TxDOT public meeting to provide information and solicit public input on the proposed project



Project Location

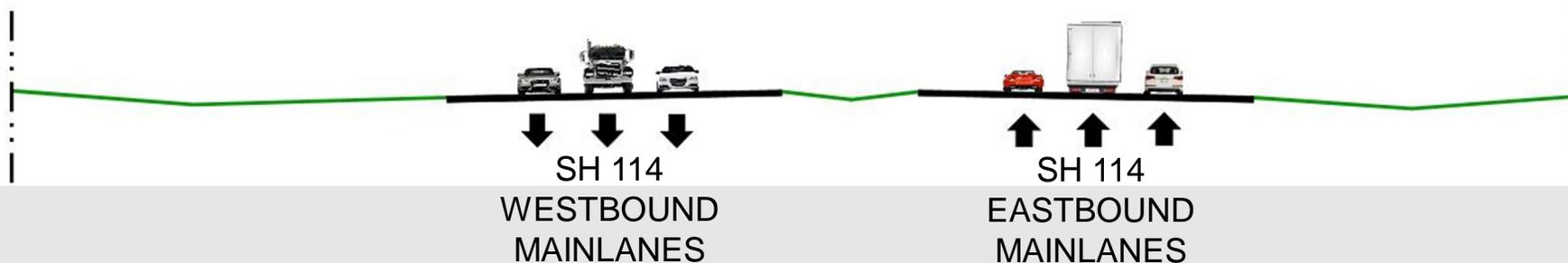


Project Description – Existing SH 114

Between FM 1938 (Davis Boulevard) and Dove Road



- Existing six 12-foot lanes, a variable width shoulder, separated by a grass median within an existing right of way (ROW) ranging from 295 feet to 475 feet.

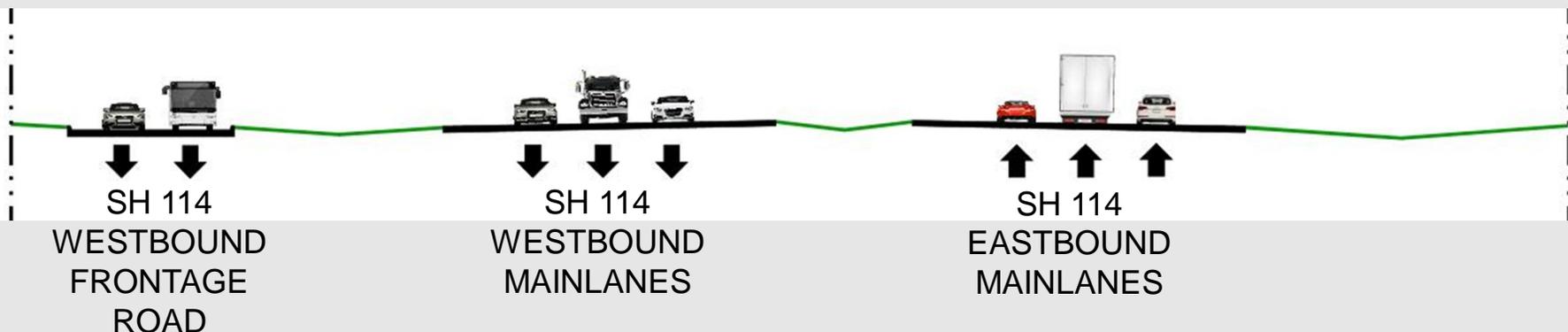


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- An existing westbound frontage road is located between FM 1938 (Davis Boulevard) and Kirkwood/Solana Boulevard and consists of one 14-foot shared outside lane and one 12-foot inside lane with 1-foot offsets on each side for curb and gutter.
- The existing westbound frontage road is separated from the westbound mainlanes by a grassy median. Access to the SH 114 mainlanes is provided by entrance and exit ramps to cross street intersections in an existing “Diamond Configuration.”

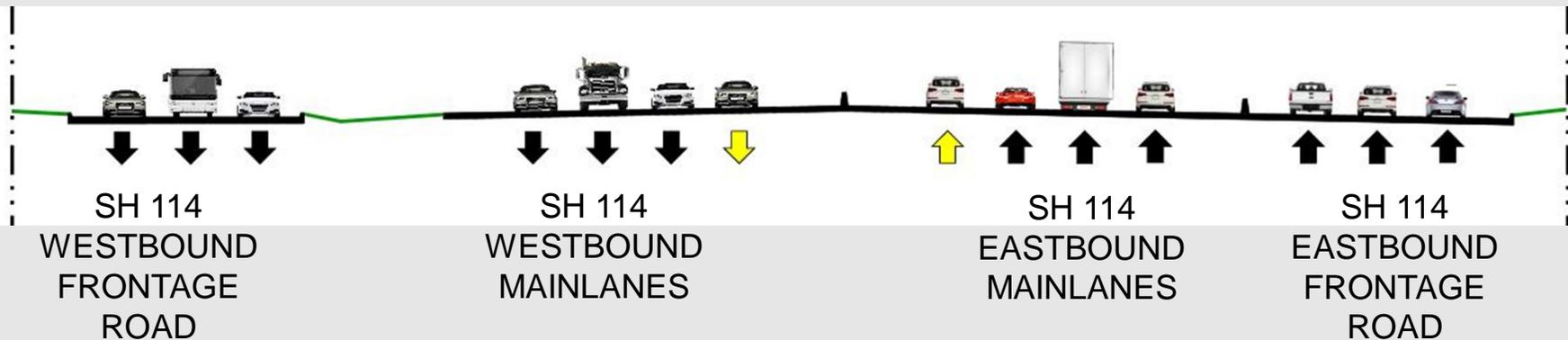


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- Add proposed continuous two-lane frontage roads along SH 114 from FM 1938 (Davis Boulevard) to Dove Road to increase connectivity along this travel corridor through the City of Southlake, and Towns of Westlake and Trophy Club.
- Add a proposed auxiliary lane along the frontage road between exit ramps and entrance ramps.
- The schematic shows a fourth mainlane to be added in each direction at some time in the future when funding becomes available.

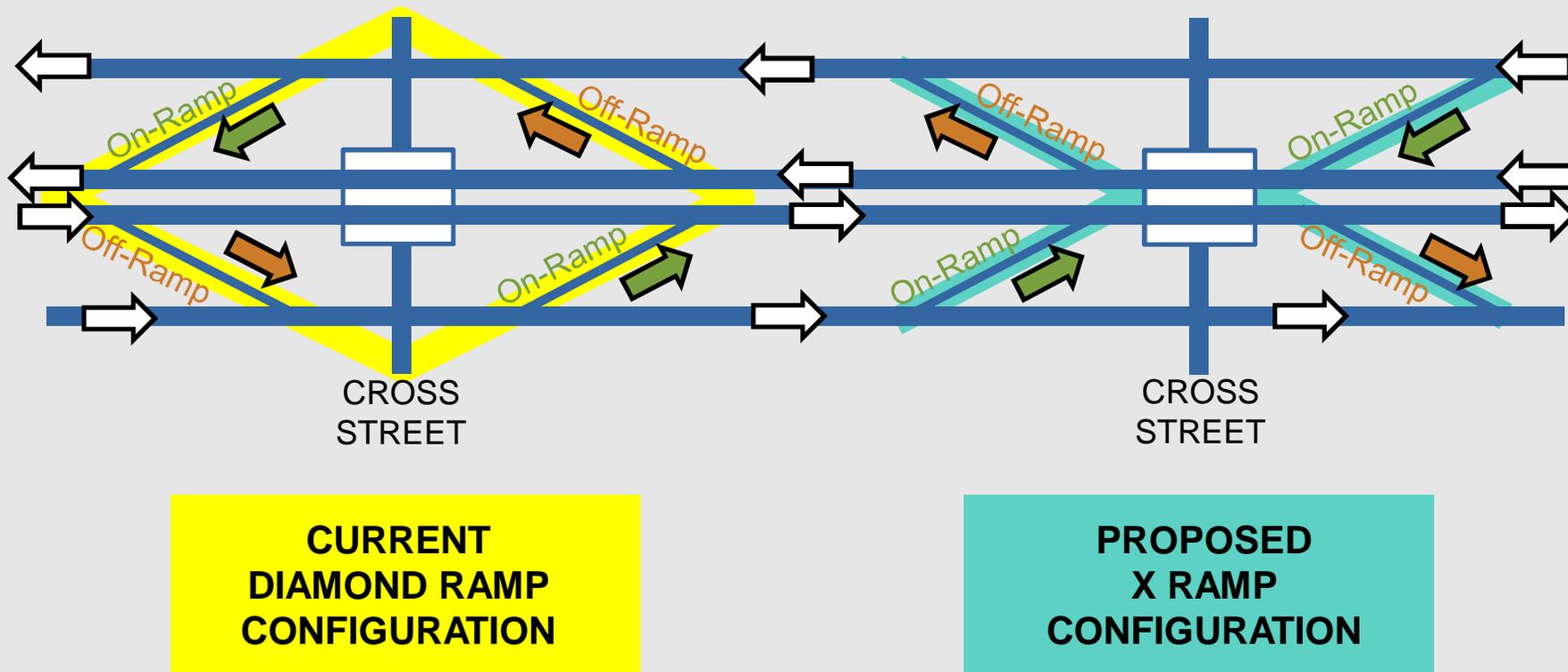


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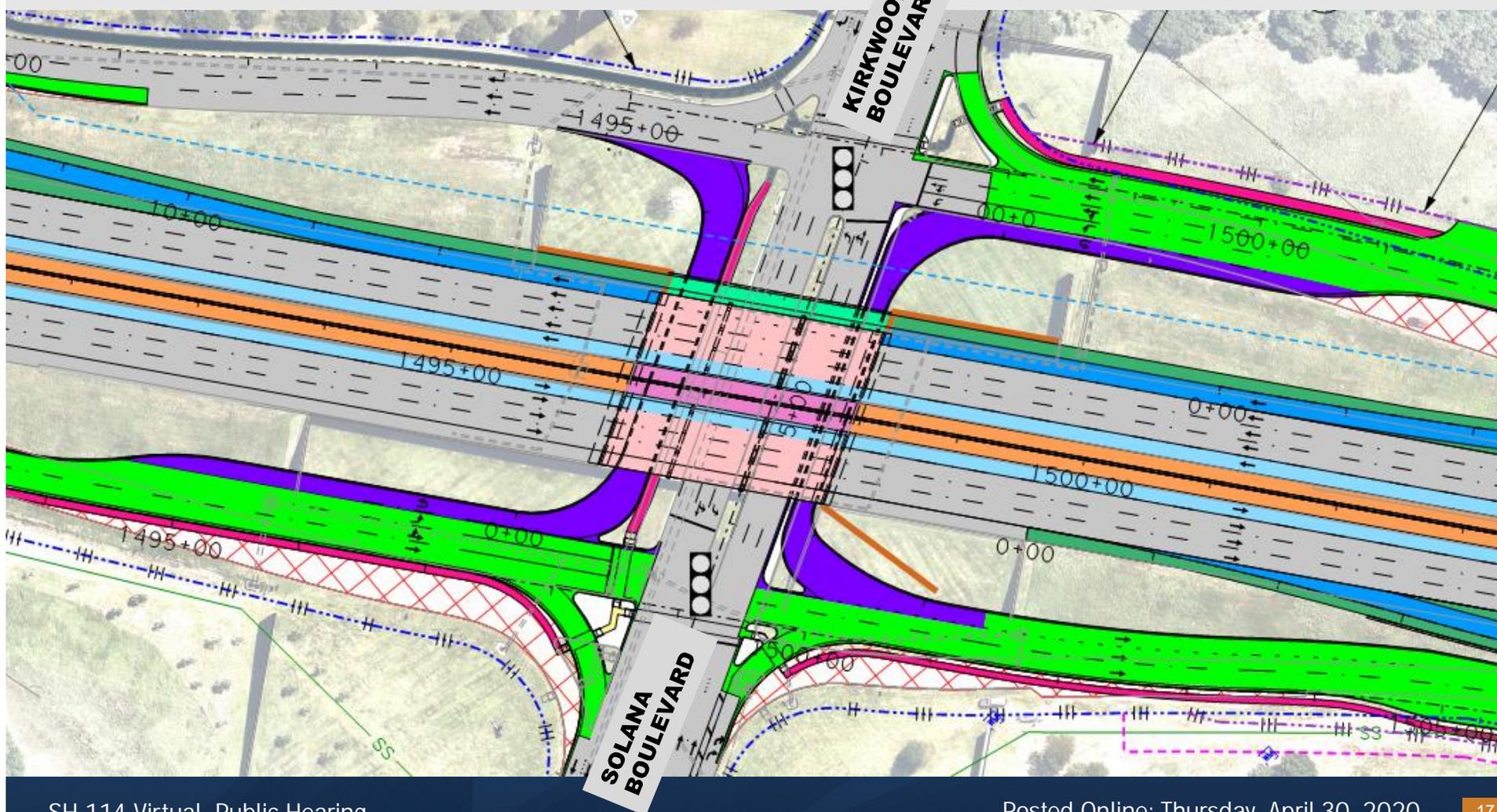
- Reversal of the existing entrance and exit ramps from the current "Diamond Configuration" to a proposed "X Configuration" to increase mobility and enhance safety along the SH 114 mainlanes and frontage roads.



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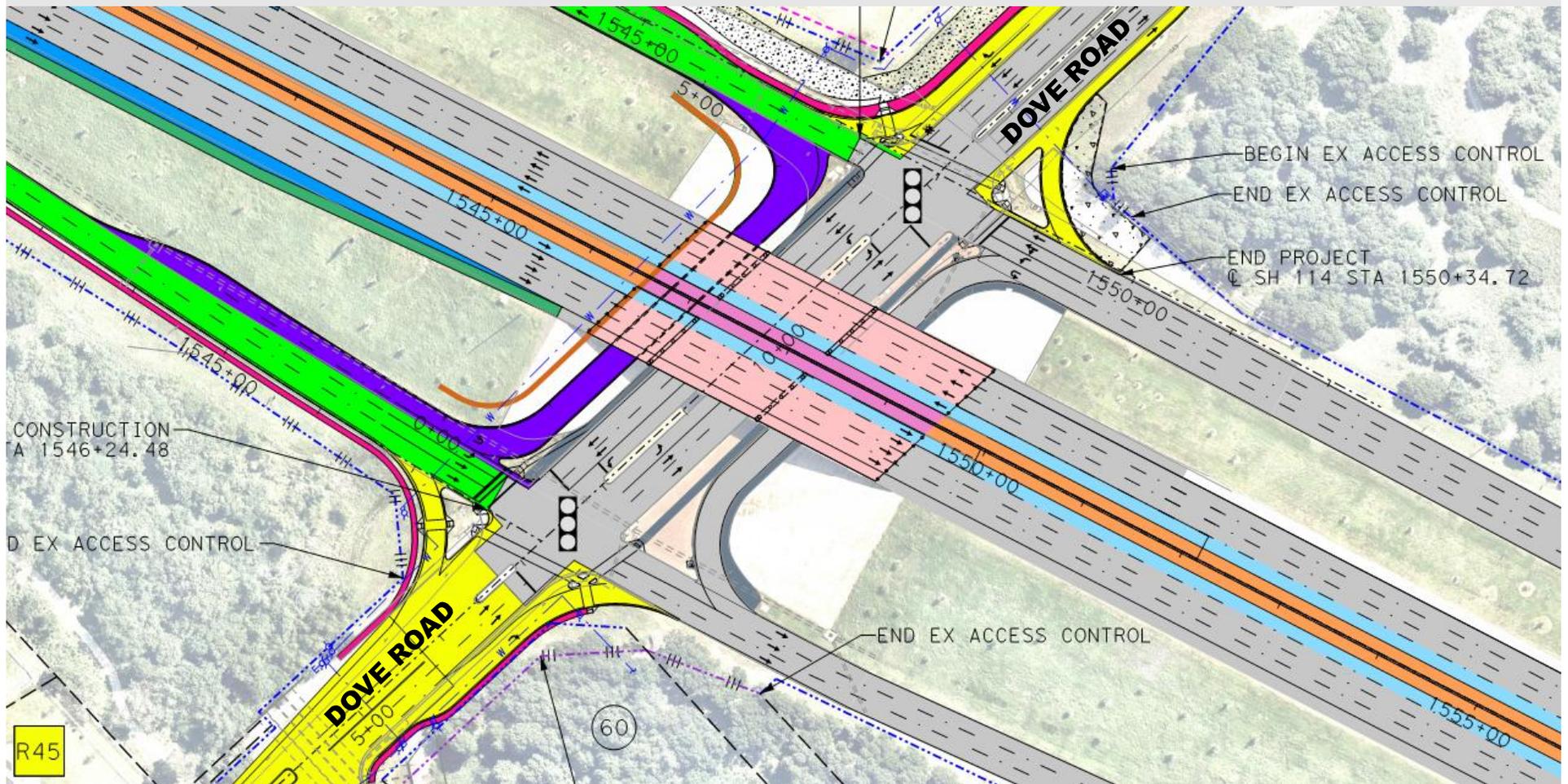
- Add U-Turn lanes along SH 114 for both eastbound and westbound directions at Kirkwood Boulevard/Solana Boulevard.



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- Add U-Turn lane along SH 114 for the eastbound to westbound direction at Dove Road.





Approximate
Construction Cost
\$31.8 million

*excluding utility relocation costs

Projected Construction Schedule

Timeline	Activity
April 2020	Public Hearing
June 2020	Schematic Approval
June 2020	Environmental Approval
May 2020	Right-of-Way Acquisition
Fall 2020	Begin Construction
Fall 2021	Utility Adjustments
2023	End Construction



- A Categorical Exclusion (CE) is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).



- The environmental documentation identifies social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project.



- Includes an evaluation of the following:
 - Air quality
 - Archeological resources
 - Biological resources
 - Community impacts
 - Hazardous materials
 - Historical resources
 - Traffic noise
 - Water resources

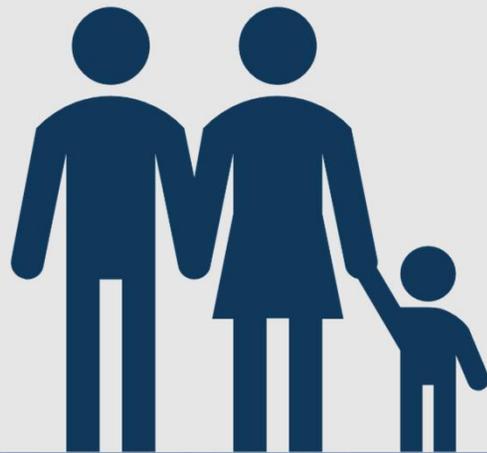
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- The proposed project follows the existing roadway alignment.
- The alignment is approximately 2.28 miles long.
- Would require approximately 4.8 acres of new right of way.
- Would require approximately 5.6 acres of new temporary construction easements.
- The new right-of-way and the new temporary construction easements have been acquired and will be dedicated to TxDOT by the City of Southlake and the Town of Westlake.
- No residential or commercial displacements or relocations are anticipated for the proposed project.



- Constructing continuous pedestrian sidewalks along the proposed westbound and eastbound frontage roads between FM 1938 (Davis Boulevard) and Dove Road.
- Constructing a 14-foot wide shared outside lane for bicyclists along the proposed westbound and eastbound frontage roads between FM 1938 (Davis Boulevard) and Dove Road.



NEPA: Vegetation



- Permanent vegetation impacts of the proposed project:
 - 0.41 acres of Riparian, 22.8 acres of Urban, 2.85 acres of Cross Timbers (Post Oak woodland), 0.23 acres of Disturbed Prairie.
- Trees located in temporary construction easements and which are determined to be in conflict with proposed roadway improvements will be replaced according to Best Management Practice (BMP) recommendations provided in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 2013 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and local government ordinance.

NEPA: Wildlife



- Potentially suitable habitat within the project for the following species:

Auriculate false foxglove	Osage Plains false foxglove
Texas milk vetch	Topeka purple-coneflower
Henslow's sparrow	Western burrowing owl
Louisiana pigtoe	Sandbank pocketbook
Texas heelsplitter	Texas pigtoe
Texas garter snake	Timber rattlesnake
Plains Spotted Skunk	

- Coordination with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) was required since the project proposes impacts to potentially suitable habitat for these species.
- The project commits to implement the appropriate species specific BMPs for the species which may be impacted by the proposed project activities. Coordination with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) was completed on May 16, 2019.



- Proposed project crosses the FEMA designated 100-year floodplain areas of Kirkwood Branch.
- Base flood elevations would not be increased to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations.
- Coordination with the local floodplain administrators is required.
- Anticipated permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. would consist of:
 - 243 linear feet (0.075 acre) to Kirkwood Branch,
 - 207 linear feet (0.049 acre) to an unnamed tributary to Kirkwood Branch.
- A Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) would not be required from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).



- Archeology: Reviews of cultural databases documenting previous archeological surveys indicated no need for further field investigations.
- Historic Properties: Database review and Historic Resources Survey indicated no historic resources would be adversely affected by the proposed project.
- No cemeteries would be impacted by the proposed project.
- In the event that unanticipated archaeological deposits are encountered during construction, work in the immediate area would cease, and TxDOT archaeologists would be contacted to initiate post-review discovery procedures.
- No use of any publicly owned lands from a public park, recreational area, or wildlife or waterfowl refuge area of national, state, or local significance.



- The proposed project is located in the EPA designated serious and marginal nonattainment area for the 2008 and 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), respectively.
- In accordance with 40 CFR 93.121, the project is regionally significant and is consistent with the currently conforming MTP and TIP, therefore hotspot conformity requirements do not apply.
- Adverse impacts to air quality are not anticipated and mobile source air toxics are expected to decrease in future years.



- Construction of the proposed project would include drilling of bridge piers, excavation, and other earth moving activities. Such activities have the potential to encounter hazardous materials and substances associated with past human activities.
- No hazardous materials concerns were identified for the proposed activities based on an Initial Site Assessment.
- Any unanticipated hazardous materials impact encountered during the project construction phase shall be addressed in accordance with regulatory requirements and TxDOT standard specifications.

NEPA: Traffic Noise



- A traffic noise analysis for the proposed improvements has been conducted.
- The traffic noise model utilizes existing 2020 and 2040 traffic forecasts for determining noise impacts.
- The existing and future noise levels were estimated using noise receivers. These receivers were located in representative areas where frequent human activity occurs, such as single-family residences or apartments.
- The noise modeling indicates there could be an impact for the Vineyards of Trophy Club apartments, Bread Winners Cafe, 11 homes in the planned Southlake Meadows development, and one individual residence located west of SH 114 and south of Dove Road.



- Noise abatement measures including noise barriers were evaluated for businesses and residences.
- A criterion of \$25,000 for each benefited receiver was established as the threshold for implementing noise abatement measures.
- Modeling indicated noise barriers would be feasible and reasonable for incorporation into the project for the Vineyards at Trophy Club Apartments.



- To avoid noise impacts that may result from future development, local officials should ensure no new activities are developed within the noise impact contours.
- The noise contour for activity categories including items such as residences, day care centers, hospitals, parks, playgrounds, and schools is estimated to range from approximately 380 feet from the proposed right of way, dependent upon location along the corridor.
- The noise contour for the activity category including items such as motels, offices, and restaurants is estimated to range from approximately 157 feet from the proposed right of way.



- Based on studies thus far, the environmental investigations indicate 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:
 - 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 TxDOT that individuals impacted by transportation system 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 are hired to prepare detailed appraisals and establish value,
- Acquisition of denial of access, when no land is being acquired from the property owner, may only occur if an appraisal determines the access denial reaches a level of a material impairment of direct access that affects the market value of the remaining property,
- If the denial of access does not materially impair direct access and/or does not affect the market value of the tract, access control will remain under the Department’s police or permit power,



- A written offer to the property owner would be made based on the value determined in the appraisal.
- Property owner would be given a minimum of 30 days to consider the offer.
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- Right of Way Brochures

- Available on the TxDOT website:

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

- Available by contacting our office:

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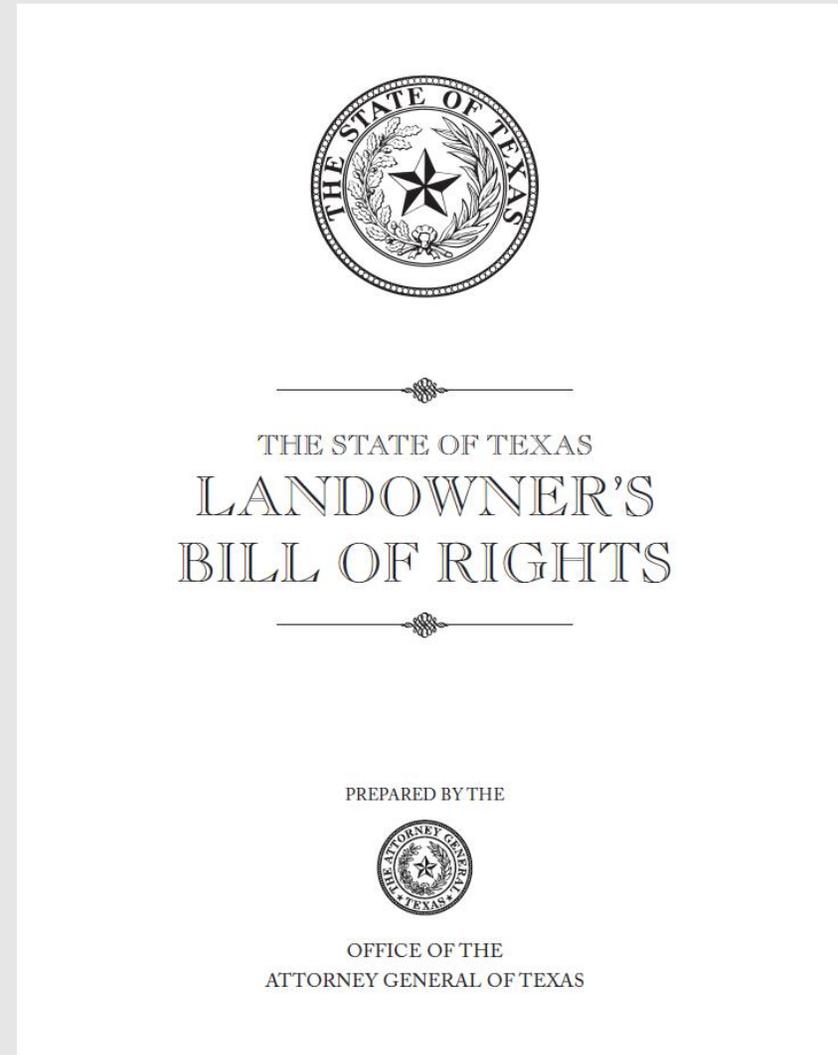
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All information developed concerning this project, including the environmental documentation, can be viewed online:

www.TxDOT.gov

Keyword search: 

The public may call project staff during regular office hours or email project staff to ask questions about the project at any time in the project development process.

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- Notice
- Displays including:
 - Environmental technical reports
 - Public Hearing Layout
 - Environmental Constraints Map
 - Other project information

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Thank You for Watching



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