



Paris District

US Highway (US) 271

From: Loop 286 in Paris, Texas

To: 0.283 Miles North of Trent Lake Bridge

County: Lamar and Red River

CSJ: 0221-01-078, 0221-01-079,
0221-02-028, 0221-03-067

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

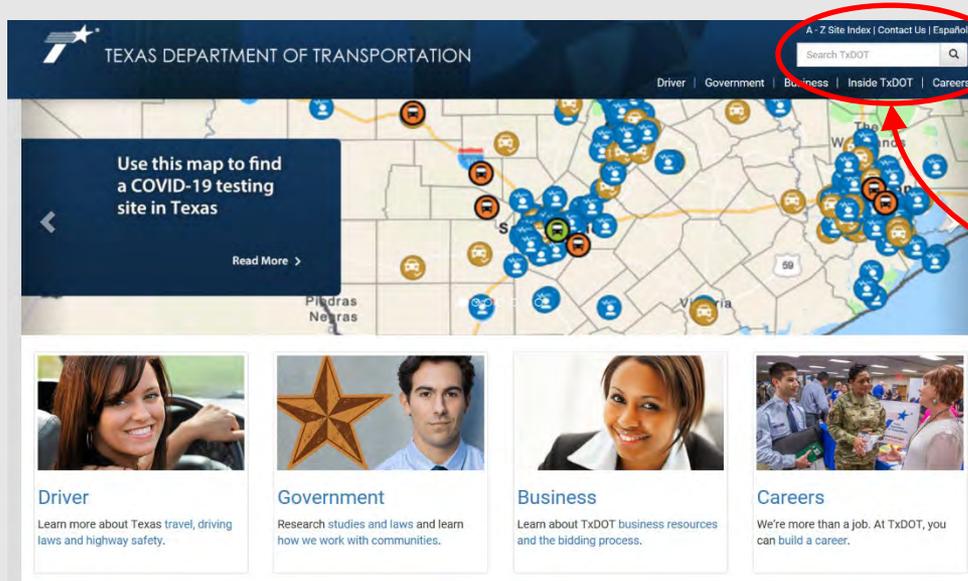


June 30, 2020



Welcome by Dan Perry, P.E.

Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Paris District, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)



Virtual Public Meeting documents available online at the website www.txdot.gov.

Type “US 271 Lamar and Red River Counties” in the keyword search



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

The pre-recorded virtual public meeting and TxDOT website provide the same information as the in-person public meeting:

- 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.

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.

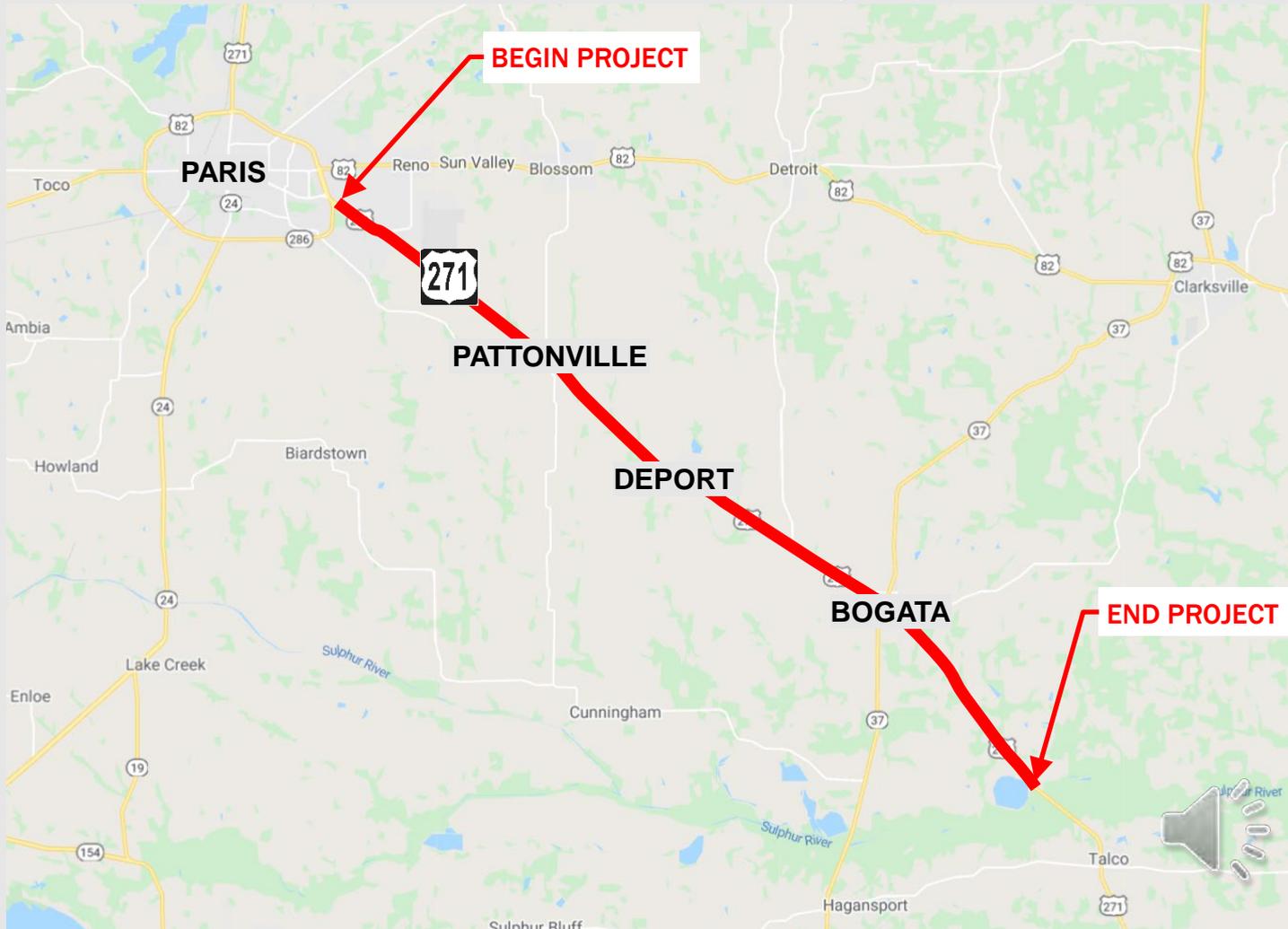
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, use your elbow. Throw the tissue in the trash.



For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19



From Loop 286 in Paris, Texas to 0.283 Miles North of Trent Lake Bridge
Lamar and Red River Counties, Texas





The purpose of this project is to:

- Improve safety
- Improve regional mobility and connectivity
- Address roadway deficiencies



Project Timeline



WE ARE HERE



**Public Meeting #1
(Summer 2020)**

**Public Meeting #2
(Fall 2020*)**

**Environmental
Clearance
(Spring 2021*)**

**Begin
Construction
(Fall 2022*)**



Schematics and Environmental Studies



Final Design Plans



***These dates are preliminary and subject to change**





Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, otherwise known as FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from the FHWA for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This memorandum of understanding was renewed on December 9, 2019. This review and approval process apply to this proposed project.





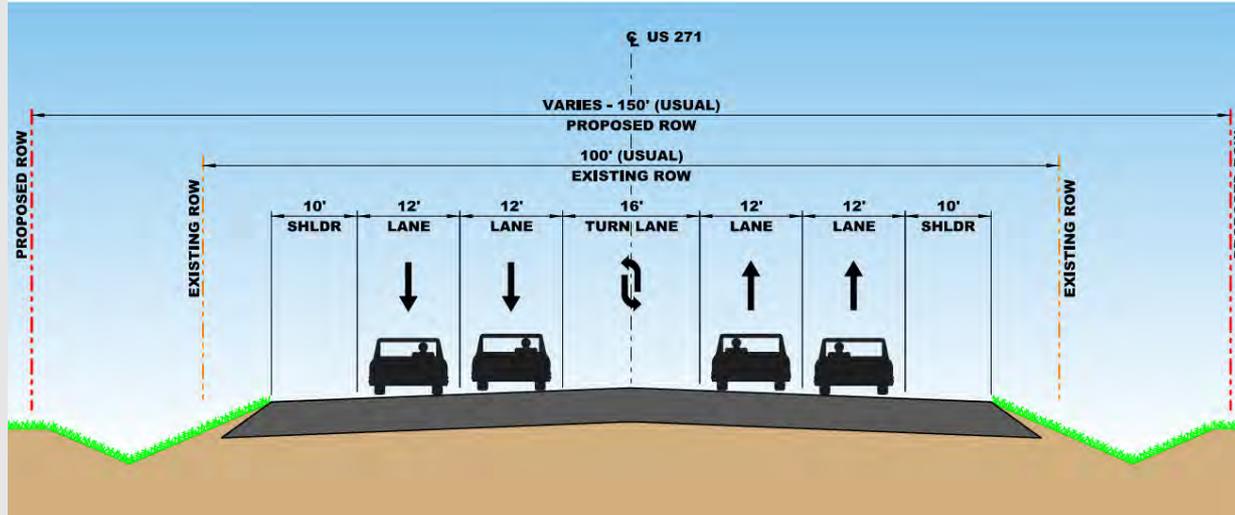
- Provide public involvement opportunities for stakeholders, roadway users, and the general community to engage with the project team and share feedback
- Update those interested on the project process and timeline





- Upgrade highway to current safety standards
- Improve regional mobility and connectivity
- Add highway capacity for increasing traffic volumes, including trucks
- Minimize right of way and environmental impacts
- Minimize utility impacts where feasible

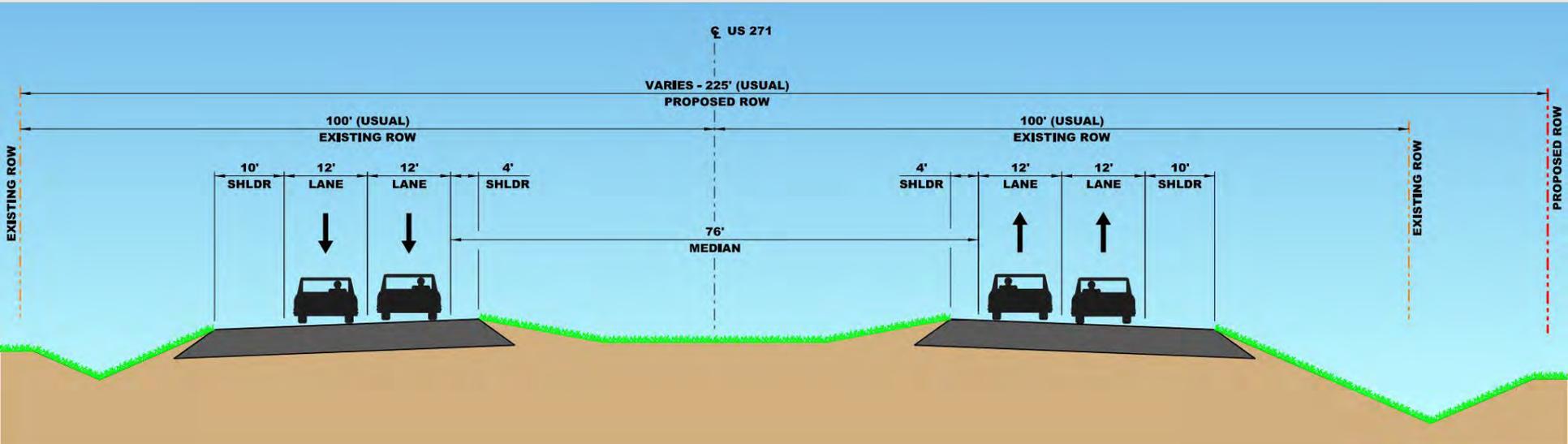




Proposed Typical Section 1: Paved Median

Two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with 10-foot outside shoulders, and a 16-foot paved turning median





Proposed Typical Section 2: Depressed Median

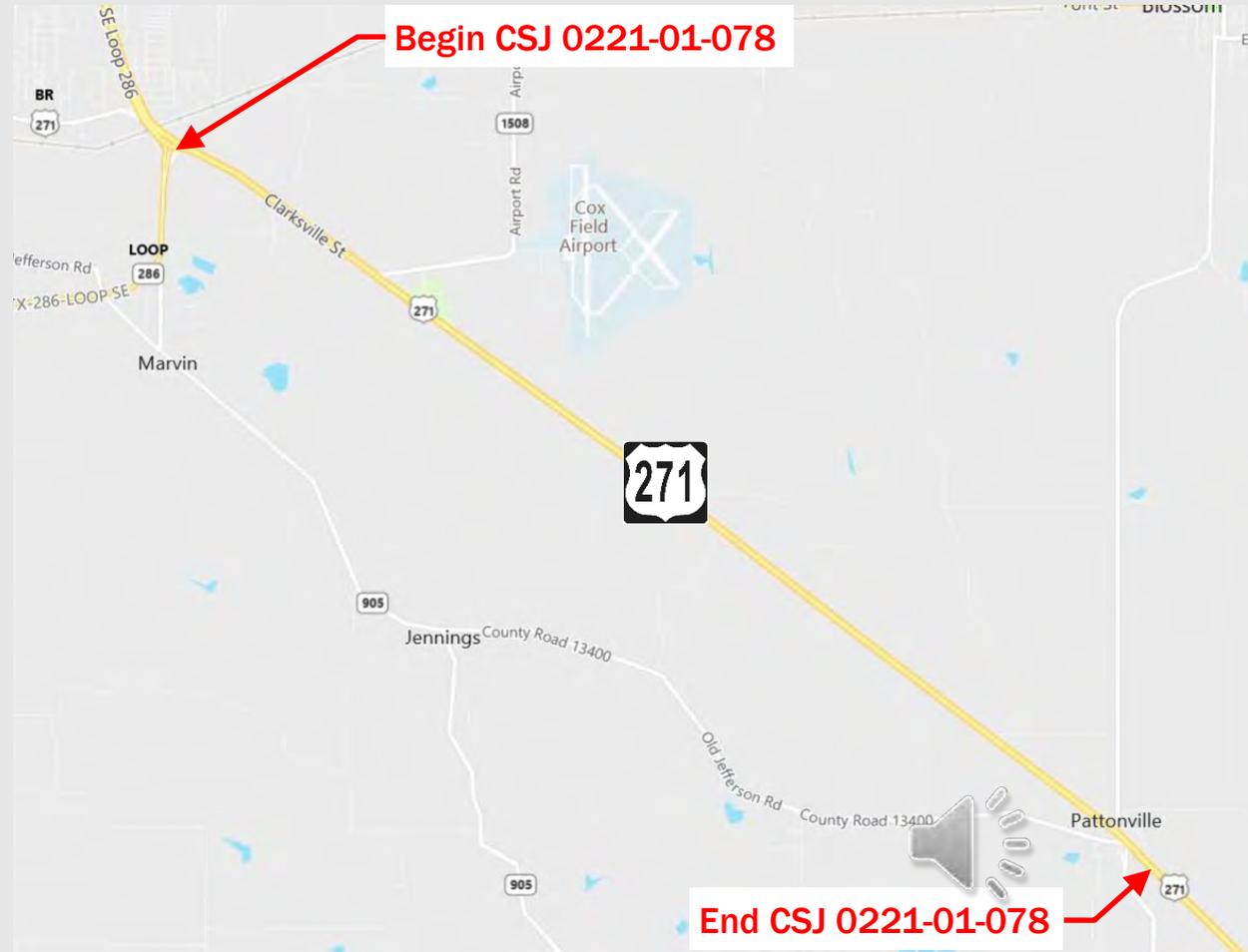
Two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with 10-foot outside shoulders, 4-foot inside shoulders, and a 76-foot grass median



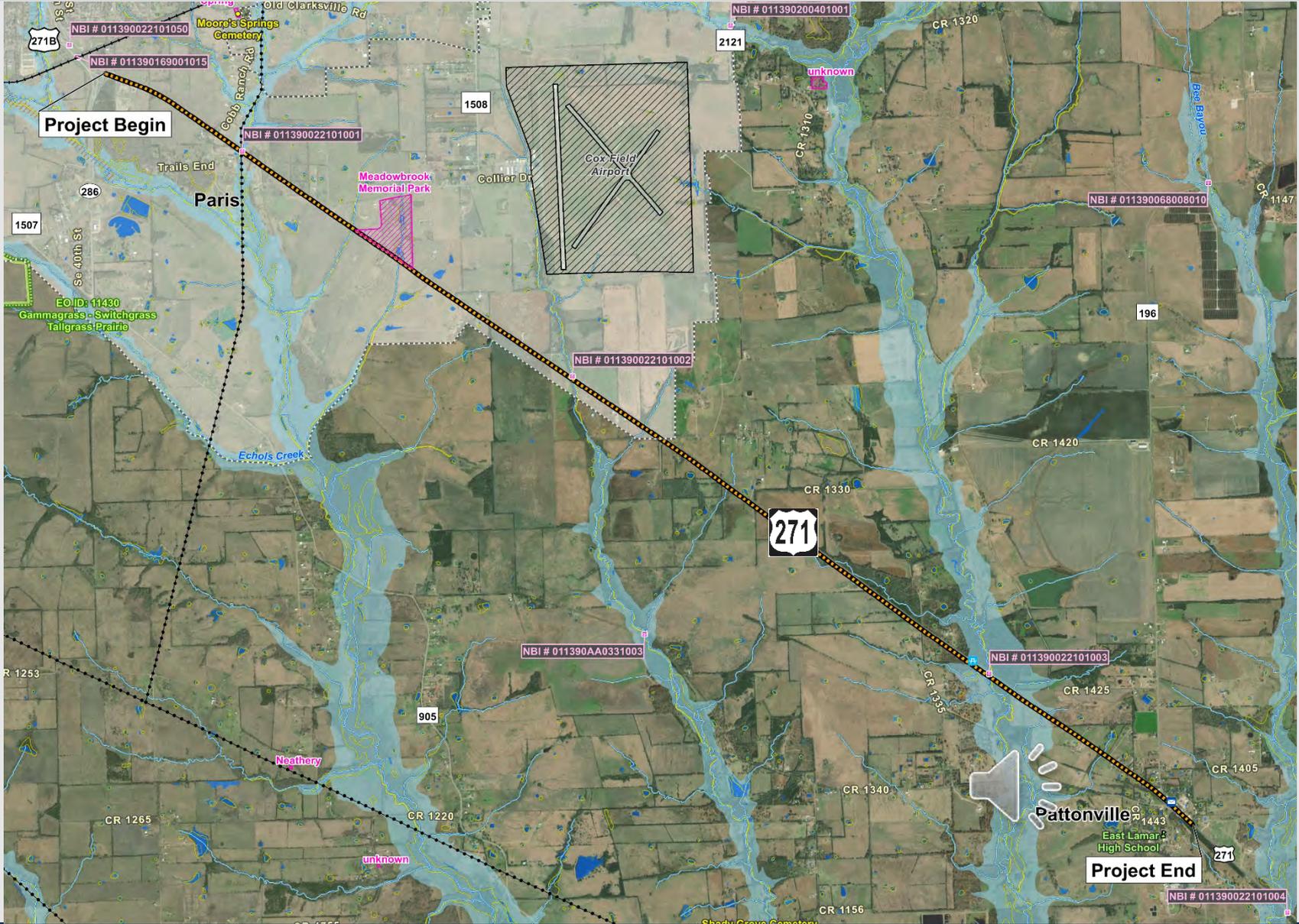
Project Limits for CSJ 0221-01-078



- 8.0 miles in length
- Project Limits: From Loop 286 in Paris, Texas to Pattonville
- City of Paris and Pattonville
- Lamar County



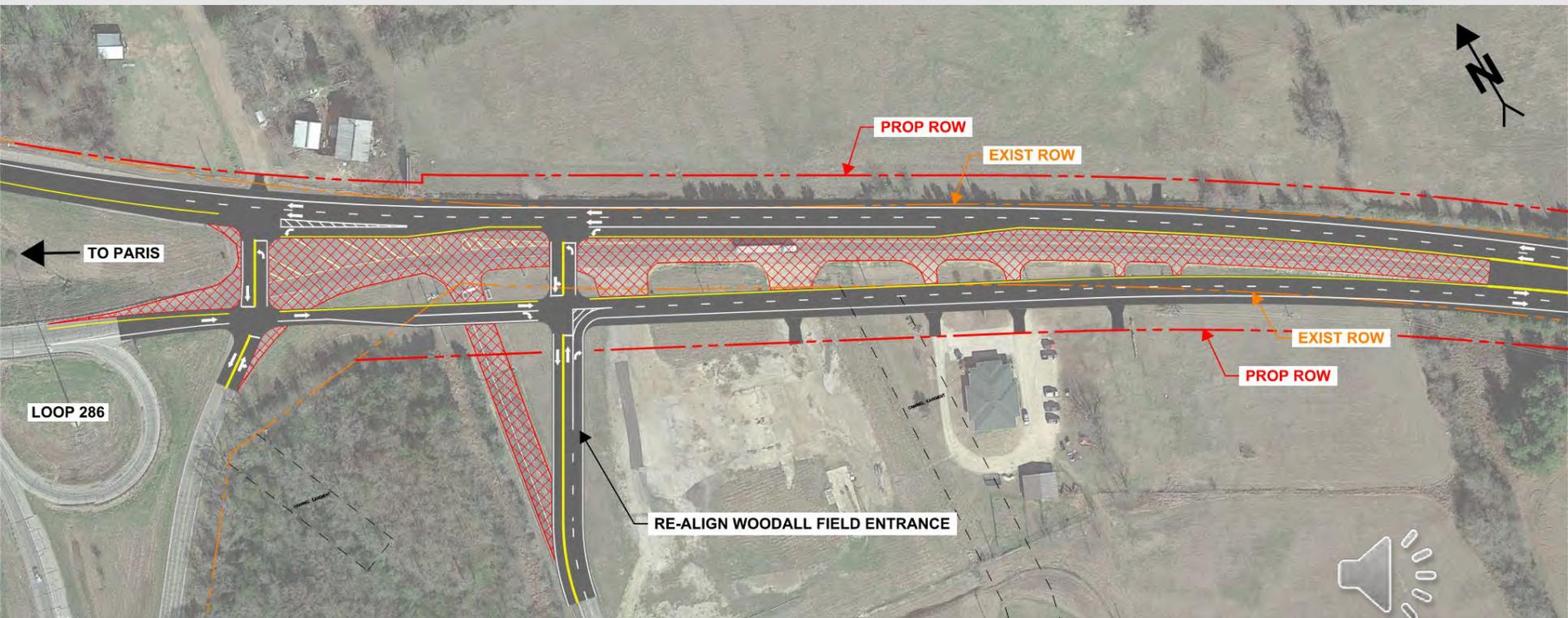
Project Environmental Constraints for CSJ 0221-01-078





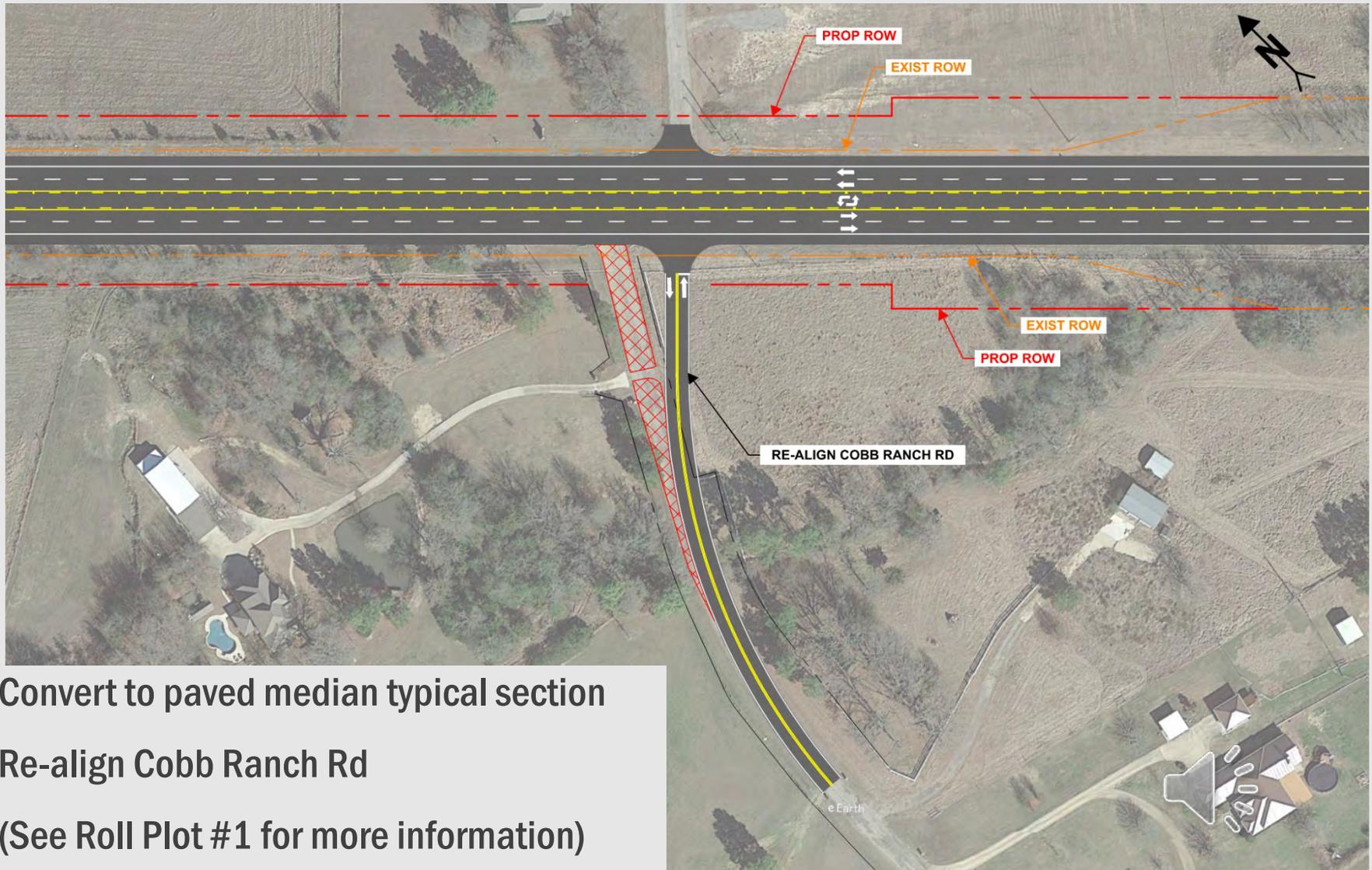
US 271 @ Loop 286

- Convert to depressed median typical section
- Re-align Woodall Field Entrance
- Add left and right turning lanes
- Does not include construction on LP 286
- Pavement designed to be re-used for future LP 286 reconstruction project
- (See Roll Plot #1 for more information)





US 271 @ Cobb Ranch Rd

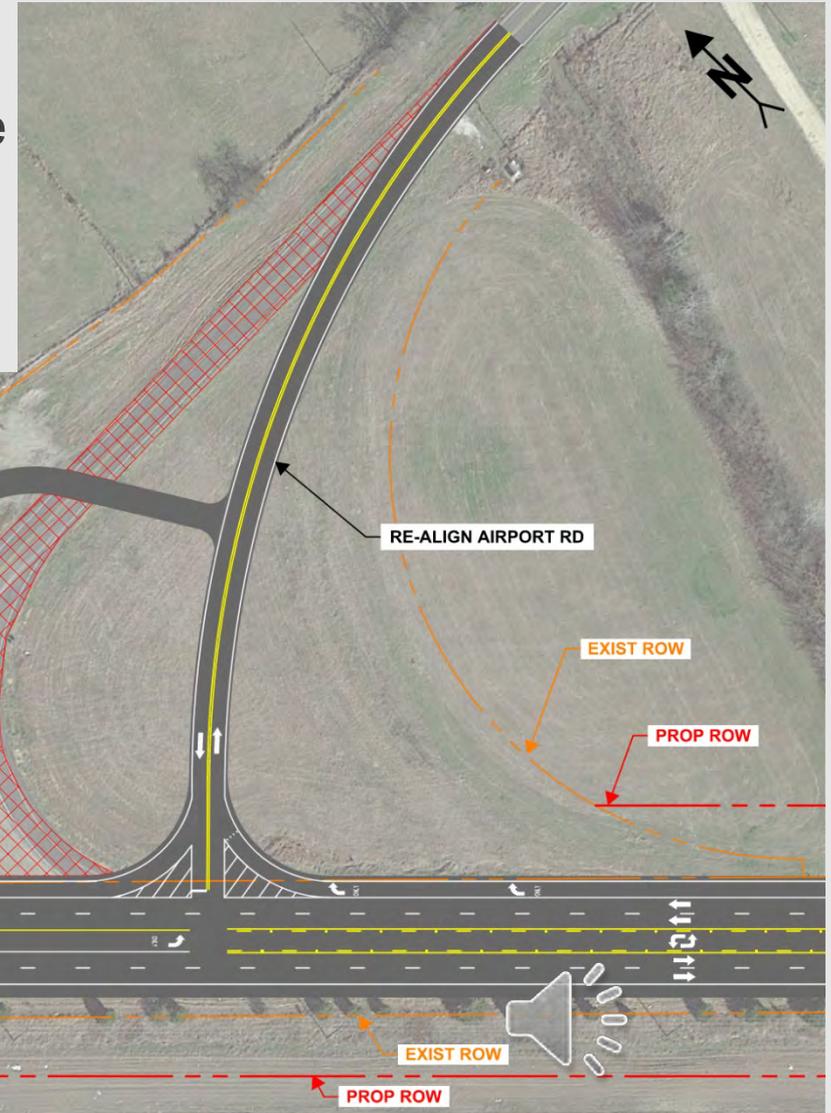


- Convert to paved median typical section
- Re-align Cobb Ranch Rd
- (See Roll Plot #1 for more information)



US 271 @ Airport Rd

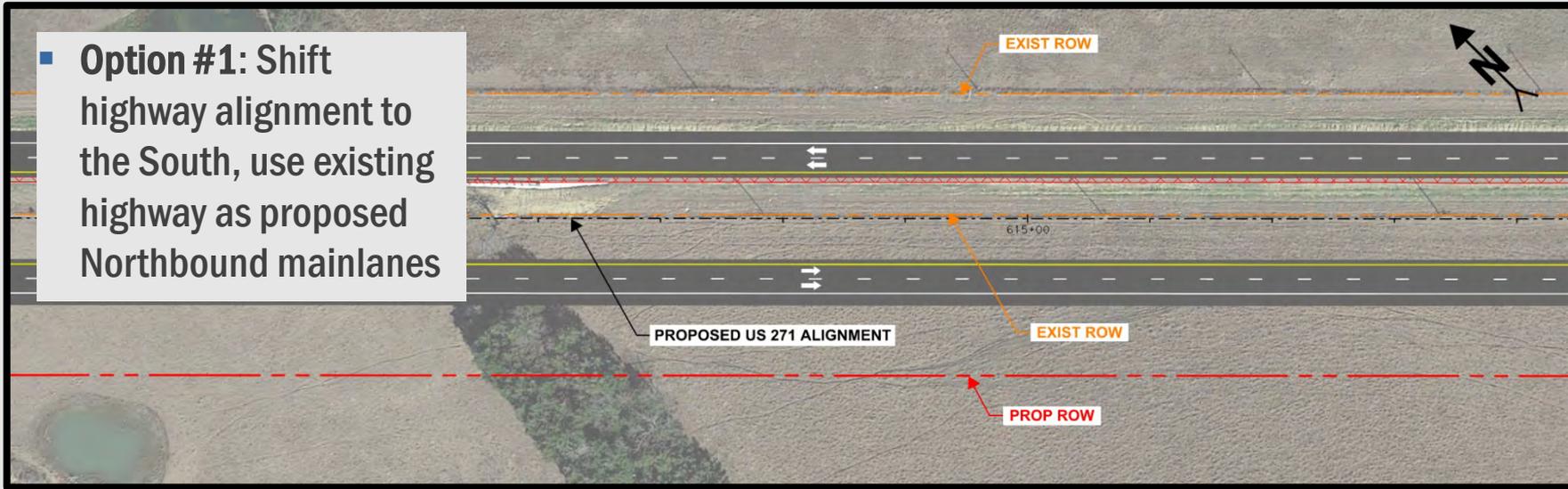
- Convert to paved median typical section
- Re-align intersection for improved sight distance
- Add left and right turning lanes
- (See Roll Plot #1 for more information)



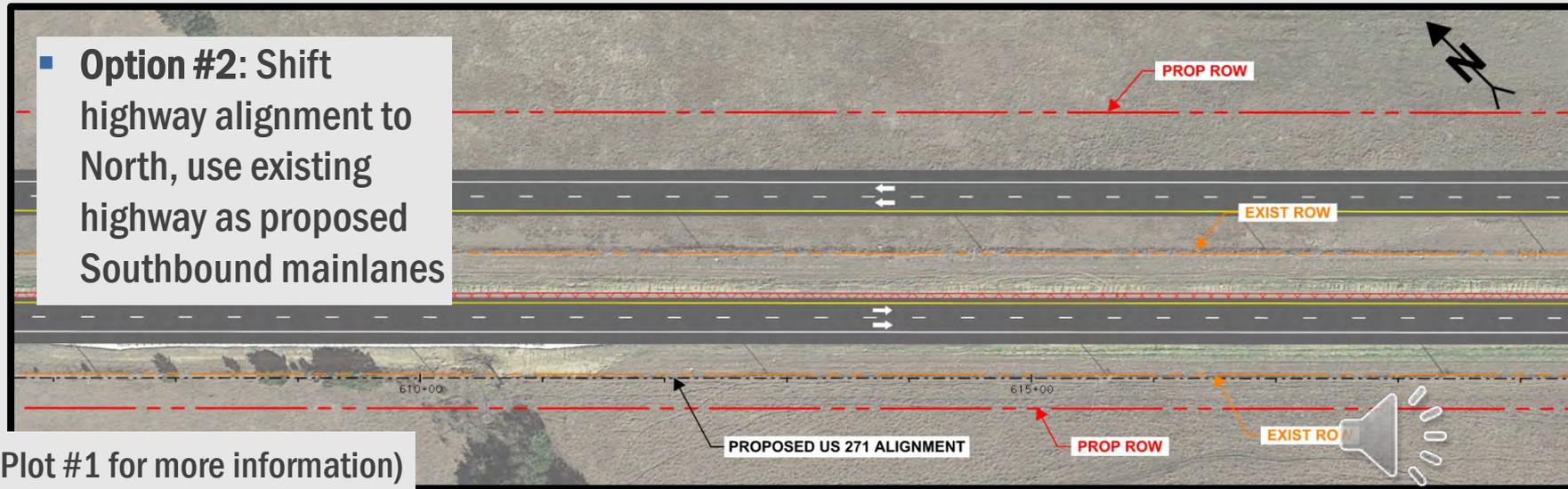


US 271 from Airport Rd to Pattonville

- **Option #1:** Shift highway alignment to the South, use existing highway as proposed Northbound mainlanes



- **Option #2:** Shift highway alignment to North, use existing highway as proposed Southbound mainlanes

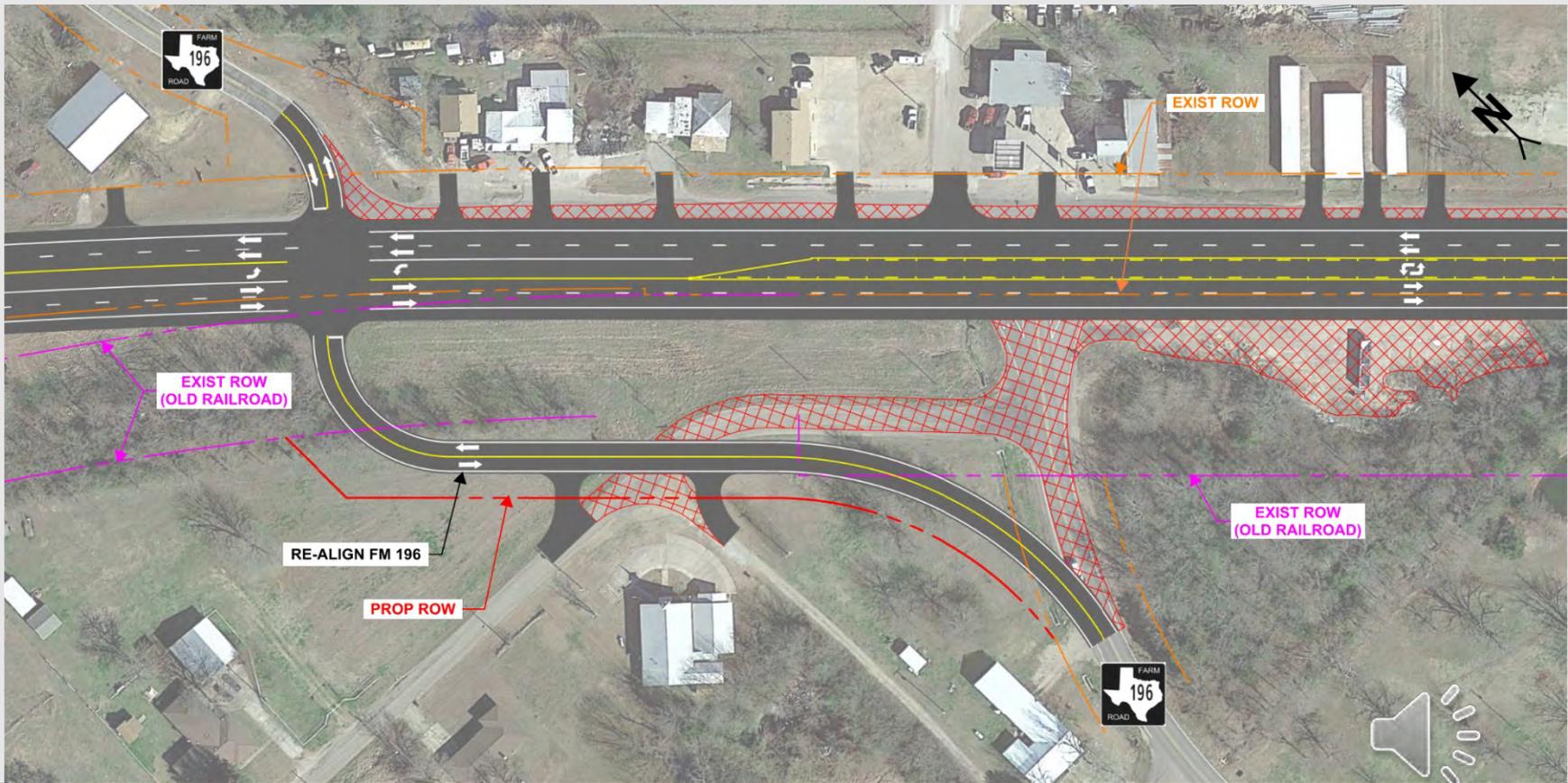


(See Roll Plot #1 for more information)



US 271 @ FM 196

- Convert to paved median typical section
- Re-align intersection for improved safety
- Traffic study to determine need for signalization
- (See Roll Plot #4 for more information)



Project Limits for CSJ 0221-01-079



- 6.1 miles in length
- Project Limits: From Pattonville to Red River County Line
- City of Deport
- Lamar County





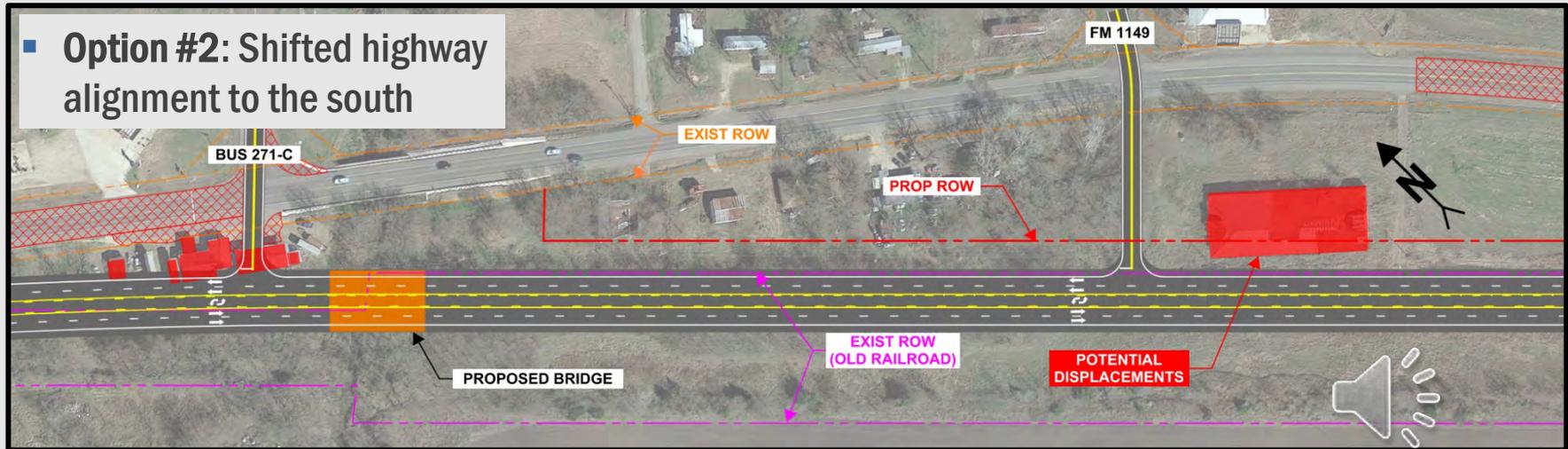
US 271 thru Deport

(See Roll Plot #6 for more information)

- Option #1: Highway alignment approximately matching the existing highway alignment



- Option #2: Shifted highway alignment to the south



Project Limits for CSJ 0221-02-028



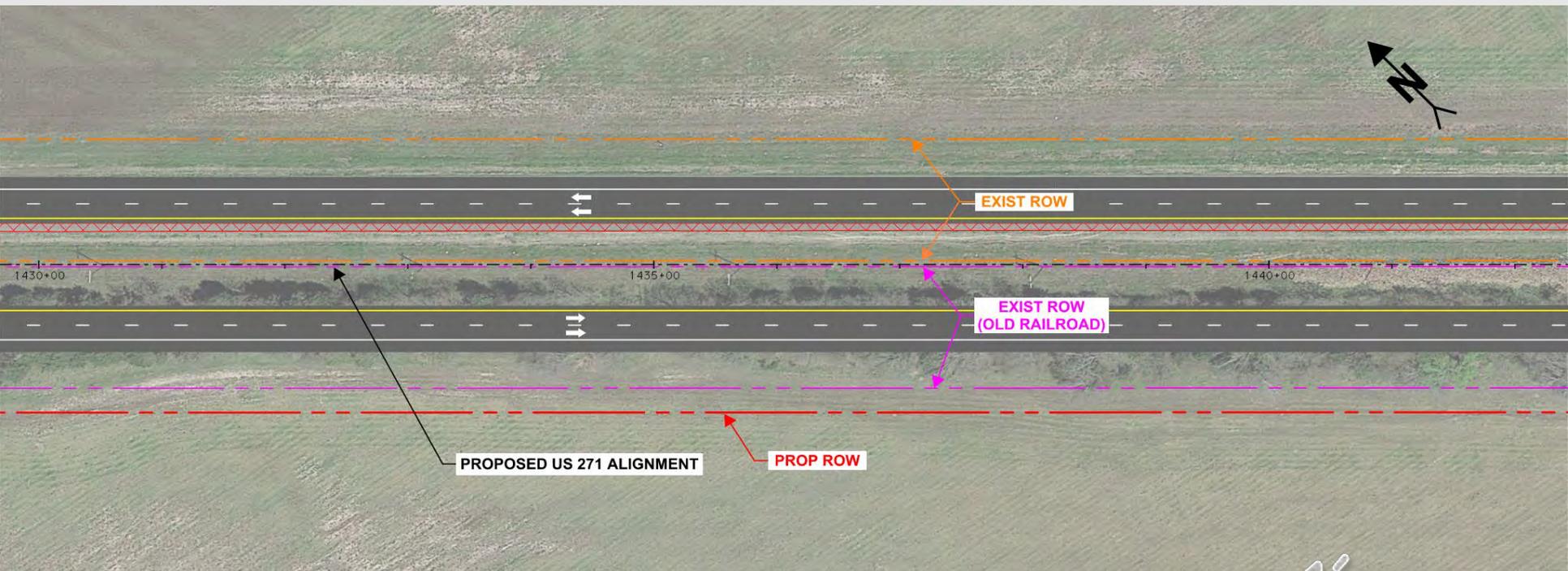
- 5.4 miles in length
- Project Limits: From Lamar County Line to BU 271-D
- Cities of Deport
- Red River County





US 271 from Lamar County Line to BU 271-D

- Convert to depressed median typical section
- Shift highway alignment to the South
- Use existing highway as proposed Northbound mainlanes



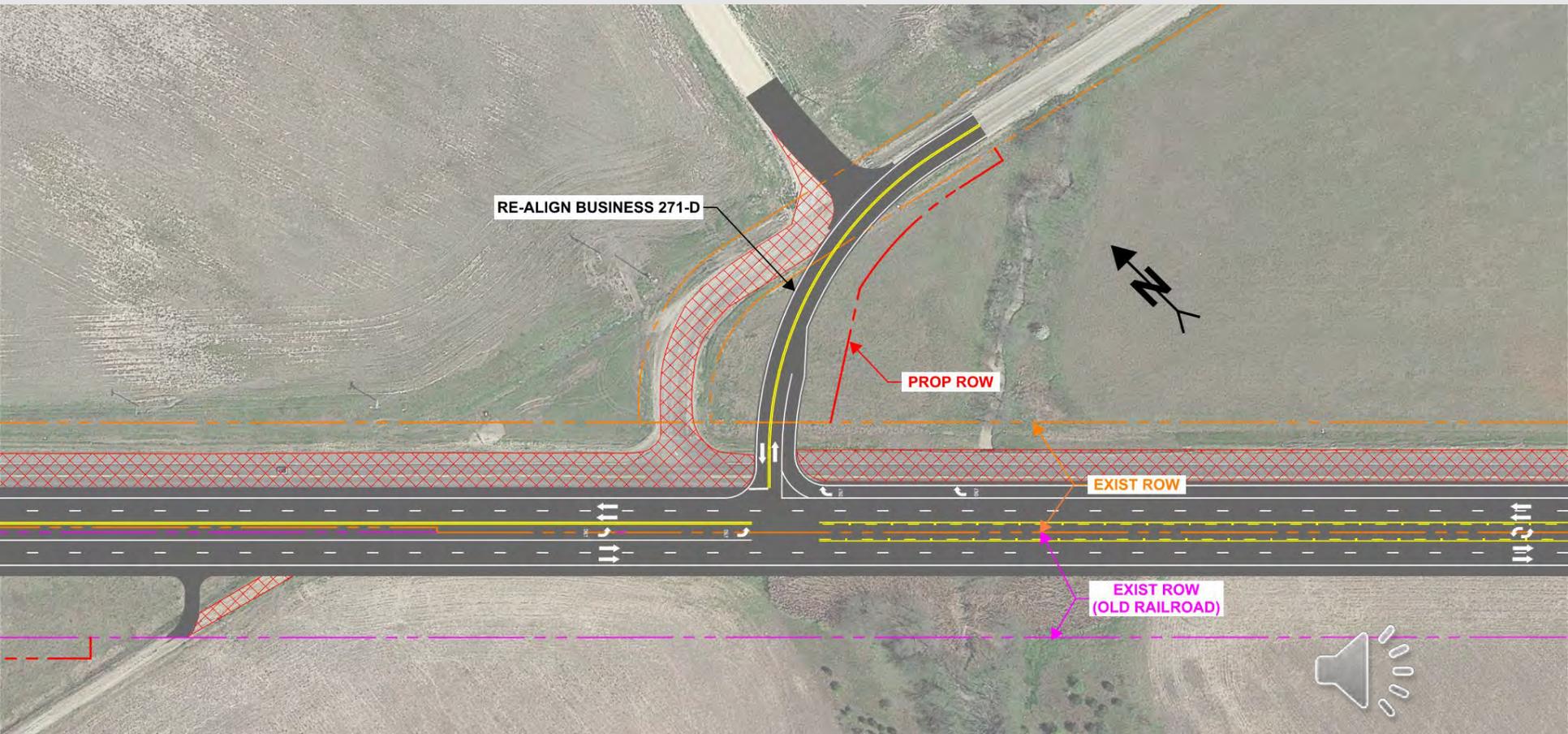
(See Roll Plot #7 for more information)





US 271 @ BU 271-D

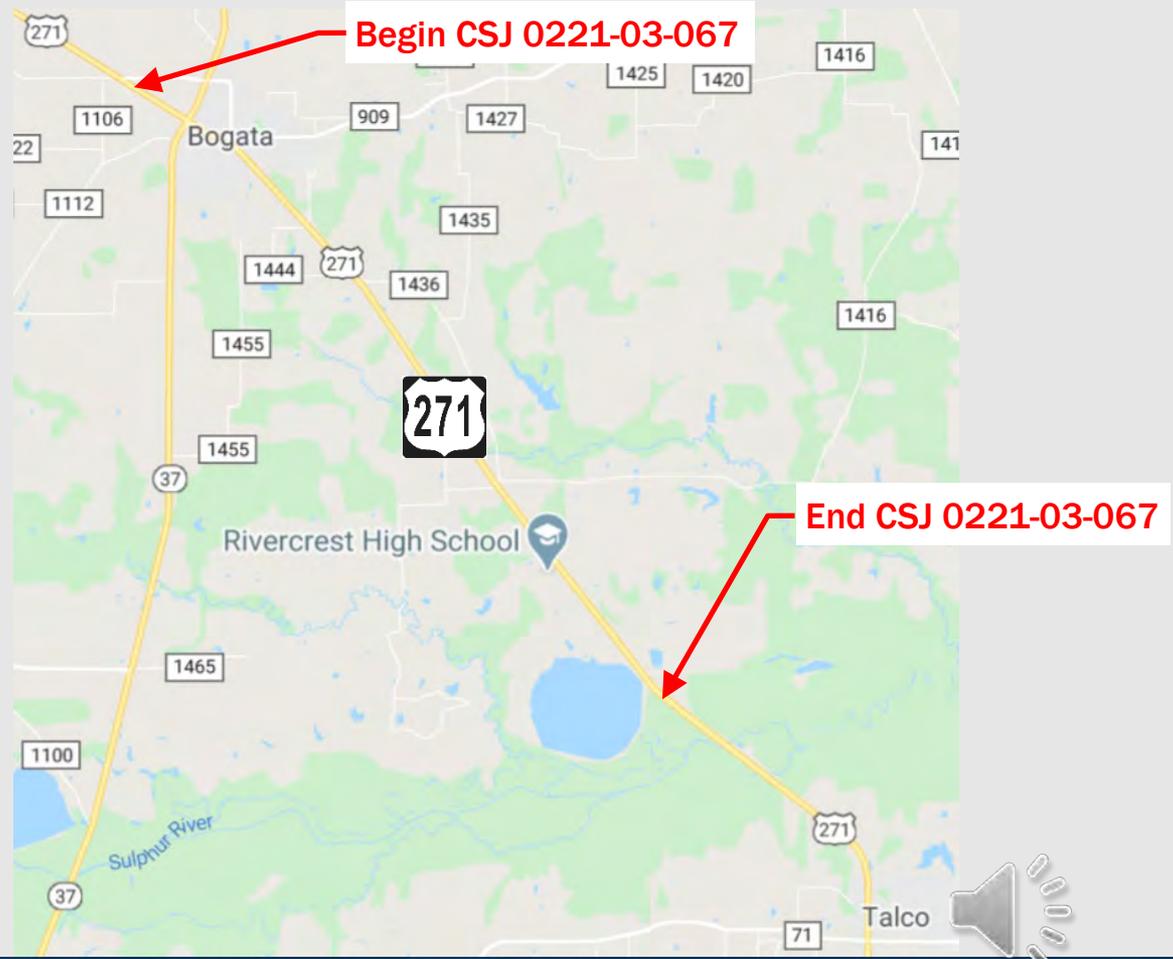
- Convert to paved median typical section
- Re-align BU 271-D
- Add left and right turning lanes
- (See Roll Plot #8 for more information)



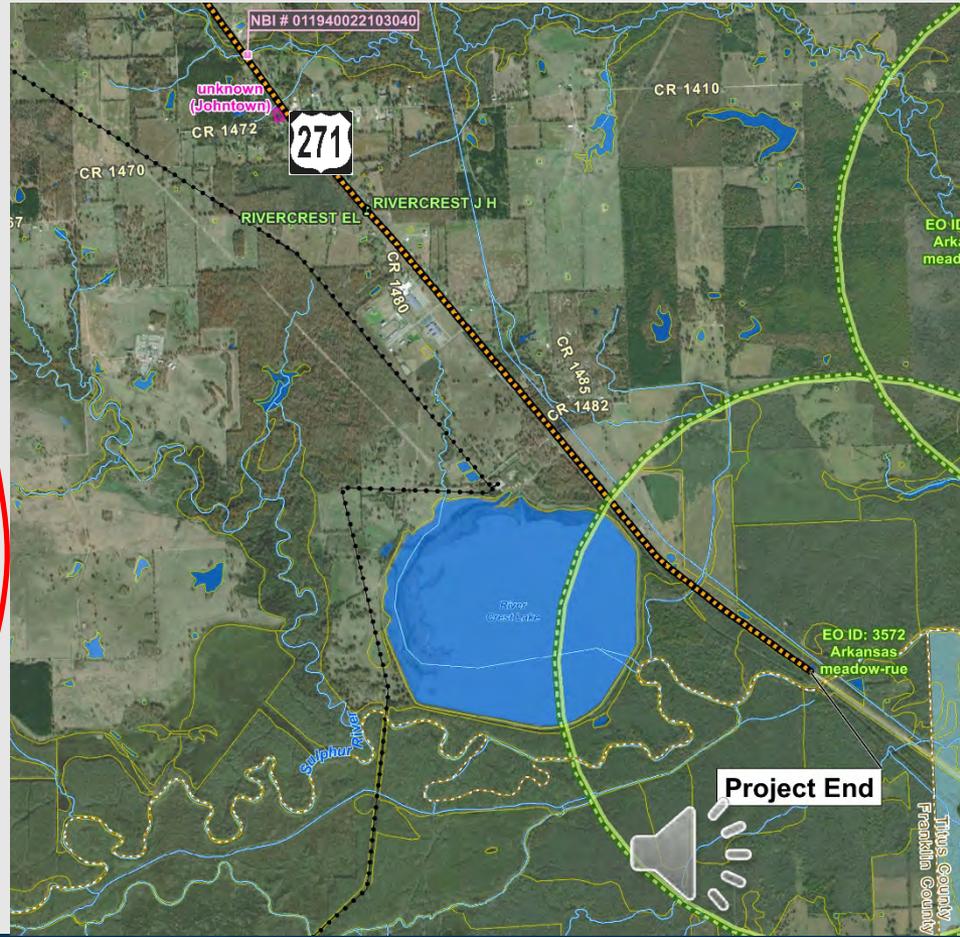
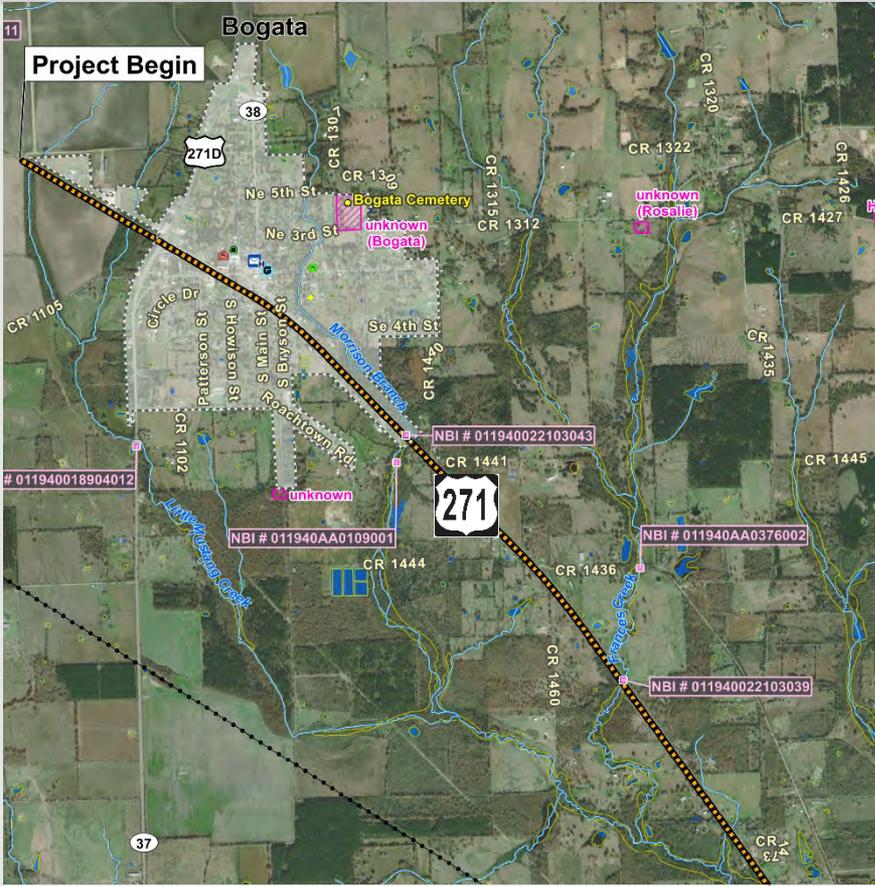
Project Limits for CSJ 0221-03-067



- 8.5 miles in length
- Project Limits: From BU 271-D to 0.283 Miles North of Trent Lake Bridge
- Cities of Bogata
- Rivercrest ISD
- Red River County



Project Environmental Constraints for CSJ 0221-03-067





US 271 @ SH 37 (“Existing” Condition)

■ Proposed “Interim” Condition

- Due to funding limitations, the proposed improvements at the intersection of US 271 at State Highway (SH) 37 are anticipated to be an at-grade design



■ Proposed “Ultimate” Conditions

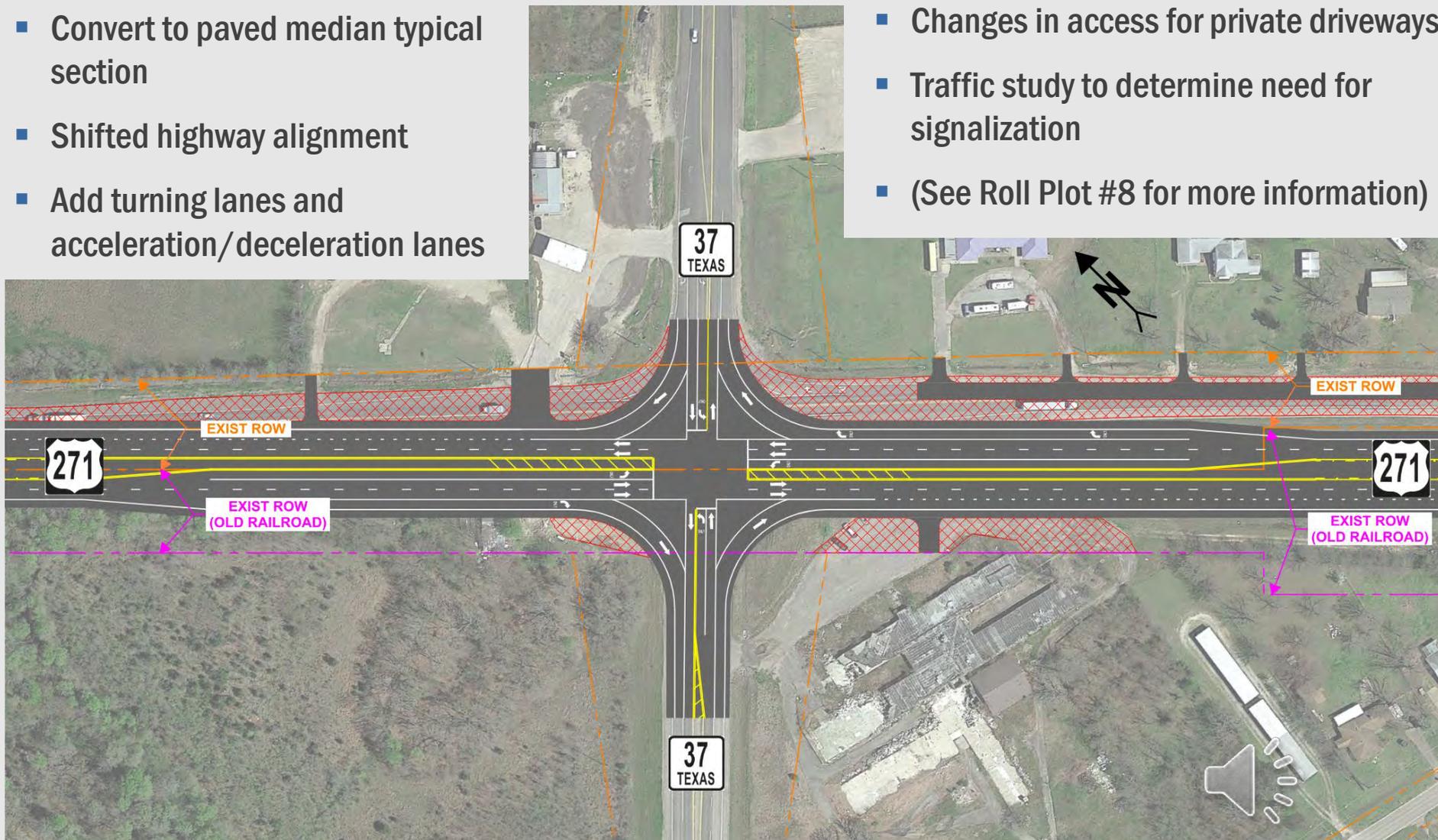
- TxDOT is also evaluating options for a grade-separated design that would include a bridge overpass. Because these options are significantly more expensive to construct, these will be considered for future implementation when funding is available



US 271 @ SH 37 (“Interim” Condition)

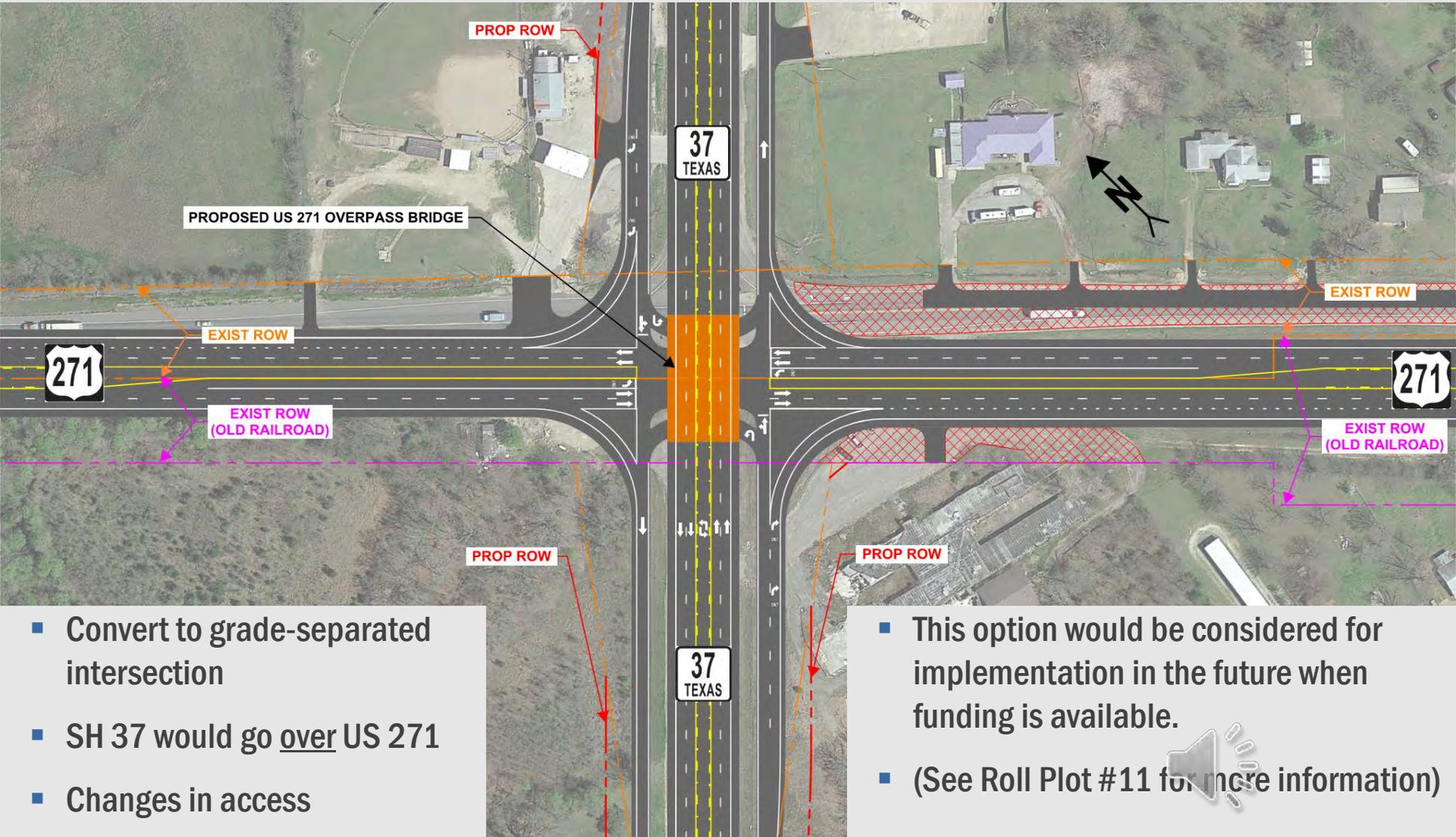
- Convert to paved median typical section
- Shifted highway alignment
- Add turning lanes and acceleration/deceleration lanes

- Changes in access for private driveways
- Traffic study to determine need for signalization
- (See Roll Plot #8 for more information)





US 271 @ SH 37 (“Ultimate” Condition Option 1)

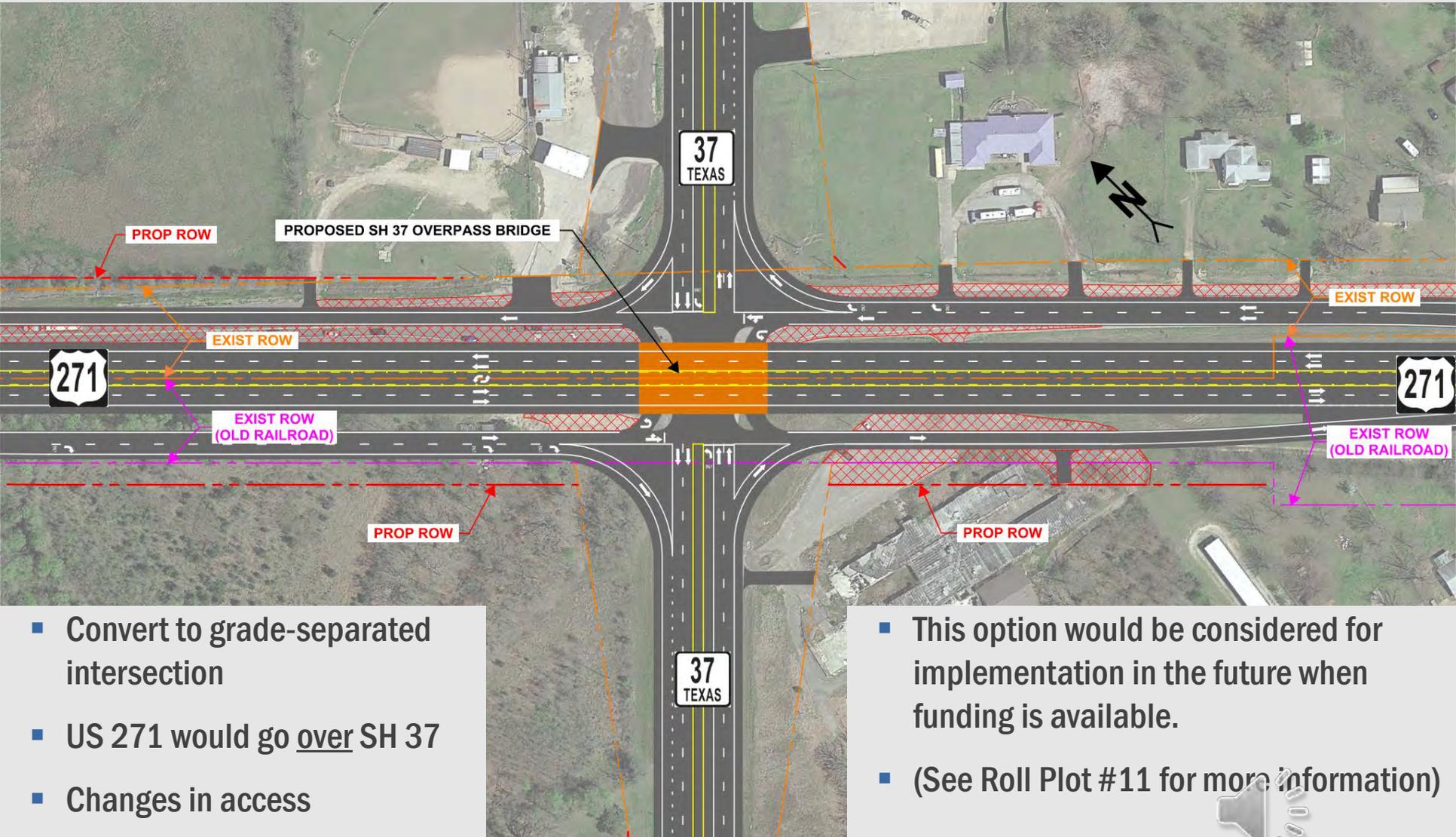


- Convert to grade-separated intersection
- SH 37 would go over US 271
- Changes in access

- This option would be considered for implementation in the future when funding is available.
- (See Roll Plot #11 for more information)



US 271 @ SH 37 (“Ultimate” Condition Option 2)



- Convert to grade-separated intersection
- US 271 would go over SH 37
- Changes in access

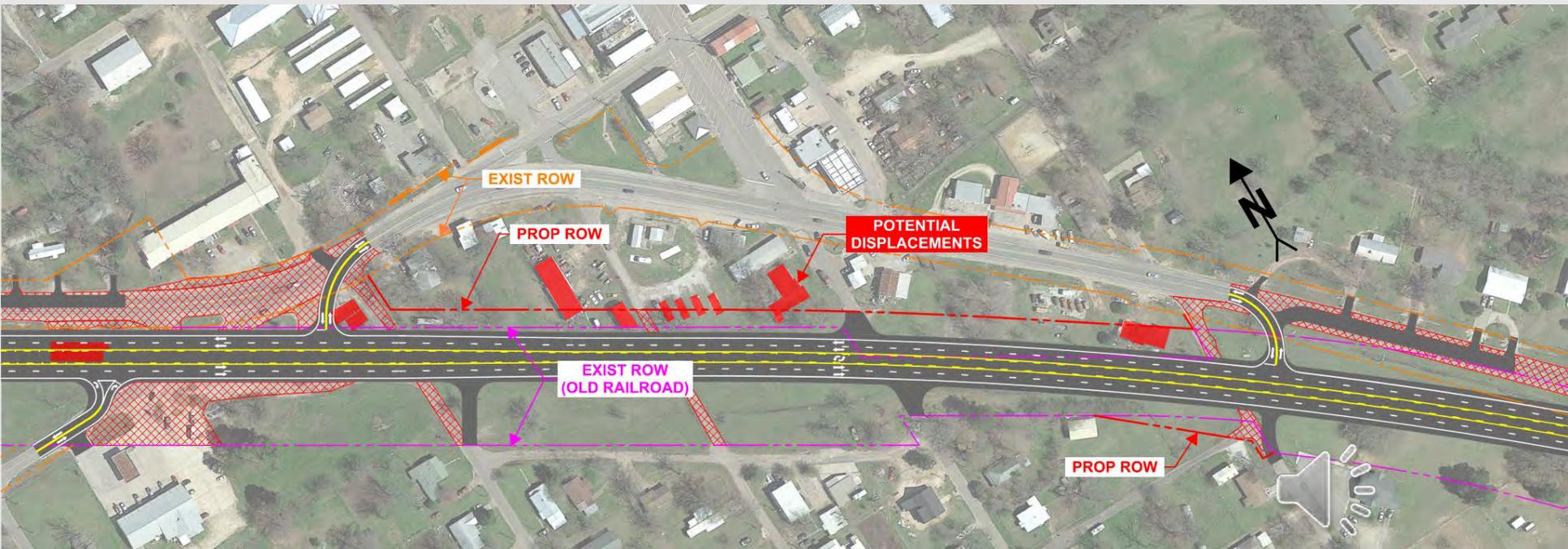
- This option would be considered for implementation in the future when funding is available.
- (See Roll Plot #11 for more information)





US 271 thru Bogata

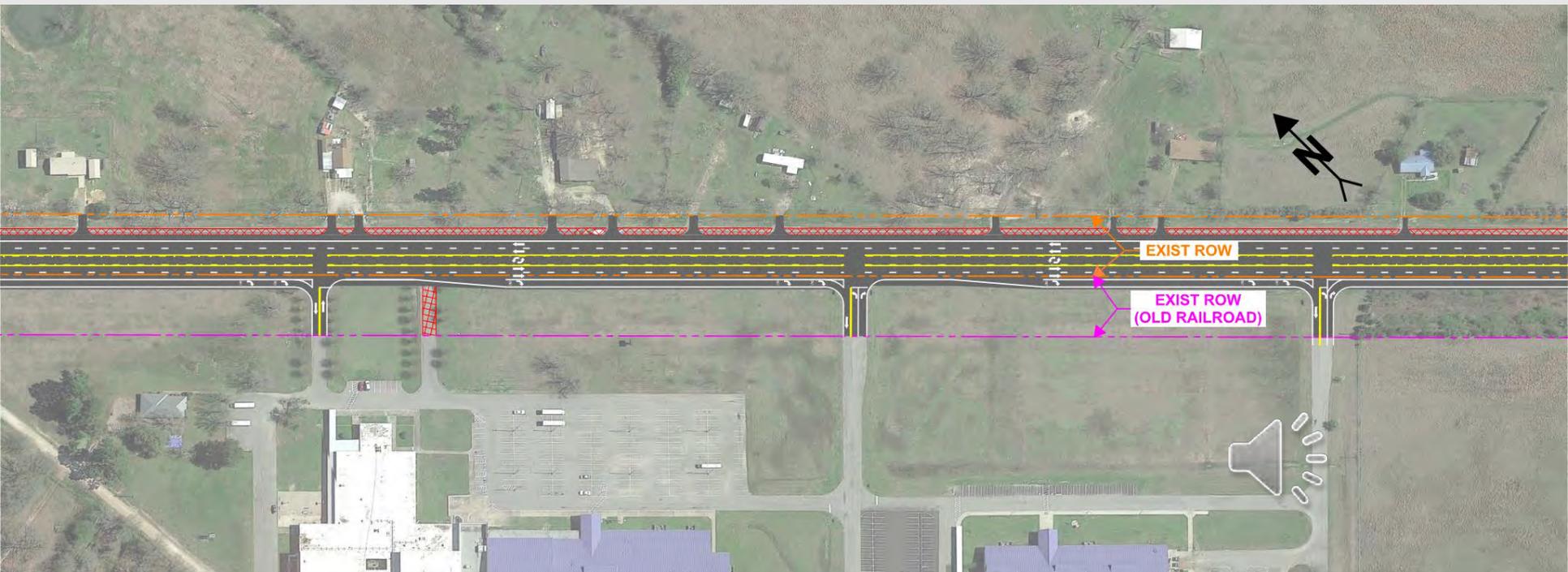
- Convert to paved median typical section
- Re-align highway thru Bogata
- Changes in public and private access points
- Portions of existing highway will remain for local access
- Traffic study to determine need for signalization
- (See Roll Plot #8 for more information)





US 271 thru Rivercrest ISD

- Convert to paved median typical section
- Add left and right turn lanes
- Add acceleration and deceleration lane
- Changes in access
- (See Roll Plot #10 for more information)





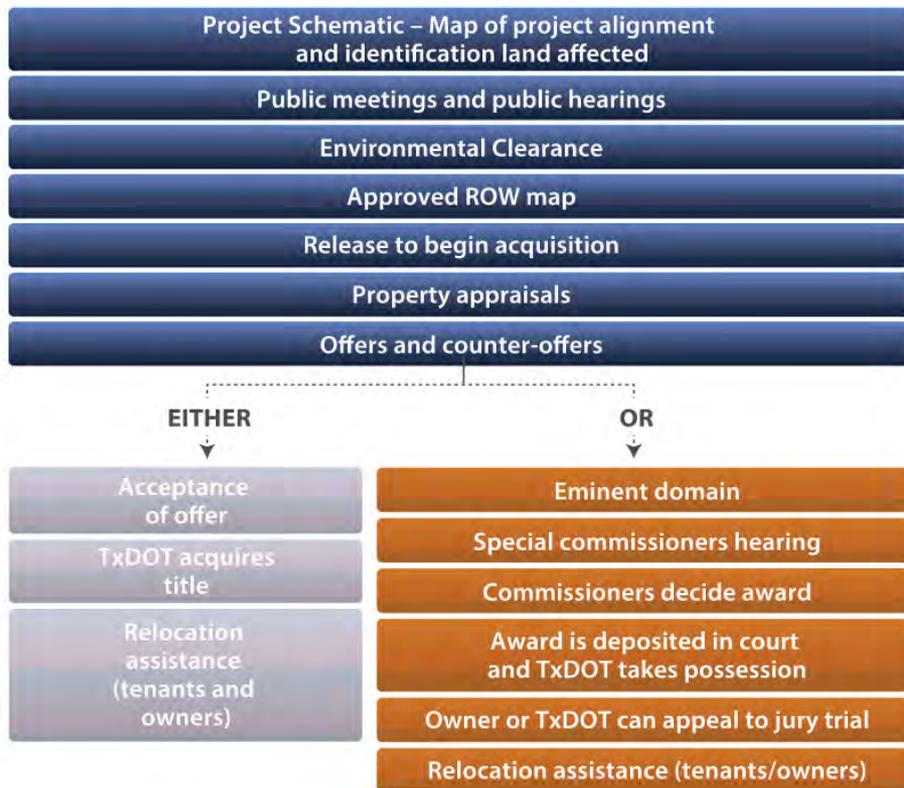
Public Meeting information available for download at www.txdot.gov

Keyword search “US 271 Lamar and Red River Counties”

The screenshot shows the Texas Department of Transportation website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the TxDOT logo and the text "TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION". To the right of the header, there are links for "A - Z Site Index | Contact Us | Español" and a search bar labeled "Search TxDOT" with a magnifying glass icon. A red circle highlights the search bar, and a red arrow points from the text "Keyword search 'US 271 Lamar and Red River Counties'" to it. Below the header, there is a map of Texas with numerous blue and orange circular markers indicating COVID-19 testing sites. A dark blue overlay on the left side of the map contains the text "Use this map to find a COVID-19 testing site in Texas" and a "Read More >" link. Below the map, there are four content cards: "Driver" (with a photo of a woman driving), "Government" (with a gold star icon and a photo of a man), "Business" (with a photo of a woman), and "Careers" (with a photo of people at a meeting). A speaker icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the screenshot.



TXDOT'S RIGHT OF WAY PROCESS



SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

TxDOT graphic

 We are here in the Right of Way Process

Information is available on the TxDOT Website outlining property owners' rights, the ROW process, and the help provided by the department in relocating tenants and property owners. These can be found online at: <http://www.txdot.gov/government/processes-procedures/row.html>





Submit **e-mail**, **phone**, or **mail-in** comments by:

- Emailing: Ellen.Perry@txdot.gov
- Calling: (903) 737-4602
- Filling out a comment card and mail to:
Texas Department of Transportation
ATTN: Ellen Perry, P.E.
1365 N. Main Street
Paris, TX 75460

Virtual Public Meeting Comment Form
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The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking your comments on the proposed project. All written comments are welcome. **All written comments must be postmarked by Wednesday, July 15, 2020, to be included in the official meeting record.**

Please Print

(Per Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)); check each of the following boxes that apply to you:

I am employed by TxDOT
 I do business with TxDOT
 I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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Submit **online** comments by:

- Visiting the website www.txdot.gov. Then type “US 271 Lamar and Red River Counties” in the keyword search
- Then click the “Submit Your Comment” link on the project webpage

The screenshot shows the 'Inside TxDOT' website interface. The main heading is 'Virtual Public Meeting - US 271 from Loop 286 to North of Trent Lake Bridge in Lamar and Red River Counties'. Below the heading, there are navigation links: 'Texas Department of Transportation > Inside TxDOT > Get Involved > About Public Hearings, Meetings and Notices > Hearings, Meetings and Notices Schedule'. On the right side, there are three buttons: 'Submit Your Comment' (circled in red), 'Subscribe to Updates' (with a checkmark icon), and 'Contact Us' (with a telephone icon). The main content area includes sections for 'Where', 'When', 'Purpose', 'Description', and 'Special Accommodations'. The 'Description' section lists proposed improvements to US 271, such as widening from two-lane to four-lane divided highway in various locations. The 'Special Accommodations' section states that TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public.

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