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Public Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**

Octavio Saenz – TxDOT Public Information Officer

- **Technical Overview**

Melba Schaus, P.E. – TxDOT Project Manager

- **Next Steps in Project Development**

Octavio Saenz - TxDOT Public Information Officer

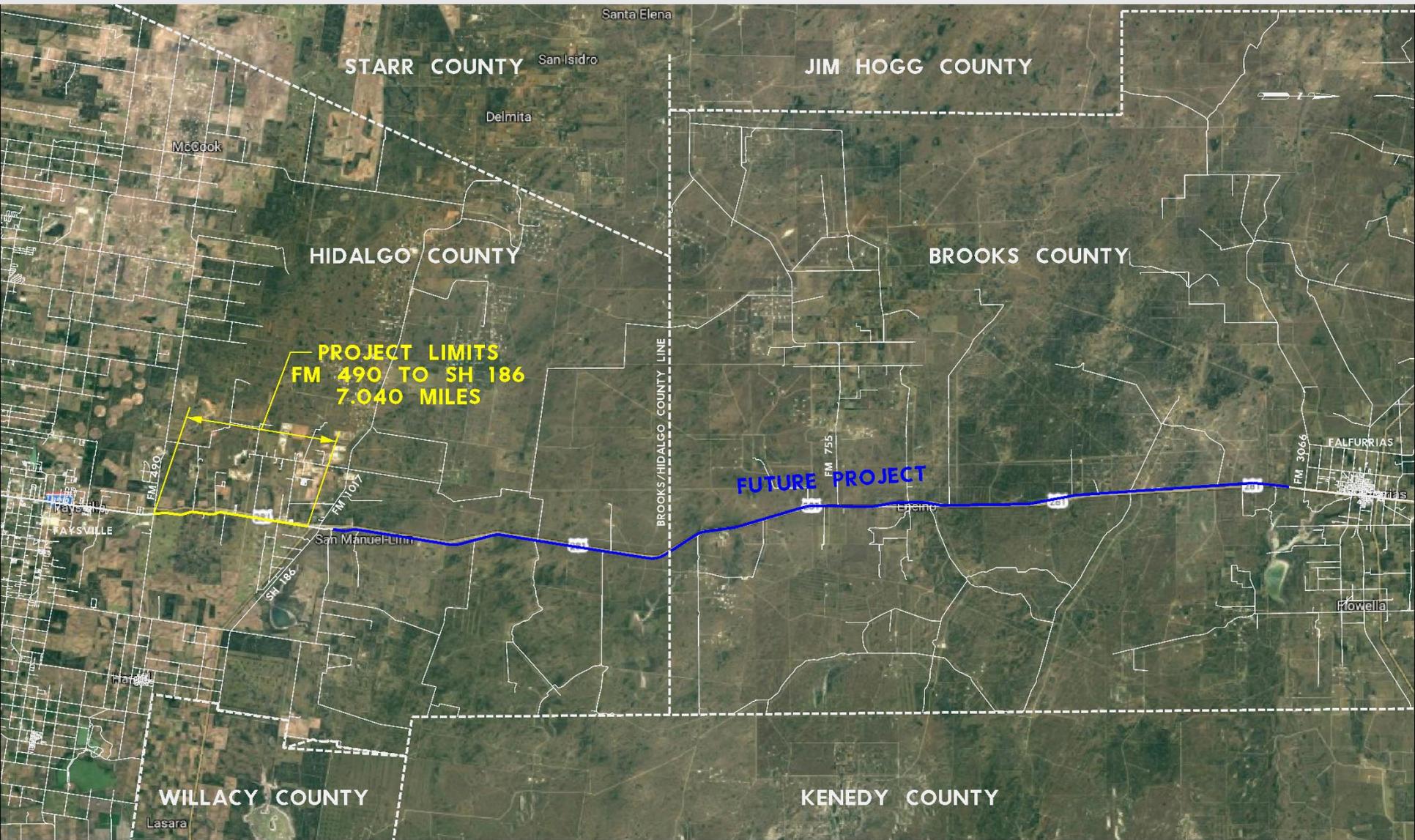
- **Public Comment**

- **Adjournment**

Public Meeting Purpose

- Encourage and maintain effective communication with the public
- Provide project information
- Follow an important step in environmental process
- Receive public input and comments

US 281 Corridor through Hidalgo and Brooks County



Provide Your Comments

- Sign up to speak tonight
- Leave comments at registration table tonight
- Mail or drop off comments:

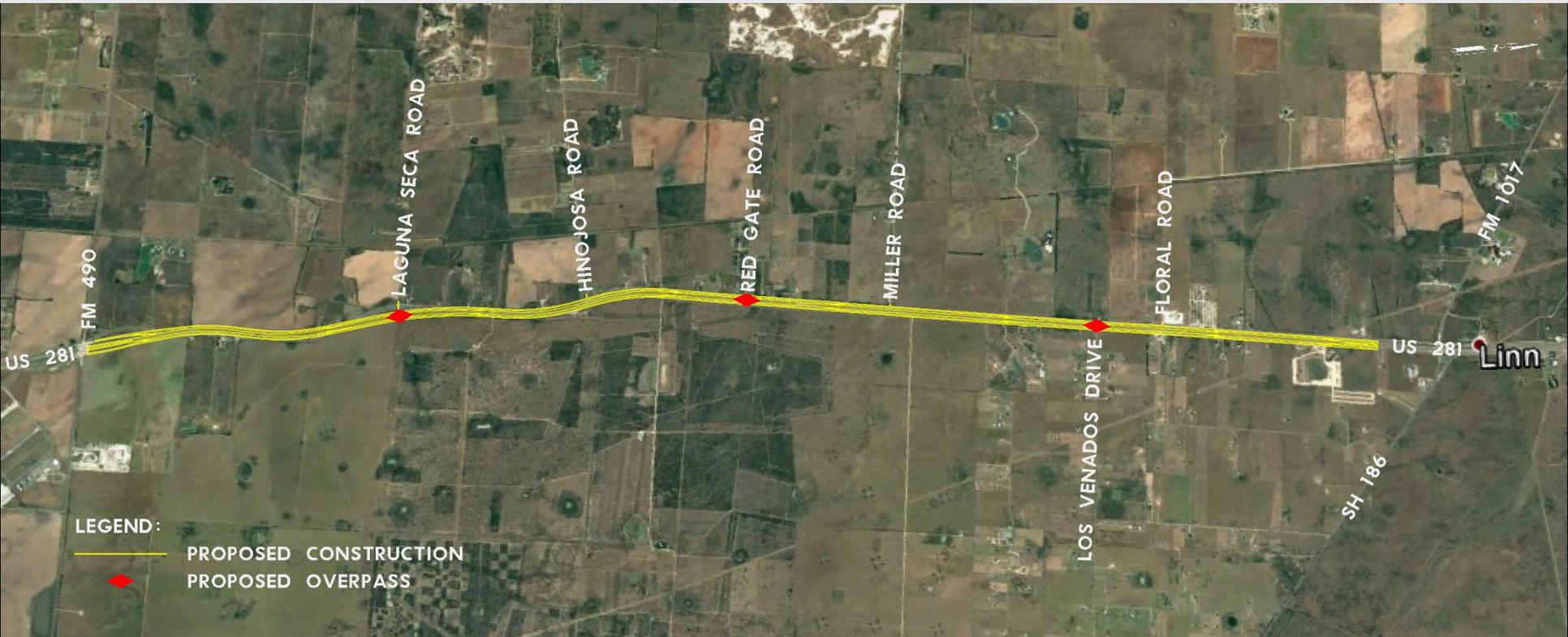
TxDOT Pharr District
600 W. Interstate 2
Pharr, TX 78577

- Fax comments to (956) 702-6110
- Email comments to Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov
- Wednesday, May 10, 2017 Comment Period Deadline

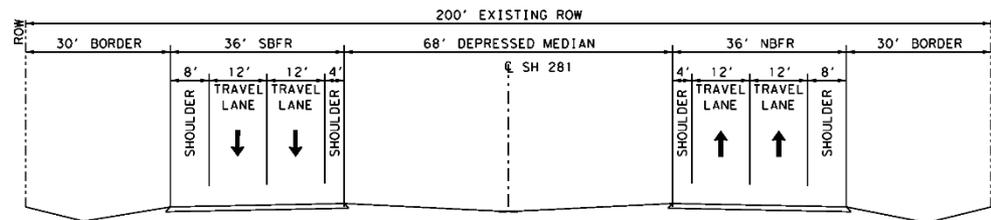
Project Limits

US 281

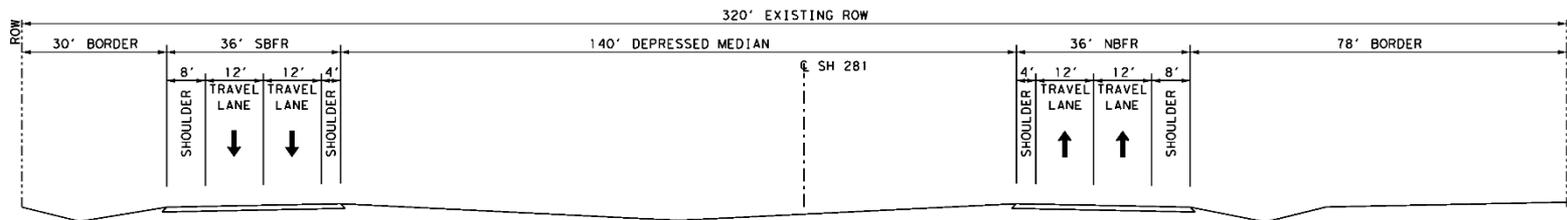
- From FM 490 to SH 186/FM 1017
- Total Length: 7.04 miles



US 281 Existing Typical Sections



EXISTING US 281 TYPICAL SECTION
100' NORTH OF FM 490 TO HINOJOSA ROAD



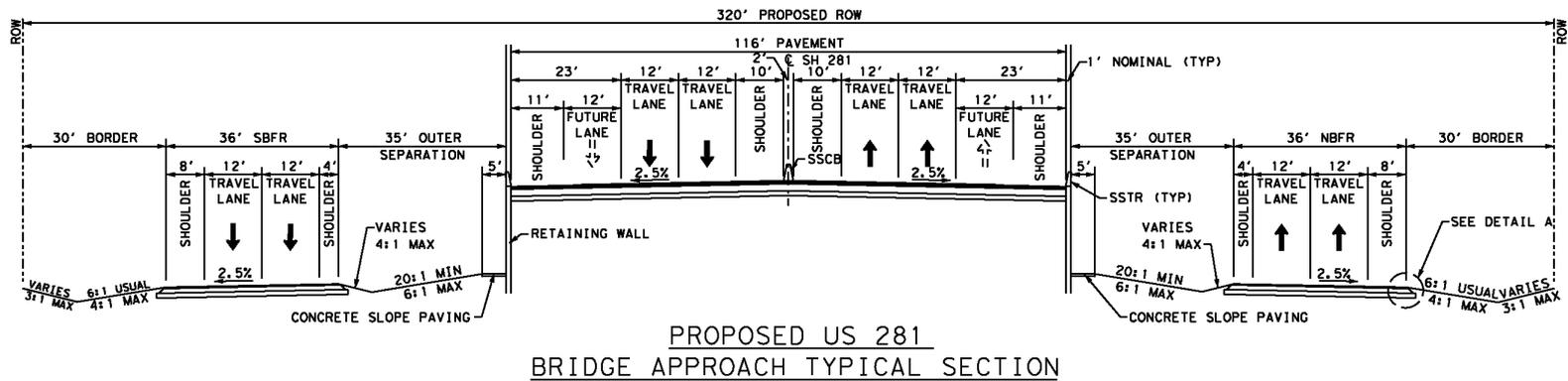
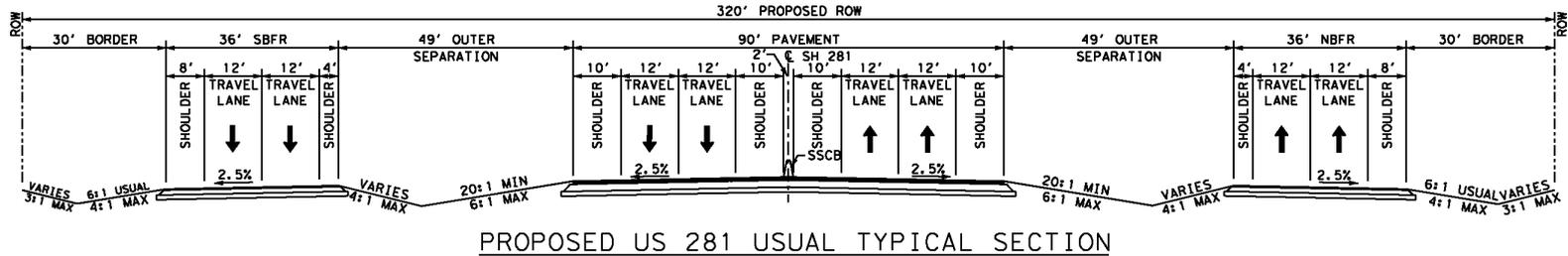
EXISTING US 281 TYPICAL SECTION
HINOJOSA ROAD TO 1650' SOUTH OF SH 186

Project Need and Purpose

- **Project Need:**
 - Existing US 281 does not meet interstate standards
 - Existing facility lacks capacity needed for future growth

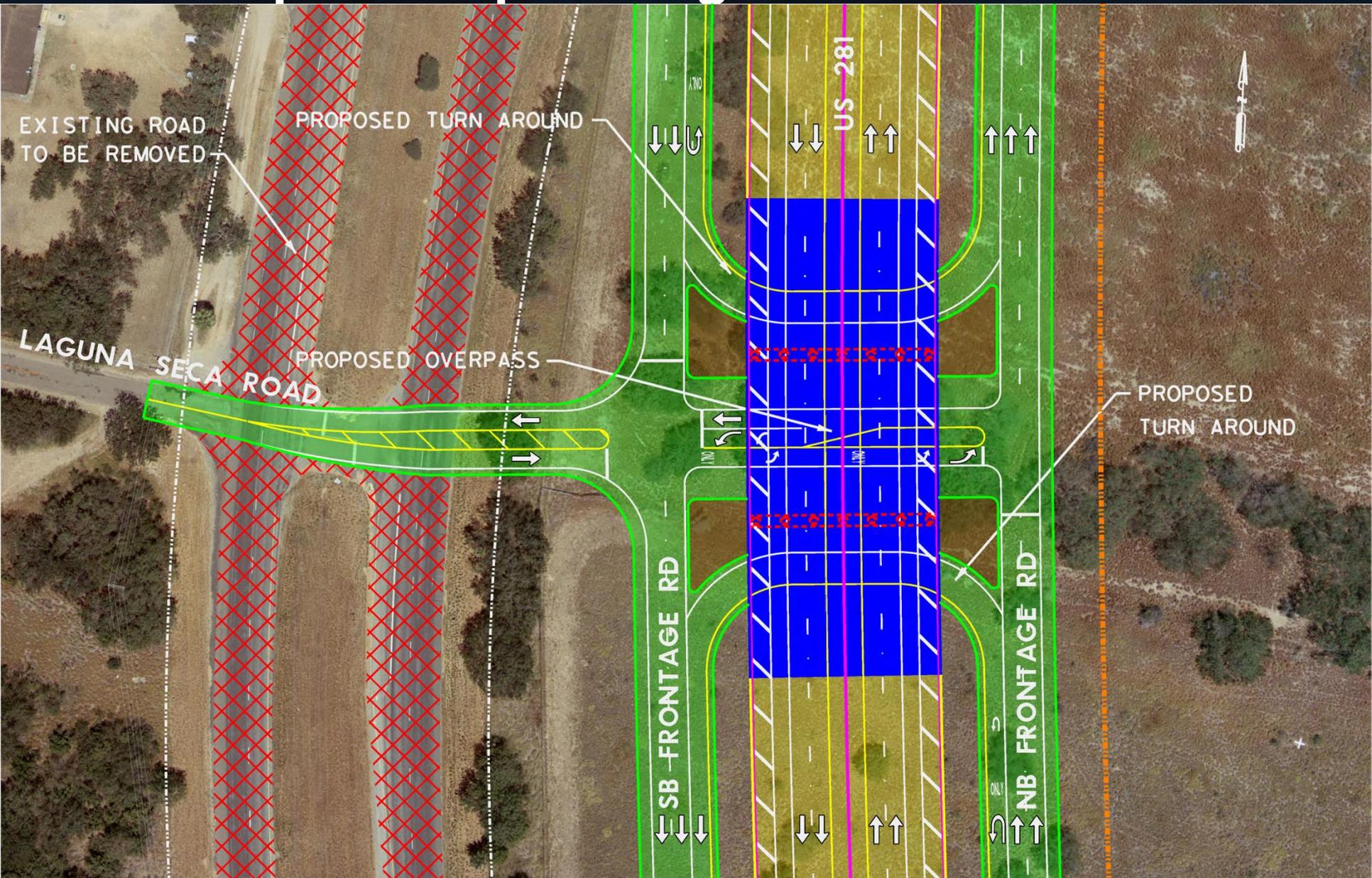
- **Project Purpose:**
 - Add capacity
 - Improve mobility
 - Improve safety

US 281 Proposed Typical Sections

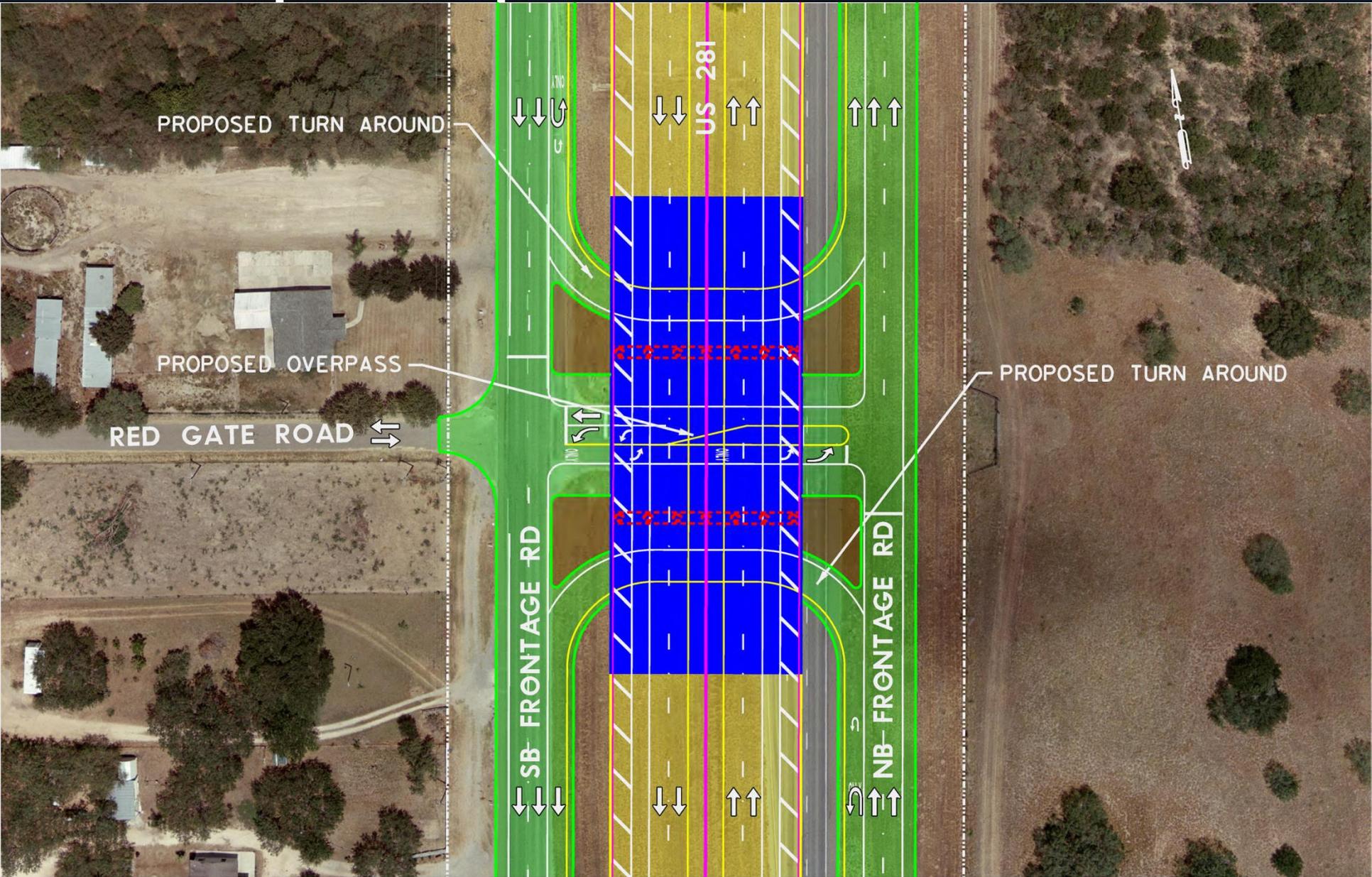


- **Project Scope**
 - Upgrade existing US 281 to interstate standards as part of future I-69C
 - Provide improved roadway alignment (i.e. straightening out curves), control of access, and continuous frontage roads
 - Construct 3 Overpasses at the following locations:
 1. Laguna Seca Road
 2. Red Gate Road
 3. Los Venados Drive

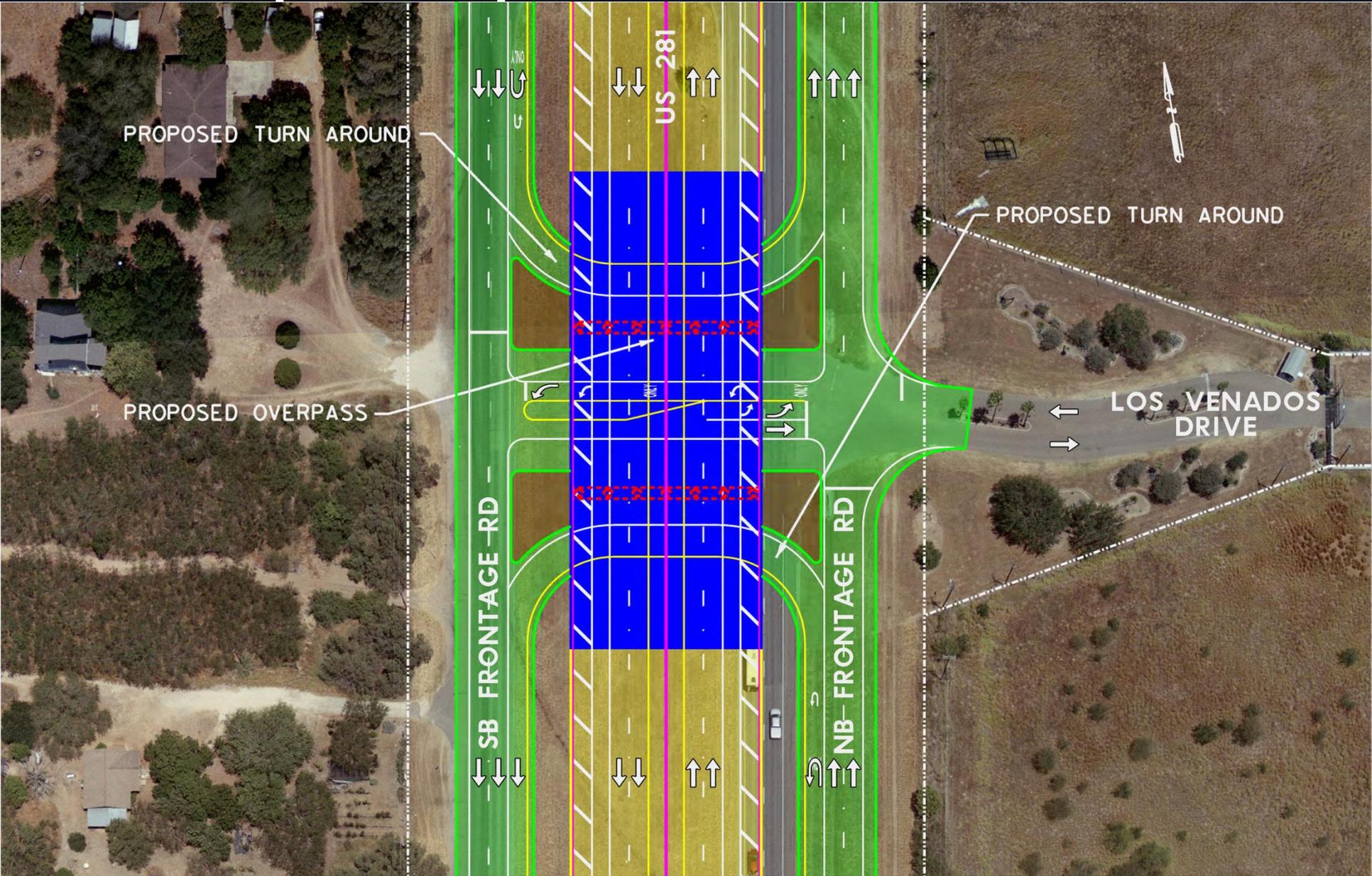
US 281 Proposed Overpass at Laguna Seca Road



US 281 Proposed Overpass at Red Gate Road



US 281 Proposed Overpass at Los Venados Drive



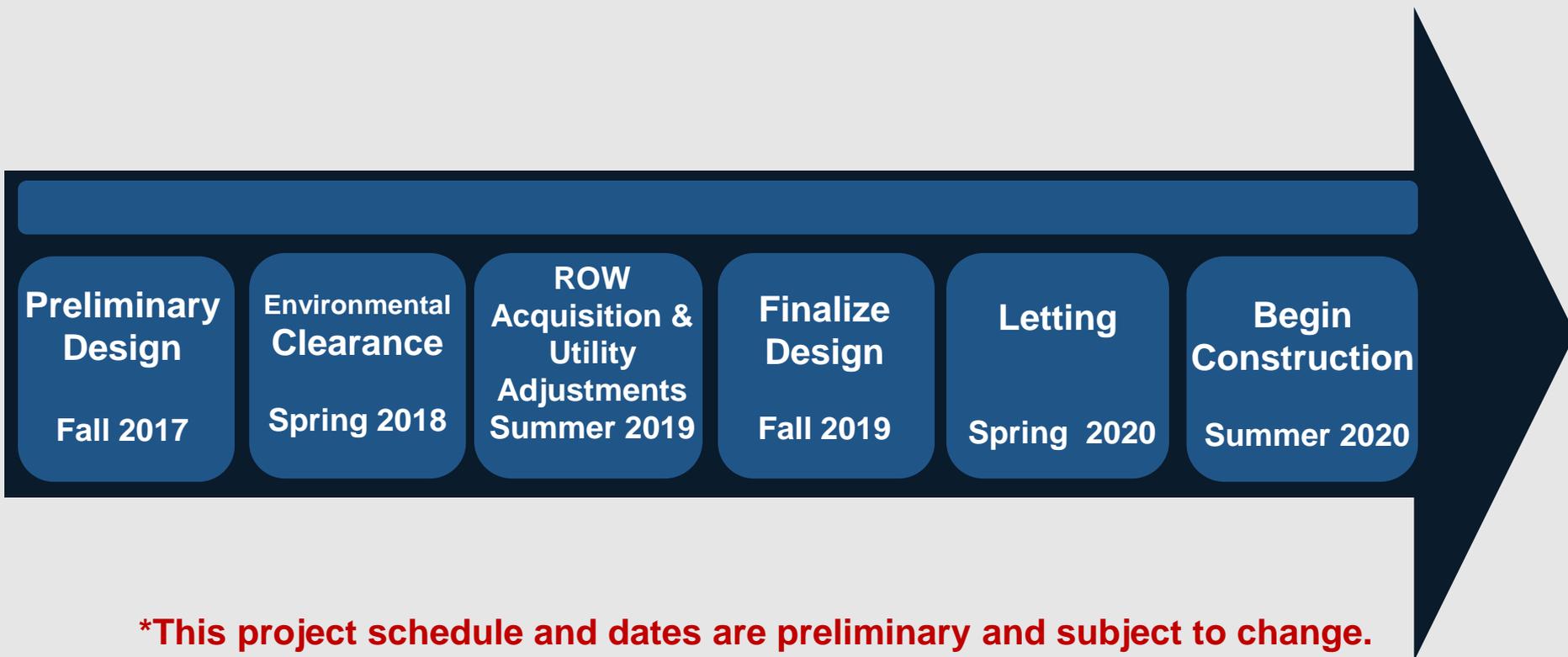
Project Details

- Right-of-Way (ROW) widening impacts by each alignment alternative:

	A	B	C	D
Residential displacements	14	4	4	18
Business/Commercial displacements	2	0	2	0
Church impact	0	0	1	0
Lots affected	40	26	13	38
ROW needs (acre)	44.8	53.2	58.0	50.1

- Alt A – ROW Widening 50/50 split (Symmetrical about the Center)
- Alt B – Best Fit (Preferred/Recommended)
- Alt C – All ROW Widening from East Side
- Alt D – All ROW Widening from West Side
- Construction Cost Approx. \$70.8 Million Per Alternative

Project Schedule*



***This project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.**

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.



- **Use the microphone**
- **State your name & address**
- **State your interest in the project**
- **Give your comments on the project**

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***Thank You for Your
Participation!***

