

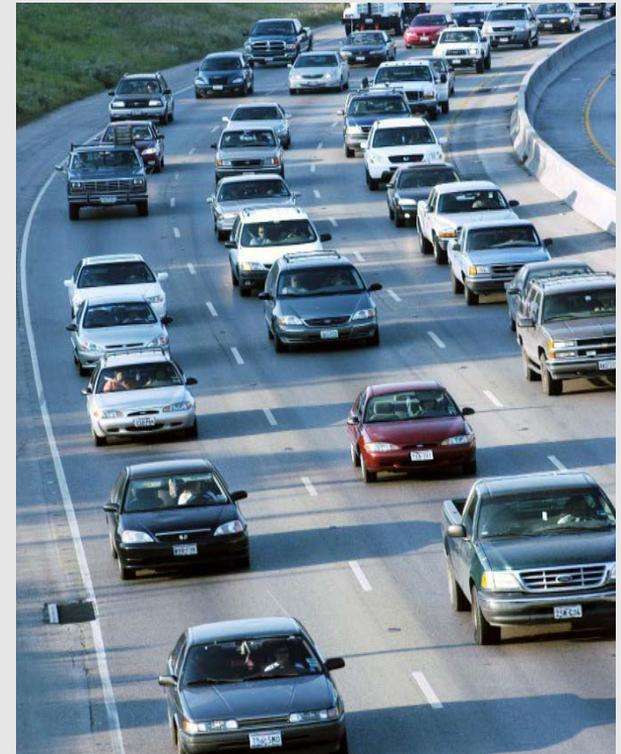


TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



I-2 & I-69C INTERCHANGE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Public Meeting



June 14, 2018



Safety: Mission
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Safety Never Stops!

Public Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**

Octavio Saenz – TxDOT Public Information Officer

- **Technical Presentation**

*Paul Voiles, PE, PTP – Consultant Project Manager
(Binkley & Barfield, Inc.)*

- **Project Schedule**

- **Public Comment**

- **Adjournment**

Public Meeting Purpose

- Encourage and maintain effective communication with the public
- Describe recommended preferred alternative
- Follow an important step in the environmental process
- Receive public input and comments



Provide Your Comments

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

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Pharr, TX 78577**

- Fax comments to (956) 702-6110
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- Visit www.txdot.gov and search “I-2 and I-69C” to view this presentation and provide comments online
- Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, June 29, 2018
- Comment responses will be developed and posted to the TxDOT website

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To view project information, schedule an appointment with:

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Project Information

Project Limits

Interstate 2 (I-2)

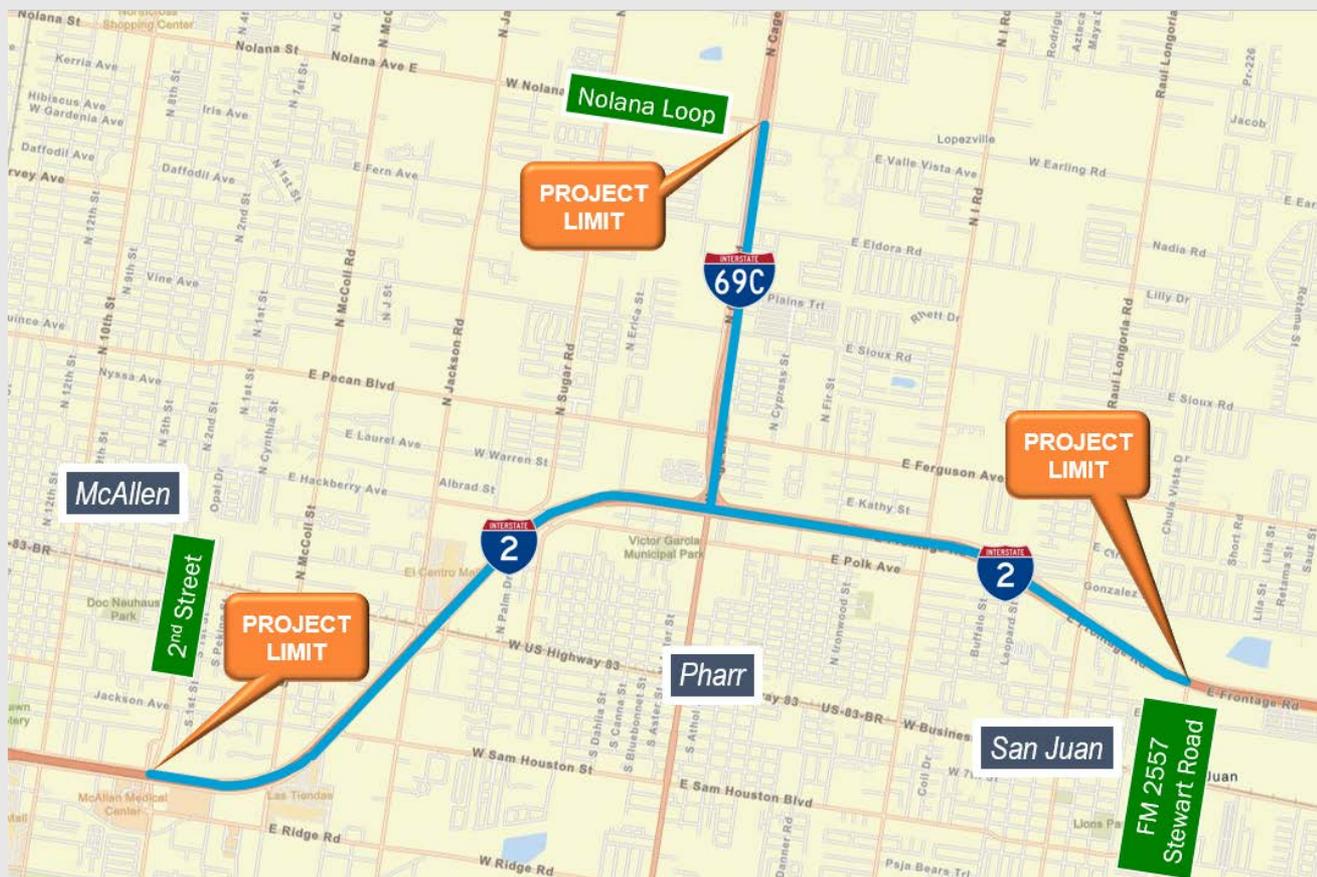
- From 2nd Street in McAllen to FM 2557 (Stewart Rd) in San Juan

Interstate 69C (I-69C)

- From Nolana Loop to I-2 in Pharr

Cost Estimate

- Design Build
 - \$320 Million



Project Purpose and Need

What problems are we trying to address?

- Increased congestion
- Lack of mobility
- Increased accident rates
- Operational improvement

What are we trying to do?

- Reduce travel time
- Improve mobility
- Improve safety
- Improve traffic operations

Existing Facility

- Four separate **1-lane** direct connector bridges
 - Each bridge is 32' wide:
 - One 14' lane
 - 10' outside shoulder
 - 6' inside shoulder
 - 1' concrete barrier on each side
- **1-lane** direct connectors experience severe congestion during peak commuting periods
- On and off ramp spacing does not meet current standards causing additional congestion



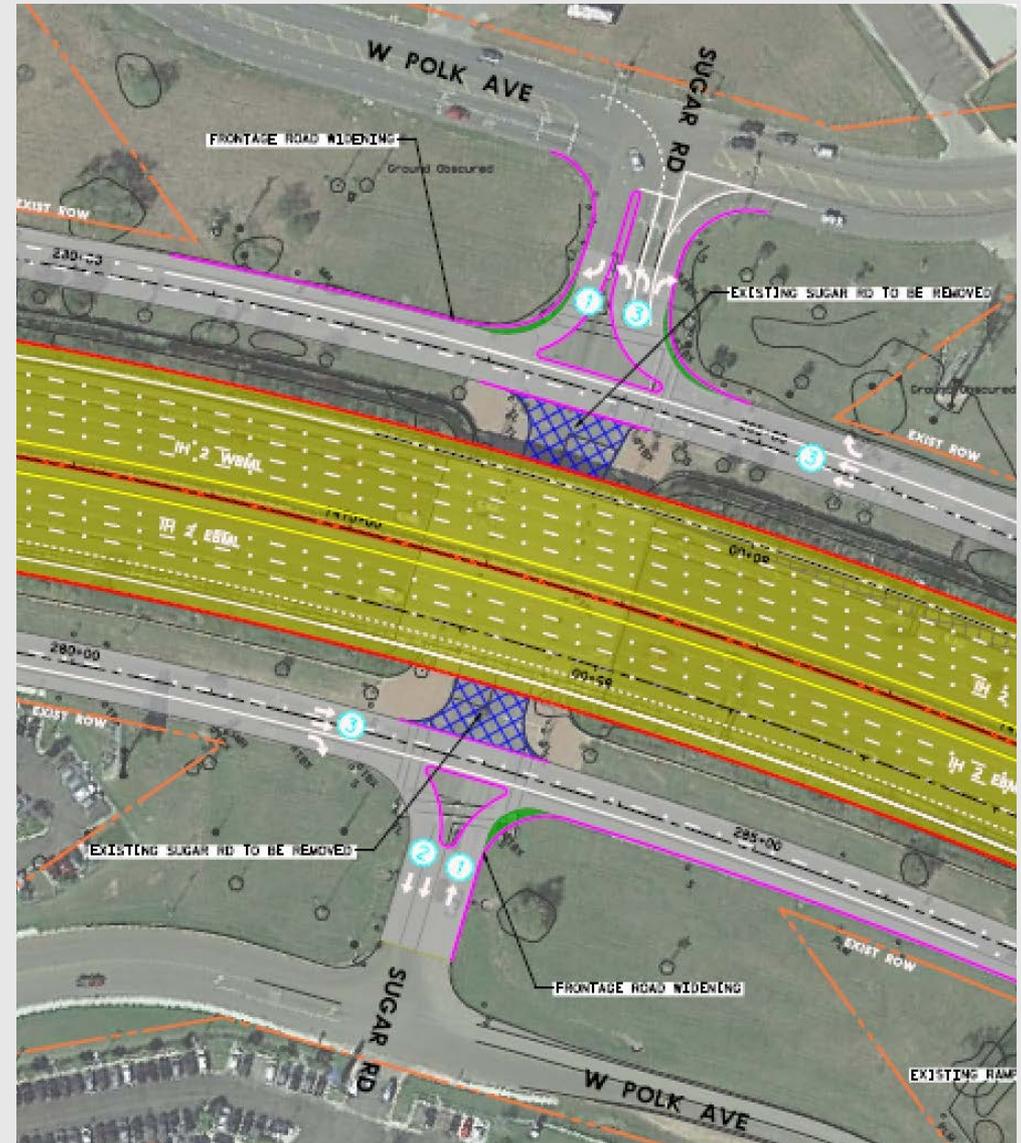
Proposed Facility

- Four separate **2-Lane** direct connector bridges
 - Each bridge is 40' wide:
 - Two 12' lanes
 - 4' inside shoulder
 - 10' outside shoulder
 - 1' concrete barrier on each side
- Reconfigure on and off ramps to optimize mobility
- Frontage Road improvements and turnarounds to further increase mobility



Sugar Road Overpass

- Sugar Road Overpass Removal
 - Overpass is too close to the new direct connectors on the west side
 - Improved main lane operations
 - Frontage Road operational improvements will increase mobility
 - Improve Safety



Braided Ramps

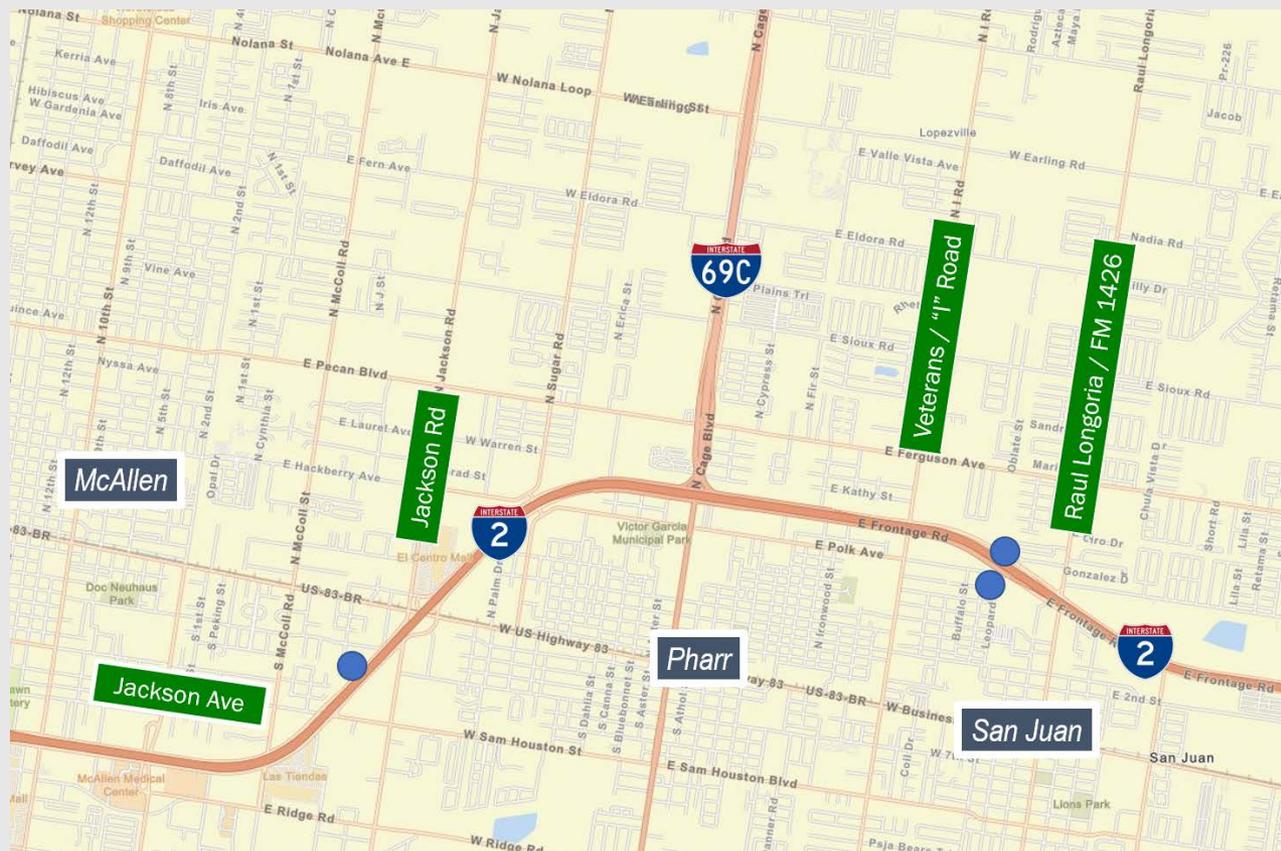
Braided ramps allow spacing between ramps to meet current standards



Braided Ramps

Proposed Locations:

- I-2 westbound between Jackson Road and Jackson Avenue
- I-2 eastbound between Veterans/I Road and Raul Longoria/FM 1426
- I-2 westbound between Veterans/I Road and Raul Longoria/FM 1426



● Proposed Braided Ramp Location

Conceptual Construction Phasing

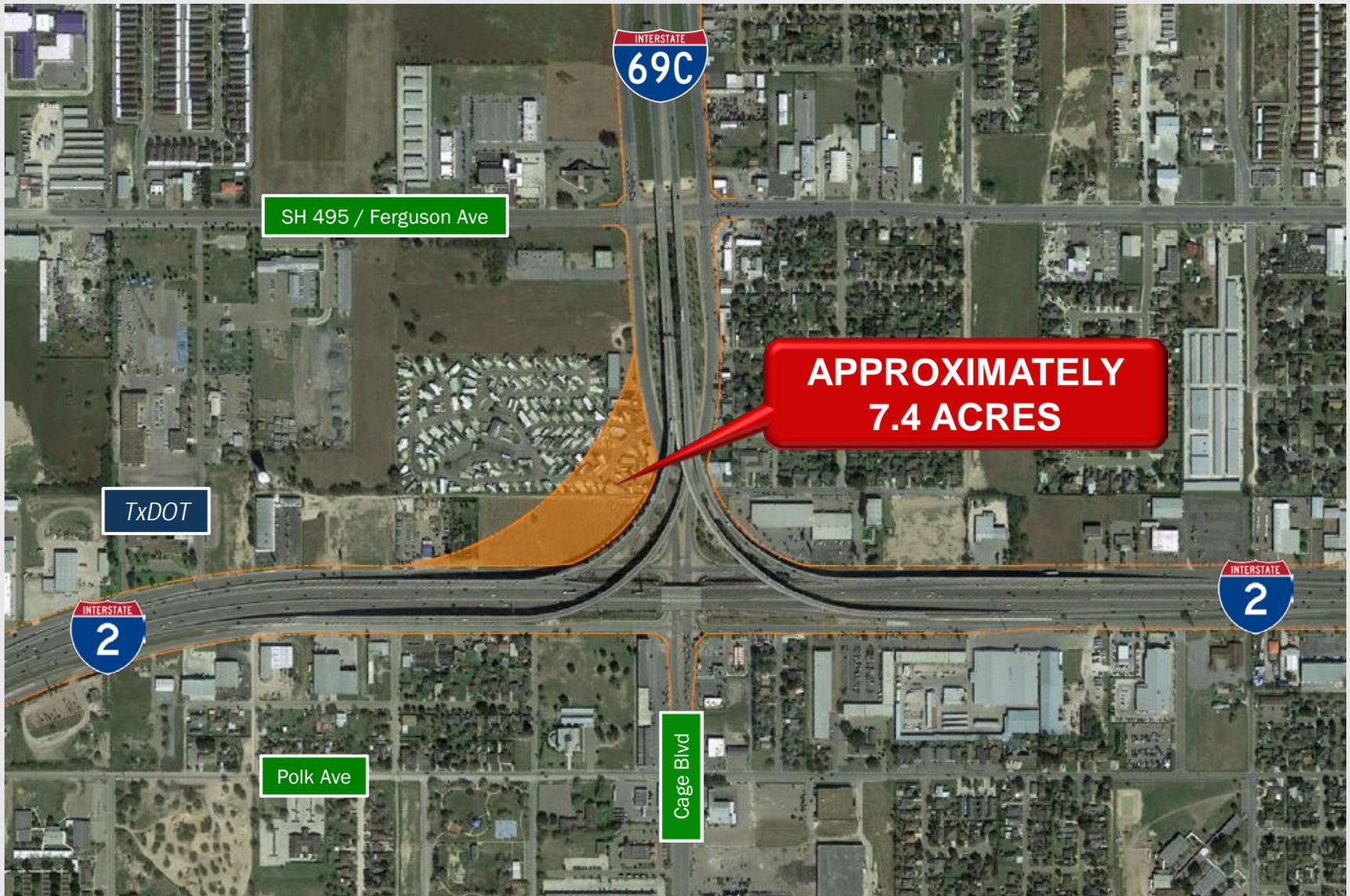
- Direct Connector Bridges will be replaced and removed one at a time to minimize disruptions to existing traffic patterns, in this order:
 - Southbound I-69C to Westbound I-2
 - Southbound I-69C to Eastbound I-2
 - Eastbound I-2 to Northbound I-69C
 - Westbound I-2 to Northbound I-69C
- The new bridges can mostly be constructed while traffic remains in its current location
- Temporary detours will be required for roadway and bridge construction.
- Remaining highway lane, frontage road, and ramp optimization work will be interwoven into the direct connector replacement phases to provide least possible impact to traveling public

Environmental Considerations

- Approximately 7.4 acres of new ROW will be required
- No Licenses, or Permits will be required

- The following technical reports are being conducted:
 - Cultural Resource Study,
 - Community Impact Analysis,
 - Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment,
 - Traffic Noise Analysis,
 - Biological Evaluation,
 - Air Quality Analysis, and
 - Indirect Analysis,

Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition



Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition/Relocation Assistance

- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Act of 1970
 - Title II
 - Title III
- ROW Brochures
- TxDOT Right-of-Way Representatives

TxDOT WEBSITE

<http://www.txdot.gov/government/processes-procedures/row.html>

PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE*



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

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by 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.

Public Comment Period



- **Use the microphone.**
- **State your name & address.**
- **State your interest in the project.**
- **Give your comments on the project. Limit statement to 3 minutes.**

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

