



WELCOME

Meeting with **A**ffected **P**roperty **O**wners

SH 68 Design Modification

Thursday March 28, 2019

4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

J. Economedes High School

1414 N. Alamo Road

PURPOSE AND NEED

Need (What problems are we trying to address?)

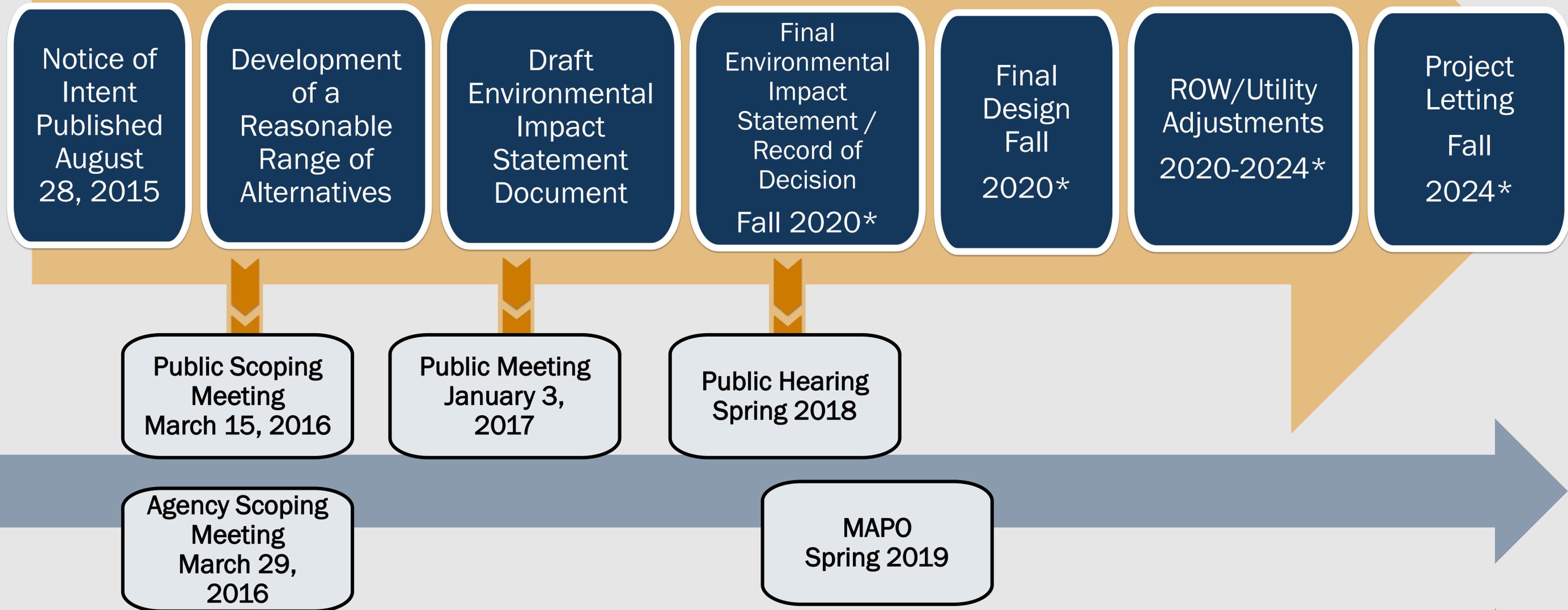
SH 68 is needed because:

- there are limited current north-south roadways in the area
- population is projected to increase substantially in the future
- projected increase in traffic volume on current north-south roadways
- to improve the emergency evacuation capacity of the state highway system in the south Texas region.

Project Purpose (What are we trying to do?)

- accommodate population growth and higher traffic volumes
- relieve the burden on the limited number of existing north-south roadways
- provide an alternate north-south evacuation route during emergency events

SH 68 TIMELINE

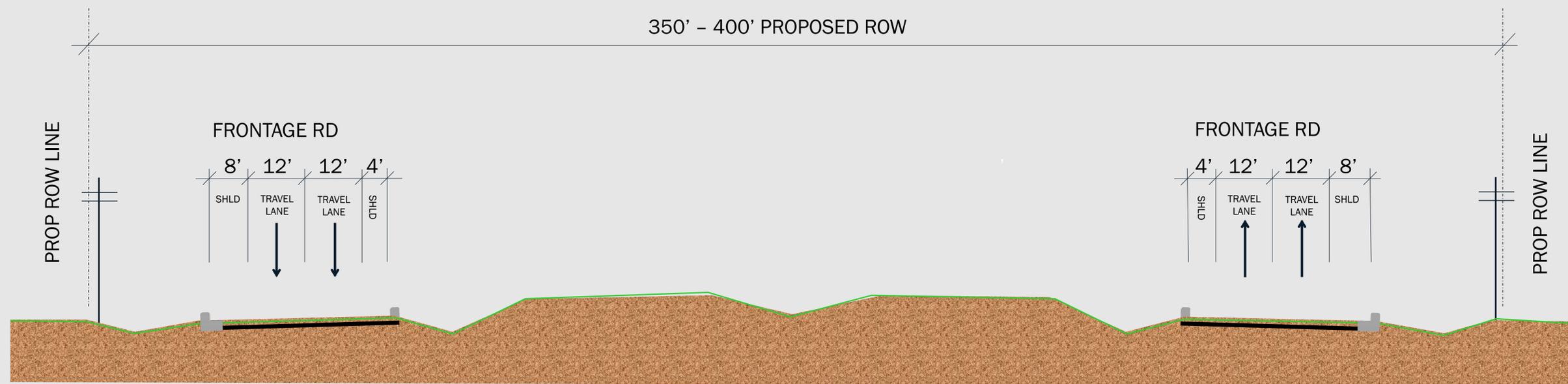


Stakeholder and public involvement occurs throughout the process.

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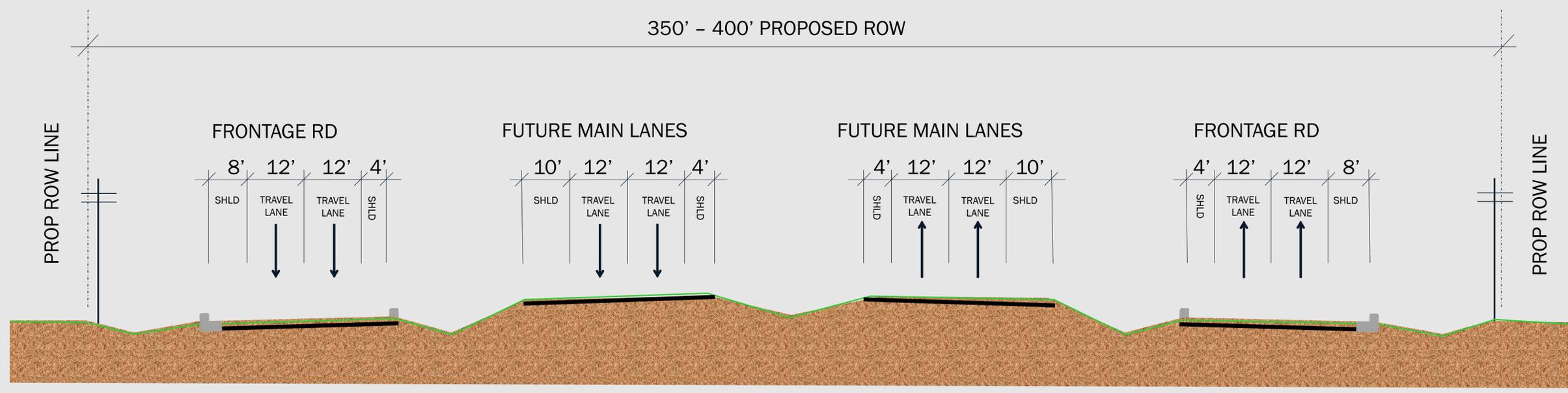
INTERIM TYPICAL SECTION

Construction Phasing



Phase I – I-2/US 83 to FM 1925/Monte Cristo Road
 Phase II – FM 1925/Monte Cristo Road to I-69C/US 281

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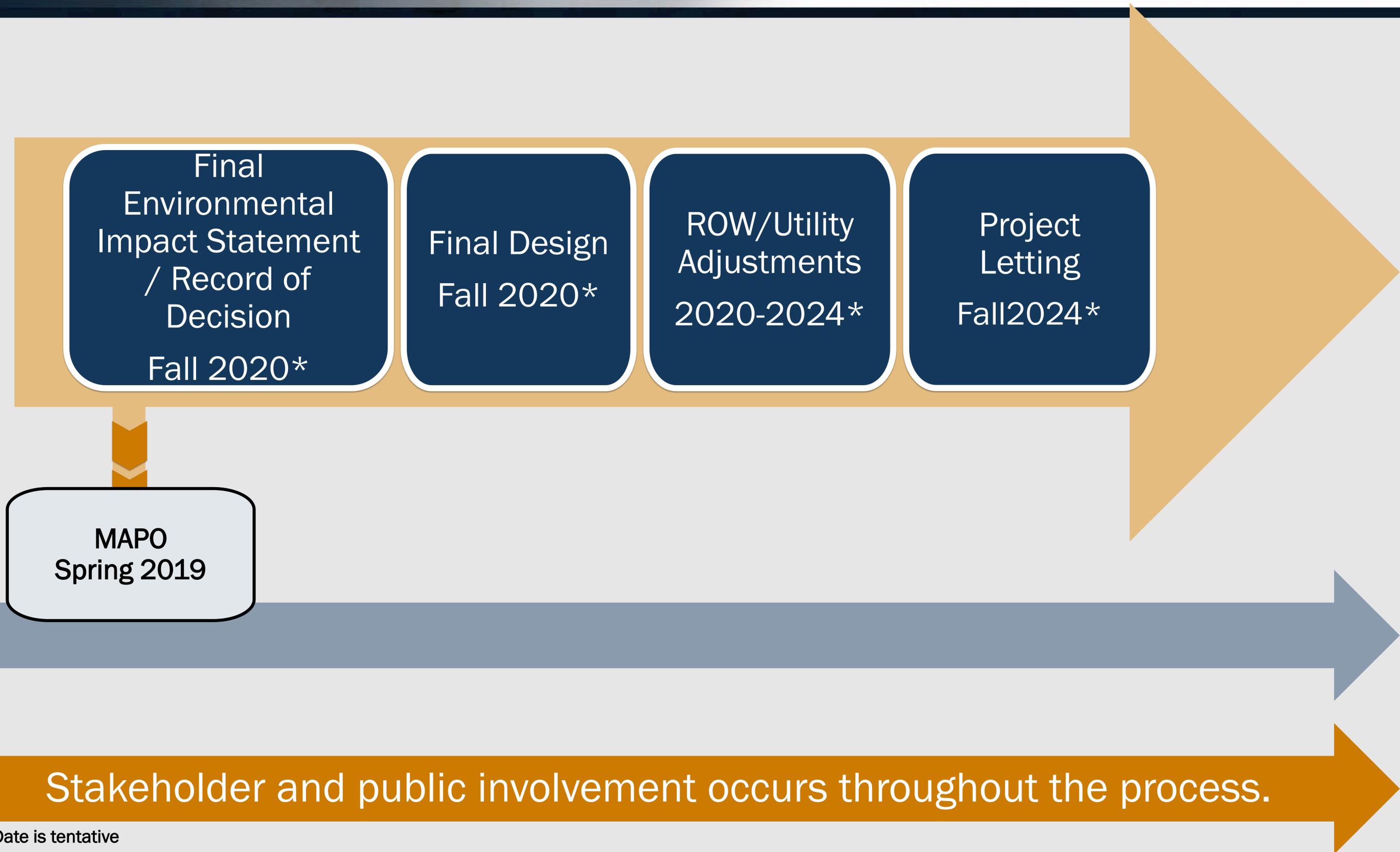
Future Phases – Main Lanes from I-2/US 83 to I-69C/US 281

COMPARISON OF KEY DIFFERENCES

(In Design Modification Area)

<u>Key Differences</u>	<u>Recommended Preferred Alternative</u>	<u>Proposed Design Modification</u>
Number of Residential Parcels	113	82
Number of Residential Displacements	51	38
Number of Business Parcels	7	2
Number of Business Displacements	7	2
Acres of Orchards Impacted	24	34
Acres of Brush/Shrubland Impacted	25	12
Impacts to Church Parking	0	1
Pipelines Crossed	1	5
Irrigation Canals Crossed	3	6
Drainage Ditches Crossed	4	3
Length (miles)	3.2	3.2

SH 68 NEXT STEPS



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How can I make Comments?

- Submit a written comment form tonight
- Make a verbal comment to the court reporter
- Mail or drop off written comments to:

**TxDOT Pharr District Office / Attn: SH 68
600 W Interstate 2
Pharr, TX 78577**

- Fax comments to 956-702-6110
- Email comments to Margil.Maldonado@txdot.gov
- For more information visit www.txdot.gov and search “SH 68”
- Comments regarding the proposed design modification are requested by April 12, 2019