



FM 1516

Public Hearing
Judson High School, Performing Arts Center
January 15, 2019

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Public Hearing Agenda

FM 1516

From I-10 East to FM 78

PUBLIC HEARING
Judson High School
Performing Arts Center
9443 Schaefer Rd,
Converse, TX 78109

Open House: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: 6:00 p.m.

- Introductions
- Hearing Format
- Project Overview
- Environmental Overview
- Schedule and Funding
- Public Comments

Elected Officials Partner Agencies Project Team

Hearing Format

Purpose of the Public Hearing:

To gather comments and feedback from the community regarding the proposed improvements to FM 1516.

Hearing Format:

- Sign up to speak
- Provide your name, address and Elected position/organization (if applicable)
- Limit comments to three minutes
- Time cannot be shared with other commenters

Project Overview

Proposed Project Overview

- Expand FM 1516 from two-lanes to four-lanes with left turn lanes and raised medians.
- Add dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of FM 1516.
- Drainage improvements – drainage ditches and underground storm water system.
- Project would require an additional 15.2 acres of right of way, with utility adjustments and one commercial displacement. No residential displacements are anticipated.



Why is the proposed project needed?

- Reduce congestion, which would in turn improve travel time along FM 1516
- Improve safety conditions along the corridor by upgrading intersections
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.

Traffic Predictions

Existing (2016)  13,300 vehicles per day

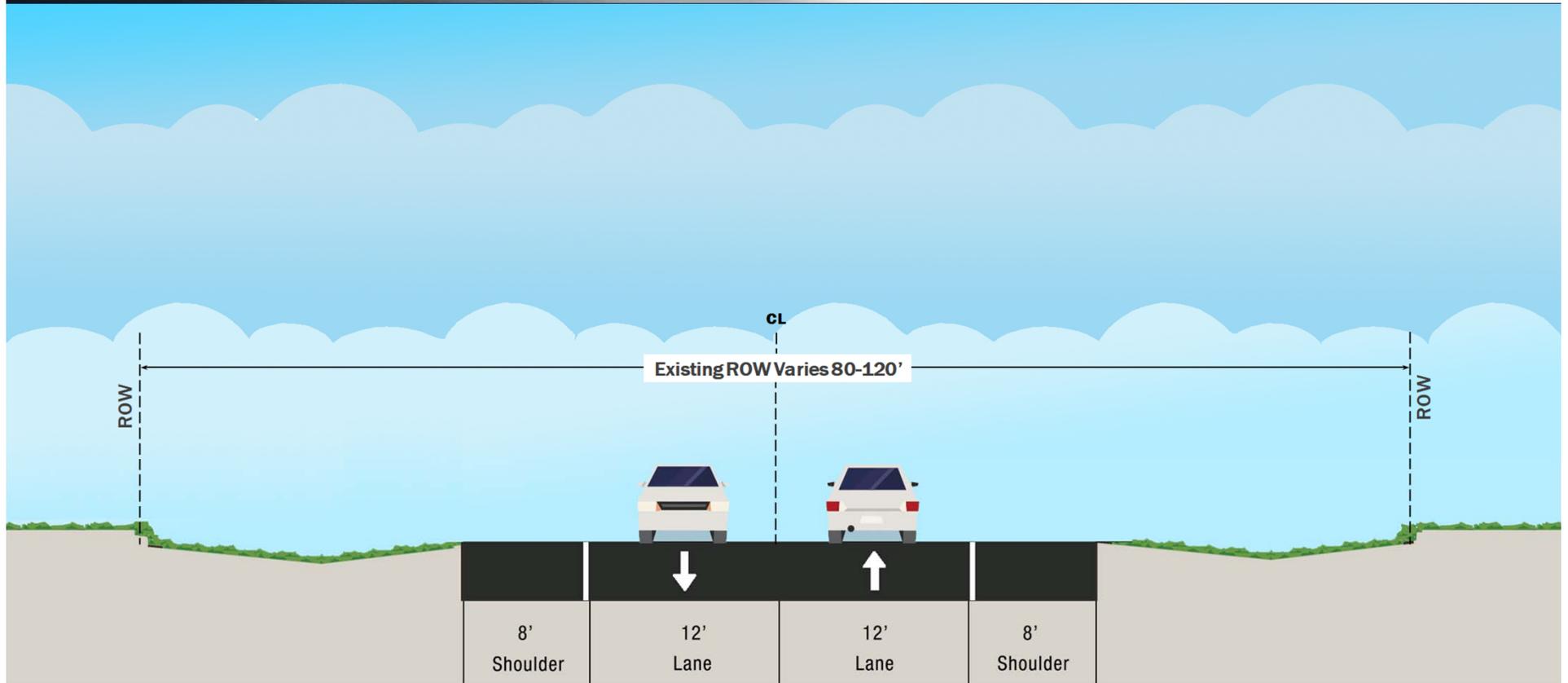
Projected (2044)  26,900 vehicles per day

Pedestrian and Vehicle Crash Data

- The vehicular crash rate in the project area is identified to be higher than the state average.
- From 2011-2015, there were 81 injury related crashes. Eight of which, or 10%, of the total injury-related incidents involved bicyclists or pedestrians.



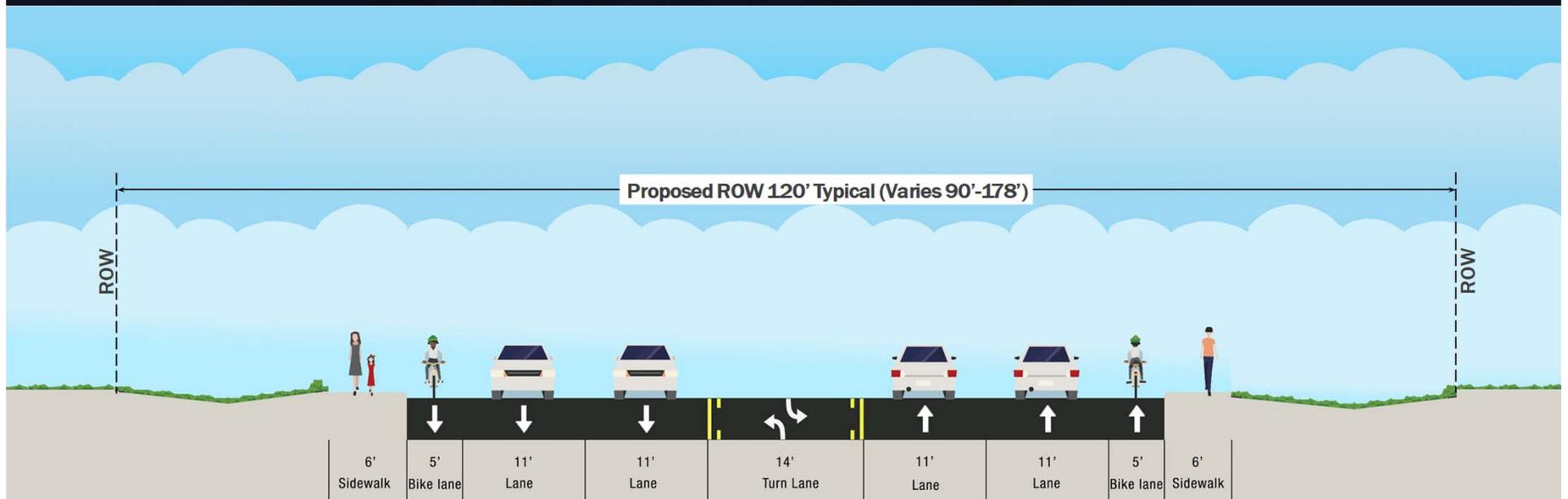
Existing Typical Section



Existing FM 1516 Includes:

- 12-foot travel lanes
- 8-foot shoulders
- Existing right-of-way (ROW) varies from 80 to 120 feet

Proposed Typical Section



Proposed FM 1516 Typical Section Includes:

- 11-foot travel lanes, 14-foot continuous two-way center left turn lane
- 5-foot bike lanes
- Adding curbs and sidewalks along both sides of the road
- Proposed right-of-way is a typical 120 feet
- The proposed right-of-way varies between 90 feet and 178 feet



Environmental Overview

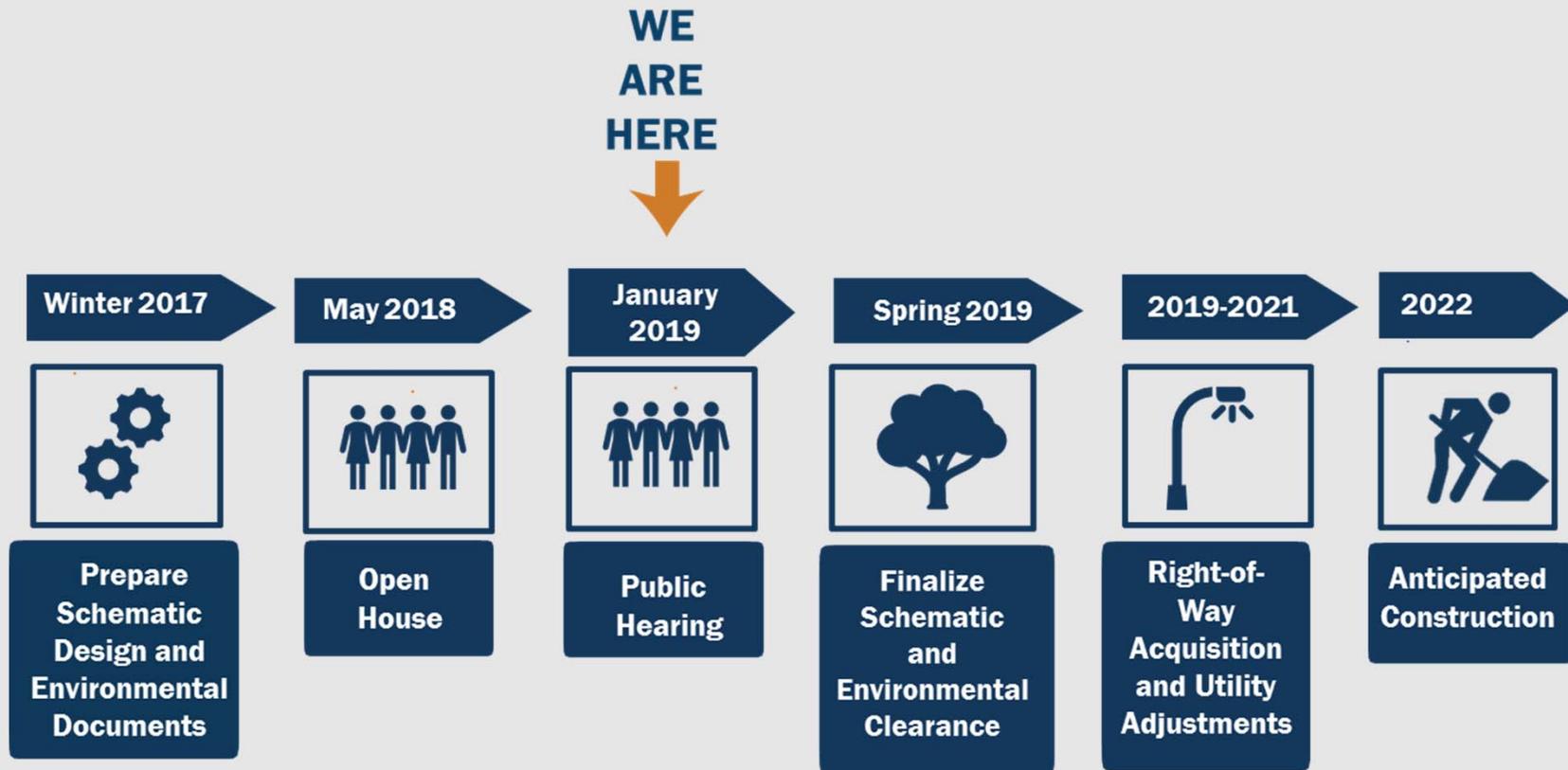
Environmental Studies

- The acquisition of 15.2 acres of proposed right of way;
- One commercial displacement; no residential displacements;
- 5 stream crossings, including approximately 0.2 acres of permanent impacts to wetlands and waters of the U.S.
- Impacts to approximately 7.8 acres of the 100-year floodplain;
- Traffic Noise studies
- Potential habitat for two state-listed threatened bird species:
 - Wood Stork
 - White-faced Ibis
- Suitable habitat for four Species of Greatest Conservative Concern (SGCN)
 - Correl's false dragon-head (plant)
 - Texas garter snake (reptile)
 - Western Burrowing Owl (bird)
 - Plains spotted skunk (mammal)
- No habitat for federal threatened or endangered species
- No substantive impacts to Air Quality are anticipated due to the project
- No impacts to Cultural Resources (historic or archeological)



Schedule and Funding

Project Schedule and Process*



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

Project Funding

Project Funded with State,
Federal (Identified by the Alamo Area MPO),
and Local Funds

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
\$11.75 Million

Total Construction Cost:
\$23.5 Million





Public Comment Period

Limit: 3 minutes Per Speaker

Public Comment Opportunities

Options for Commenting

1. Provide a verbal comment during the formal Public Hearing tonight
2. Place comment card in comment box
3. Email comments to: FM1516project@gmail.com
4. Mail comments to: FM 1516
Attn: Jacobs/B3004C
P.O. Box 53495
Houston, Texas 77052

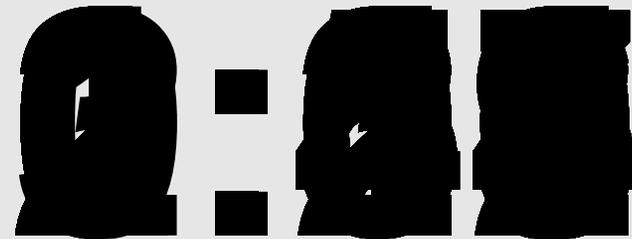
Deadline for comments : January 30, 2019

For more information visit www.txdot.gov and search keywords “FM 1516 from I-10”



Verbal Comments

- Submit Speaker Registration Card
- Limited to 3 minutes
- Use microphone and face court reporter
- State your name and whom you represent (if applicable)
- Unused time may not be given to another speaker





*Thank you for your
participation!*



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