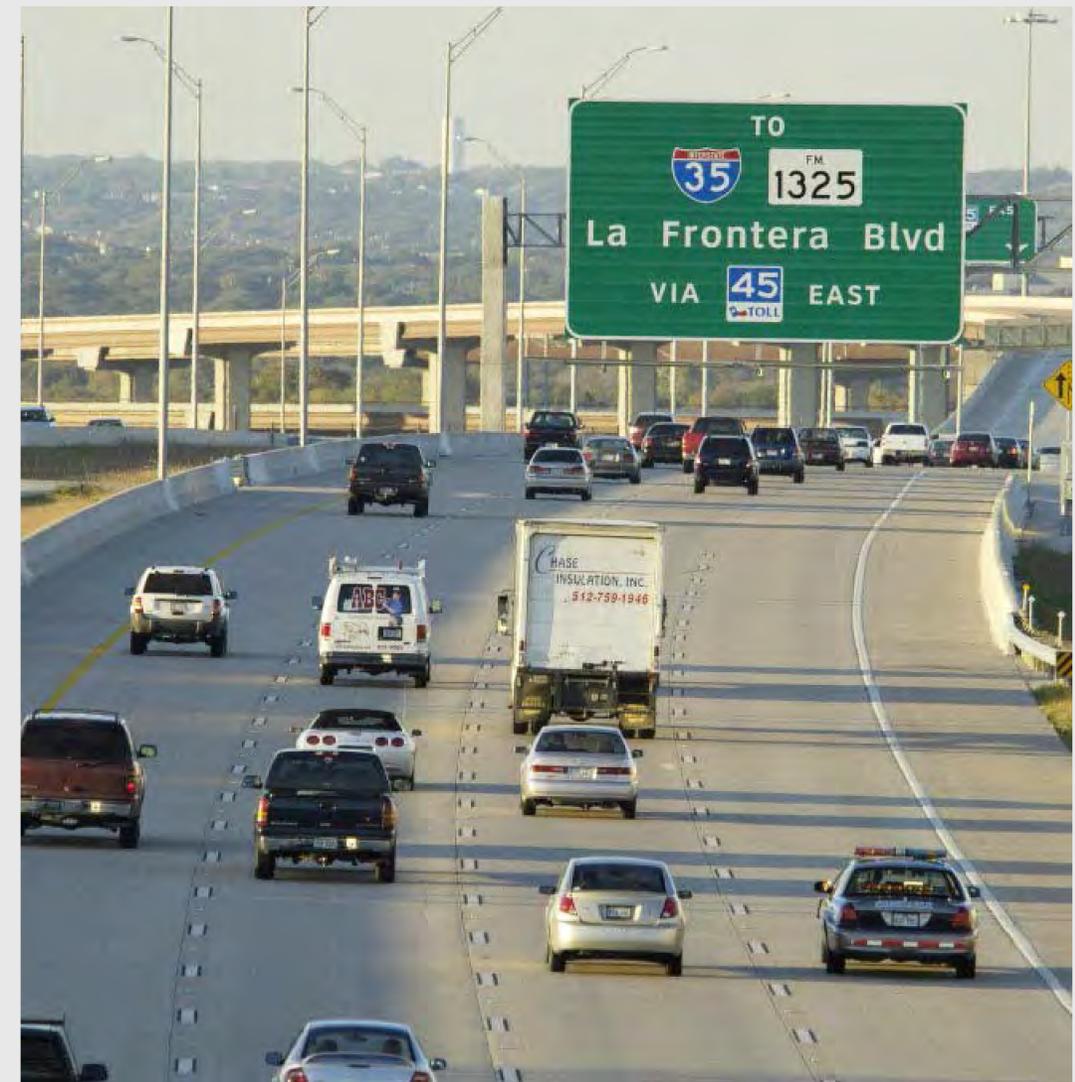


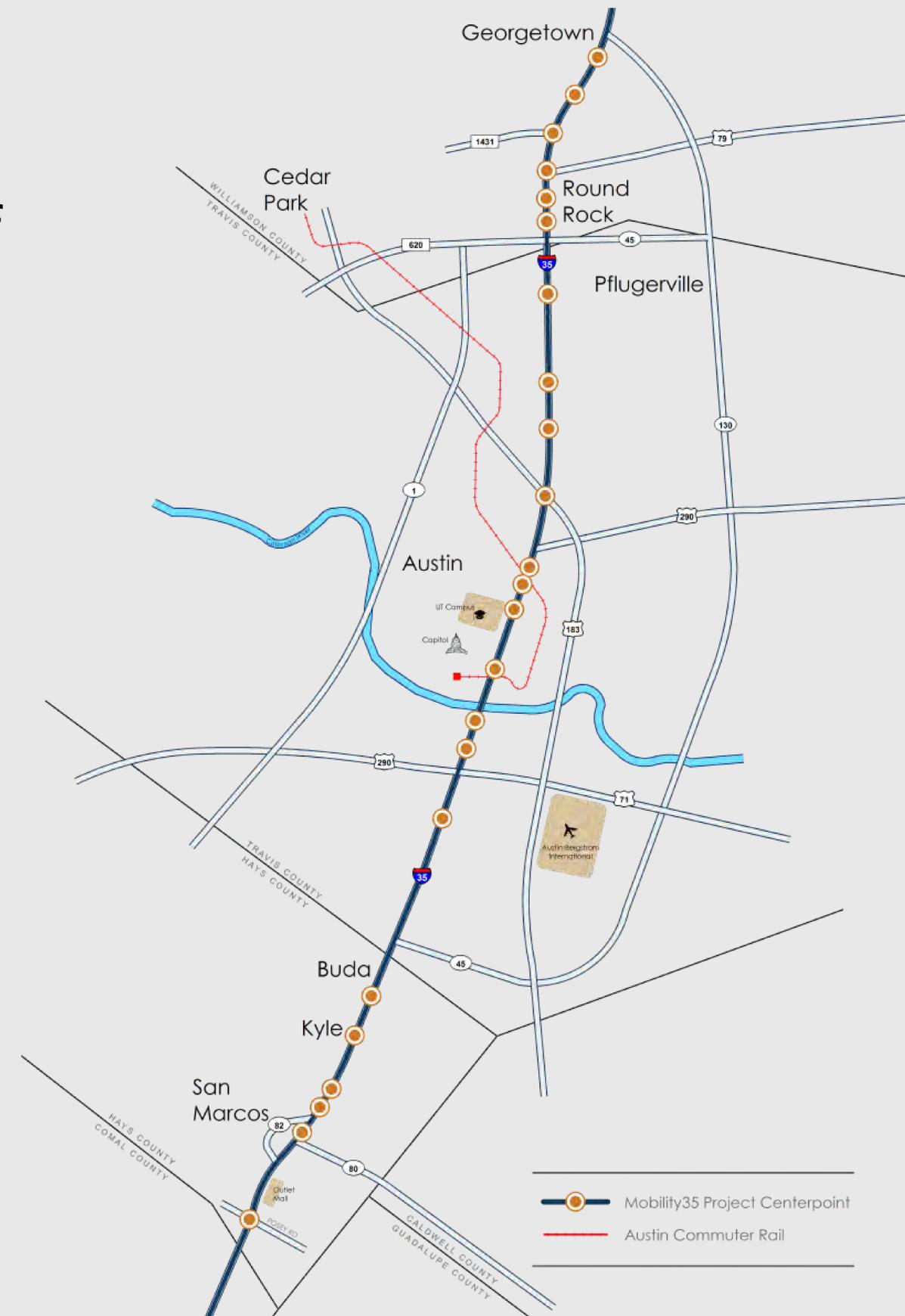


I-35 at RIVERSIDE DRIVE

July 21, 2015



- Program Limits: SH 130 (north of Georgetown) to Posey Road (south of San Marcos)
- Include significant contributions from regional partners:
 - CAMPO
 - Williamson, Travis, and Hays Counties
 - City of Round Rock
 - City of Austin
 - Private



Mobility35 Goals

- Increase capacity
- Better manage traffic
- Enhance safety
- Optimize existing facility
- Minimize additional right-of-way
- Improve east-west connectivity
- Improve compatibility with neighborhoods
- Enhance bicyclist, pedestrian, and transit-user options



A Community-Driven Effort



- More than 210 stakeholder meetings and community events, 2011 – present
- 34 public open houses
- 15 online open houses
 - More than 5,000 visitors
- Website, Twitter, Facebook
- Location-specific outreach
 - Downtown Stakeholder Working Group
 - Decks Area Neighborhood Workshops



Mobility35 Program Cost and the Program Approach

Estimated Cost (in 2020 dollars)

- Williamson: \$815M
 - Travis: \$1.6B - \$1.9B*
 - Hays: \$1.5B
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- Benefits of the program approach
 - Projects can be implemented independently to provide localized improvement
 - Each project contributes to a collective benefit for the system
 - Projects can be advanced to utilize funding as it becomes available
 - Local transportation partners including cities, counties, CAMPO and the Mobility Authority reference the program to make decisions where they can best assist with securing funding for projects

 * *Dependent on final Austin downtown concept*

A Community-Driven Plan



I-35 Future Transportation
Corridor Planning and
Environmental Linkages
Study

TxDOT, Austin District

Williamson County



I-35 Capital Area
Improvement Program
(Mobility35)

Corridor Implementation Plan
SH 130 to RM 1431
Williamson County, Texas
April 2015

Travis County



I-35 Capital Area
Improvement Program
(Mobility35)

Corridor Implementation Plan
SH 45SE to Posey Rd
Hays County, Texas

Hays County



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What are we trying to do?

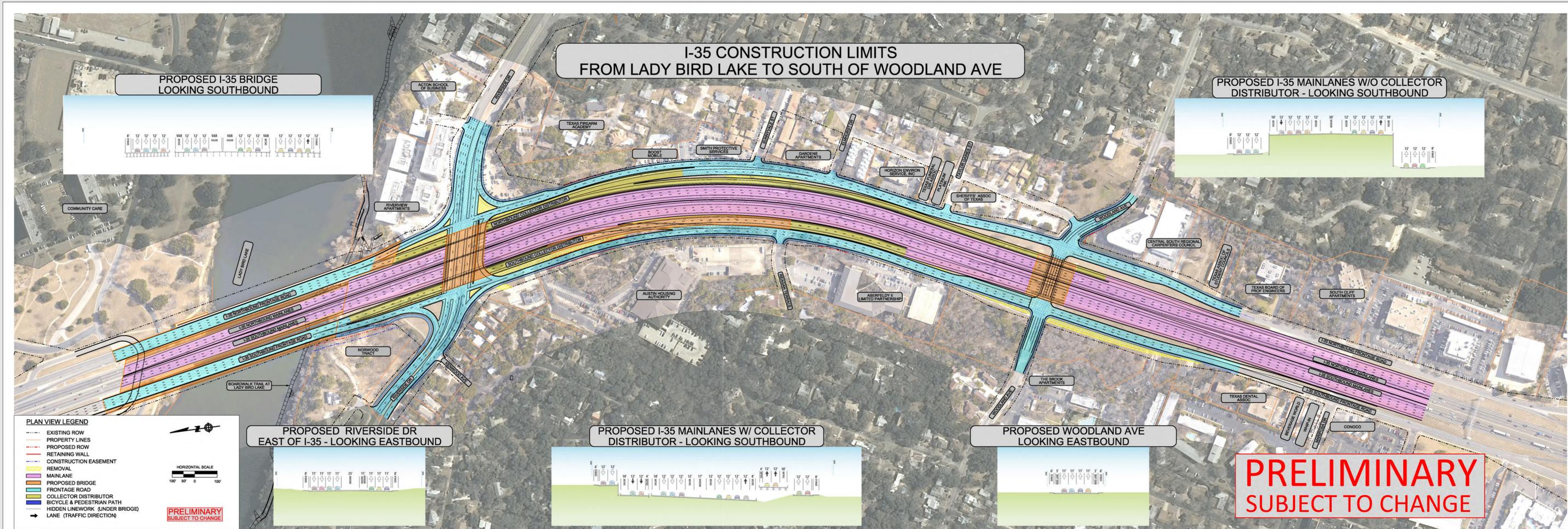
- Improve safety and mobility for all traffic, including bicycles, pedestrians, and transit

What are we trying to improve?

- Traffic flow during peak hours
- Sight distance on the mainlanes south of Riverside Drive
- Intersection operations



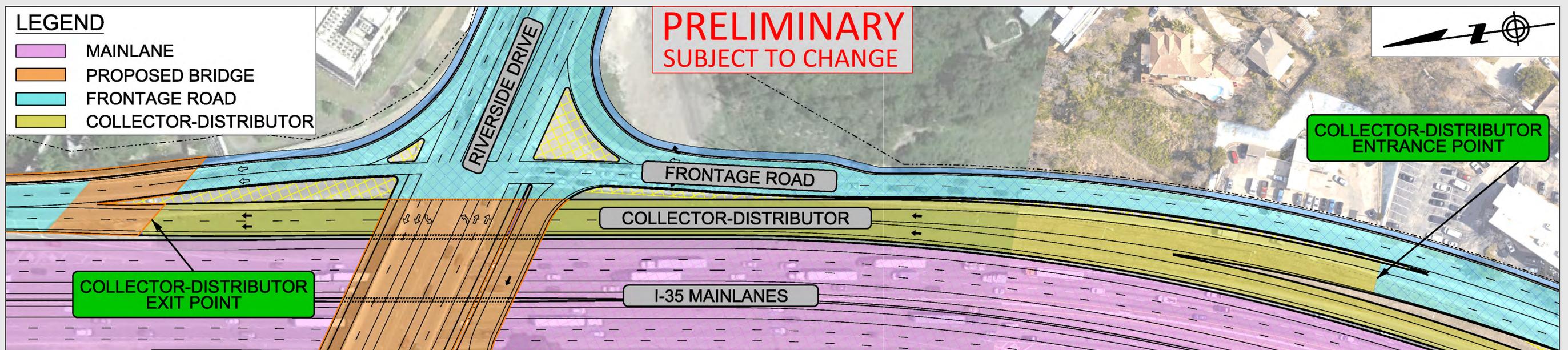
Proposed I-35 Improvements



Current schematic is available for download on My35.org/capital



What is a collector-distributor?



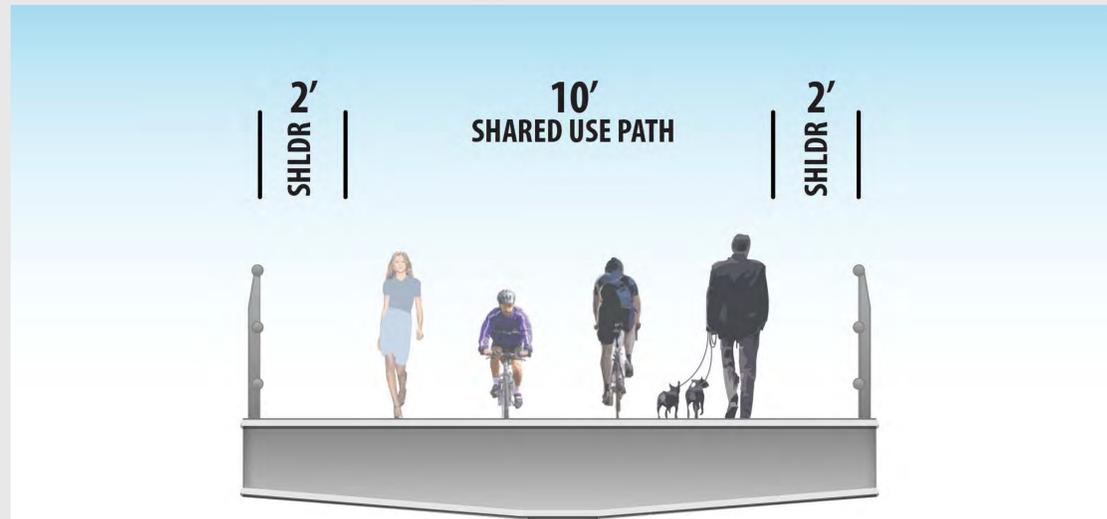
Collector-distributor basics:

- Allows traffic entering/exiting the highway to safely merge without disrupting travel on the mainlanes
- Improves traffic flow by allowing vehicles to bypass traffic signals on the frontage road
- Reduces congestion at intersections
- Already in use in Austin on:
 - Northbound I-35 at Parmer Lane (shown right)
 - Southbound I-35 at MLK Blvd
 - Northbound I-35 at 51st Street

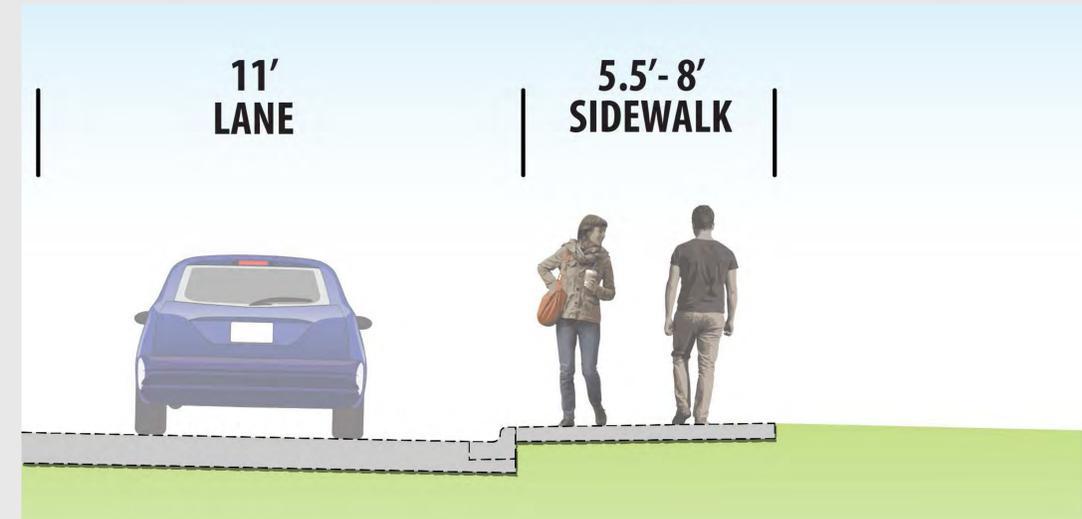


Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

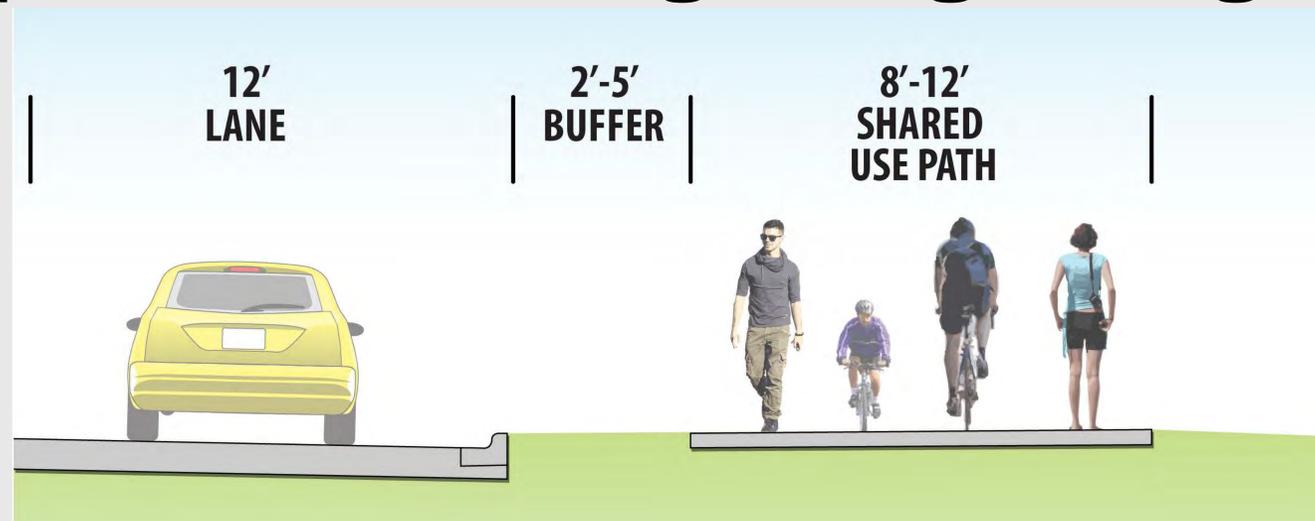
Existing boardwalk



Existing facility along frontage road



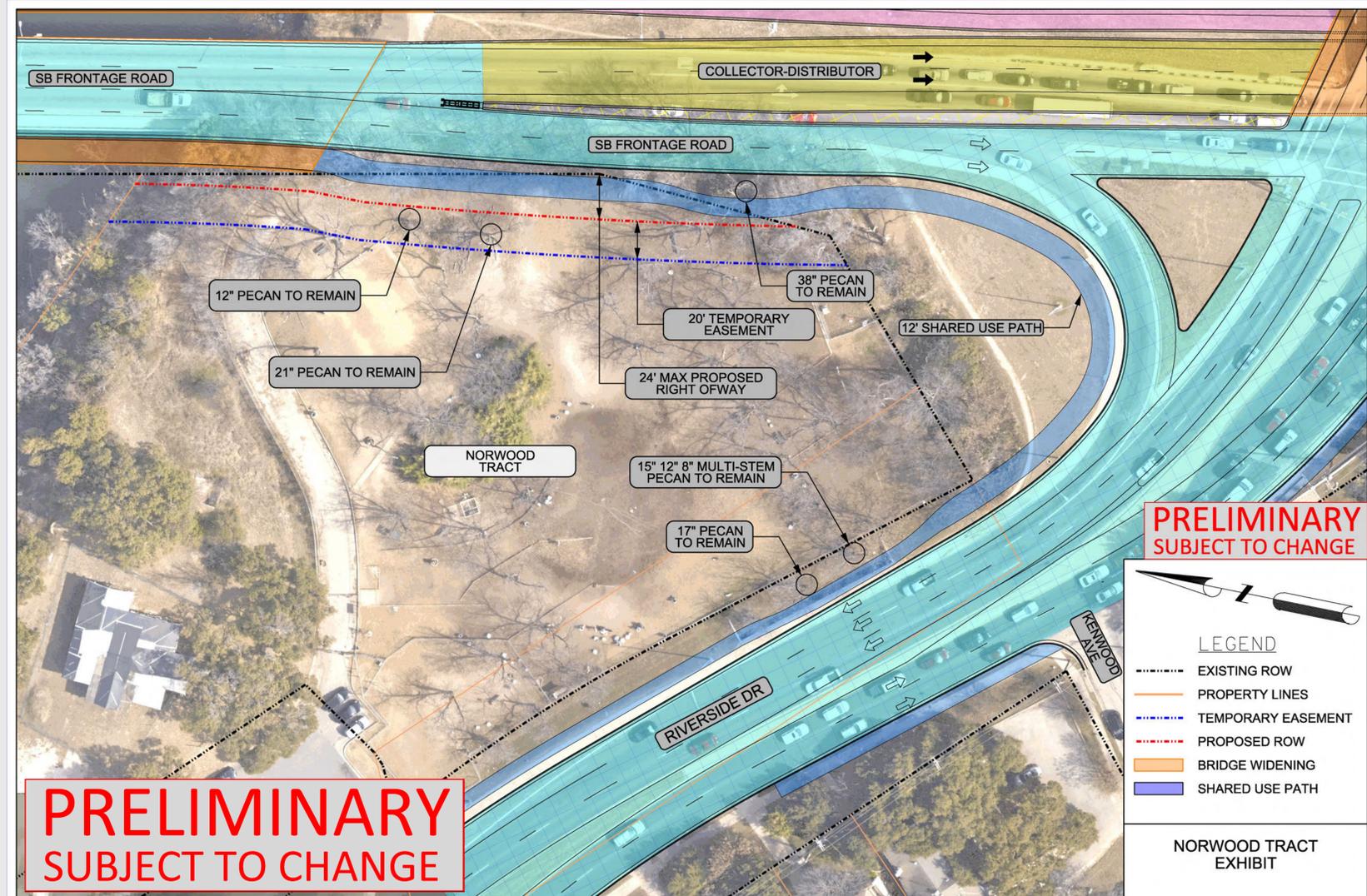
Proposed current design along frontage road



I-35 Improvements at Norwood Tract

Proposed Current Design

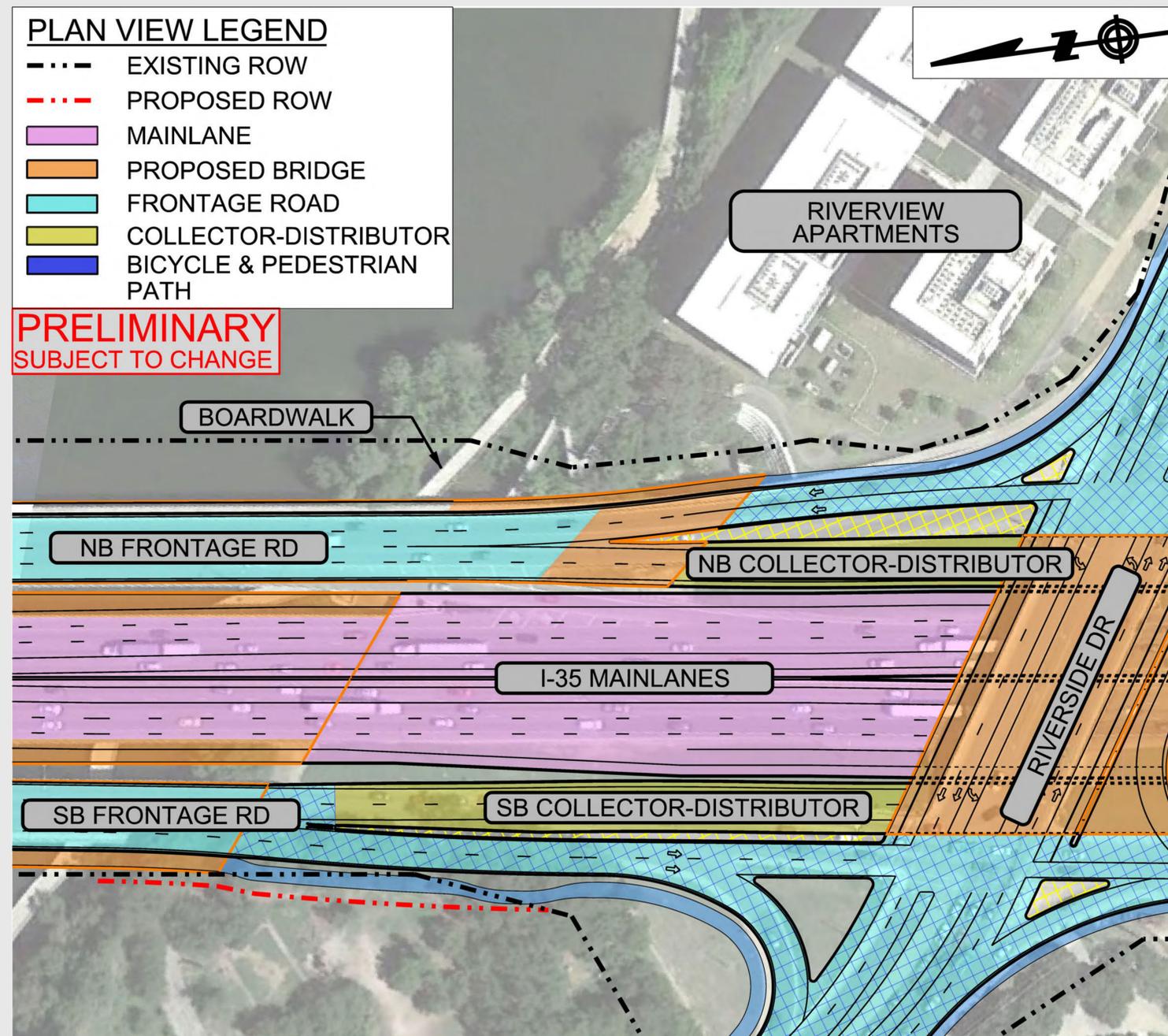
- 12-foot shared use path
- Path buffered 5 feet from traffic
- Path route selected to minimize impact to trees
- Retaining walls to minimize right-of-way
- Shared use path configuration consistent with city of Austin plan
- Requires right-of-way and temporary easement



Boardwalk Considerations

Current status:

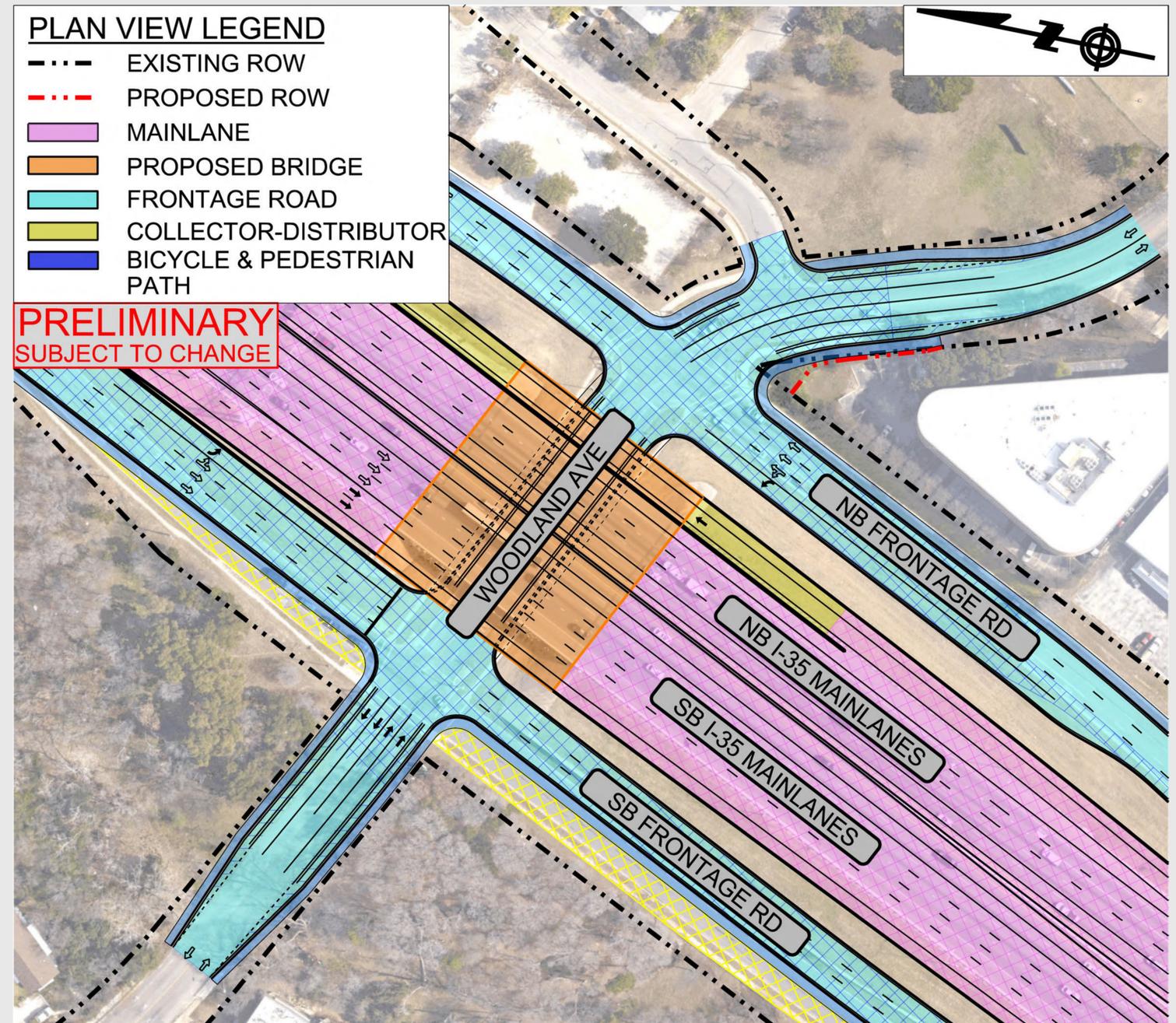
- Exploring options to minimize impacts
- Temporary short-term closures during bridge construction
- Potential modifications to the boardwalk within TxDOT's right-of-way may be necessary



Woodland Avenue

Proposed improvements:

- Improve east-west access
- Additional left-turn only lane on northbound and southbound frontage roads
- Additional sidewalks along Woodland Avenue



I-35 Improvements – Riverside Drive Travel Path Input

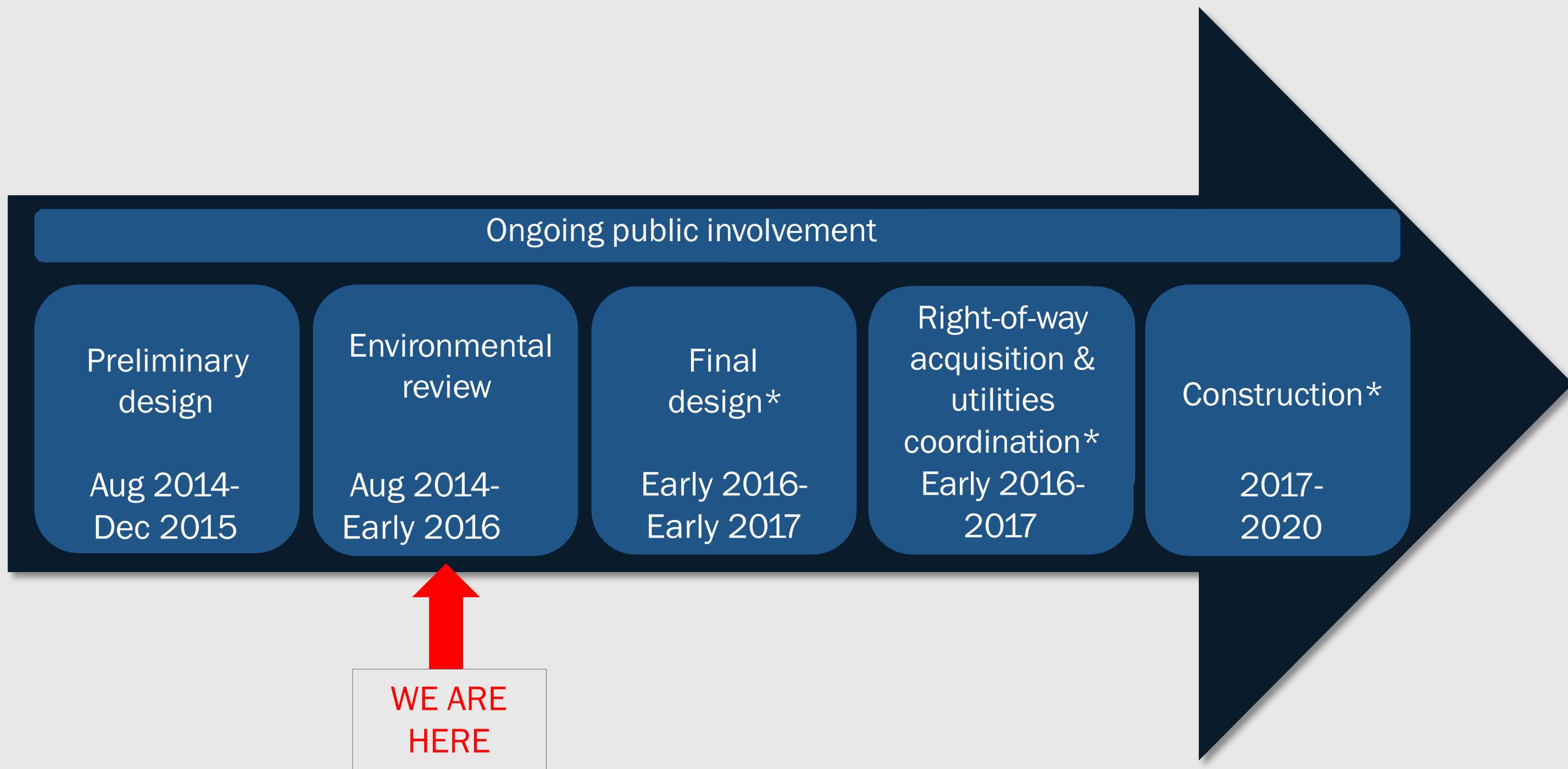
Would you please trace how you travel through this intersection?

Trace routes on the map using the color codes below:

- Drive
- Transit
- Walk
- Bike



Anticipated Schedule



? *As funding is identified

Next Steps

- Continue to engage the community
- Compile and consider community input
- Complete the environmental documentation and review process
- Conduct a public hearing



We Want Your Input!

Your input is valuable

We need your help to identify potential issues and refine solutions to ensure that projects meet transportation needs with as minimal impacts as possible. Public input is an important part of the environmental process, and will be considered throughout the environmental study and design. All comments are welcome.

Ways to get involved

- Submit a Comment:
 - Provide verbal comments to the transcriber present at this open house
 - Submit a comment form in the comment box at this open house, mail it to TxDOT at the address on the comment form, or fax it to 512-832-7157
 - Submit a comment electronically through the **virtual open house** available at www.mobility35openhouse.com
- Send us an email to receive updates at info@mobility35.org
- Invite the project team to meet with your group

