



US 281 AT PREMONT

PUBLIC HEARING



Hearing Purpose

The purpose of tonight's Public Hearing is for the public to:

- Learn about the status of the proposed project
- Review the purpose and need for the project
- Learn about alternatives studied
- Review the Preferred Alternative
- Provide comments and input

Hearing Agenda

- Introductions
- Meeting Format
- Technical & Environmental Presentation
- Public Comments

Meeting Format

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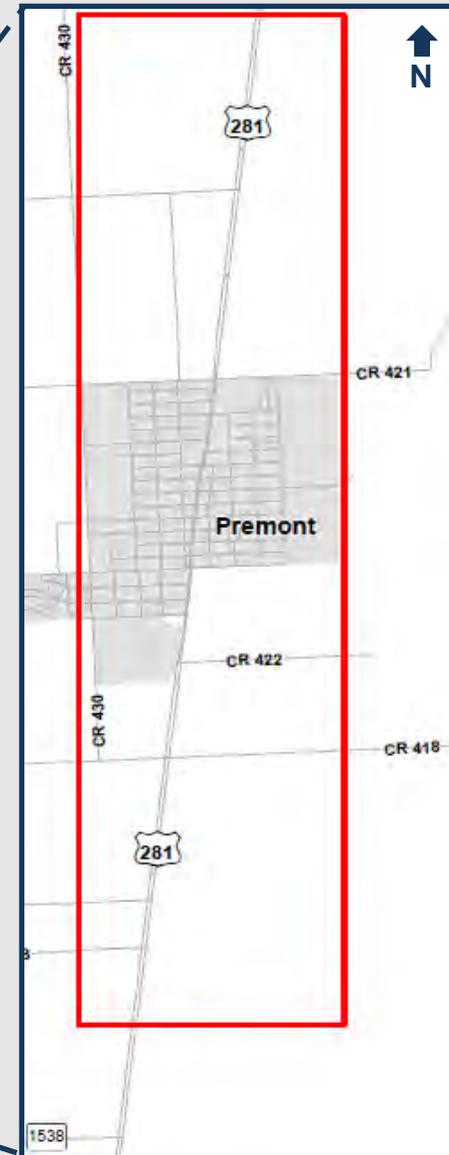
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ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESENTATION

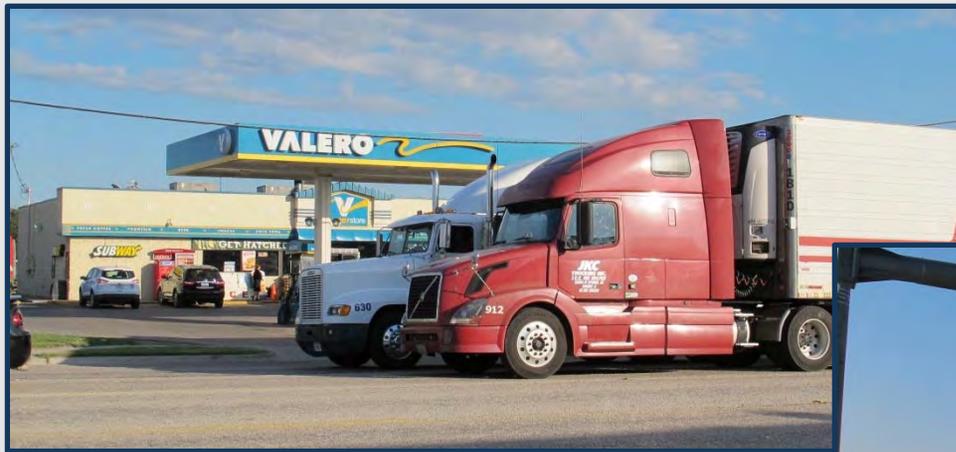
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Project History



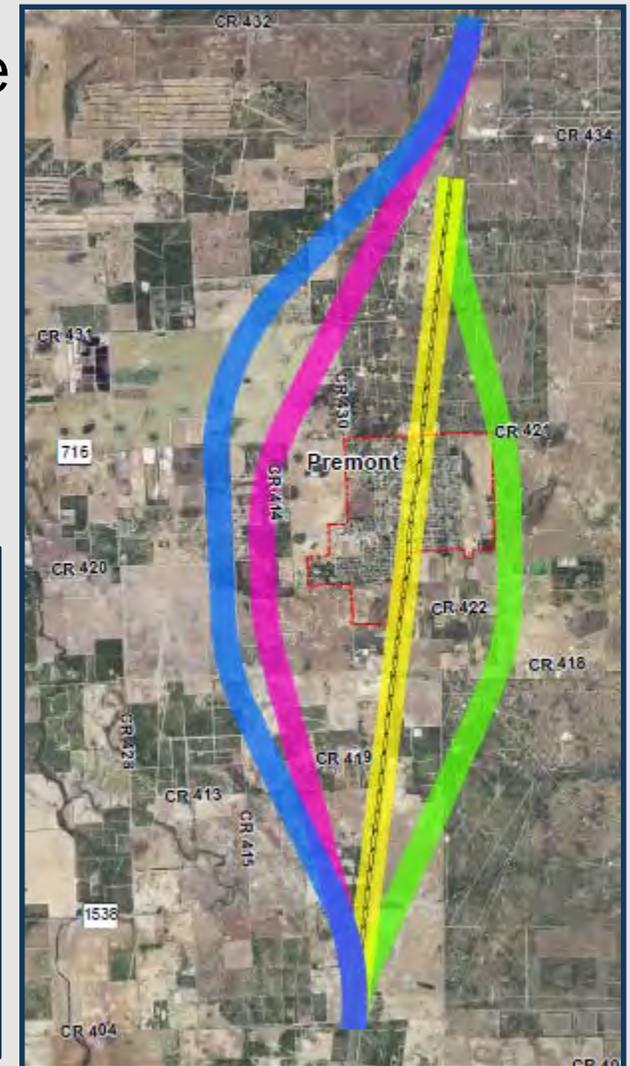
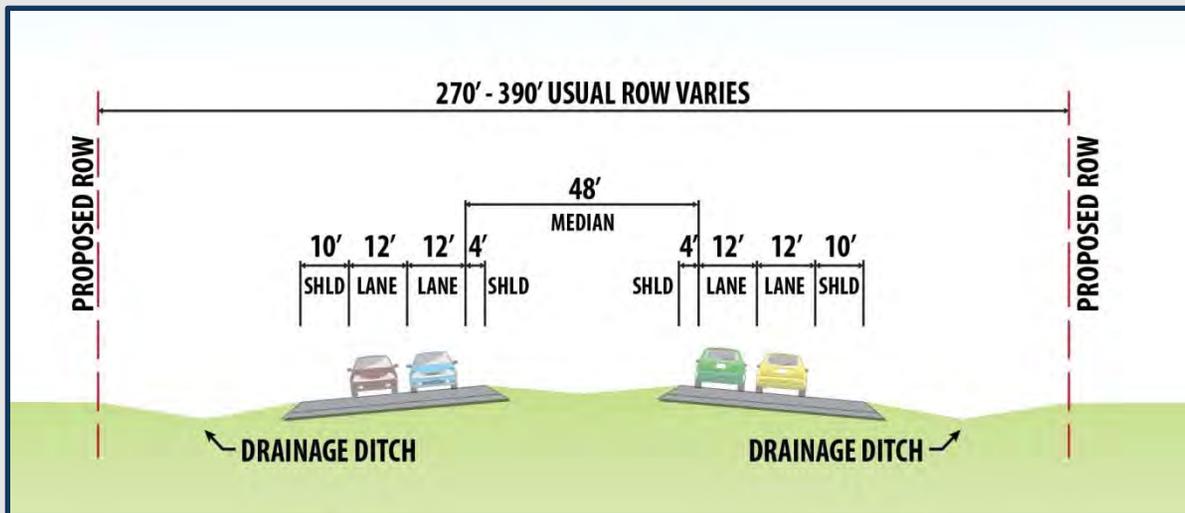
Need and Purpose

- Improve safety for the traveling public
- Develop statewide significant interstate corridor (I-69C segment) along existing US 281



Alternatives Considered

- Relief route through Premont on a bridge
- Relief route through Premont at street level
- Relief route east of Premont
- Two relief routes west of Premont



As shown at the September 2008 Public Open House

Community Impact Assessment Alternatives and Results



As shown at the October 2012 Public Open House

Alternative Advanced for Detailed Study

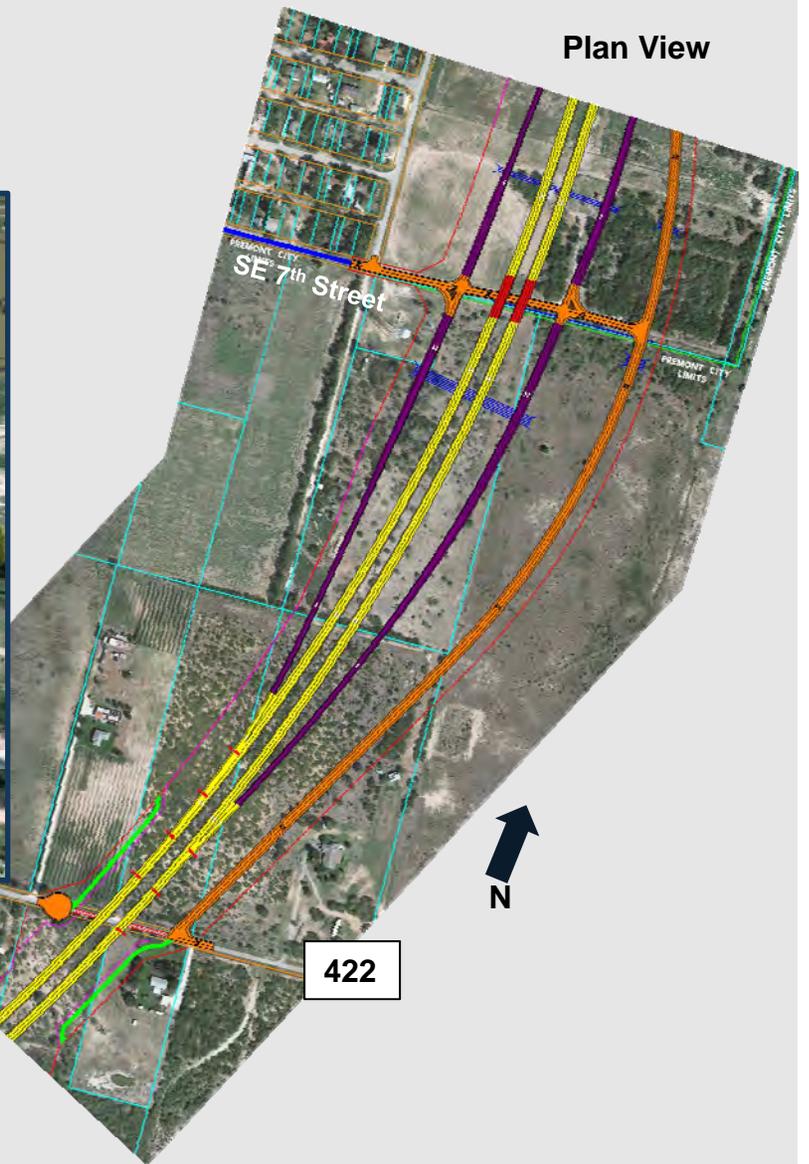


Alternative Advanced for Detailed Study

3D View



Plan View



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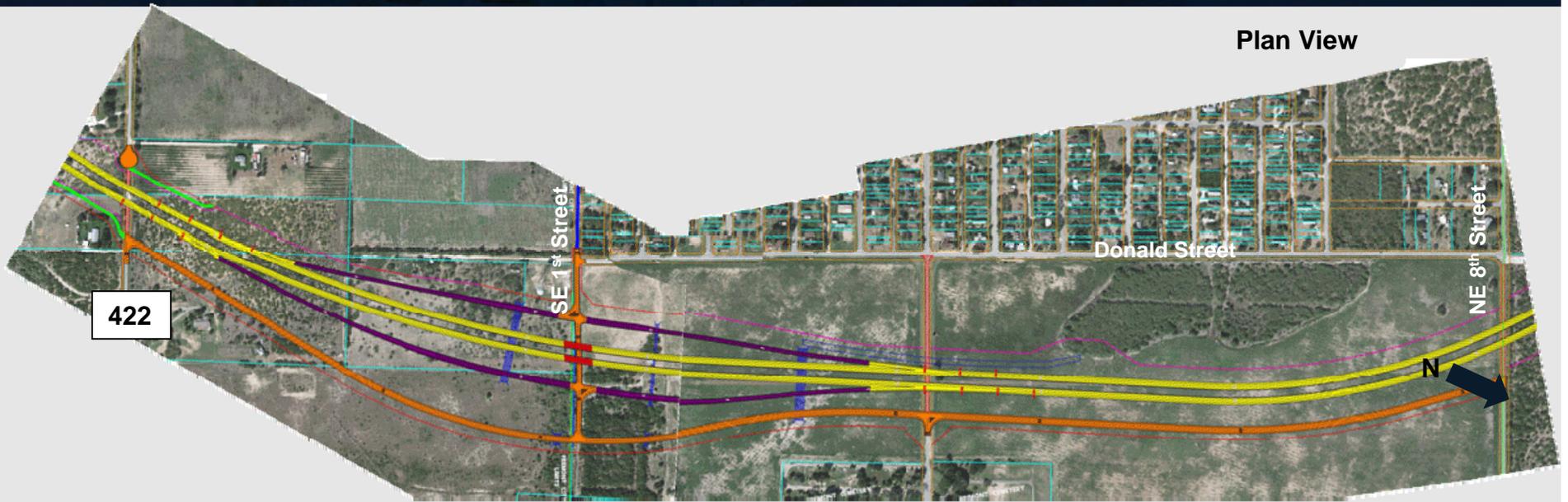
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Right-of Way/Utility Adjustments

Right-of-way

- 192.8 acres of new right-of-way
- 79 acres of existing right-of-way
- ROW width varies from 270 to 500 feet

Utilities

- water lines
- sewer lines
- gas lines
- telephone cables
- electrical lines
- other underground and overhead utilities



Estimated Cost

- Total project cost estimate: \$58.14 million
- Funding breakdown
 - \$50.56 million for construction
 - \$7.58 million in contingencies/indirect costs

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Clean Water Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Environmental Justice (Executive Order 12898)
- National Historic Preservation Act
- Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act
- Clean Air Act
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Floodplain Management (Executive Order 11988)
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- Farmland Protection Policy Act
- Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
- Highway Noise Standards
- Public Involvement Requirements

...AND MORE, including state and local requirements

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) includes:

- Purpose and Need statement
- Evaluation of alternatives considered
- Evaluation of the affected environment
- Assessment of environmental consequences
- Public involvement
- Recommendation of the preferred alternative



**FHWA declared the US 281 EA Satisfactory
for further processing on November 3, 2014**

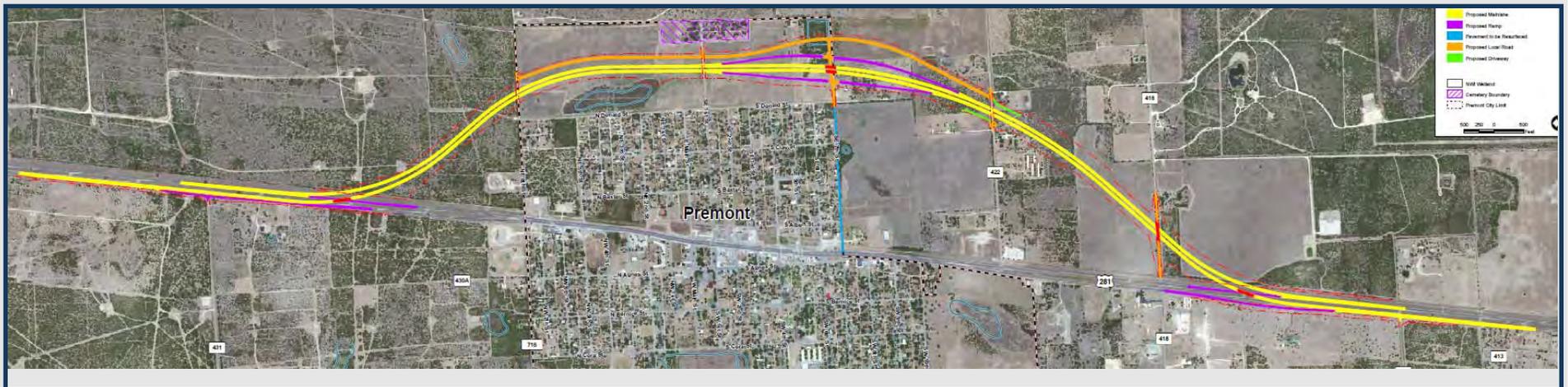
NEPA Studies

- Traffic
- Land Use and Zoning
- Population Characteristics
- Economics
- Community Cohesion
- Aesthetics and Visual Quality
- Right-of-Way Acquisitions
- Utility Infrastructure
- Soils - Prime Farmland Soils
- Vegetation
- Wildlife/Wildlife Habitat
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Non-archeological Historic Resources
- Archeological Resources
- Wetlands and Waters of the U.S.
- Water Quality
- Floodplains
- Air Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Impacts

US 281 at Premont Project Impacts

- Proposed project includes construction in 100-year floodplain area
- Proposed design will adhere to federal and state hydraulic design policies and procedures
- Proposed project will not increase the current base flood plain level
- Proposed project is designed to accommodate large floods without substantial damage to project or property

NEPA Conclusion



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- Public Hearing Report will be posted at www.txdot.gov when analysis is complete



VERBAL COMMENTS

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*3:00 Minutes
For Each Speaker*

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



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