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**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Horne Street Streetscape**  
**From Vickery Boulevard to Lovell Avenue**  
**CSJ: 0902-90-148**  
**Tarrant County, Texas**  
**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

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**SLIDE 1 – Title Slide**

Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Fort Worth’s pre-recorded virtual public involvement presentation. My name is Sarah. I am part of the project team and would like to welcome you to this virtual public hearing. We appreciate your interest in the Horne Street Streetscape project. Please note that you may pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to view the slides, and you may also navigate forward or backward as needed. In this presentation, we will cover the public involvement purpose, project overview, and environmental and right of way considerations. This is followed by an explanation of how to provide comments for the proposed project, and adjournment.

**SLIDE 2 – End the Streak**

November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for more than 23 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to

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play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family.

**SLIDE 3 – Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option**

On behalf of TxDOT and the City of Fort Worth, I'd like to welcome you to the virtual public hearing with in-person option for the Horne Street Streetscape project in the City of Fort Worth in Tarrant County.

The virtual hearing is being held in conjunction with an in-person option. This virtual public hearing with in-person option will present audio and visual information on the proposed Horne Street project from Vickery Boulevard to Lovell Avenue in Tarrant County. The virtual public hearing with in-person option materials is available online at the website [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). In the "Search TxDOT" box in the upper right-hand corner, enter "Horne Street". Project materials can also be found on the project website at: [www.hornestreet.com](http://www.hornestreet.com). After the project information is presented, please provide us with comments on the proposed improvements from Thursday, June 27 to Monday, July 15, 2024. Your valuable input on these proposed improvements will benefit the community and help shape the final project recommendation.

The in-person option will be held Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Como Community Center located at 4660 Horne Street, Fort Worth, Texas. The

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information presented in the virtual public hearing and at the in-person option is identical and the opportunities to comment do not differ.

#### **SLIDE 4 – Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option**

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, process, TxDOT is hosting a virtual public hearing with in-person option to provide the public with an update on the project and present audio and visual information on the proposed improvements along Horne Street from Vickery Boulevard to Lovell Avenue. This virtual hearing provides the status of project design, environmental overview, and seeks public comments so we can develop a record of public participation.

#### **SLIDE 5 – Agenda**

In this presentation, we will cover: project location and objectives; the existing and proposed roadway design; bicycle and pedestrian accommodations; the environmental process; right of way and easements; Chapter 26 Impacts; estimated project schedule and cost; and how to provide comments and project contacts.

#### **SLIDE 6 – Project Location**

The project limits on Horne Street extend from Vickery Boulevard to Lovell Avenue in the city of Fort Worth in Tarrant County, Texas. The project is approximately 1.37 miles long.

#### **SLIDE 7 – Project Objectives**

The project is needed to help facilitate traffic making turning movements, provide safety at intersections, and provide safe infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project would reconstruct the roadway to provide concrete pavement and expand the current two-

lane roadway to a three-lane roadway with a two-way center left turn lane. The project would improve traffic signals and provide on-street parking. The project would also add sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping and pedestrian elements.

### **SLIDE 8 – Bicycle Accommodations**

The proposed project would provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along Horne Street. This public hearing will provide information on the proposed Horne Street improvements as it affects bicycle use, plans, policies, and programs to receive public comments on the project.

### **SLIDE 9 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations**

The project proposes adding bicycles lanes on the east side of Horne Street from Vickery Boulevard to Shiloh Drive and from Humbert Avenue to Goodman Avenue. From Shiloh Drive to Geddes Avenue, bike lanes would be provided on both sides of Horne Street. Details on these bike lanes can be seen on the schematic, available for download on the TxDOT website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search “Horne Street” or at [www.hornestreet.com](http://www.hornestreet.com).

Sidewalks would be provided on both sides of Horne Street for the entire length of the project. In locations where the existing sidewalk is in good condition, the sidewalk will remain as is.

### **SLIDE 10 – Existing Typical Section**

This slide shows a typical section, which is an illustration of what the road looks like today. Within the project limits, Horne Street is a two-lane roadway with one 20-foot-wide travel lane each direction, intermittent sidewalks, and a curb and gutter drainage system. The

existing right of way throughout the corridor is approximately 60-feet wide. The current roadway contains faded pavement markings and non-compliant curb ramps. There are no bicycle accommodations and no on-street parking.

### **SLIDE 11 – Proposed Typical Section**

Now let's look at what the road would like with the proposed improvements. The improved roadway would provide one 11-foot-wide southbound travel lane and a 10-foot-wide northbound travel lane with a 10-foot-wide two-way center turn lane. Sidewalks would be added to both sides of Horne Street and a 6-foot-wide bike lane would be added to the east side of Horne Street. This roadway configuration would extend along the majority of the existing Horne Street roadway, from Vickery Boulevard to Shiloh Drive and from Humbert Avenue to Goodman Avenue. For most of the project corridor, these improvements would fit within the existing city right of way.

### **SLIDE 12 – Proposed Typical Section**

From Shiloh Drive to Humbert Avenue and from Goodman Avenue to Donnelly Avenue, the typical section would not include a center turn lane. Instead, the proposed roadway would contain a 10.5-foot-wide lane in each direction with a 6-foot-wide bike lane in each direction. Sidewalks, a traffic barrier, and variable landscaping would be added to both sides of Horne Street.

### **SLIDE 13 – Proposed Typical Section**

From Geddes Avenue to Lovell Avenue, on street parking would be provided. The proposed typical section would include an 11-foot-wide sharrow in each direction with a one-foot-wide raised median separating opposing directions of traffic. A sharrow is a

travel lane that would accommodate both vehicular traffic and bicycles. On street parking would be provided against the curb, and a five-foot-wide sidewalk would be provided on both sides of Horne Street.

**SLIDE 14 – Utility Adjustments**

Utility adjustments and relocations throughout the corridor would be required prior to construction. The adjustments and relocations of any utilities would be managed so that no substantial interruptions would occur.

**SLIDE 15 – NEPA Assignment to TxDOT**

The Horne Street project is anticipated to be federally funded. Due to the project receiving federal funds, TxDOT and the City of Fort Worth are required to assess the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The NEPA process provides analysis of the potential impacts to the natural and manmade environment and helps the decision maker to make an informed decision on whether or not to proceed with the project.

On December 9, 2019, TxDOT received a signed Memorandum of Understanding from the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, that permits TxDOT to assume responsibility from the FHWA for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA projects. This review and approval process applies to this project.

**SLIDE 16 – Environmental Process Overview**

As part of the project scope, TxDOT and the City of Fort Worth evaluated the potential environmental impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed project. The environmental documentation for the Horne Street Streetscape project was evaluated as a Categorical Exclusion, or CE. These areas of potential impacts include natural, social,

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and cultural resources as well as potential impacts to adjacent and surrounding land use. This slide presents a list of resources and issues that were evaluated during the environmental analyses. As part of the NEPA process, a public meeting was held in August 2022 and July 2023, and this virtual public hearing with in-person option on June 27, 2024.

Let's walk through each resource studied.

**SLIDE 17 – Environmental Process – Resource Impacts Summary (Historic and Archeological Resources)**

A project coordination request was performed to provide a generic overview of the historic resources present in the project area and to determine if the project would affect those resources. The historical marker at the Zion Missionary Baptist Church would remain in place and not be moved as a result of the project. Since all work would occur in the existing city right-of-way at the church, no impacts to the church or any other historic resources are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

An archeological background study was conducted along Horne Street and the surrounding corridor. The project area is highly urbanized and contains disturbed soils with low potential for archeological resources to be present. Because of this, further surveys were not recommended and it is anticipated that the project would not impact archeological resources.

**SLIDE 18 – Environmental Process – Resource Impact Summary (Biological Resources and Community Impacts Assessment)**

The Horne Street corridor is highly urbanized and developed. The project may affect the Monarch Butterfly which is a federally listed candidate species. It is anticipated that the

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Monarch Butterfly would be formally listed as a federally threatened species by the time the project is let for construction. It is not anticipated that the project would have any affect or impact on any other federal or state listed species or species of greatest conservation need.

Impacts to the surrounding community were also studied as part of the environmental process. The proposed project would require a minor amount of right of way from Como Elementary School for the placement of a traffic signal cabinet. The new right of way would not result in any displacements. The proposed project would not have impacts to Environmental Justice or Limited English Proficiency populations.

**SLIDE 19 – Environmental Process – Resource Impact Summary (Hazardous Materials)**

It was determined that there are 54 hazardous material sites that are of low risk to the proposed project. These include: fuel facilities, dry cleaners, natural gas pipelines, petroleum storage tanks, and railroads. All of the facilities along the corridor are of low risk and pose little threat to the proposed project.

**SLIDE 20 – Environmental Process – Resource Impacts Summary (No Impacts)**

There would be no negative impacts to air quality, community cohesion, environmental justice or limited English proficiency communities, traffic noise or water resources.

**SLIDE 21 – Right of Way**

The Horne Street Streetscape project would require approximately 0.002 acres of new right of way and 0.265 acres of temporary pedestrian easements. Of the easements,



0.002 acres of pedestrian easements would be required from Como Park to construct sidewalks. Please note that right of way needs are subject to change pending further design refinements and that all right of way acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

**SLIDE 22 – Chapter 26/Section 4(f) Impacts**

As stated earlier in this presentation, right of way and easement impacts are subject to change pending further design development. At this time, project plans indicate that a 0.002-acre pedestrian easement would be required from Como Park. The property required for the easement consists of unimproved parkland near the tennis court as shown on the map presented in this slide. In accordance with Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code, TxDOT and the City of Fort Worth are required to conduct this public hearing to inform you of the potential impact to the city park. In accordance with Section 4(f) of the of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, the project is anticipated to have minimal impacts to the park and is not anticipated to impact the activities, features, or attributes of Como Park resulting in a *de minimis* impact to the 4(f) resource.

**SLIDE 23 – Estimated Cost and Schedule**

The Horne Street Streetscape project is estimated to cost approximately \$7.87 million to construct. Provided here is an estimated schedule for the remainder of the proposed project. Our next steps include environmental clearance to occur in Summer 2024. Right of way acquisition is anticipated to begin in Fall 2024, after environmental clearance. We anticipate design plans to be completed in Summer of 2025 and utility adjustments to be

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completed in Fall 2025. At this time, the project is expected to be awarded to a contractor in Fall of 2025 with construction beginning in early 2026. Please note that the schedule is tentative and subject to change.

**Slide 24 – How to Submit Your Comments**

Your comments about this project are very important to TxDOT and the City of Fort Worth and will contribute greatly to the success of this project. We understand this virtual public hearing format is a bit different from the in-person format, so let's take a few minutes and explain the comment process. Please note that comments can be made throughout the comment period and will be included in the public hearing documentation.

The TxDOT Fort Worth District and the City of Fort Worth are asking the public to provide their comments in the following ways:

1. If you are attending the in-person option, you may leave your comment form in the designated comment boxes.
2. You can mail your comments to:  
Stantec  
ATTN: Hannah Meade  
15990 North Barkers Landing Road, Suite 125  
Houston, TX 77079
3. You may email your comments to: [hornestreet@stantec.com](mailto:hornestreet@stantec.com)
4. You may submit your comments online by visiting the website [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).  
Type in "Horne Street" in the keyword search at the top right of the TxDOT homepage, then click on the "Submit Your Comment" link on the project webpage.
5. You may leave a voicemail comment by calling: (817) 203-0752

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All of your statements, comments and questions will be given careful consideration before final design features are determined.

The public comment period closes on July 15, 2024. Extra time has been given to accommodate the Fourth of July holiday during this time period. Please ensure your comment is received or postmarked by this date. The public may also email Shweta Rao at [Shweta.Rao@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Shweta.Rao@fortworthtexas.gov) to ask questions about the project at any time in the project development process.

**Slide 25 – Thank You!**

Thank you for joining the virtual public hearing with in-person option for the Horne Street Streetscape project in Tarrant County. We sincerely appreciate your attendance and interest. Please take a moment to review the project materials online or in-person and remember to submit your comments on or before Monday, July 15, 2024. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration. Thank you very much for your interest in this project. This concludes the virtual public hearing with in-person option presentation.