



WELCOME

SH 48 (Boca Chica Blvd.) – Raised Median

SH 48: From I-69E to SH 4 (International Blvd.)

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 | Oliveira Middle School

Open House: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. | Presentation: 6 p.m.

Why am I here?

- Learn about the proposed project
- Provide comments on the proposed project



Project Purpose and Need

What problems are we trying to address?

- Increased congestion
- Decreased mobility
- Increased accident rates

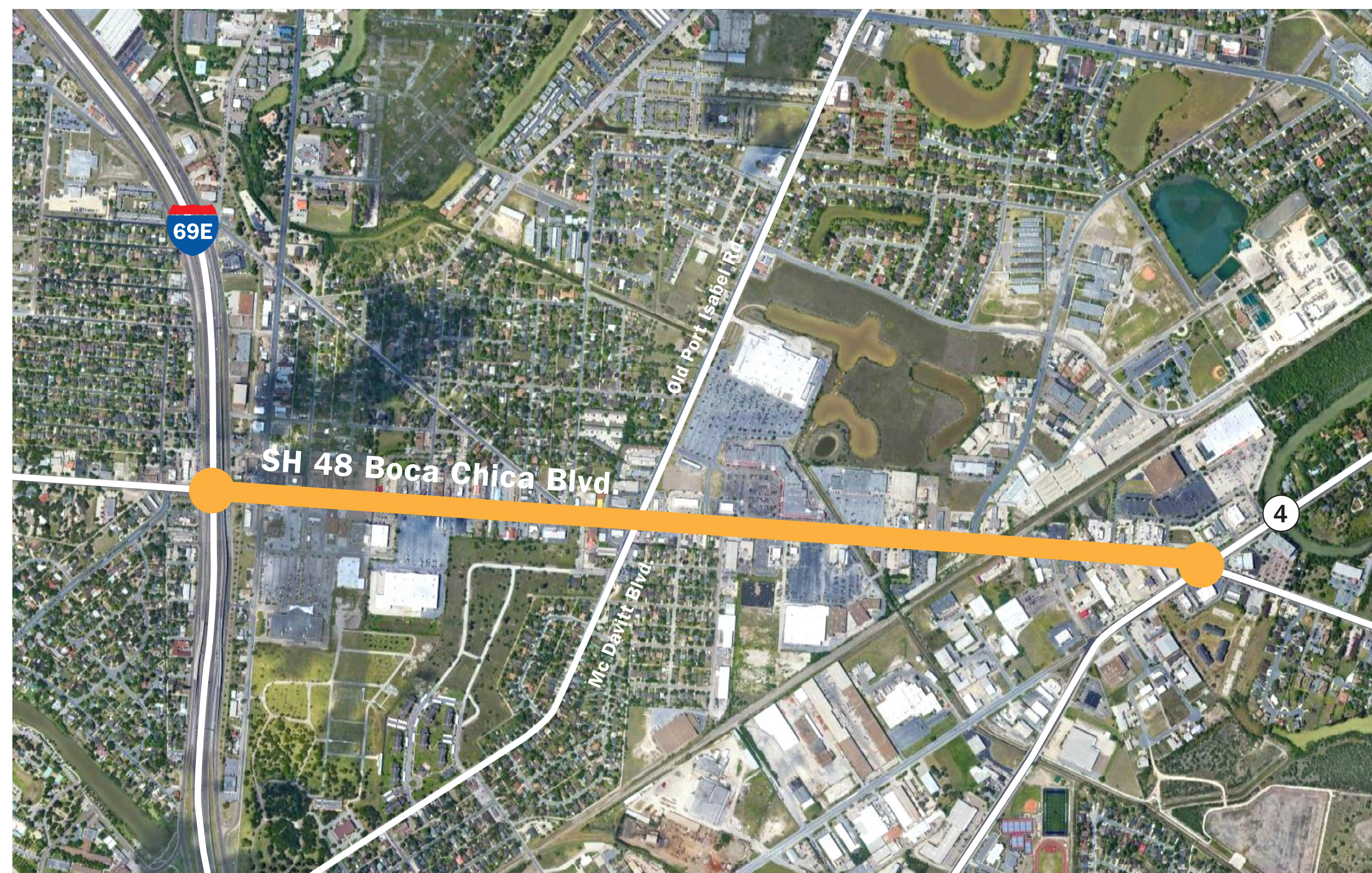
What are we trying to do?

- Enhance safety
- Reduce congestion
- Improve mobility



Project Overview

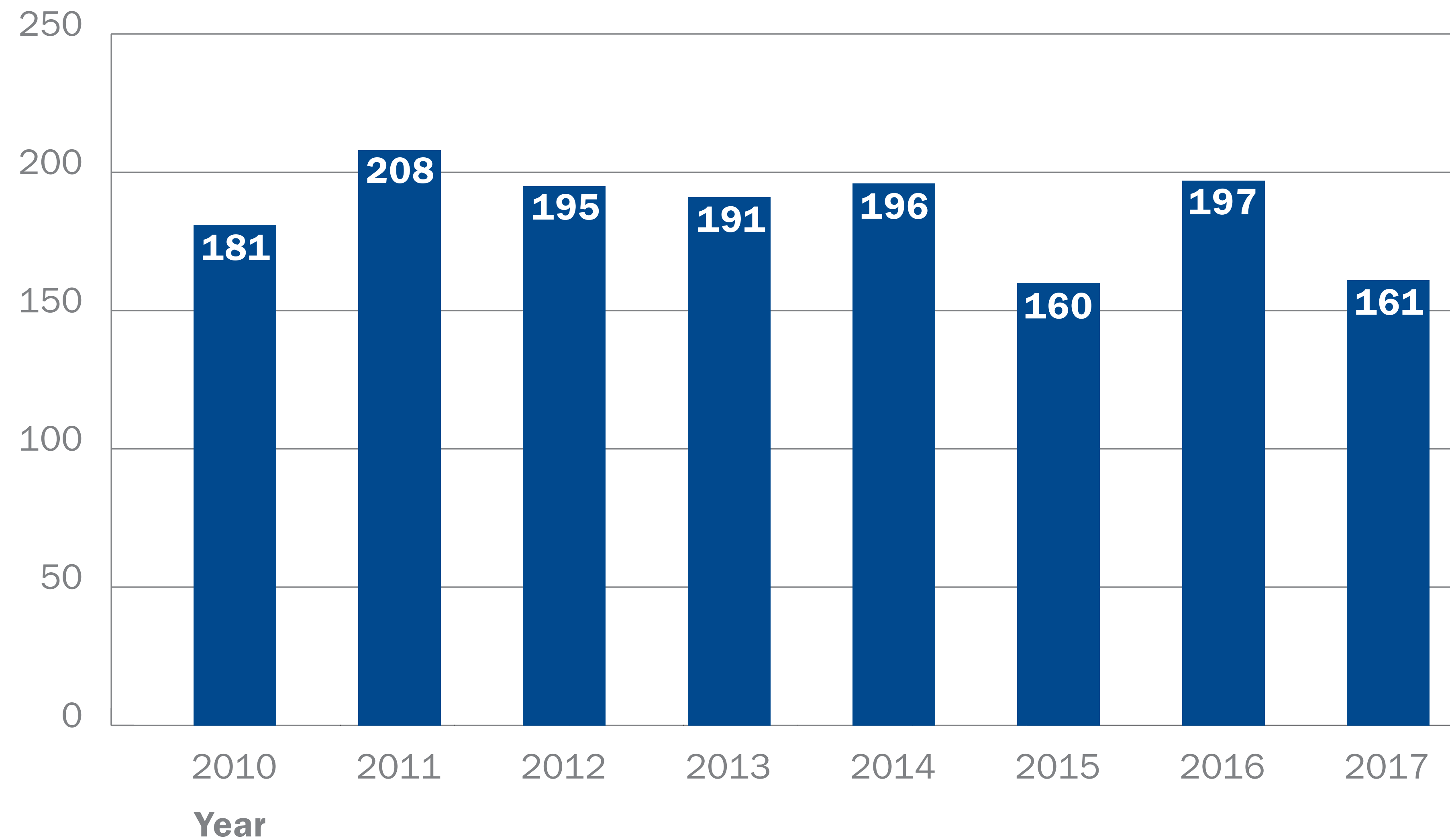
- From I-69E to SH 4 (International Blvd.)
- Project length: 1.5 miles
- Raised median and sidewalks
- No right of way needed
- Estimated cost: \$ 3 million





Existing Crash Data

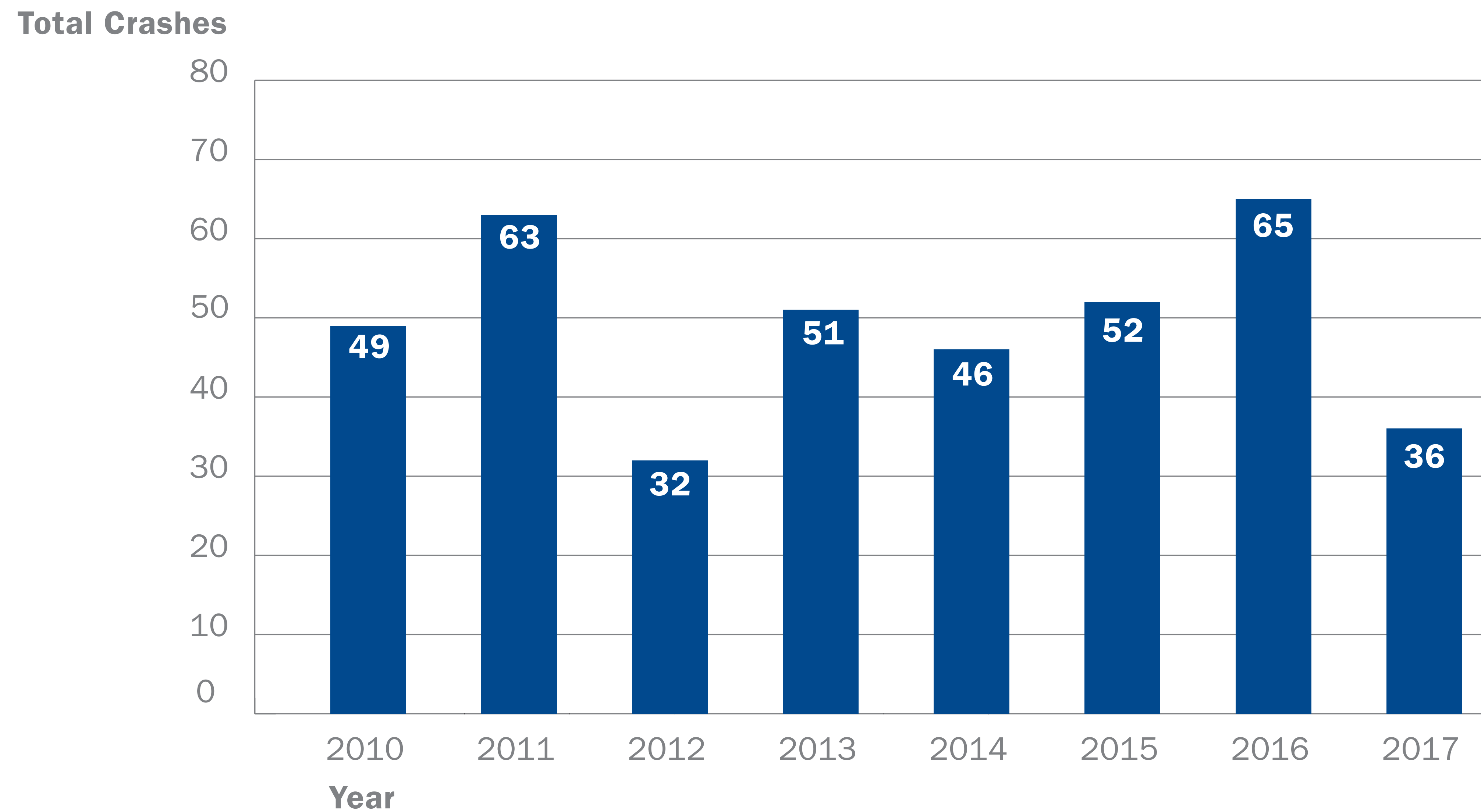
Total Crashes



SH 48 Crashes by Year, 2010–2017
(186 average crashes per year)



Centerline Crash Data

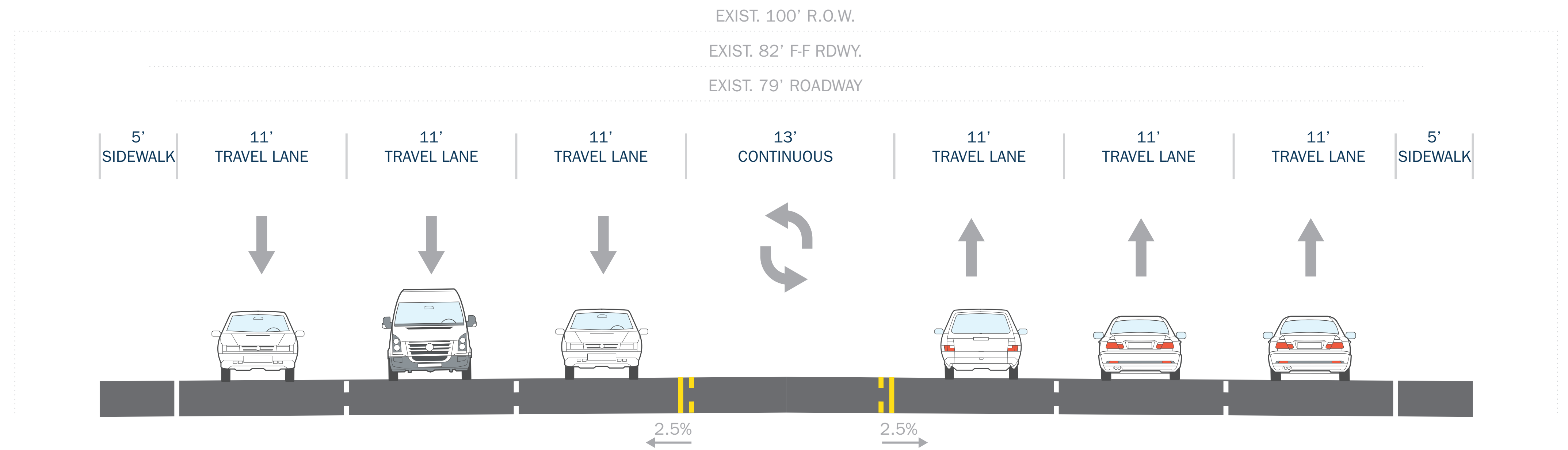


SH 48 Centerline Crashes by Year, 2010–2017
(49 average centerline crashes per year)

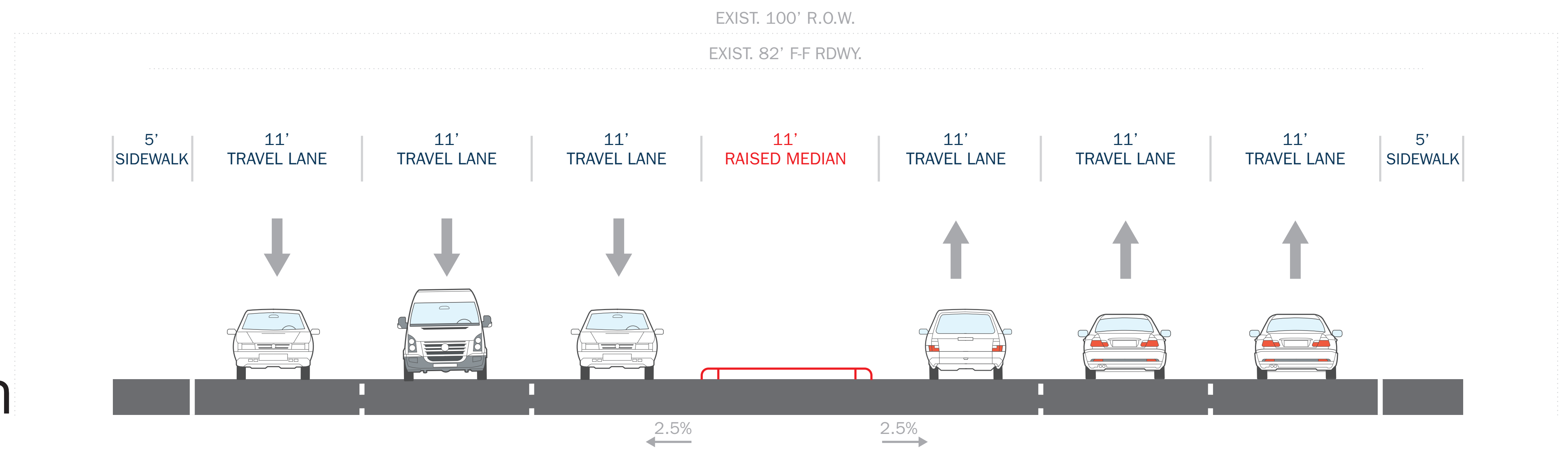


Typical Roadway Sections

Existing Typical Section



Proposed Typical Section





Benefits of Raised Medians*

Research consistently finds safety benefits including:

- Crash volume and rate reductions
- Crash severity reduced
- Decrease in fatalities and incapacitating injuries

Constructing raised medians has decreased crash rates as much as 58%

Road	Average daily traffic	Crash Rate		
		Pre-raised median	Post-raised median	Percentage of crash rate decrease
Bus SH 6	41,000	4.3	1.8	-58%
Loop 281	23,500	5.2	4.3	-17%
71st West	30,500	3.8	2.5	-34%
71st WC	29,500	3.8	1.8	-53%
US 385	10,600	19.6	15.4	-21%
Others	30,600	7.0	4.8	-31%

*Source: William E. Frawley, AICP
Texas A&M Transportation Institute



Project Schedule*



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

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



How Can I Make Comments?

- Mail or drop off written comments to:
TxDOT Pharr District
Attn: SH 48 (Boca Chica Blvd) Raised Median
600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, TX 78577
- Submit a written comment form tonight
- Fax comments to **(956) 702-6110**
- Email comments to **Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov**
- Visit **www.txdot.gov**, keyword: **SH 48** to view information and provide comments
- Comments must be received or postmarked by **Wednesday, August 1, 2018**



Next Steps

- Compile and consider community input from tonight's public meeting and commenting period
- Finalize project design details with community input and traffic data
- Environmental Clearance anticipated October 2018