



Welcome
to the
In-Person Public Hearing

US 281 (Military Highway)
From FM 732 to FM 1421

Cameron County, Texas
October 13, 2022

CSJs: 0220-04-049 & 0220-04-050

Need and Purpose

Project Need:

- Increased traffic is leading to higher levels of congestion, decreased mobility, and decreased efficiency along this stretch of US 281 (Military Highway)

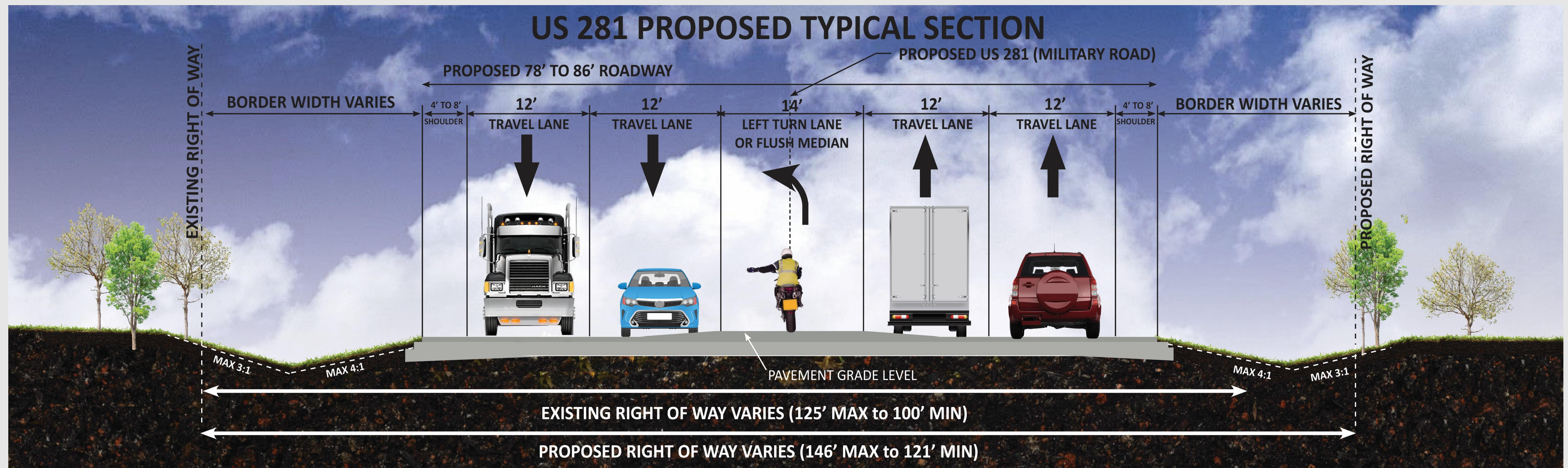
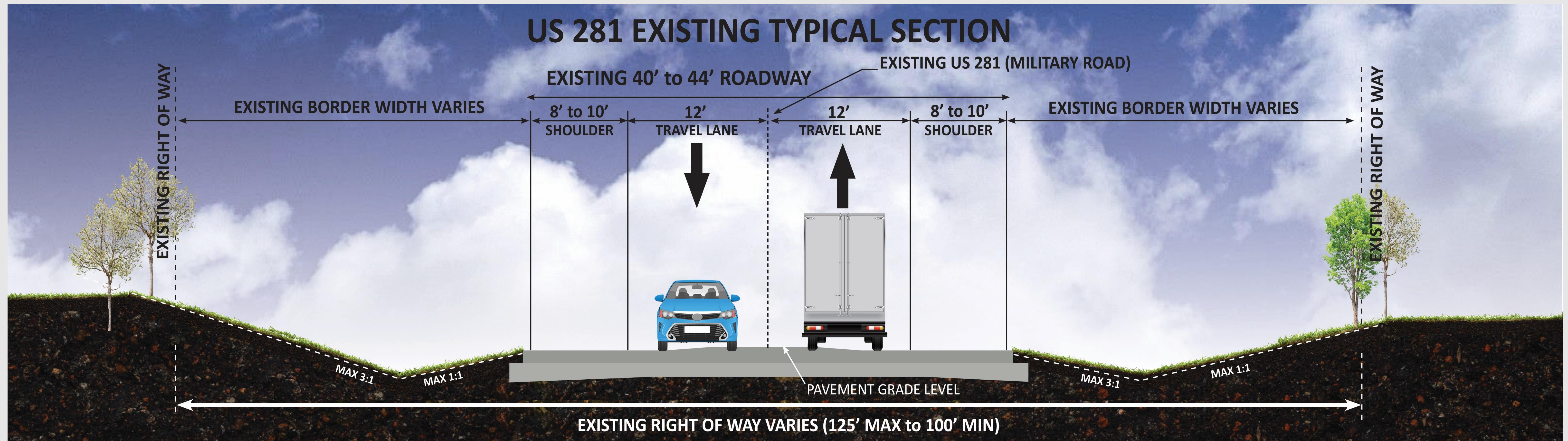
Project Purpose:

- Improve mobility and increase operational efficiency by adding capacity and making operational improvements along the facility

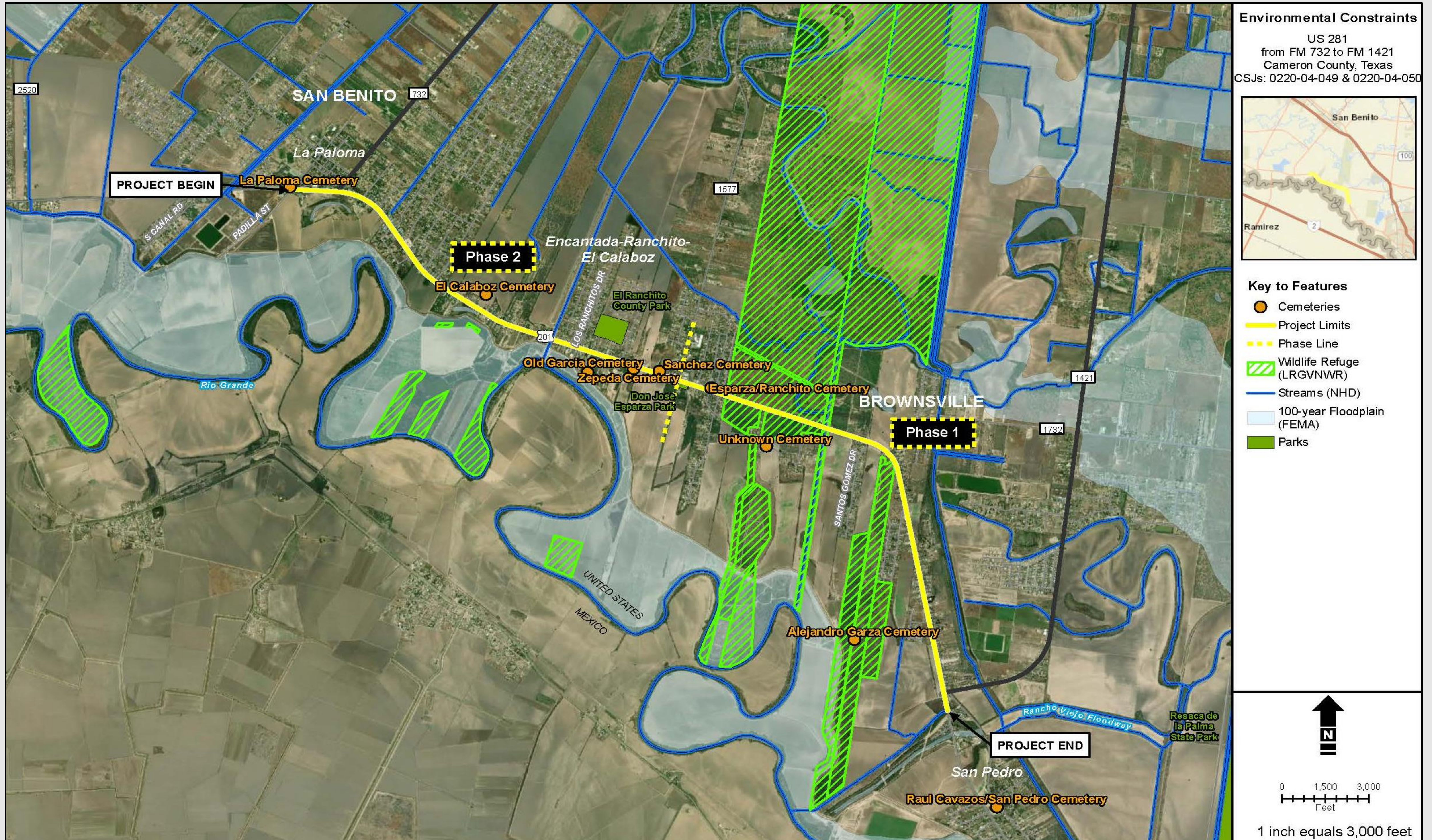
Project Objective:

- Ensure the capacity of US 281 (Military Highway), which serves as a designated Hurricane Evacuation Route, is sufficient to support fleeing residents and associated emergency services during extreme weather events

Existing & Proposed Typical Sections



Environmental Constraints and Location Map

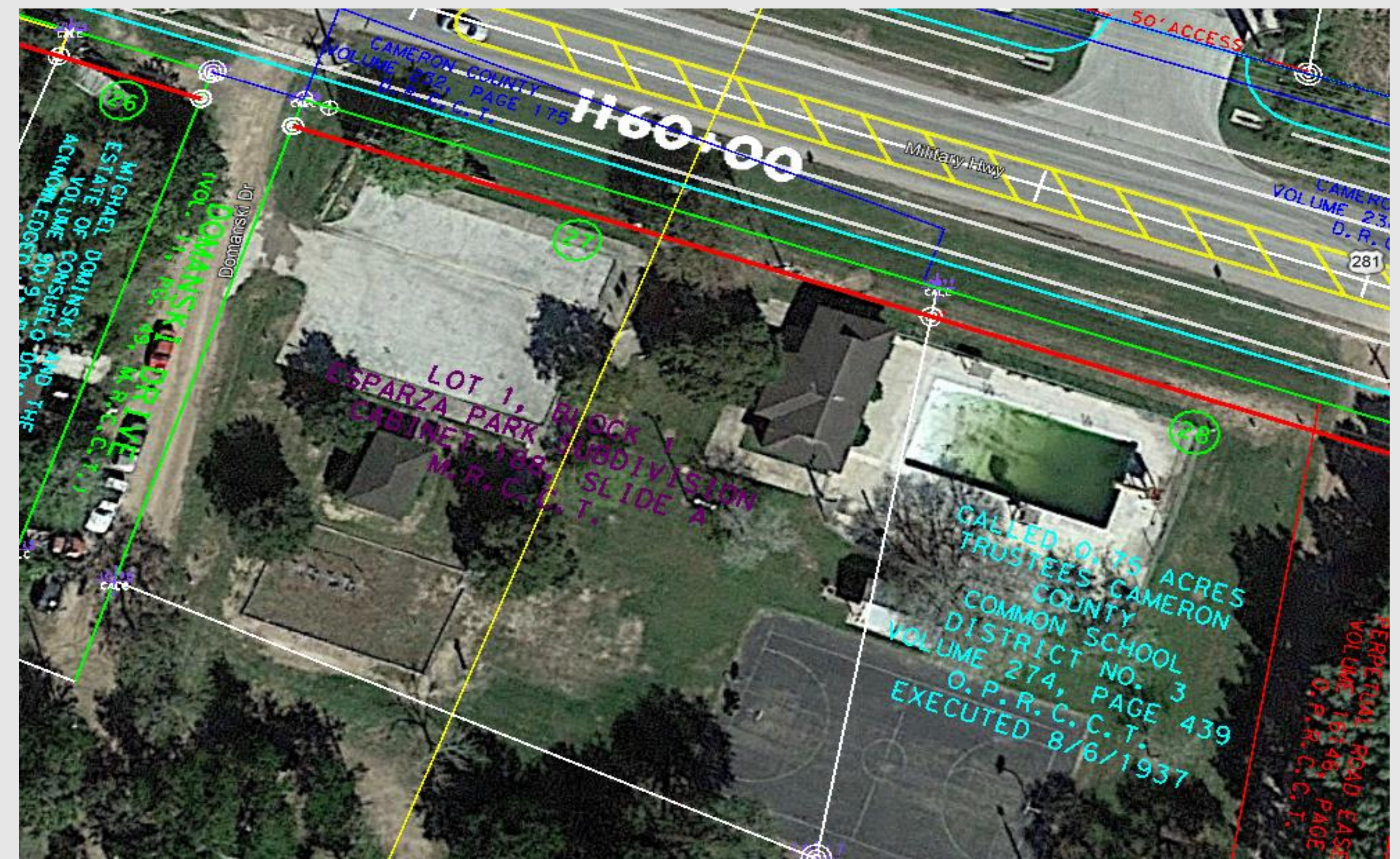


Don Jose Esparza Park

- The proposed project would require approximately 0.0725 acres of right of way from Don Jose Esparza Park adjacent to the existing US 281 (Military Highway) right of way
- No recreational structures associated with the park would be impacted
- Anticipated to be a *de minimis* determination under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966
- Park also protected under Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code, which requires a public hearing to be held for projects that have no reasonable and prudent alternative to impacting a park, recreation area, etc.

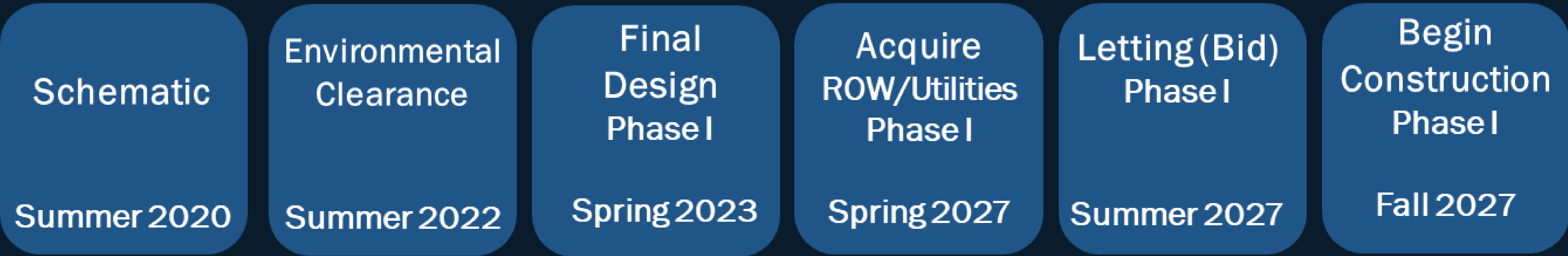


Photo courtesy of Cameron County; <https://www.cameroncounty.us/esparza-domanski-community-park/>



Anticipated Next Steps

US 281 (Military Highway) Ongoing Public Involvement



*dates are estimated and subject to change

Virtual Public Hearing Comments

All comments must be submitted by Friday, October 28, 2022.

How to Submit Comments

By **MAIL** to:

TxDOT Pharr District
Attn: Pharr District Engineer
600 W. I-2
Pharr, Texas 78577

Electronically by **EMAIL** to:

nolan.nicolas@txdot.gov

CALLING:

(956) 215-8305 to leave verbal testimony

ONLINE at:

www.TxDOT.gov, search in upper right-hand search box:

“US 281 Military Highway”

Download the comment form and return it via mail or email

OR

Click on the “Submit Your Comments” button

We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to join us tonight.

Please travel safely!