



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



US 83

FROM NORTH OF THE STARR/ZAPATA COUNTY LINE
TO LOMA BLANCA ROAD

PUBLIC MEETING



JUNE 8, 2017

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AGENDA

- TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

(Roma Area Engineer Eduardo Gracia, P.E.)

- PROJECT SCHEDULE

- PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ADJOURN

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING

- Encourage communication with public
- Provide project information
- Part of the environmental process
- Develop a record of public inputs and participation





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español, levante la mano para ser
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OTHER WAYS TO MAKE COMMENTS

- Submit a written comment form tonight
- Make a verbal comment to the court reporter
- Mail or drop off written comments to:

**TxDOT Roma Area Office
ATTENTION: US 83
2654 US HWY 83
Roma, TX 78584**

- Fax comments to 956-702-6110
- Email comments to Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov
- Visit www.txdot.gov and search “US 83 from Starr-Zapata County Line” to view this presentation and provide comments online.
- Comments must be received or postmarked by June 23, 2017

PROJECT LIMITS (Length 10.5 miles)

From 0.255 mi. north of Starr/Zapata County to 0.09 mi. north of Loma Blanca Road.

Segment 1: 0.255 Mi. north of Starr/Zapata county line to 0.31 miles north of FM 2098

Segment 2: 0.31 miles south of Placido Rd. to 0.09 miles north of Loma Blanca Road



- **Project Need:**
 - Significant increase in heavy truck traffic
 - Upgrades needed as this corridor is part of the Texas Trunk System
- **Project Purpose:**
 - Improve capacity
 - Upgrade facility to meet the Texas Trunk System
 - Maintain access to communities

- **Project Scope**
 - Proposed four- lane divided rural highway
 - Proposed highway will be built within proposed 300- foot ROW
 - Construct bridges at FEMA flood zones
 - Future major intersection at FM 2098 with turnarounds and proposed 450- foot ROW
 - Crossovers at approximate quarter mile spacing

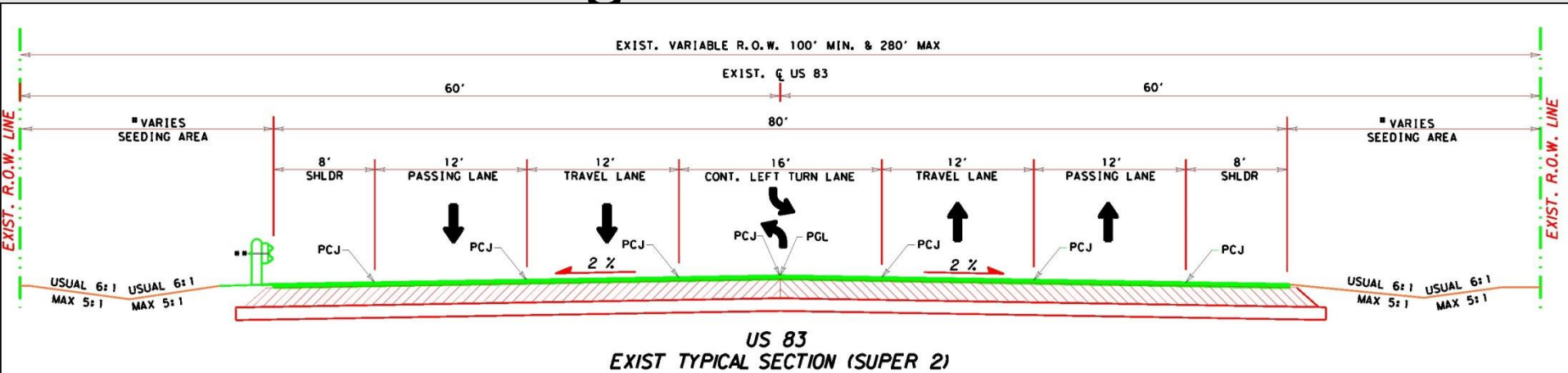
- **Project Impacts**
 - Potential impact to rare and endangered plants
 - Potential impact to 5 waters of the U.S.
 - No impacts to wetlands
 - Approximately 20 parcels (157 Acres) of ROW
 - Estimated 2 commercial relocations (ABC Ballroom and vacant adjacent building)
 - Potential partial ROW on residential lots
 - One archeological site remains to be evaluated
 - One grave site to be relocated in coordination with next of kin

Project History

- **Public Involvement:**
 - **Public Meetings in Zapata, Texas**
 - **March 30, 1999**
 - **April 9, 2000**
 - **Open House and Public Workshops in Zapata, Texas**
 - **May 24, 2000**
 - **June 8, 2000**
- **Project put on hold in 2007 due to funding .A finding of no significant Impact (FONSI) was not obtained from FHWA**
- **Additional funding in 2010,TxDOT constructed several Super 2 projects on US 83,which added intermittent passing lanes to an existing two- lane facility**

US 83 Existing Typical Section (Five - Lane segment)

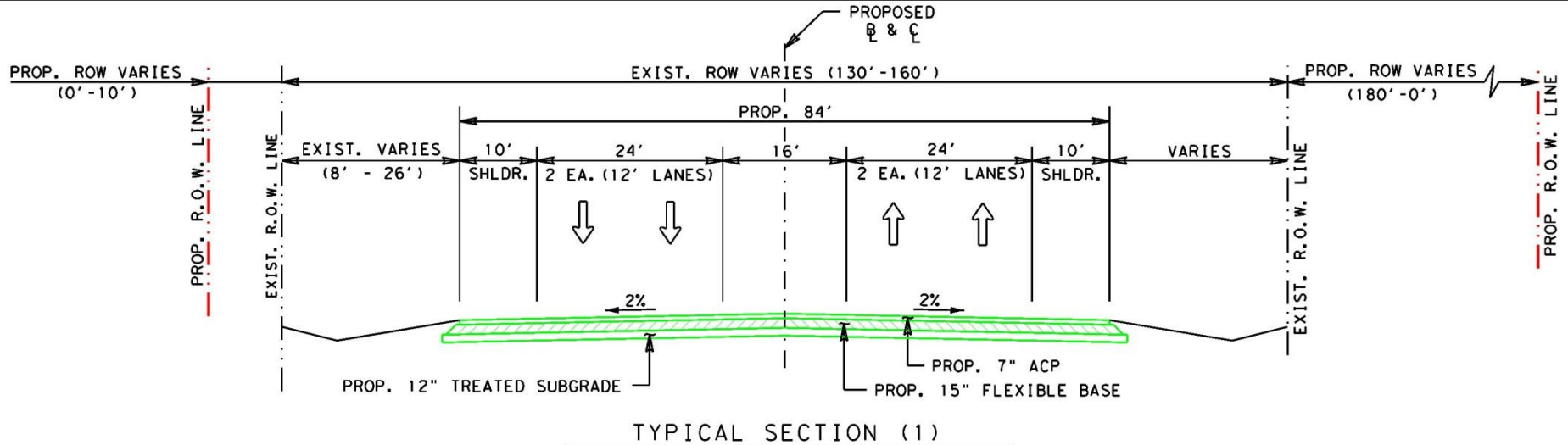
■ 100'-280' Existing ROW



- 80' overall width of existing roadway typical sections
 - two-8' outside shoulder
 - four-12' vehicle travel lane
 - 16' continuous left turn lane

US 83 Proposed Typical Section (4-Lane continuous)

■ 130'-160' Existing ROW



- 84' typical section :
 - two-10' outside shoulder
 - four-12' vehicle travel lane
 - 16' continuous left turn lane

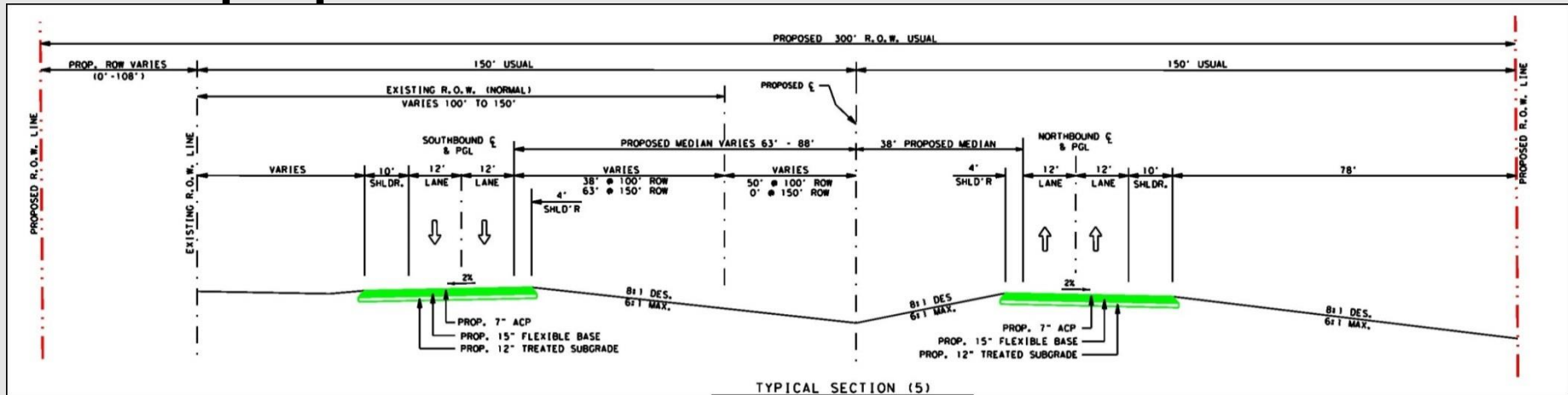
US 83 Proposed Typical Section (Prop.84')

- 130'-160' Existing ROW



US 83 Proposed Typical Section (Rural 4-Lane Divided)

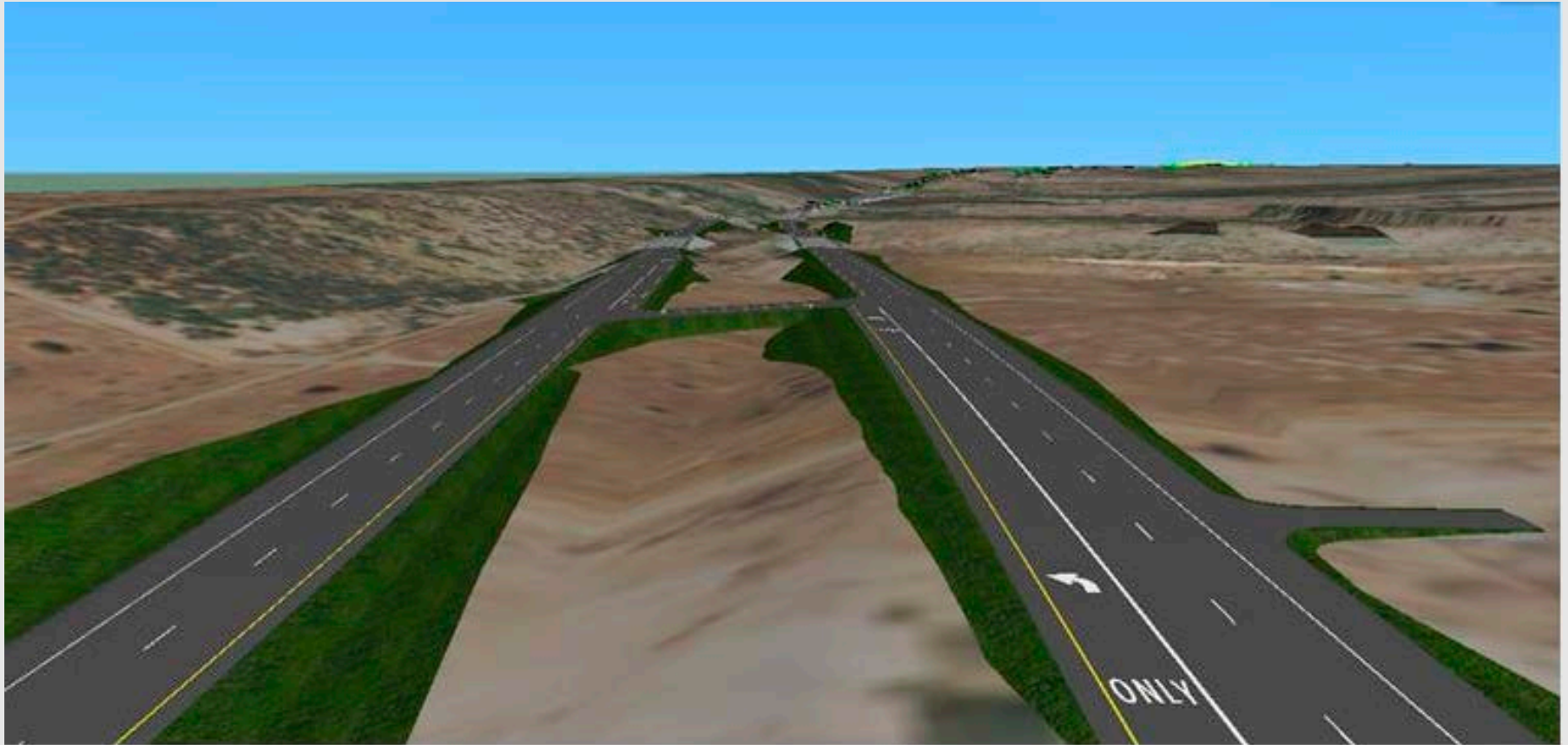
■ 300' proposed ROW



- 38' overall width of new roadway typical sections
 - 4' inside shoulder
 - Two-12' vehicle travel lane
 - 10' outside shoulder
 - With a 63' to 88' wide grassy median

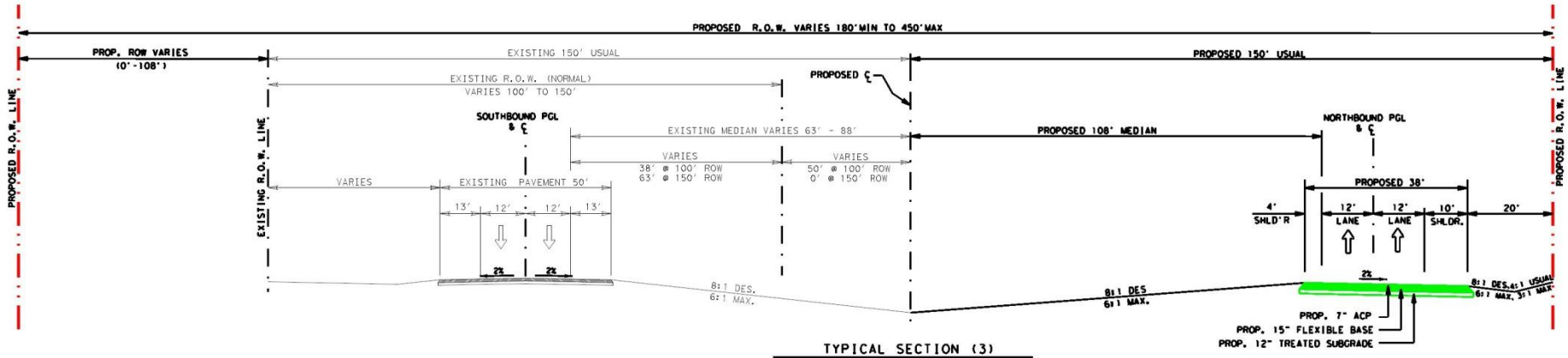
US 83 Proposed Typical Section (Rural 4-Lane Divided)

- 300' ROW



US 83 Proposed Typical Section (FM 2098 North Intersection)

■ 450' ROW



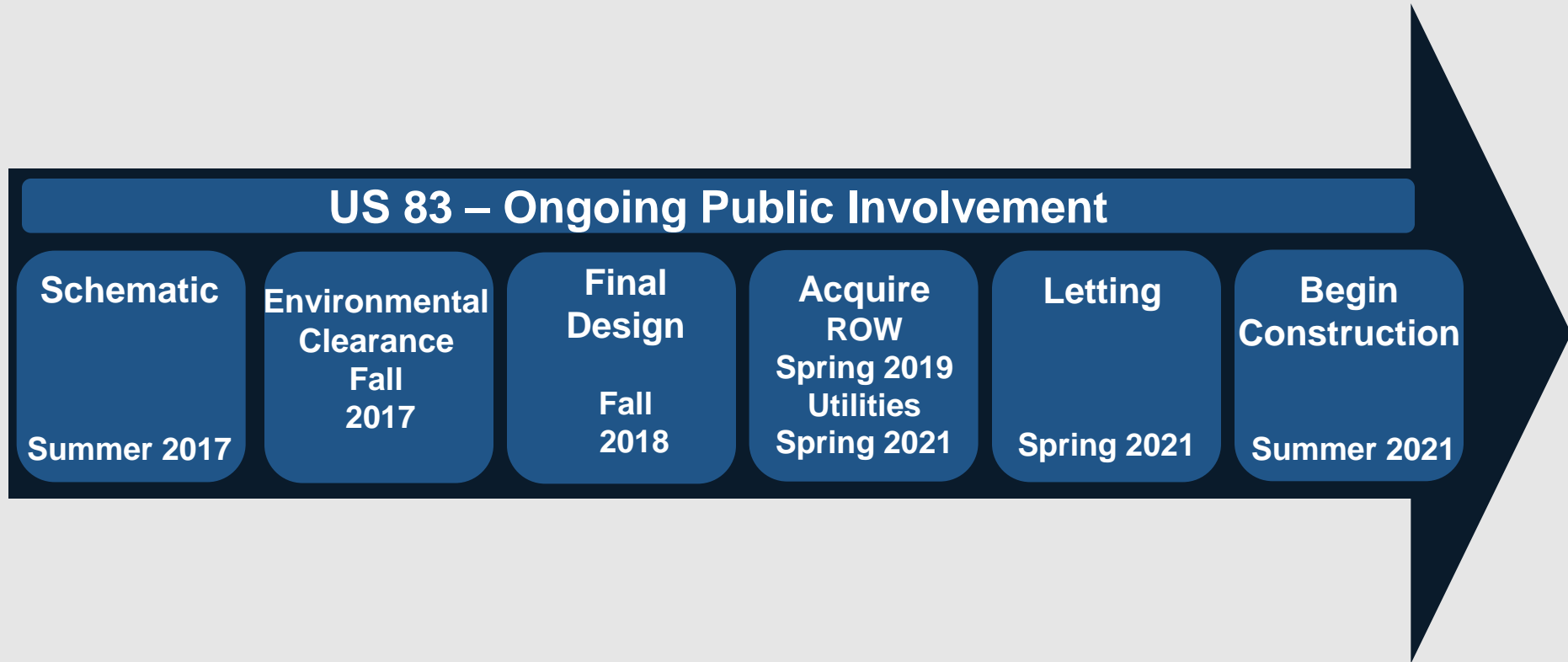
- Two 38-foot wide roadbeds at access roads in south and north directions:
 - 4' inside shoulder
 - Two-12' vehicle travel lane
 - 10' outside shoulder
 - With a 163' to 188' wide grassy median.

US 83 Proposed Typical Section (FM 2098 North Intersection)

- 450' ROW



PROJECT SCHEDULE*



***This project schedule and dates are preliminary.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



- **Step up to the microphone stand**
- **State your full name**
- **Give your comments on the project. Limit statement to 3 minutes.**

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NEXT STEPS

- Compile and consider community input from tonight's public meeting and comment period
- Finalize project design details
- Prepare and finalize environmental documentation

HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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Thank you for your participation.

