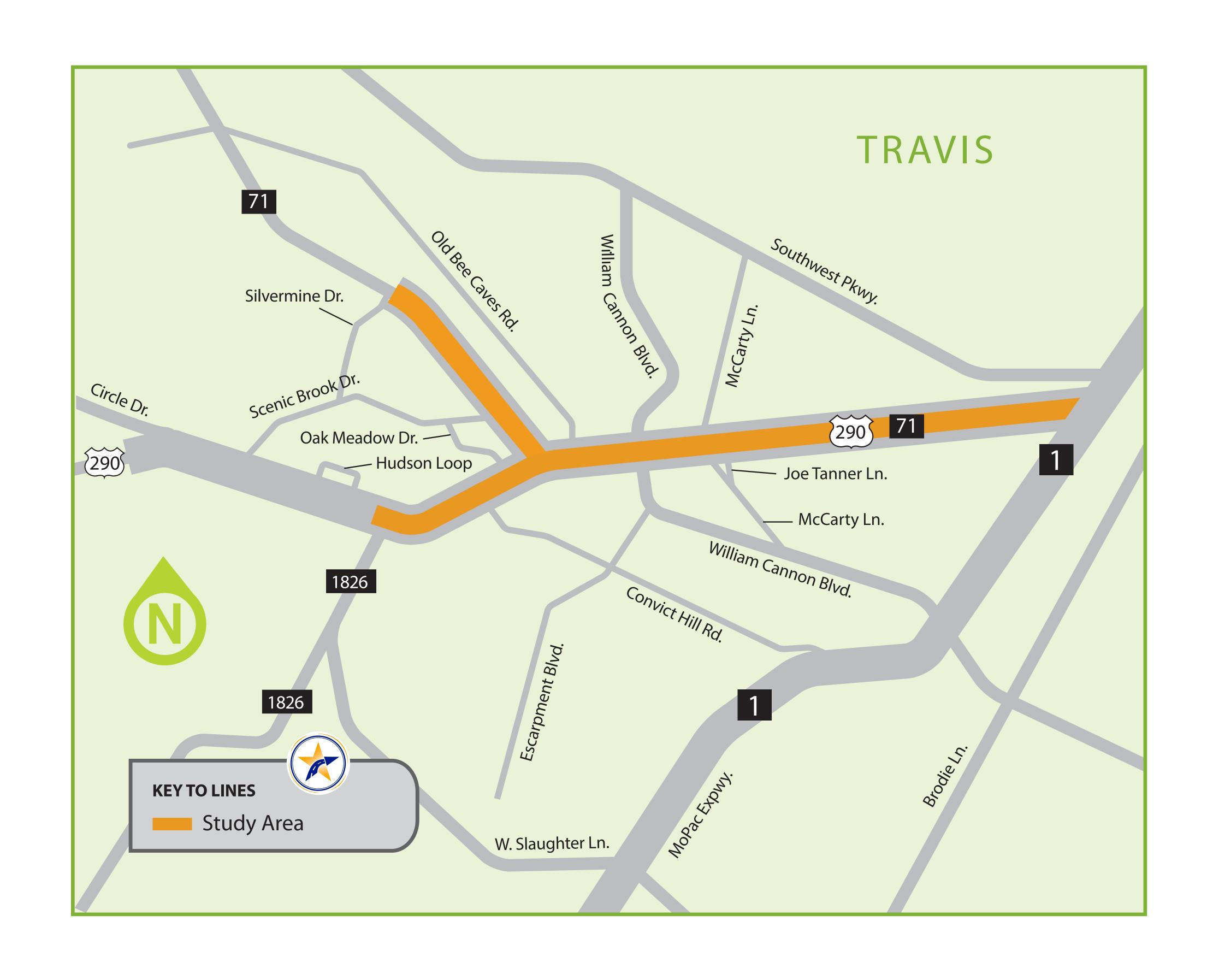


PROJECT LOCATION Or, Where are we studying?

PROJECT INCLUDES:

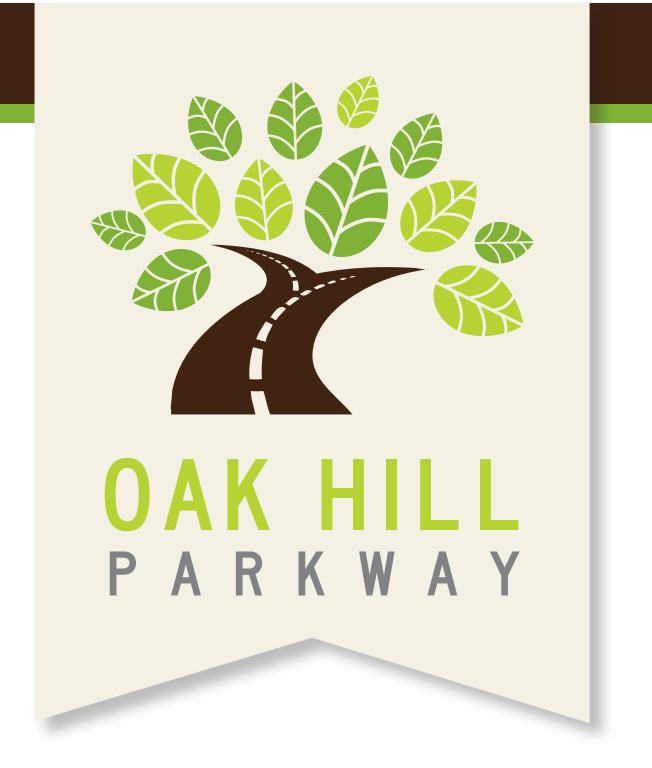
- US 290 from MoPac to RM 1826, with a transition area that extends past Circle Drive
- The intersection of US 290 and SH 71
- SH 71 from US 290 to Silvermine Drive





PROJECT PURPOSE Or, What are we trying to do?

- Improve mobility and operational efficiency
- Promote long-term congestion management
- Increase multimodal travel options for people and goods
- Improve safety
- Improve emergency response



PROJECT NEED Or, What are we trying to solve?

- Traffic congestion related to population growth Travis County has grown from 212,000 in 1960 to just over 1 million in 2010 (US Census Data, 2013)
- Crashes on US 290/SH 71 West 304 between 2009-2011, resulting in one fatality, nine incapacitating injuries, other injuries and property damage (TxDOT, 2013)
- Lost time Drivers wasted more than 454,000 hours per year stuck in traffic on US 290/SH 71 in 2014 (Texas Transportation Institute, 2015)
- Lack of reliable connectivity
- Unreliable route for transit and emergency vehicles

OAK HILL PARKWAY PROCESS: HOW DO WE DECIDE IF A ROAD GETS CONSTRUCTED?

Process to Decide if a

Road Gets Constructed

 Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Provide feedback on CAMPO Long-Range **Project Initiation** Organization (CAMPO) Long-Range **Transportation Plan** (Scoping) **Transportation Plan defines project** Collect data regarding: travel time, accident Provide input regarding area mobility and safety data, population and employment **Problem We are Trying to Solve** problems, environmental issues, technical growth, environmental constraints (Purpose and Need: P&N) data, P&N and project limits Develop draft P&N using community feedback Develop and refine concepts that may meet P&N **Develop Possible Concepts that** Review concepts for enhancements or concerns **Address Problem** Update project scope and P&N using (Universe Of Alternatives) community feedback Develop and refine evaluation criteria and **Evaluate Whether Concepts** Provide feedback on evaluation criteria, measurements based on P&N **Address the Problem** measurements and evaluation results Evaluate concepts and identify which meet P&N (Phase 1 Screening) Develop and refine evaluation criteria and measurements based on P&N **Evaluate which Concepts Best** Review results and provide feedback on and community feedback **Address the Problem** evaluation criteria and measurements Evaluate concepts and identify which meet P&N (Phase 2 Screening) **Advance Reasonable Alternatives** Refine alternatives and develop schematics using Review alternatives and identify any potential for Further Study community feedback and collected technical data enhancements or concerns (Reasonable Alternatives) Identify environmental issues to be studied in greater detail Collect and analyze data regarding potential Review data analysis and provide feedback **Detailed Environmental Analysis** environmental impacts and constructability Review schematics and identify any additional (Environmental Analysis of Alternatives) Develop project enhancements: bike/ped, project enhancements landscaping, design elements Refine schematics to address environmental issues and community feedback Preferred Alternative(s) Publish draft EIS which includes Preferred **Draft Environmental Impact** Alternative(s) and the No Build or "do Review draft EIS and provide feedback at **Statement: (EIS)** nothing" option public hearing FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL Refine EIS based on community feedback IMPACT STATEMENT **Record of Decision**







Project Team





Community Members



AGENCIES AND THEIR ROLES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS*

Who They Are

What They Do

TxDOT Environmental Division

Decision Making Agency

 Review and approve the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and technical reports

TxDOT Austin District Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Lead Agencies

- Manage environmental and engineering process
 - Provide technical review and guidance

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Environmental Protection Agency U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Texas Historical Commission

Cooperating Agencies

- Share Information
- Have jurisdiction with respect to the proposed project
- Participate in meetings and field reviews
- Identify issues and provide input on Purpose and Need, methodologies, alternatives, potential environmental effects, and project enhancements
 - Review draft and final EIS

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Travis County City of Austin

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Invited: Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer
Conservation District, Lower Colorado River
Authority, Hays County, Federal Emergency
Management Agency, Local and regional
Native American tribes

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