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Oak Hill Parkway Scoping Meeting

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What are your concerns?





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Why are we here?

- To listen to neighbors and drivers to better understand the mobility problems impacting Oak Hill and surrounding area
- To learn what is important to neighbors and drivers as mobility improvements are considered
- To receive input regarding the scope of the environmental study to be prepared for the project



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Our Objective

- To work with neighbors and drivers to identify a long-term solution to mobility needs along US 290/SH 71 West that:
 - Respects the environment, improves mobility, and adds value to the Oak Hill community and surrounding area;
 - Promotes sustainable growth by incorporating elements from the Green Mobility Challenge;
 - Is consistent with and supports community goals for enhancement of Oak Hill; and
 - Moves more people safely and reliably, not just more vehicles.



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Corridor History

The Early Years:

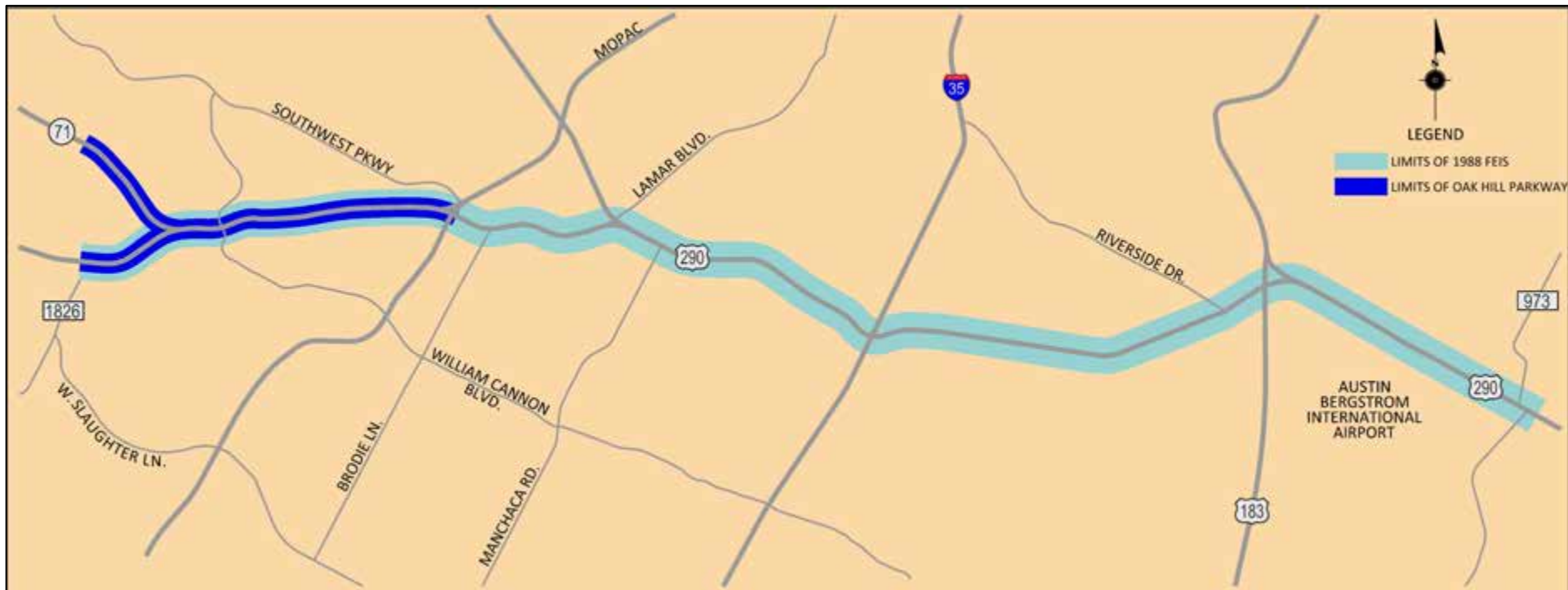
- 1927 – SH 20 (US Highway 290) built
- 1944 – FM 93 (SH 71) built
- 1950s – The “Y” in Oak Hill takes current form
- 1965 – FM 93 renamed SH 71



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Corridor History

- 1988 – Federal environmental clearance to build an expressway (3 lanes in each direction plus frontage roads) from RM 1826 in Oak Hill to FM 973 east of Austin Bergstrom International Airport





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Corridor History

2000 – 2010:

- 2004 – CAMPO's 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan included US 290/SH 71 West as a tolled facility
- 2005 – TxDOT holds public meetings on plans for improvements in Oak Hill
- 2005 – Expanded environmental study requested by several local groups
- 2006 – Parkway design plan proposed by local groups
- 2007 – Mediation with local stakeholder groups identified issues and reached many consensus points. However, agreement on final design was not reached, in part due to a lack of funding for the project.



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Corridor History

A renewed commitment:

- July 2011 – The Green Mobility Challenge is held to identify better ways of constructing, operating and maintaining transportation projects
- March 2012 – Five intersection improvements in the Oak Hill area are announced which will reduce traffic delay until about 2020 but a long-term mobility solution is still needed
- October 2012 – The Oak Hill Parkway study is announced to develop a long-term mobility solution that earns community support
- November 2012 – Open House kicks-off effort to gather public input for the Oak Hill Parkway study



Green Mobility Challenge

- The Green Mobility Challenge is part of an effort to identify community values and incorporate them into project design.
- In July 2011, the Mobility Authority, in partnership with TxDOT hosted the Green Mobility Challenge, a sustainable design competition to identify better ways of constructing, operating and maintaining future transportation projects.
- Ideas from the Green Mobility Challenge will be considered in the Oak Hill Parkway study.
- Visit www.OakHillParkway.com to view competition winners.



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Green Mobility Challenge Concepts

- Improve connectivity of local streets
- Accommodate a multi-modal pedestrian friendly Town Center
- Design gateway bridges and enhanced architectural features
- Use roundabouts at intersections
- Restore/enhance Williamson Creek
- Create multi-use trails along Oak Hill Parkway and Williamson Creek
- Develop green space / parkland
- Use innovative asphalt pavement
- Utilize biofiltration / bioretention
- Use LED / solar lighting



Oak Hill Envisioning Mobility Workshop

- As part of an effort to get early public input on how best to improve US290/SH 71 West, the Mobility Authority and TxDOT hosted the Oak Hill Envisioning Mobility Workshop in August 2012.
- About 40 Oak Hill area residents discussed their vision for the community and brainstormed on possible names for the US 290/SH 71 West environmental study.
- Six possible names emerged from the workshop and were presented for a public vote in the Oak Hill Gazette in early September 2012.
- Based on the vote, TxDOT and the Mobility Authority announced on October 17, 2012 the environmental study would be called the **Oak Hill Parkway**.



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Project Partners



CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority





Key Study Features

Previously Identified

- Aesthetics
- Bicycle and pedestrian
- Community values
- Design challenges
- Endangered species
- Environmental sustainability
- Historic properties
- Neighborhood access
- Noise
- Public transportation
- Trees
- Water quality



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Purpose

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



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Need

What are we trying to solve?

- Traffic congestion related to population growth – Travis Co. has grown from 212,000 in 1960 to just over 1 million in 2010.
- Crashes on US 290/ SH 71 West – 304 between 2009-2011, resulting in one fatality, nine incapacitating injuries, other injuries and property damage
- Lost time – Drivers waste more than 340,000 hours per year stuck in traffic
- Lack of connectivity
- Unreliable route for transit and emergency vehicles



Environmental Process

The environmental study will include:

- Extensive public and agency involvement throughout process
- Discussion of purpose and need for the project
- Alternatives analysis
 - Evaluate a range of reasonable mobility alternatives
 - Include a No Build alternative in all analyses
- Evaluation of potential impacts
- Detailed description of the affected environment
 - Natural resources
 - Human environment
- Result in selection of recommended alternative



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Schedule





Public and Agency Coordination Plan

What is a Coordination Plan?

- Identifies the agencies to be involved
- Describes roles and responsibilities
- Identifies goals, objectives and strategies to engage the public in the planning process
- Provides a schedule

Where can I see the coordination plan for US 290/SH 71 West?

- At www.oakhillparkway.com