



SPICEWOOD SPRINGS RD

PUBLIC MEETING

Sept. 26, 2017



PURPOSE & AGENDA

Purpose:

Educate the community about the project timeline, scope and process; answer community questions about the project; and allow the community to provide comments about existing conditions & observations

Agenda:

- Staff's Presentation (20 minutes)
- Audience Question & Answer (30 minutes)
- Roll Plot Review & Comments on Existing Conditions (40 minutes)
- Wrap up at 8:30 p.m.

2016 MOBILITY BOND

- \$720 million for transportation and mobility improvements citywide
- **Regional Mobility Program – \$101 million**
- Corridor Mobility Program – \$482 million
- Local Mobility Program – \$137 million
 - Sidewalks – \$37.5 million
 - Safe Routes to School – \$27.5 million
 - Urban Trails – \$26 million
 - Bikeways – \$20 million
 - Intersection Safety/Vision Zero – \$15 million
 - Substandard Streets/Capital Renewal – \$11 million

REGIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAM - \$101 MILLION

- Loop 360 Corridor Intersections
 - \$46 million to four intersections on Loop 360: Westlake Drive, Courtyard Drive, Lakewood Drive, and Spicewood Springs Road/Bluff Stone Lane
- Anderson Mill Road, RM 620 at RM 2222, and Parmer Lane
 - \$30 million to Anderson Mill Road from Spicewood Parkway to US 183, the intersection of RM 620 at RM 2222, and Parmer Lane between SH 45 and Brushy Creek
- Old Bee Caves Road
 - \$8 million for improvements to Old Bee Caves Road Bridge, a low-water crossing over Williamson Creek
- **Spicewood Springs Road**
 - \$17 million for Spicewood Springs Road east of Loop 360

SPICEWOOD SPRINGS ROAD PROJECT

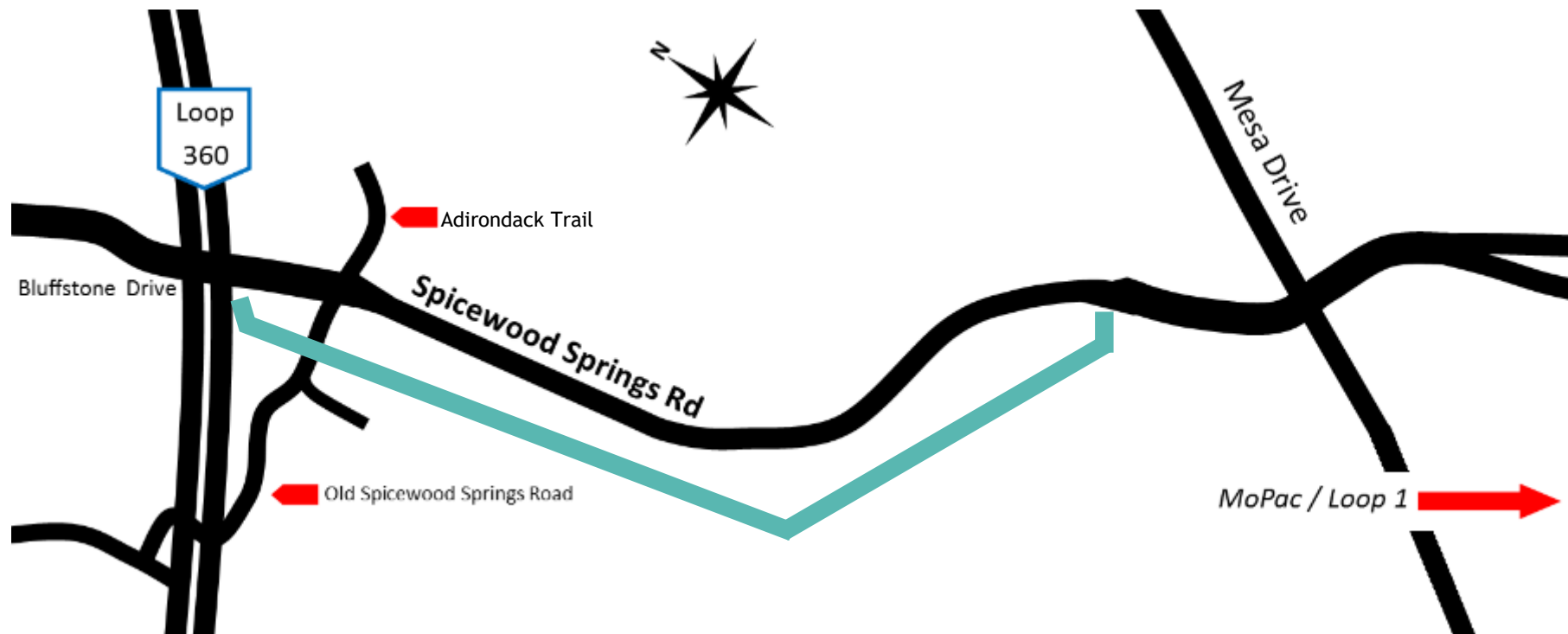


GOAL

Work with the community to balance needs, priorities and constraints to develop a constructible project that enhances safety and mobility and fits within budget.

PROJECT LIMITS

Spicewood Springs Road from Loop 360 to 0.2 miles west of Mesa Drive



FUNDING

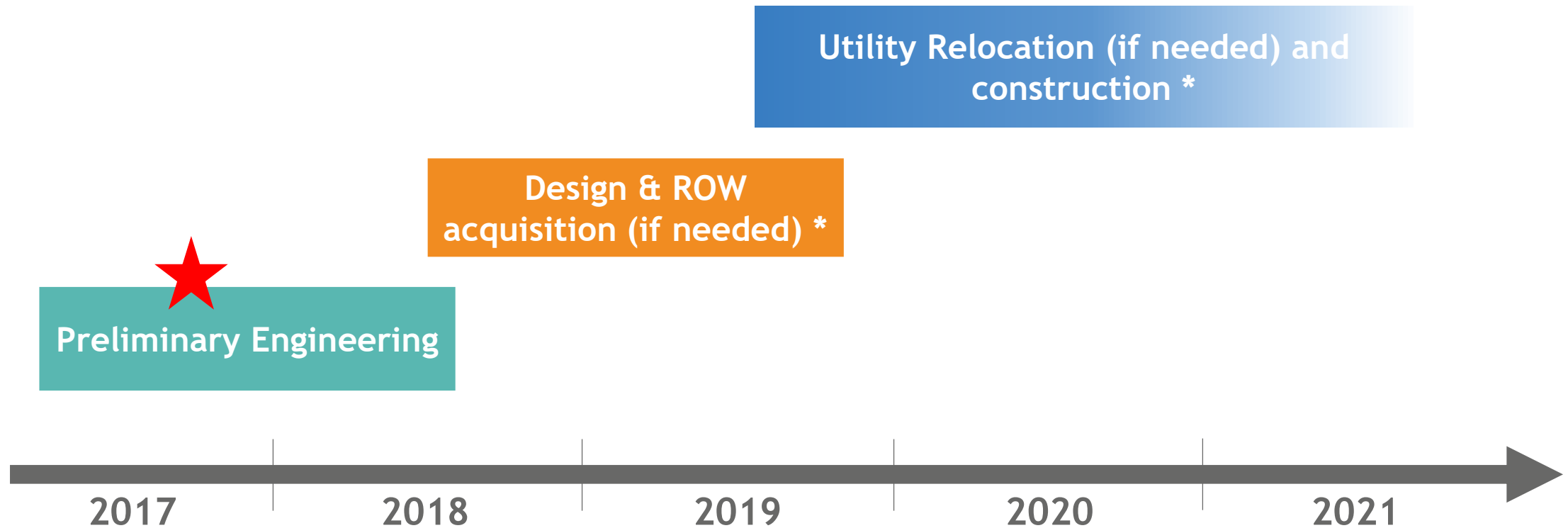
- \$17 million from the 2016 Mobility Bond for
 - Preliminary Engineering
 - Design
 - ROW acquisition (if needed)
 - Utility relocation (if needed)
 - Construction



TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS

- Goal is to *generally* match the intersection of Spicewood Springs Road at Mesa Drive
 - Two lanes in each direction, with turn lane and a center median or a blend of both
 - Sidewalks and bike facilities
 - Curbs & drainage

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE



** Timelines are contingent on improvements identified in Preliminary Engineering*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Staff will report back to the community at two different times during PER:
 - existing conditions – *happening now*
 - draft recommendations – Spring 2018
- Staff will come back to the community with final design & construction plan
- Staff will stay in communication during construction about timelines and mitigation such as access & noise

PROJECT TEAM

- Austin Transportation Department: Sponsor Department
- Public Works Department: Project Delivery
- Team:

Paul Terranova, ATD, Regional Mobility Program Lead

Genest Landry, PWD, Project Manager

Jennifer Massie-Gore, Supervisor, Engineering Services Division

Dipti Borkar-Desai, ATD, Area Engineer – Districts 4, 6, 7 and 10

Cheyenne Krause, ATD, Communications & Engagement

Emily Tuttle, ATD, Communications & Engagement

+ internal engineering, design and planning teams

+ consultants

WHAT WE KNOW

CONSTRAINTS

- Environmentally sensitive area
- Missing sidewalks
- Missing drainage
- Steep slope
- Absent turn lanes
- Constrained right-of-way
- Utilities in the right-of-way

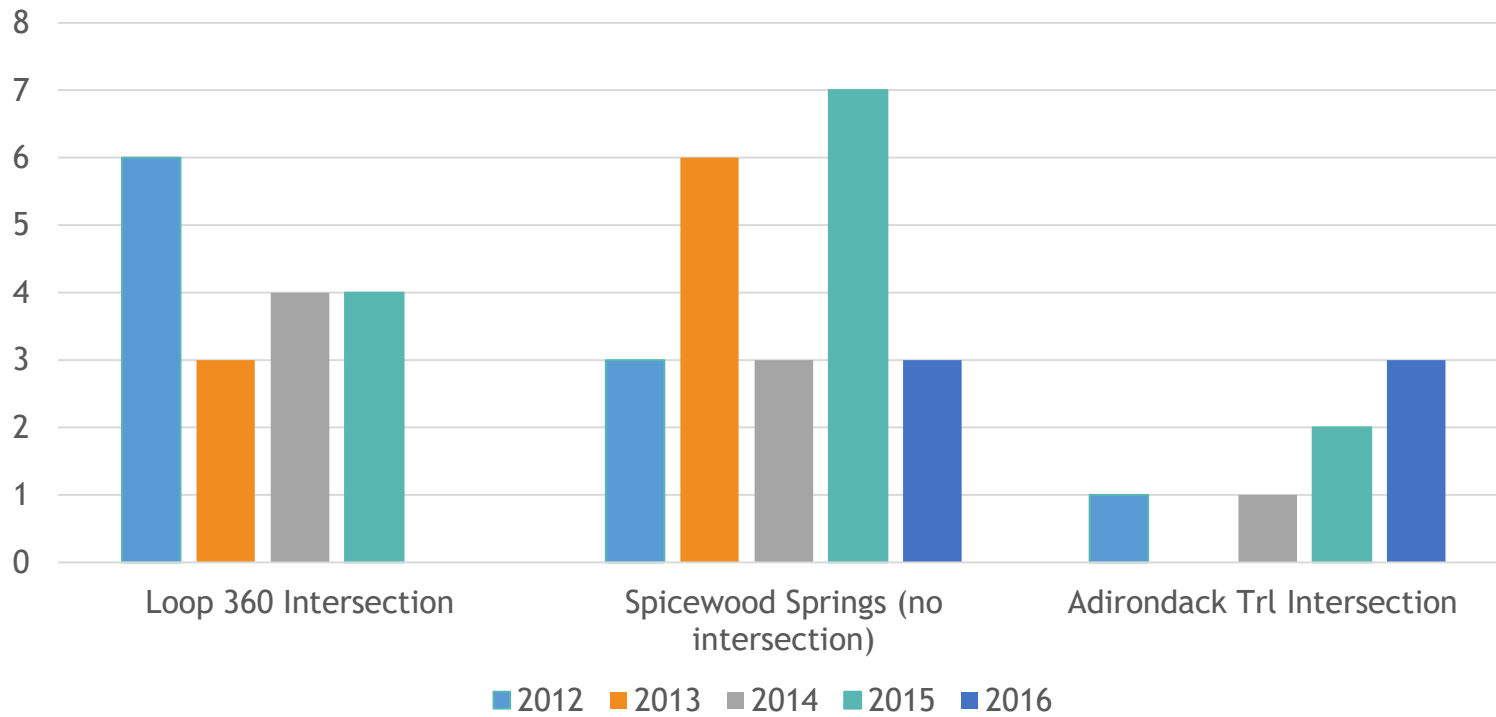


TRAFFIC VOLUMES

- Consultant to collect
 - Eastbound and westbound counts on Spicewood Springs Rd.
 - Driveway counts for all driveways along segment
 - Turning movement counts

CRASH LOCATIONS

Crashes by year, by intersection



COORDINATION OPPORTUNITIES



LOOP 360

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) managing Loop 360 Study & implementation of improvements
 - 2016 Bond contributed funding to four intersections, including Spicewood Springs Road/Bluffstone Drive
 - City has executed an advanced funding agreement w/ TxDOT
- Environmental studies still needed
 - TxDOT anticipates initiating study for Westlake Drive in early FY 18
 - Timeline contingent on TxDOT & environmental process
 - Bid/Construction ~ FY 2022

OLD SPICEWOOD SPRINGS RD LOW-WATER CROSSING

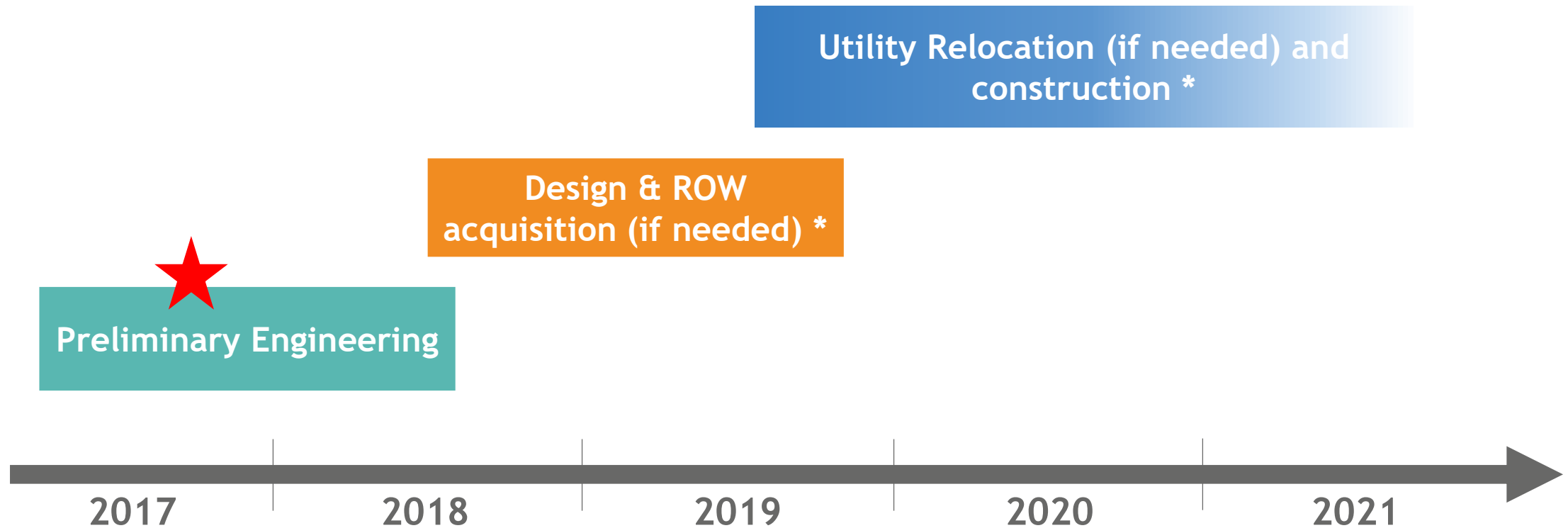
- City of Austin Watershed Protection Department is conducting a feasibility study for low-water crossing
- No firm strategy at this time

EXISTING PLANS & DOCUMENTS

- Sidewalk Master Plan
- Bicycle Master Plan
- Draft Austin Street Design Guide
- Etc.

NEXT STEPS

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NEXT STEPS

- Participate online through until Oct. 31
- Webinar of presentation will be created & PDF of slides will be posted online next week
- Staff will complete data collection in the coming weeks
- Recommendations presented to the community in Spring 2018

CONNECT WITH US

- **Participate Online:** [AustinTexas.gov/SpicewoodSpringsRd](https://austintexas.gov/SpicewoodSpringsRd)
- **Twitter:** @AustinMobility
- **Facebook:** [Facebook.com/ATXTransportation](https://facebook.com/ATXTransportation)
- By email: **2016Bond@austintexas.gov** or
Cheyenne.Krause@austintexas.gov

- [AustinTexas.gov/2016Bond](https://austintexas.gov/2016Bond)
- Capital Project Explorer (Project ID 11880.001)



QUESTIONS?

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