

# WELCOME

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING: NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD CORRIDOR  
MOBILITY & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

CSJ: 0115-11-067 AND 0015-11-068

MAY 15, 2020

# AGENDA

- Project overview
- Environmental overview
- Public comments
- Adjourn

# HOW CAN I MAKE COMMENTS?

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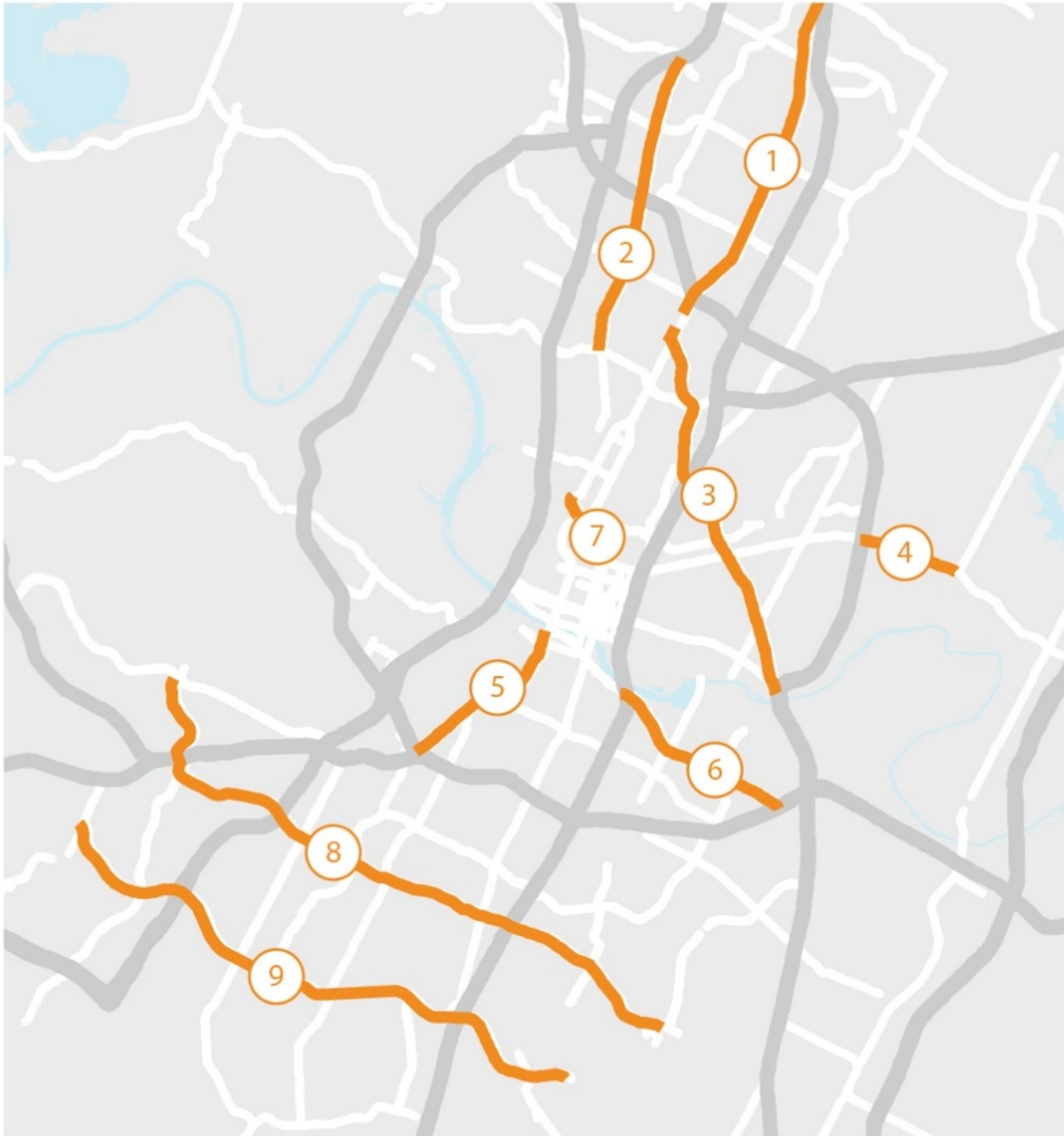
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To speak with project staff and ask questions, please call 512-974-2615 during regular office hours at any time in the project development process.

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**  
**NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD CORRIDOR**  
**IMPROVEMENTS**



2016 Mobility Bond  
provides \$482 million  
for improvements to  
Austin corridors

- ① **North Lamar Boulevard**  
*(US HWY. 183 TO HOWARD LN.)*
- ② **Burnet Road**  
*(KOENIG LN. TO MOPAC EXPY.)*
- ③ **Airport Boulevard**  
*(N. LAMAR BLVD. TO US HWY. 183)*
- ④ **East MLK Jr. Boulevard**  
*(US HWY. 183 TO DECKER LN.)*
- ⑤ **South Lamar Boulevard**  
*(RIVERSIDE DR. TO BEN WHITE BLVD./US HWY. 290 WEST)*
- ⑥ **East Riverside Drive**  
*(I-35 TO SH 71)*
- ⑦ **Guadalupe Street**  
*(MLK JR. BLVD. TO W. 29TH ST.)*
- ⑧ **William Cannon Drive**  
*(SOUTHWEST PKWY. TO MCKINNEY FALLS PKWY.)*
- ⑨ **Slaughter Lane**  
*(FM 1826 TO VERTEX BLVD.)*

# WHY ARE IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED ALONG N. LAMAR?

- Traffic volume exceeds 37,500 vehicles/day
- Approximately 300 access driveways in 6 miles
- Over 3,900 crashes between 2015 and 2020
  - Over 380 injuries or fatalities
  - 71 crashes involving pedestrians or cyclists

# ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

**Corridor Limits:** US 183 to Howard Lane  
**Total Length:** 6 miles

Environmental Study evaluating

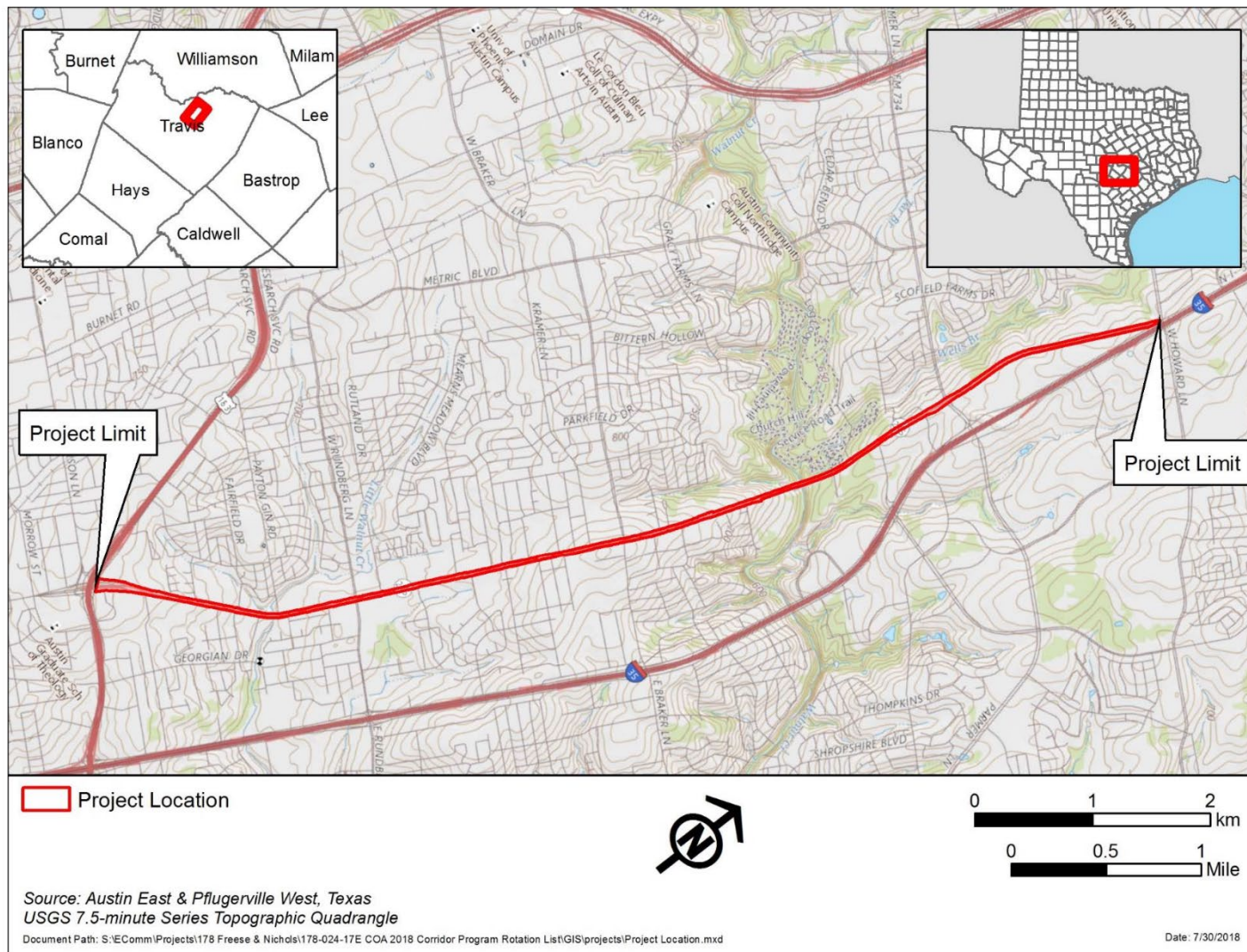
- Improvements funded for construction
- Improvements not yet funded for construction



# NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD CORRIDOR

Hazardous Materials  
Initial Site Assessment Form

North Lamar Boulevard from U.S. 183 to Howard Lane  
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# PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

## **Funded for construction:**

- 12 traffic signal improvements with enhanced technology, 3 new traffic signals, and 3 new pedestrian hybrid beacons
- Safety and multi-modal connectivity improvements to all intersections
- 12 miles of new, shared-use paths to create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalk and bicycle facilities
- 6 miles of pavement rehabilitation
- Drainage improvements to upgraded, closed storm system to support mobility improvements
- Reconstruction and modification of some driveways
- Bus stop improvements in partnership with Capital Metro
- Intermittent raised median islands between Rundberg Lane and Braker Lane

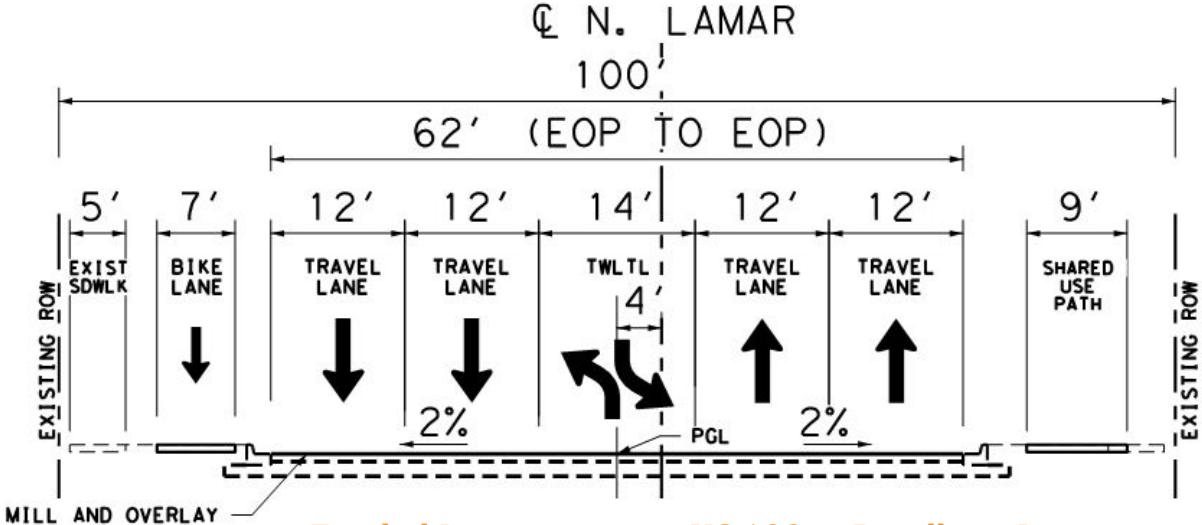
## **Not yet funded for construction:**

- Enhanced and separate pedestrian and bicycle facilities, streetscape, trees, intermittent raised medians and street lighting between US 183 and Howard Lane/I-35

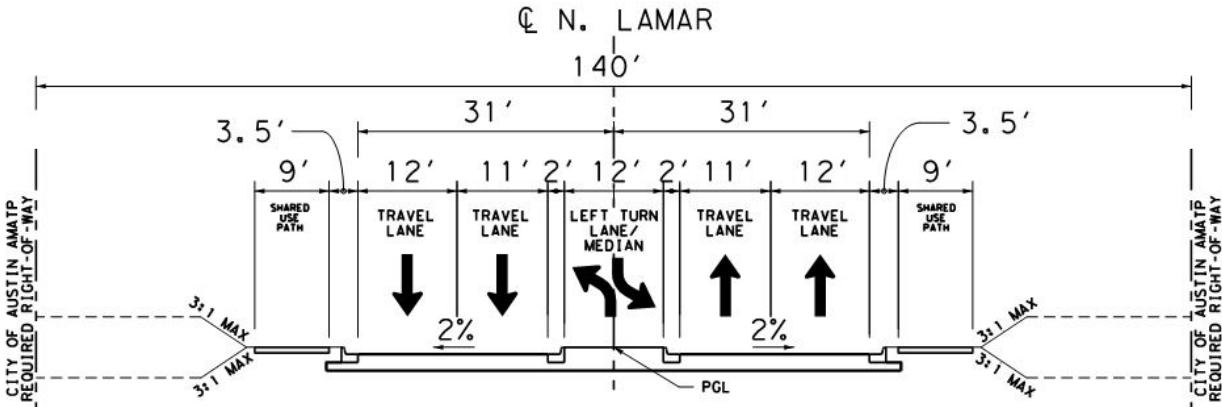
## **Right of Way:**

- For the ultimate corridor vision, which includes unfunded improvements, the proposed right-of-way width would be approximately 120 feet
- Near-term, funded improvements would require less right of way

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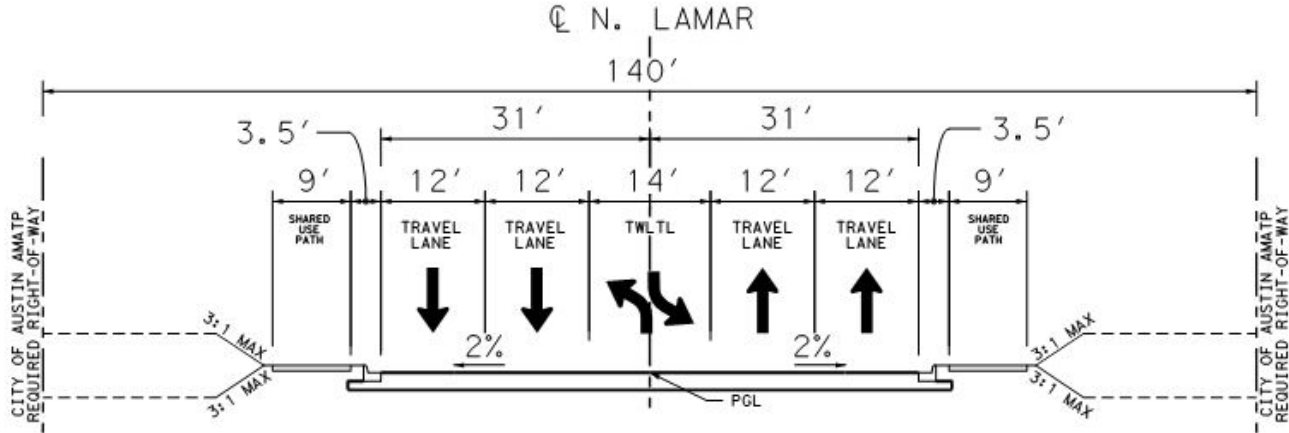


Funded Improvements: US 183 to Rundberg Ln

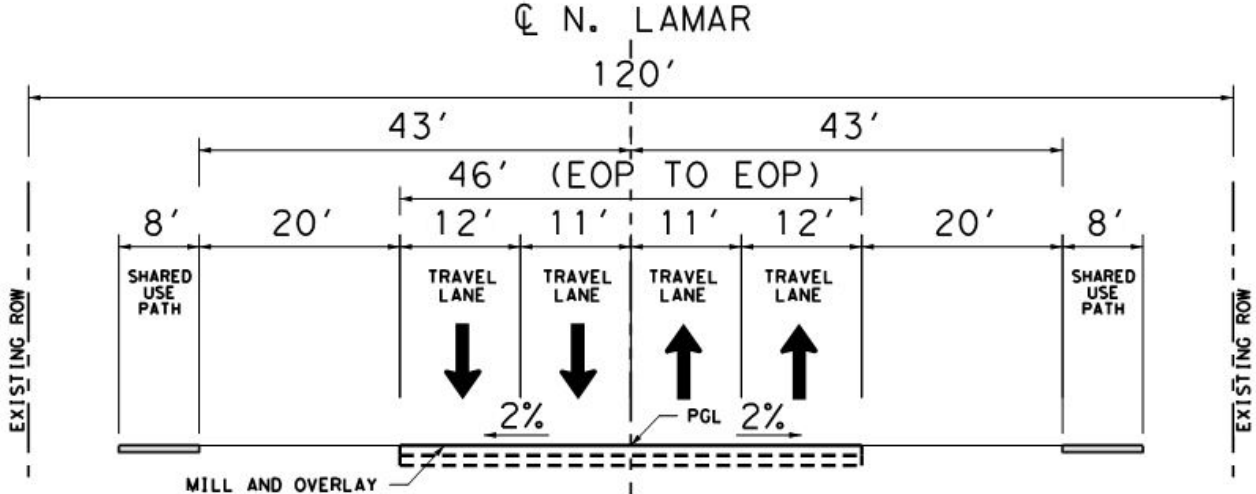


Funded Improvements: Rundberg Ln to Braker Ln

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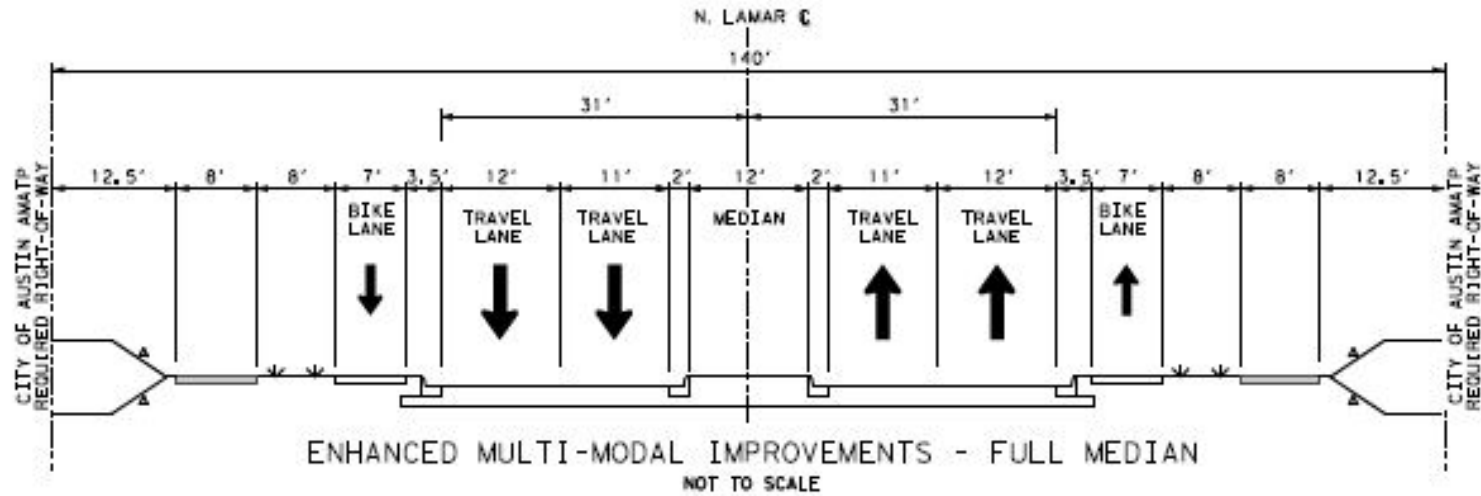


Funded Improvements: Braker Ln to Parmer Ln



Funded Improvements: Parmer Ln to I-35 (Howard Ln)

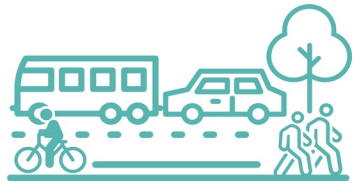
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Unfunded Improvements: US 183 to I-35



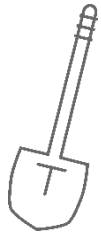
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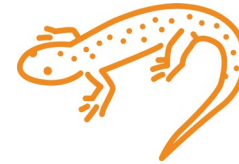
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Water Resources



Archeological Resources



Biological Resources



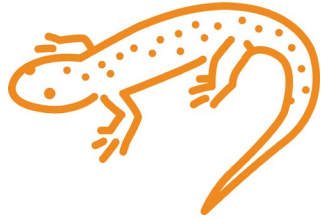
Hazardous Materials



Social and Community Impacts



Historical Resources



## Biological Resources

- Suitable habitat for 27 federally and state-listed threatened and endangered species and species of greatest conservation need (SGCN)
- Early coordination with Texas Parks and Wildlife required
- There is a possibility of encountering karst species during excavation
  - If karst species are encountered, work within 50 feet of the feature will cease until a habitat evaluation is carried out in accordance with USFWS guidelines
- Best management practices (BMPs) implemented:
  - Plains spotted skunk BMP
  - Karst surveys and void discovery BMP
  - Bird BMP
  - Terrestrial reptile BMP for the Texas garter snake
  - Vegetation BMP



## Social & Community Impacts

- No displacements
- Minor access changes
  - Raised medians will require U-turns at median breaks to access some residential and commercial driveways
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and minority populations
  - No adverse effects
- Increased bicyclist and pedestrian safety
  - Consistent with Capital Area Metropolitan 2040 Regional Transportation Plan





## Water Resources

- Three waters of the U.S. (WOUS)
  - Permitting under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) would be required
  - Eligible for Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14
  - Preconstruction Notification and compensatory mitigation may be required
- At least part of the proposed project is within the Edwards Aquifer transition zone
- 100-year and 500-year flood zones of Little Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek would require coordination with local Floodplain Administrator

# PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Environmental clearance  
August 2020
- Final design plans  
Funded improvements: *sequenced by corridor segments (2020-2023)*  
Unfunded improvements: *Ongoing*
- Utility adjustments sequenced by corridor segments (2021-2024)
- Anticipated construction  
Funded improvements: *Construction to be sequenced by corridor segment between 2021 and 2024*  
Unfunded improvements: *TBD (dependent upon funding availability)*

# PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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