Inner Loop East Study

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Public Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024

HOW TO STAY INVOLVED:



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PUBLIC MEETING PURPOSE













Inform the public about the study and share new alignment options for a potential new roadway



Collect public input about the study and the alignment options



Introduce the study and provide the public an opportunity to visit with the study team and ask questions



Develop a record of public participation

STUDY BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW







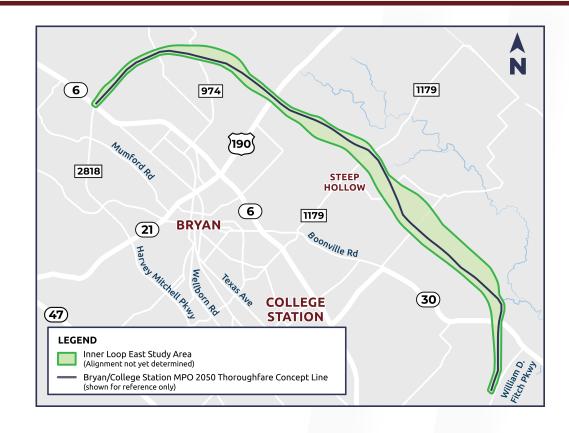




Brazos County in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Cities of Bryan and College Station, is studying the feasibility of a new roadway that would loop the eastern areas of Bryan and College Station.

This new roadway would enhance local and regional connectivity and is part of a continued effort to improve transportation in the community.

The study is funded through Brazos County's voter approved Transportation Road Improvement Bond Program (TRIP) 2022 bond.



Study Limits: SH 6 at FM 2818 in Bryan to William D Fitch Parkway in College Station

Study Length: 20 miles

The study area was based on the Bryan/College Station MPO 2050 Thoroughfare Concept map that was adopted at the June 26, 2017 Policy Board Meeting.

STUDY PHASES











What is a Feasibility Study?

Brazos County is in the early stages of project development and is working to determine the most feasible, or logical, location for a new roadway alignment. This type of high-level study analyzes preliminary technical and environmental data and stakeholder and public input to identify next steps in project development.

Feasibility Study

Alternative Analysis

WE ARE HERE

Environmental Study/Clearance and Design Schematic Final Design,
Construction Plans,
Cost Estimates,
Utilities Relocation,
and Right of
Way Acquisition

Phased Construction

Input from the public is important and considered at every phase of project development

DRAFT NEED AND PURPOSE

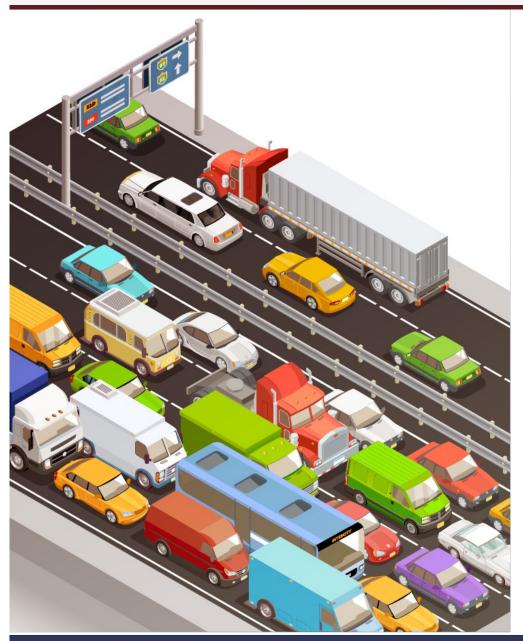












Need

The proposed project is needed because there is a lack in north-south connectivity through Brazos County resulting in reduced mobility and congestion on the existing system and the inability to meet future traffic volumes.

Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility when traveling north to south through Brazos County and to accommodate future traffic due to the projected population growth.

STUDY AREA GROWTH



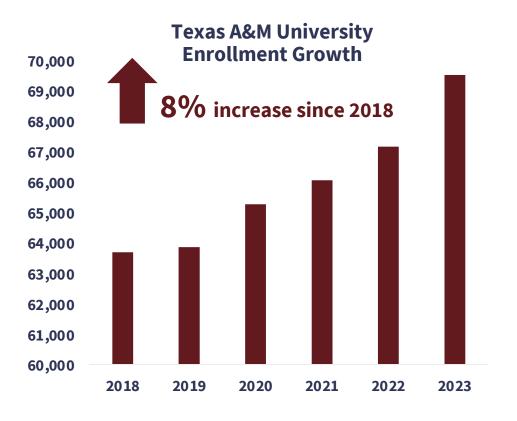


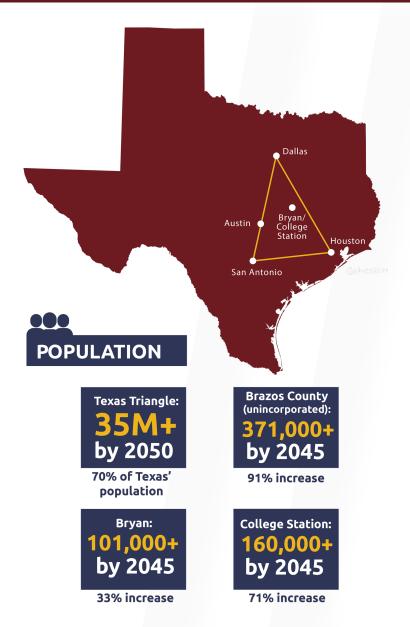






The Texas Triangle connects the metropolitan areas of Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, and Houston. Brazos County and the Cities of Bryan and College Station are at the heart of The Texas Triangle offering economic opportunities to Texans and major employers.





ENVIRONMENTAL











National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Understanding the environment, and potential impacts is an important aspect of project development and selecting a preferred alignment. Several factors are considered during environmental evaluations.



Biological Resources



Pollution and Noise



Water Resources



Community and Social Impacts



Historic and Archeological Impacts



Hazardous Materials

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

CONCEPTUAL TYPICAL SECTION



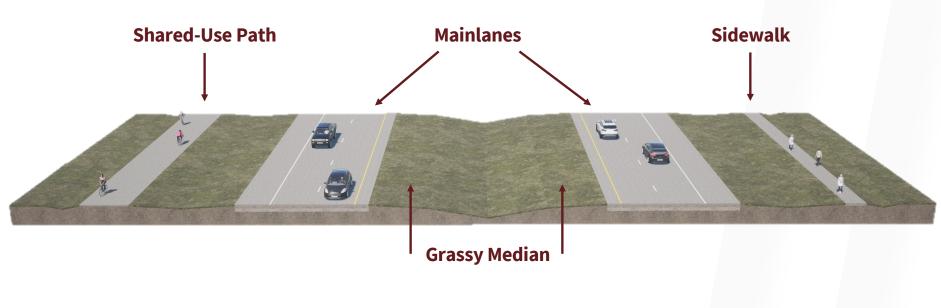








The roadway could be constructed in phases with the first phase being constructed with minimal lanes until travel demand increases and additional lanes are needed.



150 ft – 300 ft Right-of-Way

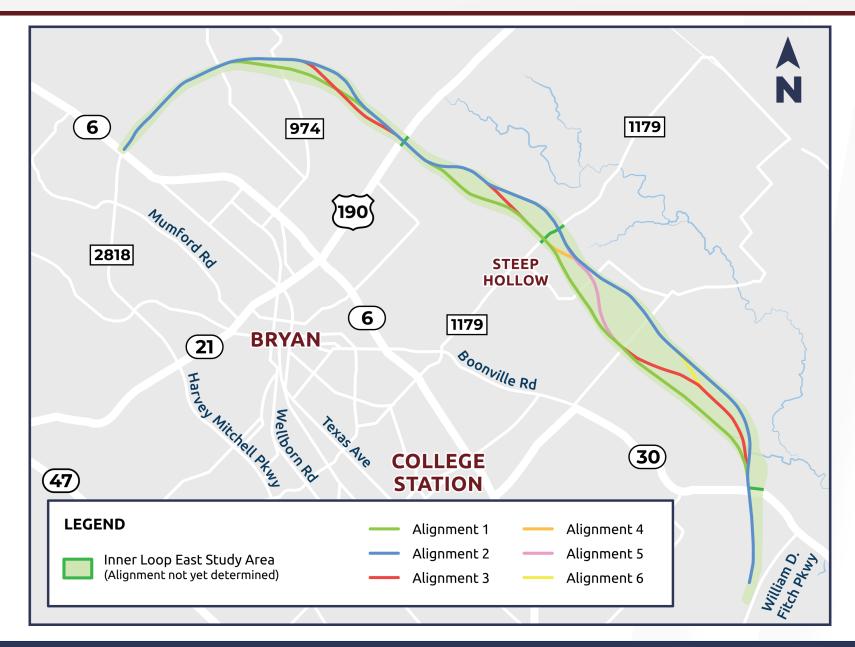












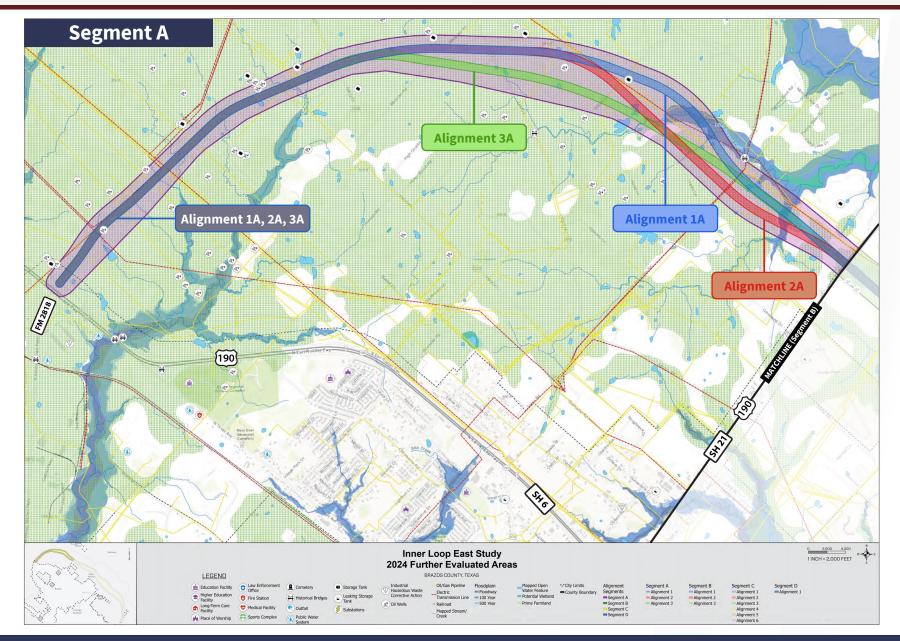












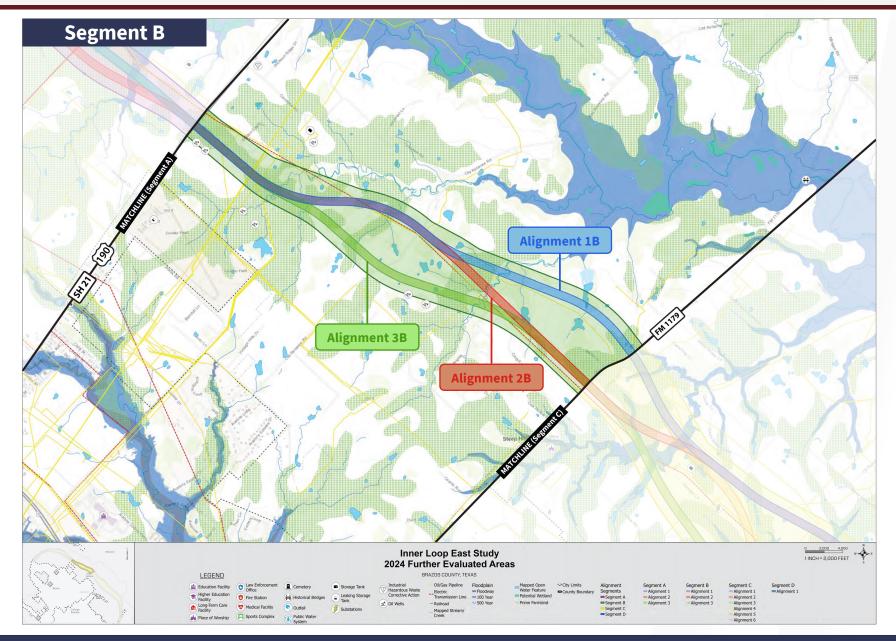












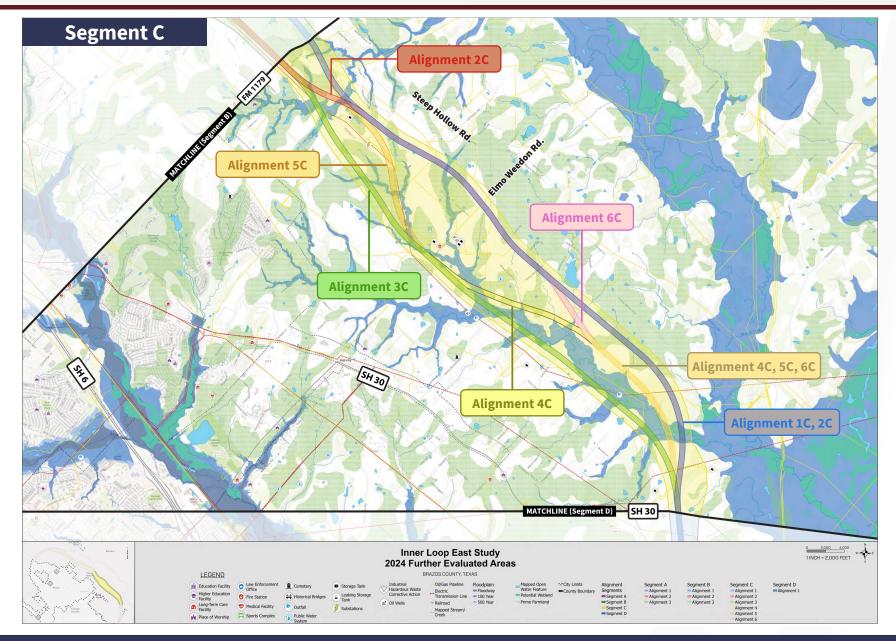












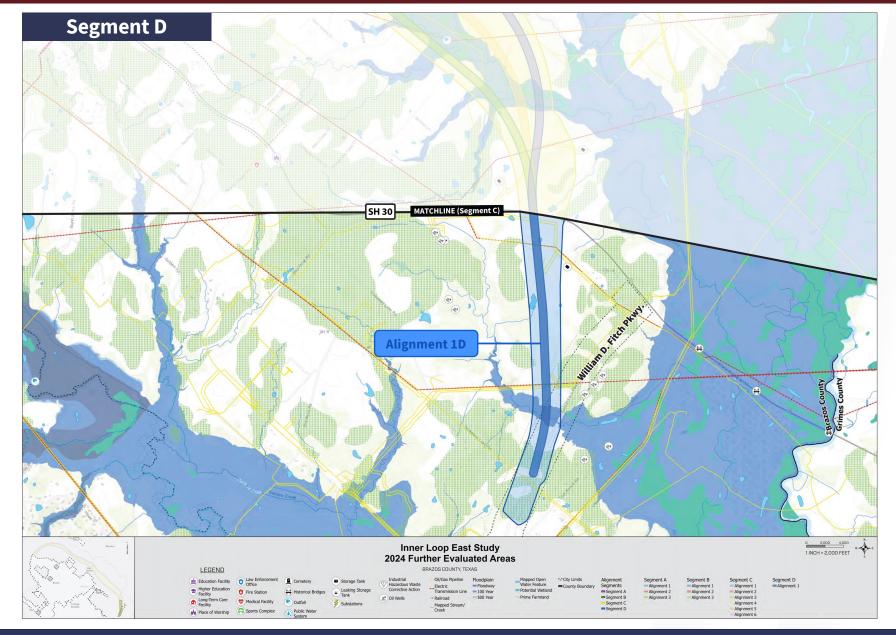












NEXT STEPS











PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PROPERTY OWNER COORDINATION

LATE 2023 TO MID 2024

LATE 2024

MID 2024 TO EARLY 2025

EARLY 2025 TO MID 2025

MID 2025 TO MID 2026 MID 2026 TO LATE 2026

Environmental Studies Data Collection and Analysis Alternatives

Development

Public Meeting #1 Environmental
Studies
Data Collection
and Analysis
Select Preferred
Alternative

Public Meeting #2 Refine Schematic Public Hearing and Environmental Clearance

Schematic Approval

HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT











All comments must be **postmarked by Friday, Nov. 22, 2024**, to be included in the official public meeting record.







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