City Council Work Session Handouts

March 11, 2013

- I. Review and Discuss the LBJ Express Project
- II. Review and Discuss the US 75 Corridor Study
- III. Review and Discuss the Construction of the New Heights Recreation Center and Heights Family Aquatic Center





Project History



Opens in 1969 with a capacity of 180,000 cars/day.



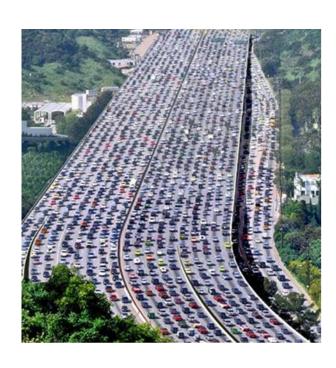
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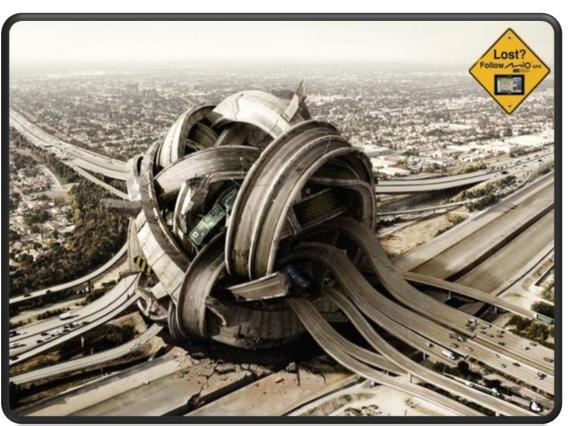
In 2009 it had already 270,000 cars/day.



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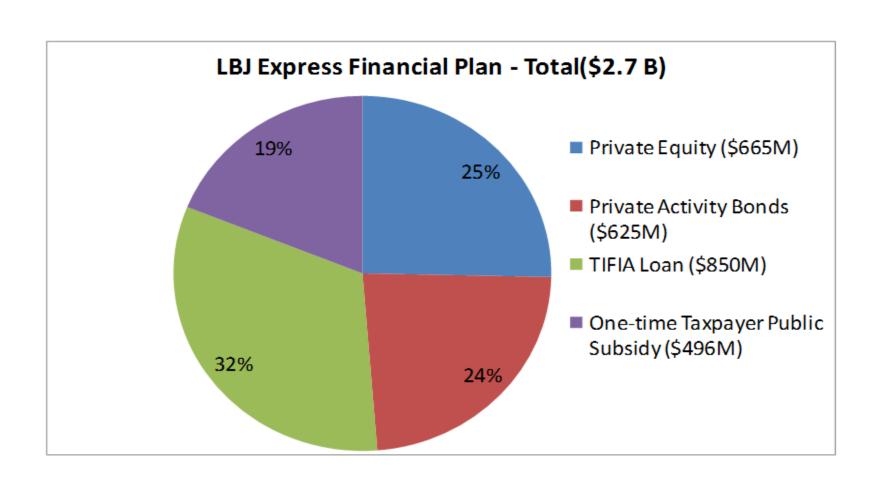


And before the collapse...





LBJ Express Project Finance





LBJ PROJECT LIMITS





LBJ EXPRESS PROJECT TIMELINE

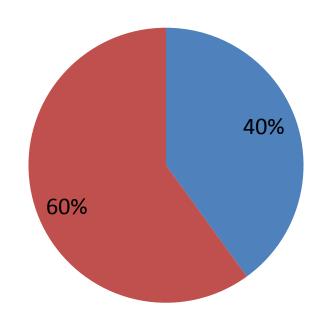
BASELINE TIMELINE

Timeline		
Early 2011	Start of Construction / O&M	
December 2013	Completion of I-635: Montfort Drive to Greenville Ave.	
April 2015	Completion of I-35E: Valwood Parkway to Loop 12 Completion of I-635: Luna Road to Josey Lane	
December 2015	Completion of I-635: Josey Lane to Montfort Drive	
2016	2016 Commencement of Service on Completed LBJ Express	
2061	LBJ Express Returns to TxDOT	



LBJ Express Construction Progress

Completed Not Completed



- 100% under construction
- On time-on budget
- First segment on track to open in December 2013
- Utilities 97% complete
- Frontage opened on western side of the project
- Excavation of the subsurface lanes has begun



CONSTRUCTION STATS

- Deck Surface 80 football fields
- Concrete Beams 6,400 Dallas to Austin
- Soil nails 320 miles Dallas to Galveston
- 8,700,000 cubic yards of excavation enough to fill Dallas Cowboy's Stadium 2.5 times























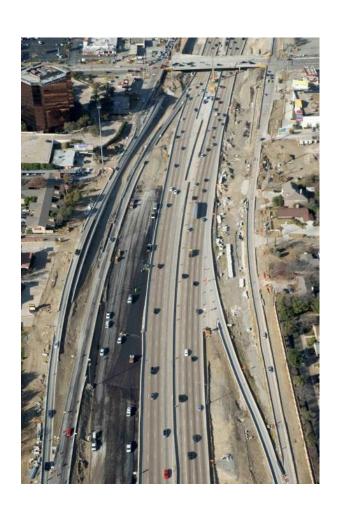














I-635 SUB-SURFACE MANAGED LANES
(CROSS-SECTION VIEW)

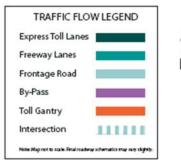


- **▶**Improvements to I-35E and I-635, two of busiest roadways in Texas
 - > 8 reconstructed existing general purpose lanes (free)
 - > 4 and 6 new managed lanes based on segment (toll)
 - > 2 and 3 lane continuous frontage roads for better access



UNDERSTANDING FUTURE TRAFFIC FLOW







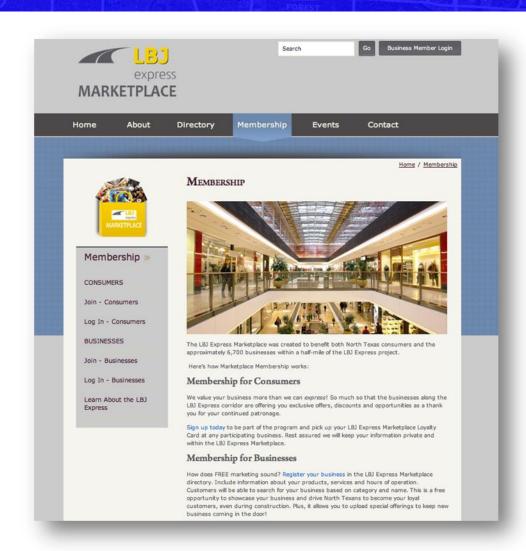
LBJ EXPRESS MARKETPLACE



Your Key to Safety on the express

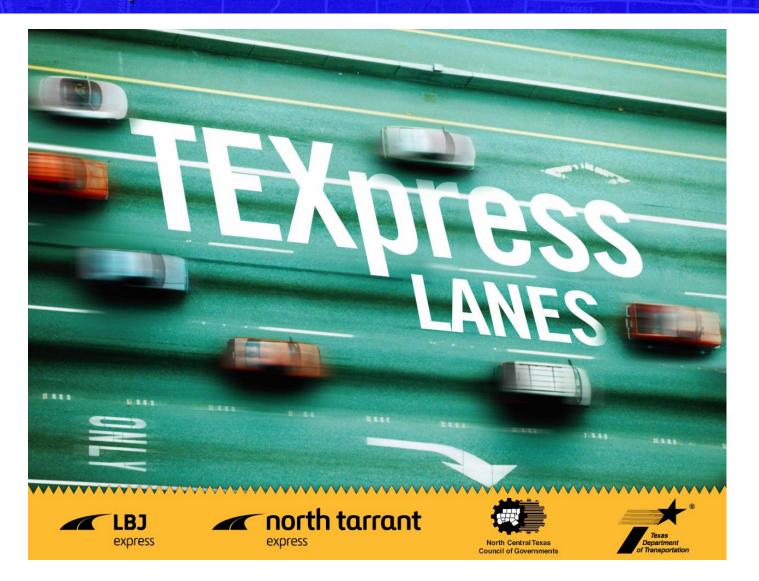
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Need Traffic & Construction Alerts?
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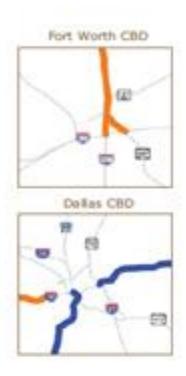


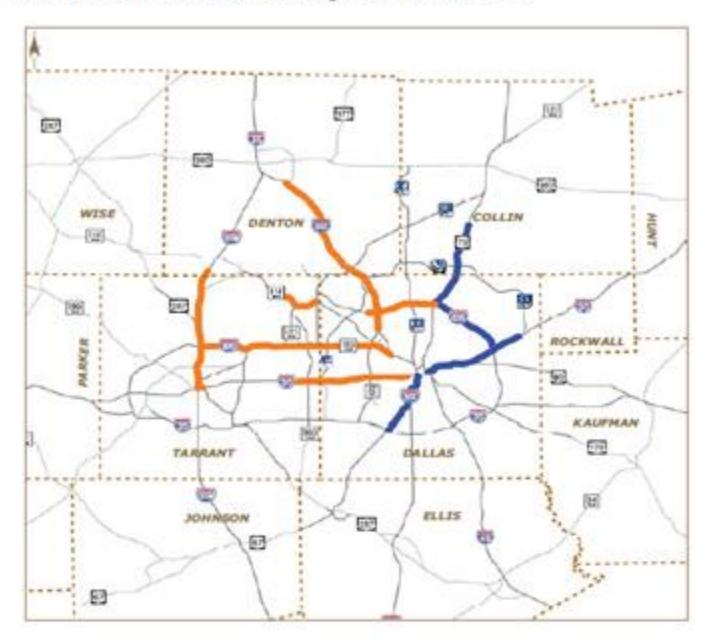
NAME THE LANES



Dallas-Fort Worth HOV and TEXpress Lanes









MANAGED LANES – "TEXpress Lanes"

- Concept rolled out in 1952 by William Vickery
- No capacity building strategy can fully solve congestion that is affordable or sustainable. In other words, you can't build your way out of congestion anymore.
- North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council Concept
- Allow for drivers with different needs to make decisions about their commute where none existed in the past
- Well over 15 corridors currently have these in place with great success.



MANAGED LANES – "TEXpress Lanes"

- Choice is the idea
- 50 mph and better





- HOV discounts during peak hours
- \$.15-\$.55 per mile
 - 13.3 miles along the LBJ Express Project
 - XX NTE
- Use your NTTA Tolltag, TxTag or HCRTA tag
- As demand increases, price increases



MANAGED LANES – "TEXpress Lanes"

Signage will be robust





- Tolling will be done by segments
- Drivers will have a choice before the next segment
- Limited use for shorter trips
- Accidents "freeze" the rate so you won't be stuck with an increasing rate once in a tolling segment



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US 75 Corridor Study 1-635 to SH 121

Richardson City Council Meeting

March 11, 2013







Presentation Outline



- TxDOT Study Purpose and Schedule
- Project Goals and Key Objectives
- City of Richardson Vision
- Tex21 Interstate Designation Discussion
- US 75 Study Status
 - Updated Traffic Information
 - Projected Traffic Congestion Levels
 - Potential Alternatives
- Next Steps

Study Area Corridor Study The Trails Mc Kinney **Mc**Kinney Fairview Main St Frisco akes - Del Preston Retirement Vineyards nmunity 121 5 n Creeks 289 McDermott Dr Allen The Colony Lucas ross Creek Whiffletree Hun ers E Parker Rd Park Forest Castle Hills E Park Blvd Air Park-Dallas Northeast Airport Carrollton (205) Plano las North Wylie Murphy rth Central Estates (75) Carrollton 78 Far North Dallas Spring Park Carrollton [75] Sachse amelot ginal Addison nwo Coomer Richardson Creek Valley Creek Holford 289 (78) Rockwall armers Branch Garland (66 Forest Ln Forest Ln Fwy North Dallas

Project Team



- TxDOT is Lead Agency
- HDR is Lead Consulting Firm
 - Subconsultants: Kimley Horn and Associates, Civil Associates, and Public Information Associates
- Project Working Group (meets monthly)
 - TxDOT / HDR
 - Municipalities (Dallas, Richardson, Plano, Allen, Fairview, McKinney)
 - Counties (Dallas and Collin)
 - NCTCOG
 - NTTA
 - DART

Project Goals and Objectives



Major Goals

- Meet the Future Mobility and Accessibility Needs of the US
 75 Corridor
- Enhance Environmental Quality and Quality of Life
- Support Economic Development in the Corridor
- Improve Public Safety
- Facilitate Financing/Funding of Project

Study Purpose



- The purpose of this project is to identify alternatives and solutions to address mobility needs in the corridor and to minimize the impacts in the study area.
- As part of the study, detailed engineering drawings will be developed to depict the recommended solution
- And an environmental document will be developed to satisfy Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements.

Project Schedule



Data Collection

Identification of Preliminary Alts.

Public Meeting #1

Identification of Conceptual Alts.

Identification of Viable Alt.

Public Meeting #2

Corridor Development Plan

Schematic Development

NEPA Documentation

Public Hearing

Project Completion

Dec 2012

Mar 2013

Jun 2013

Aug 2013

Oct 2013

Nov 2013

Jan 2014

Jan 2014

Jan 2014

May 2015

Sep 2015



Richardson's Vision



- Commuter Corridor for Regional Employment Base
- Re-developing Land Use and Density along US 75
- Seeking bi-directional congestion relief
- Desire to avoid a greater vertical barrier through the community
- While Managed Lanes are considered a viable solution to generate revenue for project funding, local access is a necessity
- Need to enhance pedestrian and bicycle mobility across the corridor

TEX-21 US75 / US69 Task Force





U.S. 75/69 Overview

•Length: 288.158 miles (76.158 in TX, 212 in OK)

Existed: 1927 – Present

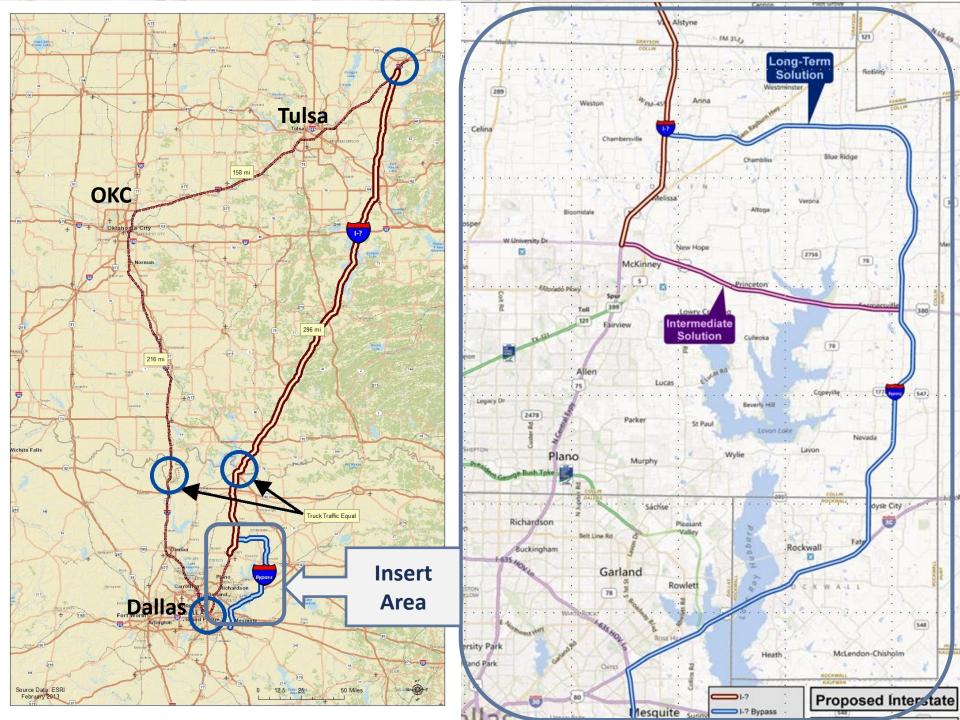
Counties Passed Through: 11 (3 in TX, 8 in OK)

• Cities with populations greater than 2000 within 20 miles, based on the 2000 Census: 42 (27 in TX, 15 in OK)

•U.S. Congressional Districts: 6 (4 in TX, 2 in OK)

Counties	Population	
	(2000)	
Dallas	2,218,899	
Collin	491,675	
Grayson	110,595	
Bryan	36,534	
Atoka	13,879	
Pittsburg	43,953	
McIntosh	19,456	
Muskogee	69,451	
Wagoner	57,491	
Mayes	38,369	
Craig	14,950	
Total	3,115,252	





Tex21 Interstate Re-designation and Elected Official Mtg Highlights

US75 Corridor Study

- Conclusion: Interstate designation would not provide a substantial benefit for US 75 south of McKinney.
- General consensus is that achieving the forecasted demand within the existing US 75 ROW may not be feasible without an alternate corridor.
- An interstate facility would require restoration of the travel lane and shoulder widths along US 75.
- FHWA indicated that if the interim Managed Lanes were removed travel lane and shoulder widths along US 75 would need to be restored.
- Refocused approach to interstate designation
 - Possibly routing along future outer loop
 - Designation not to include US 75 south of US 380

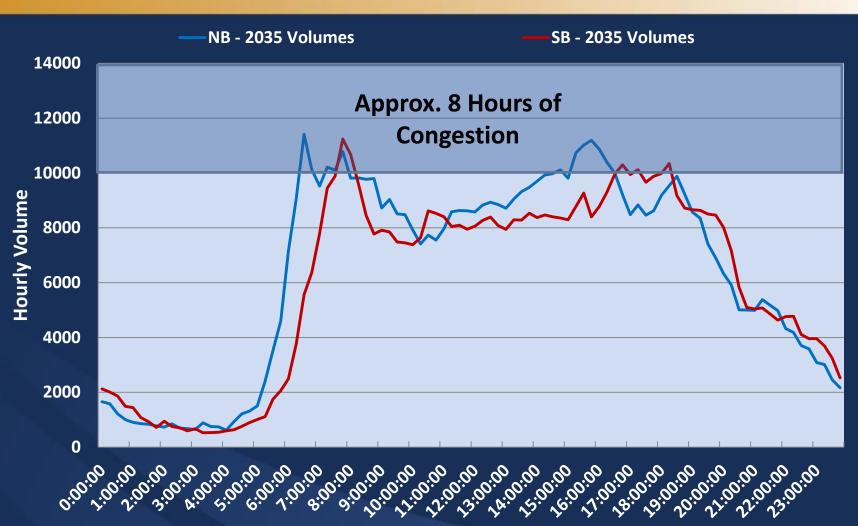




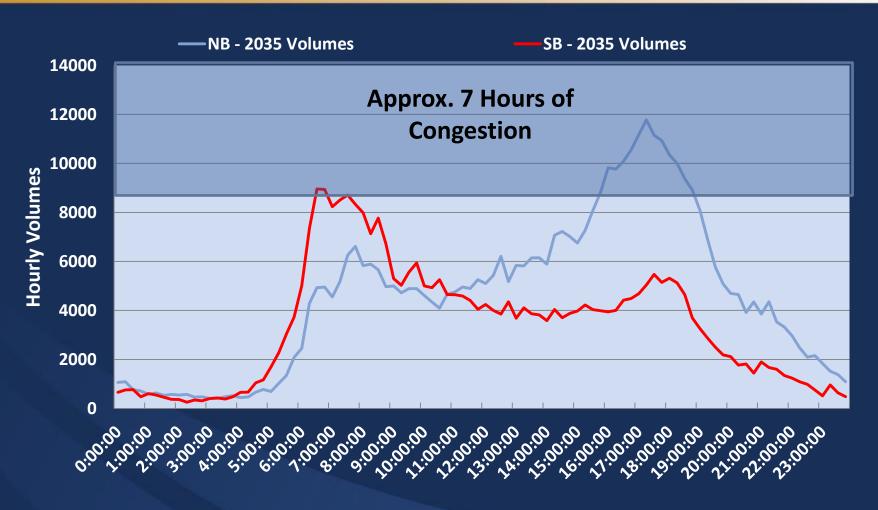
Location	2035 Projected Daily Vehicle Demand*	Existing Number of Freeway Lanes including HOV	Projected Number of Freeway Lanes Needed
IH 635 to Campbell	420,000	10	16
Campbell to Legacy	380,000	10	16
Legacy to SH 121	325,000	8/10	14

Existing Traffic Volume on US75 is ~250,000 vehicles per day in Richardson

Estimated Hours of 2035 Congestion South of PGBT



Estimated Hours of 2035 Congestion North of PGBT





- Major Alternative Categories
 - No-Build
 - TSM/TDM
 - Arterial Improvements
 - Transit
 - New Location Toll Road
 - Additional Freeway Lanes
 - Managed Lanes





No-Build

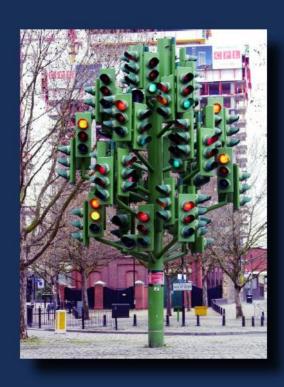
- Considered throughout the feasibility and NEPA phases
- Serves a baseline for comparing alternatives





TSM/TDM

- Signal Progression
- Intersection improvements
- Carpool/vanpool
- Employer Trip Reduction
- Already considered in the NCTCOG Model





- Arterial Improvements
 - Arterial widening
 - Innovative Interchanges
 - Super-Arterials





Transit

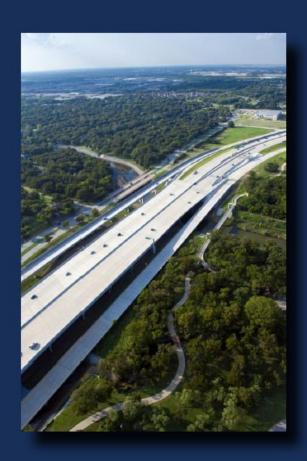
- Expansion of Existing DART
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Bus Service Expansion







- New Location Toll Road
 - Impacts to ROW
 - Provides opportunity for additional activity centers
 - Potential access to eastern areas currently not served
 - Significant cost





- Additional Freeway Lanes
 - Elevated, depressed or widen
 - Lane Balance and connectivity at I-635
 - Impacts to ROW
 - Funding concerns







Managed Lanes

- Possible funding source
- Elevated, depressed or widen
- Need to consider ingress/egress locations



Potential Typical Sections

4-2-2-4









General **Purpose Lanes** Managed **Facility**

General **Purpose Lanes**

Frontage Road

ROW = 422 Feet

4-2-2-4

Potential Typical Sections

4-3-3-4









General Purpose Lanes

Managed Facility

General Purpose Lanes

Frontage Road

4-3-3-4

ROW = 458 Feet

Additional ROW Needed = 98 to 158 Feet

Interim Reversible Managed Facility rridor Study

- Introduce toll to the Managed HOV facility
- Two-lanes in peak direction, none in off-peak direction
- Doubles peak-direction capacity
- Off-peak demand satisfied in general purpose lanes
- Requires operation for reversal (Automatic or manual)
- Works with existing wishbone/reversible connector at LBJ.
- Life span is more limited than an ultimate configuration

Reversible Typical Section









General Purpose Lanes

Managed Facility

General Purpose Lanes



Frontage Road

Reversible Managed Facility
Additional ROW Needed = Undetermined

Reversible Managed Facility



- Based on
 - Managed lane capacity
 - Off-peak direction capacity

Location	Year Off-Peak Traffic Operations Reach Capacity	<u>Peak</u> Direction Hourly Demand including Managed Lane	Off-Peak Direction Hourly Demand
IH 635 to Campbell	2022	13,850 vph	10,000 vph
Campbell to Legacy	2027	14,500 vph	10,500 vph
Legacy to SH 121	2030	12,200 vph	9,100 vph

Next Steps



- Finalize Richardson's US 75 Corridor Vision
- Continue coordination with Project Working Group
 - Next Mtg is April 4, 2013
 - Presentation of Proposed Conceptual Alternatives
 - Discussion of impact of alternatives on overall corridor demand
- Update Council prior to future Public Meetings
 - Next Public Mtg is June 2013

Next PWG Meeting



- Presentation of Proposed Conceptual Alternatives
- Discussion of impact of alternatives on overall corridor demand



Next Meeting will be Thursday, April 4, 2013

Website www.us75mobility.com





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Welcome!

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is preparing a Corridor Study for the reconstruction and widening of US 75 from IH 635 to SH 121. The length of this corridor is approximately 21.1 miles and is within the Cities of Dallas, Richardson, Plano, Allen and Fairview, and it is located in Dallas and Collin Counties.

Upcoming Events

IDENTIFICATION OF PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES | MARCH 2013

PUBLIC MEETING #1 | JUNE 2013

IDENTIFICATION OF CONCEPTUAL & VIABLE ALTERNATIVES | **AUGUST & OCTOBER 2013**

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Central Expressway/ US 75 Vision Statement

Central Expressway / US 75 is the City of Richardson's "Main Street", its paramount transportation artery. Central Expressway / US 75 traverses the heart of the community and sustains the local economy, which in turn nourishes the quality of life enjoyed by its citizens. The image the City imparts and its perception are not only substantially shaped by one's experience on Central Expressway itself, but also by one's experience within the adjoining urban fabric that comprises the highway's broader physical context. It is therefore imperative that any reconstruction of the highway be mindful of its dual role as a component of the greater state-wide transportation network as well as an essential contributor to the long-term health and vitality of the City of Richardson. It is the City of Richardson's view that this objective may be best achieved through a context sensitive approach that acknowledges the following:

- Central Expressway serves foremost as a commuter corridor serving locally-situated regional employment centers and proximate residential population. The accommodation of comparatively larger volumes of traffic, particularly commercial trucking, is better suited to true interstate corridors.
- As a commuter corridor, addressing long-term traffic projections by maintaining bidirectional congestion relief is a fundamental necessity.
- Any expansion of the US 75 right-of-way within the City of Richardson must not impair long-term planning objectives to foster on-going reinvestment, redevelopment and densification of properties that flank either side of the highway.
- Vertical expansion of US 75 through Richardson should be minimized and limited exclusively to discrete locations as necessary to provide access to or from the freeway and managed travel lanes.
- East/west, intra-city permeability through the US 75 Corridor must be meaningfully improved by providing for safer, more attractive and comfortable pedestrian and bicycle mobility.
- While managed lanes may afford a viable solution to generate revenue for project funding, safe and efficient ingress and egress to access these lanes should be made available and maintained to benefit those individuals working, residing or visiting the City of Richardson.
- Any reconstruction or redesign of US 75 must tangibly contribute to one's sense of arrival and the City's uniqueness of place by implementing a comprehensive urban design palette to include landscaping, enhanced pavement, specialty lighting, signage, and architectural treatments to elements such as column cladding, retaining walls, bridge bents, abutments, etc.

Heights Recreation Center & Aquatics Center Construction Update

City Council Work Session March 11, 2013

Heights Recreation Center & Aquatics Center

- Good Progress on the Heights Recreation Center construction.
- Heights Recreation Center on schedule
 - Heights Recreation Center delivery of building May 15, 2013
 - Recreation Center opening May 28, 2013 (Day after Memorial Day).
- Heights Family Aquatics Center has been challenged with utility issues and weather delays however, construction is well underway and significant progress is being made.
 - Anticipated Aquatics opening July 2013

Richardson Heights Recreation Center Project Background

- December 15, 2012 the former Heights recreation center closed to the public.
 - Vacated the building.
 - Gymnastics equipment relocated to the new facility
 - Full time staff relocated to temporary offices
 - Heights Recreation Center classes have been relocated to the Senior Center, Gymnastics Center, and Huffhines Recreation Center
- January 2, 2013:
 - Gymnastics Center opened to the public with ribbon cutting ceremony.

Heights Recreation Center and Family Aquatics Center







Richardson Heights Recreation & Family Aquatics Center

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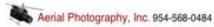






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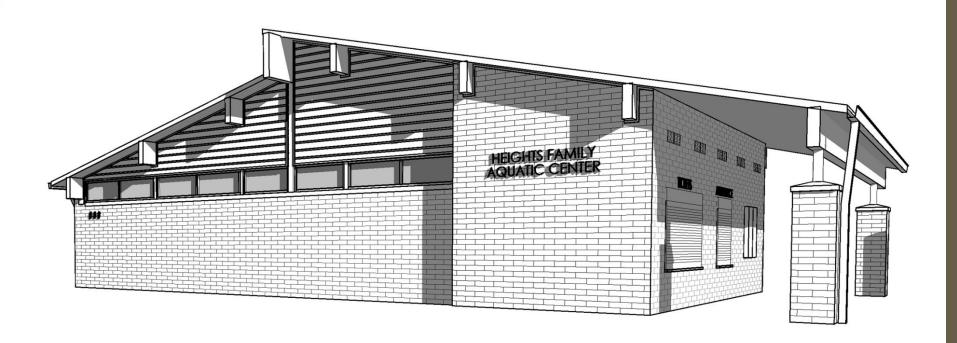






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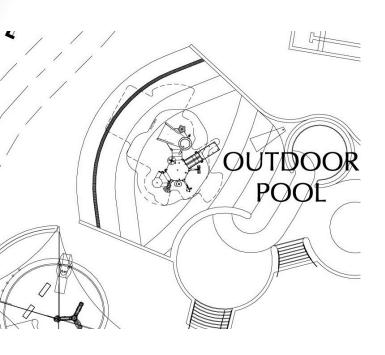
















Tot Pool Play Features



















Project Overview

- Richardson Gymnastics Facility to opened on time and on budget January 2, 2013.
- Richardson Heights Recreation Center is on pace for anticipated opening May 28, 2013, 5:00 PM.
- Aquatics Center is anticipated to open July 2013 weather Pending.

