

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Located east of Manor, the proposed project addresses traffic congestion by adding capacity and providing a direct route between US 290 and SH 130. The project would relocate a portion of FM 973 and expand the roadway to six travel lanes—three in each direction—including a grassy median and turn lanes in various locations. The typical right-of-way width is anticipated to be 200 - 300 feet and includes a sidewalk and shared-use path.

## PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE

The Texas Department of Transportation's schematic design and environmental study to realign FM 973 between US 290 and SH 130 is estimated to be complete by late 2022. The alignment of FM 973 has been established. The preliminary engineering and environmental studies are under development.

## PROJECT FUNDING

Funding has not yet been identified for this project. Construction cannot begin until the project is funded. Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation may also be deferred. The construction of the project could possibly be phased.

## PROJECT UPDATES

The following is a list of proposed design updates since the June 2019 newsletter:

- The traffic forecast for FM 973 has been approved. The forecast considers projected development in the study area and planned roadway improvements in the network.
- An overpass on FM 973 over Braker Lane is proposed.
- Larger ditches are proposed between Braker Lane and Blake Manor Road. The ditches are designed to contain 100-year-storm events to reduce flooding of planned adjacent developments.

## NEXT STEPS

A public hearing to review the environmental study and present the latest proposed design for the project is anticipated in summer 2022.

*\* 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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*

## PROJECT AREA

