



PUBLIC HEARING

SH 146 from I-10 to FM 1405

Chambers County, Texas



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Welcome

**ELECTED & PUBLIC OFFICIALS
DISTRICT & AGENCY STAFF
CONSULTANTS**



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



Public Hearing Information

Purpose of the Public Hearing: To present the planned improvements and receive comments from the public

Options for Commenting:

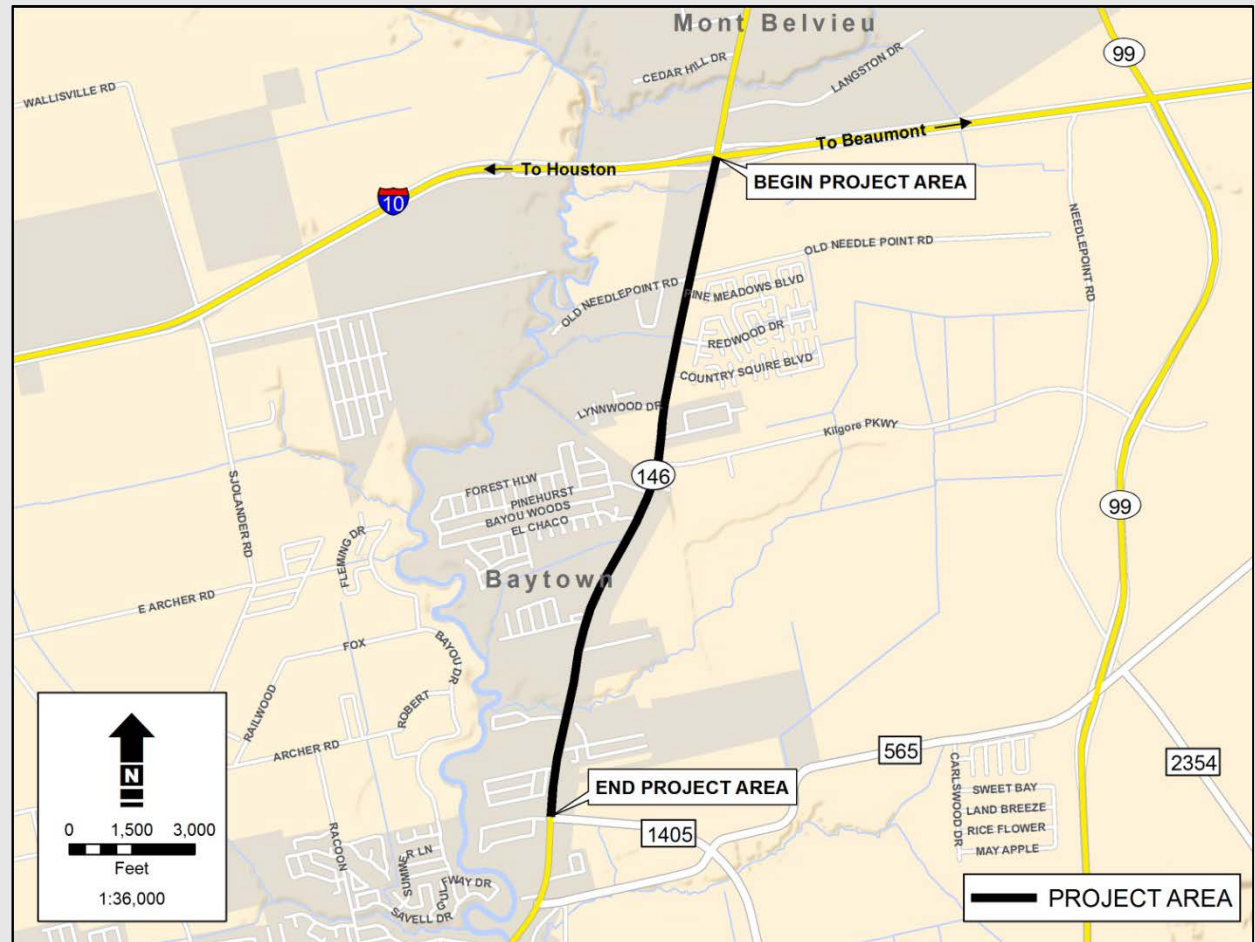
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Project Manager, Texas Department of Transportation,
8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77708
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keyword search “SH 146 Chambers County”

Deadline for Comments: Friday, December 20, 2019



Project Description

- Replace the two-way left turn lane with a raised median and Michigan U-turns
- Install sidewalks
- Add a right turn lane at Cedar Bluff Drive



Why is the proposed project needed?

Need:

Reduce the magnitude of vehicular conflict points because

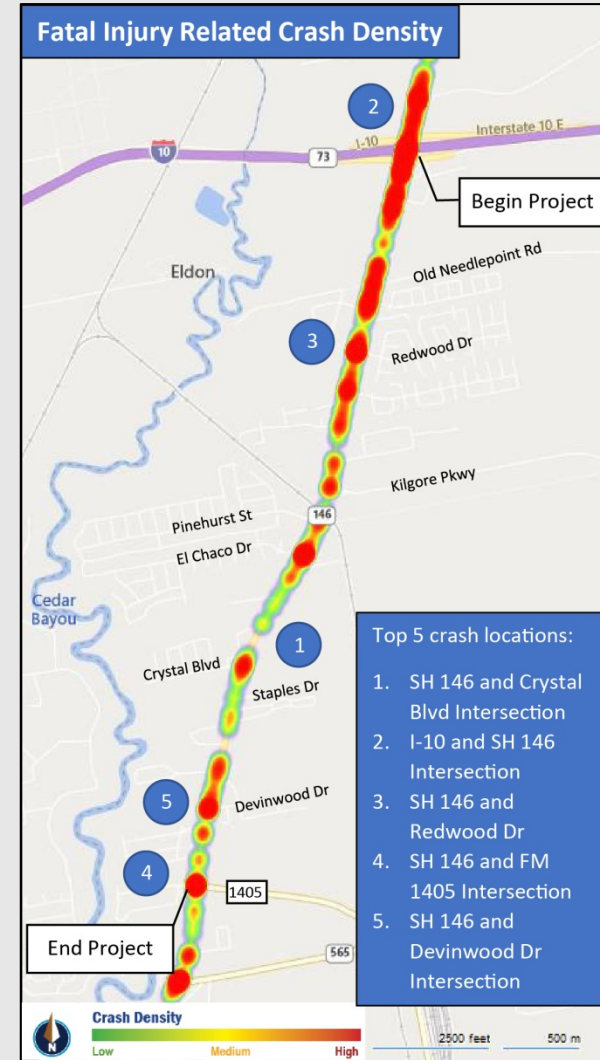
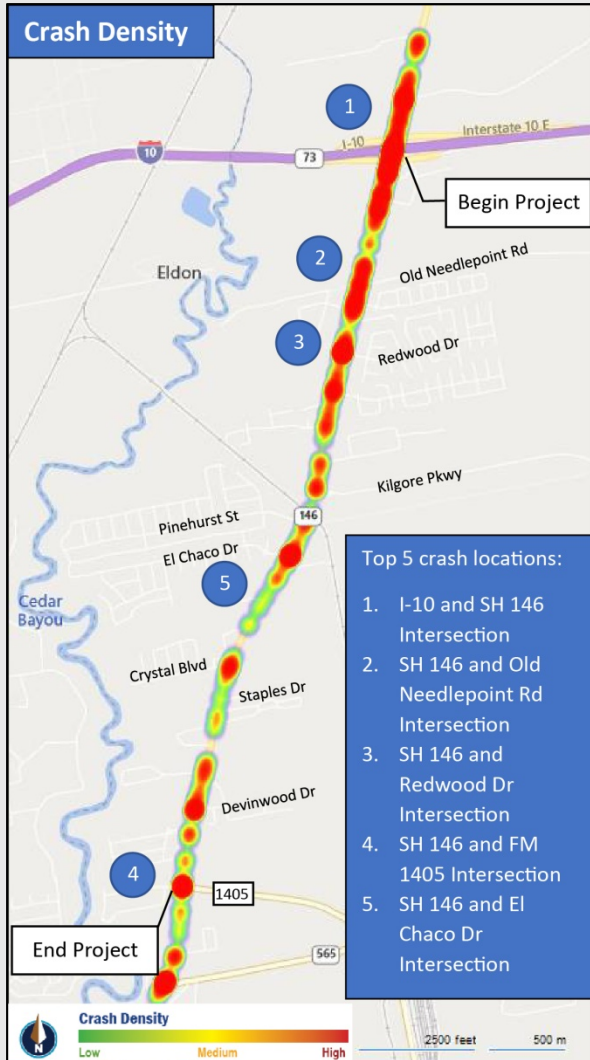
- SH 146 project length is 3.114 miles;
- SH 146 is a main access point for adjacent commercial, retail, and residential properties;
- 580 crashes and 8 fatalities [TxDOT Crash Records Information System (CRIS) for the four-year period from 2015 through 2018]; and
- 817 conflict points (driveways, roadway intersections, etc.).

Purpose:

Enhance safety while improving mobility with fewer and more separated conflict points.



Where are crashes occurring along SH 146?

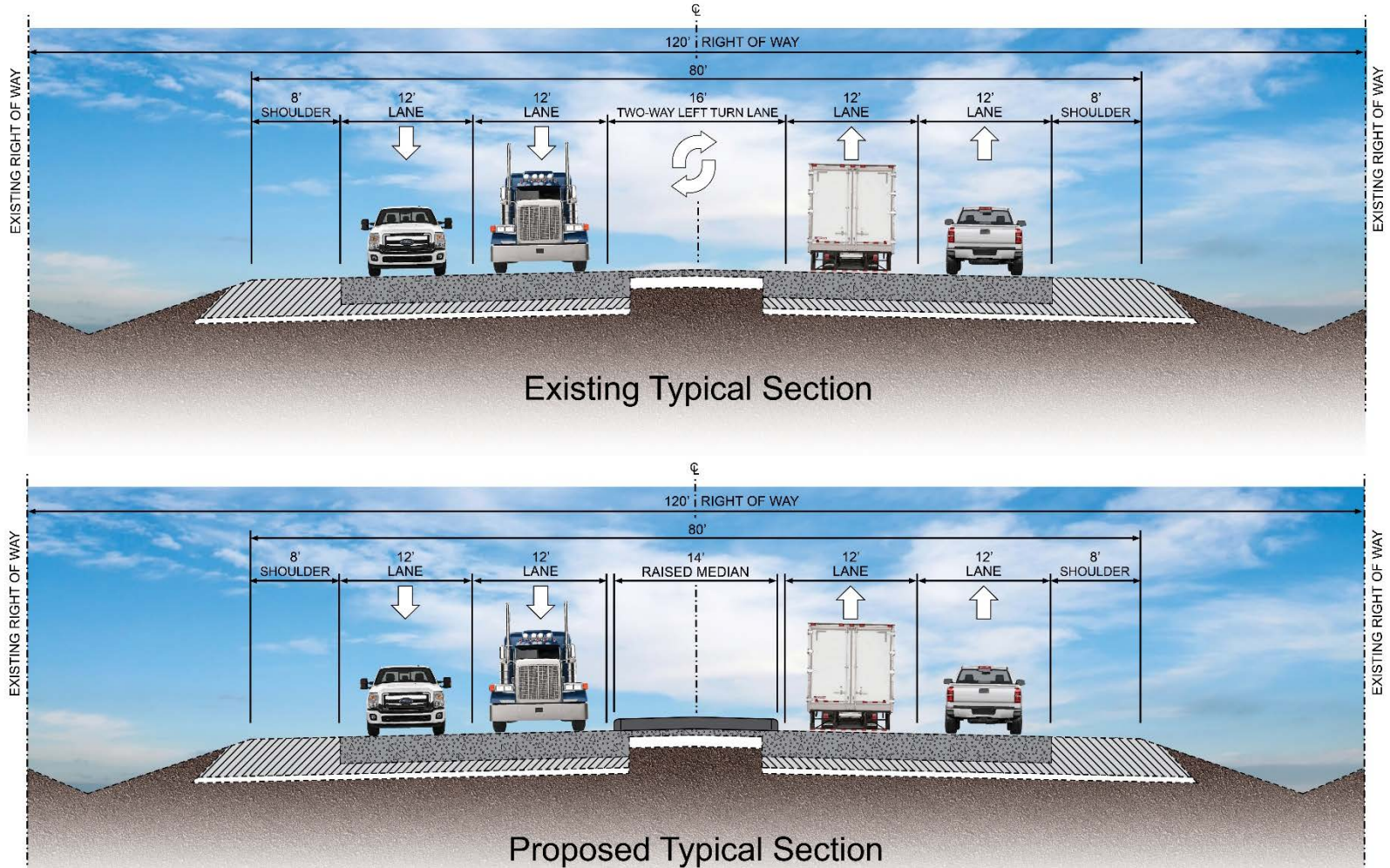


Source: TxDOT Crash Records Information System (CRIS) 2015-2018.



Typical Section - Median

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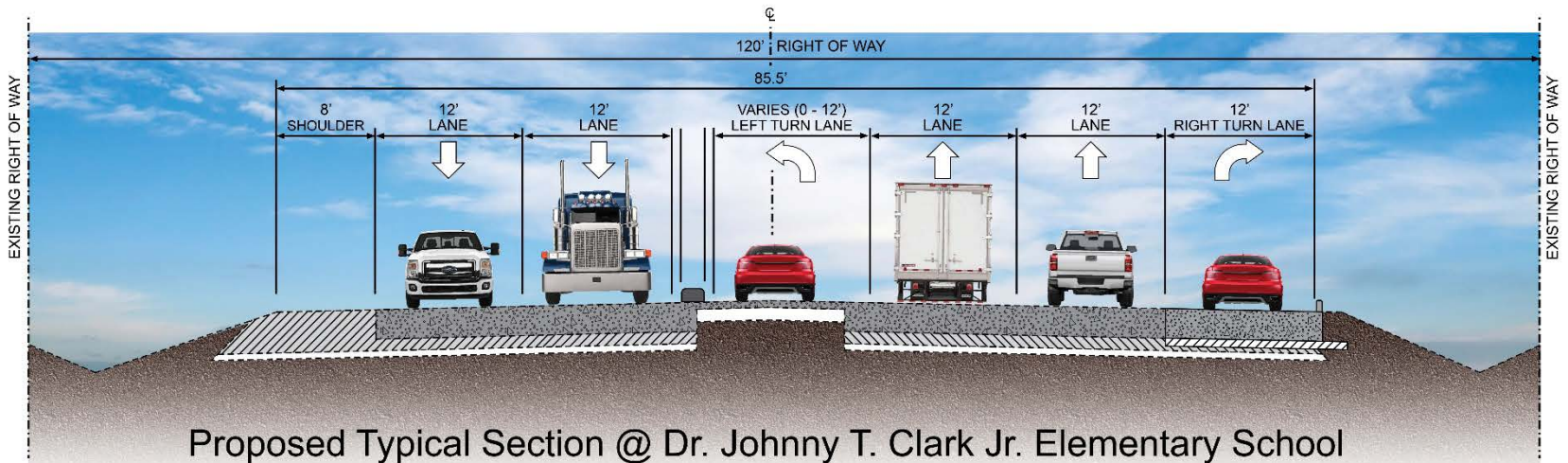


Typical Section – Right Turn Lane

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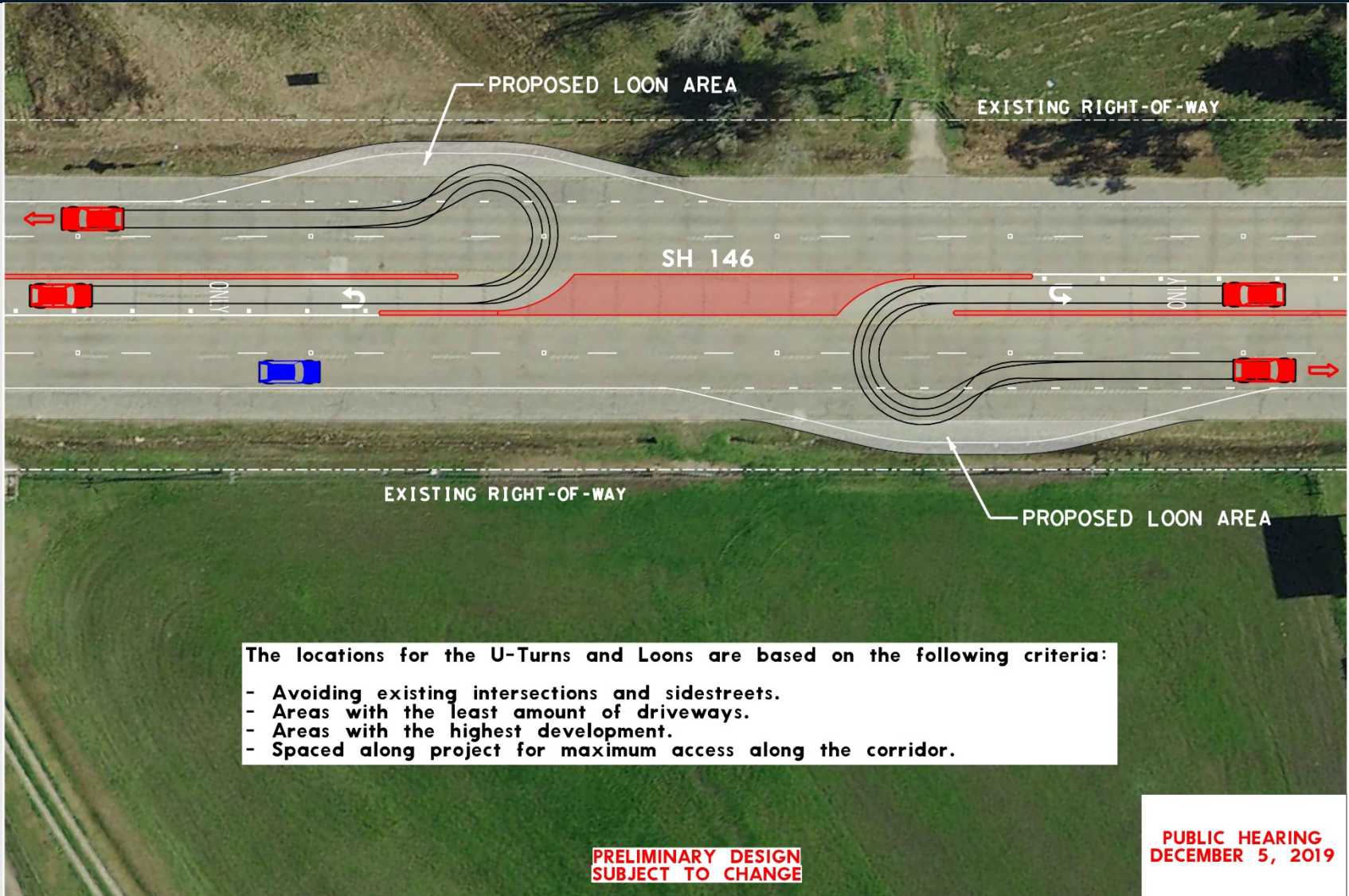
Existing SH 146 Facing South @ Dr. Johnny T. Clark Jr. Elementary School (on Right)



Proposed Typical Section @ Dr. Johnny T. Clark Jr. Elementary School



Typical U-turn Layout



Environmental Overview

An Environmental Study was conducted for the proposed project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The study identified and assessed potential impacts to the natural and human environment, including:

- **Air Quality**
- **Archeological Resources**
- **Non-Archeological Historic Properties**
- **Community Impacts**
- **Biological Resources**
- **Hazardous Materials**
- **Traffic Noise**
- **Water Resources**



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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE)

A class of action that normally does not individually or cumulatively have significant environmental impacts. This action does not induce significant impacts to planned growth or land use for the area; does not require the relocation of significant numbers of people; does not have a significant impact on any natural, cultural, recreational, or historic resources; does not involve significant air, noise, or water quality impacts; does not have significant impacts on traffic patterns; or does not otherwise, either individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impact.



We want your feedback!

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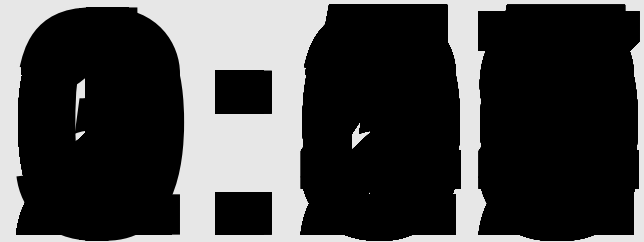


Verbal Comments



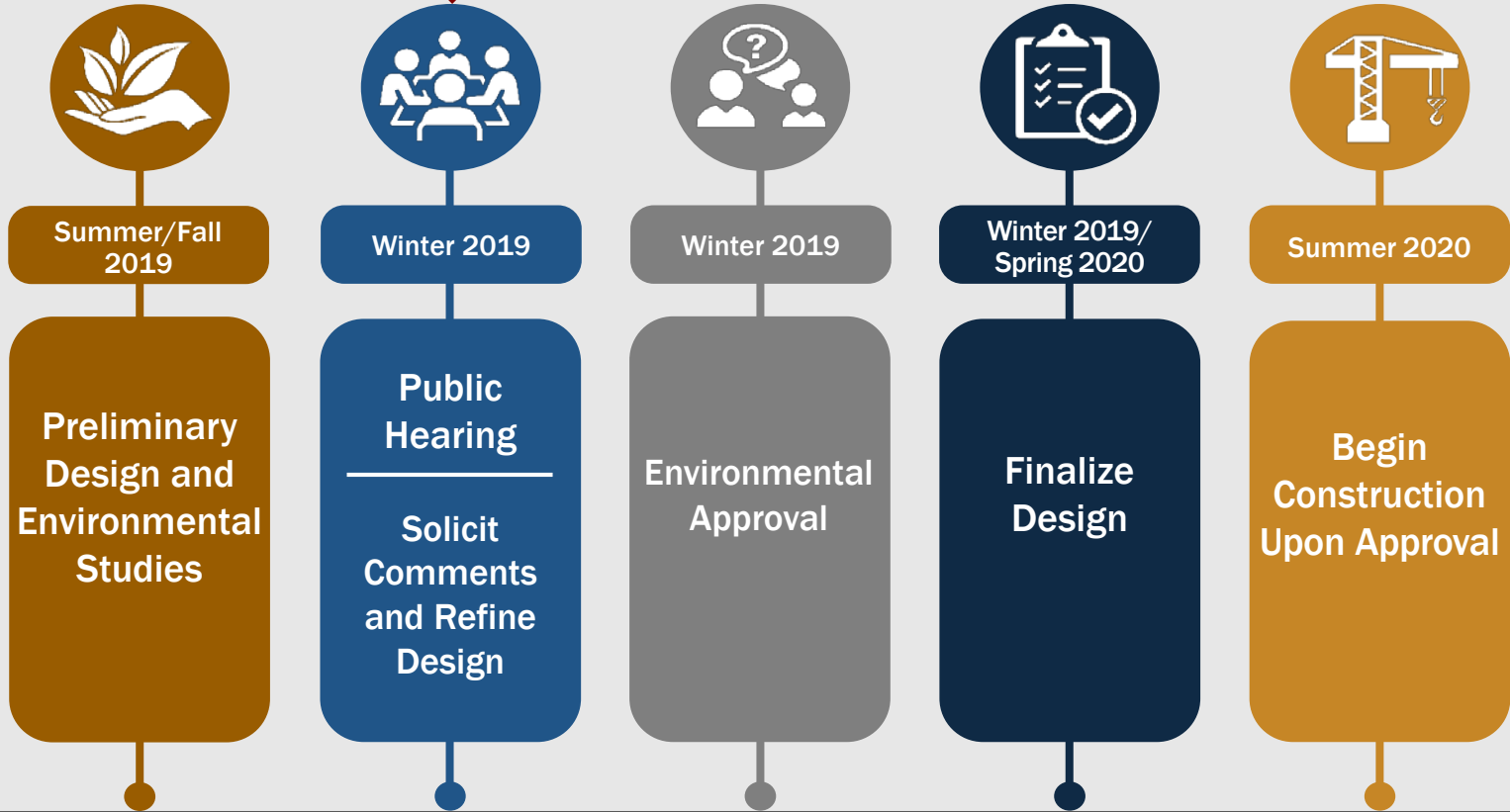
Public Comment Session

- **Submit a Speaker Registration Card**
- **Limit your comments to 3 minutes**
- **Use microphone and face court reporter**
- **State your name and whom you represent (if applicable)**
- **Unused time may not be given to another speaker**



Estimated Timeline

WE ARE HERE



➤ Ongoing Communication and Public Involvement ➤

Estimated Timeline: Subject to Change



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Public Hearing Summary will be posted on the website when analysis is complete:

<https://www.txdot.gov>

