



Welcome

SH 6 Central BCS Expansion Project

Public Meeting

Dec. 2, 2019, 4 – 7 p.m.

Open House

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Project Background



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Due to congestion and safety concerns in the area, TxDOT is designing improvements along SH 6 in Bryan-College Station.

Project Limits

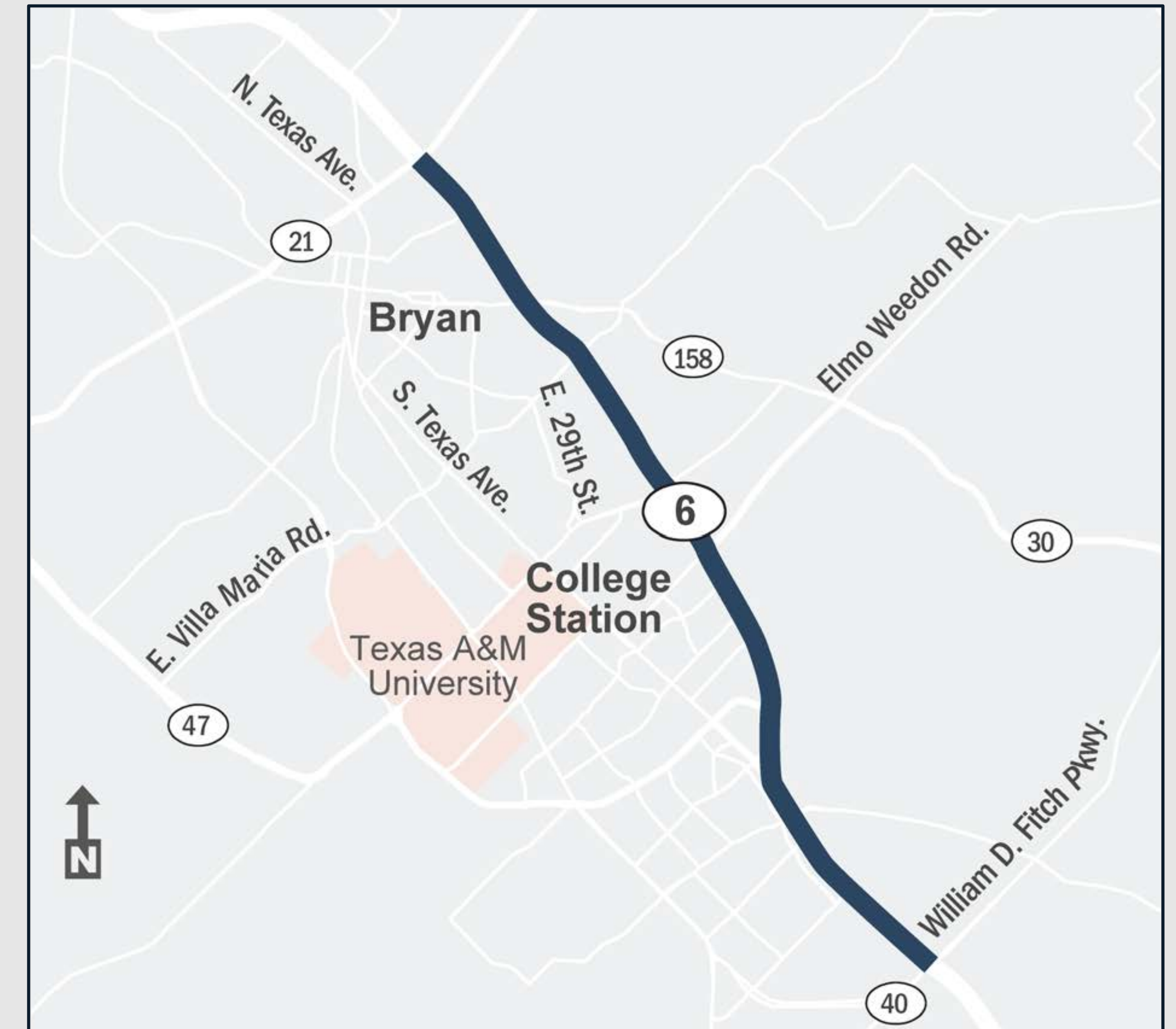
- SH 6 (Earl Rudder Freeway) from SH 21 to SH 40 (William D. Fitch Parkway)

Project Purpose

- Increase safety and reduce congestion
- Provide for efficient freight movements
- Improve bicycle/pedestrian facilities and connectivity

Project Cost

- Estimated construction cost of \$216M





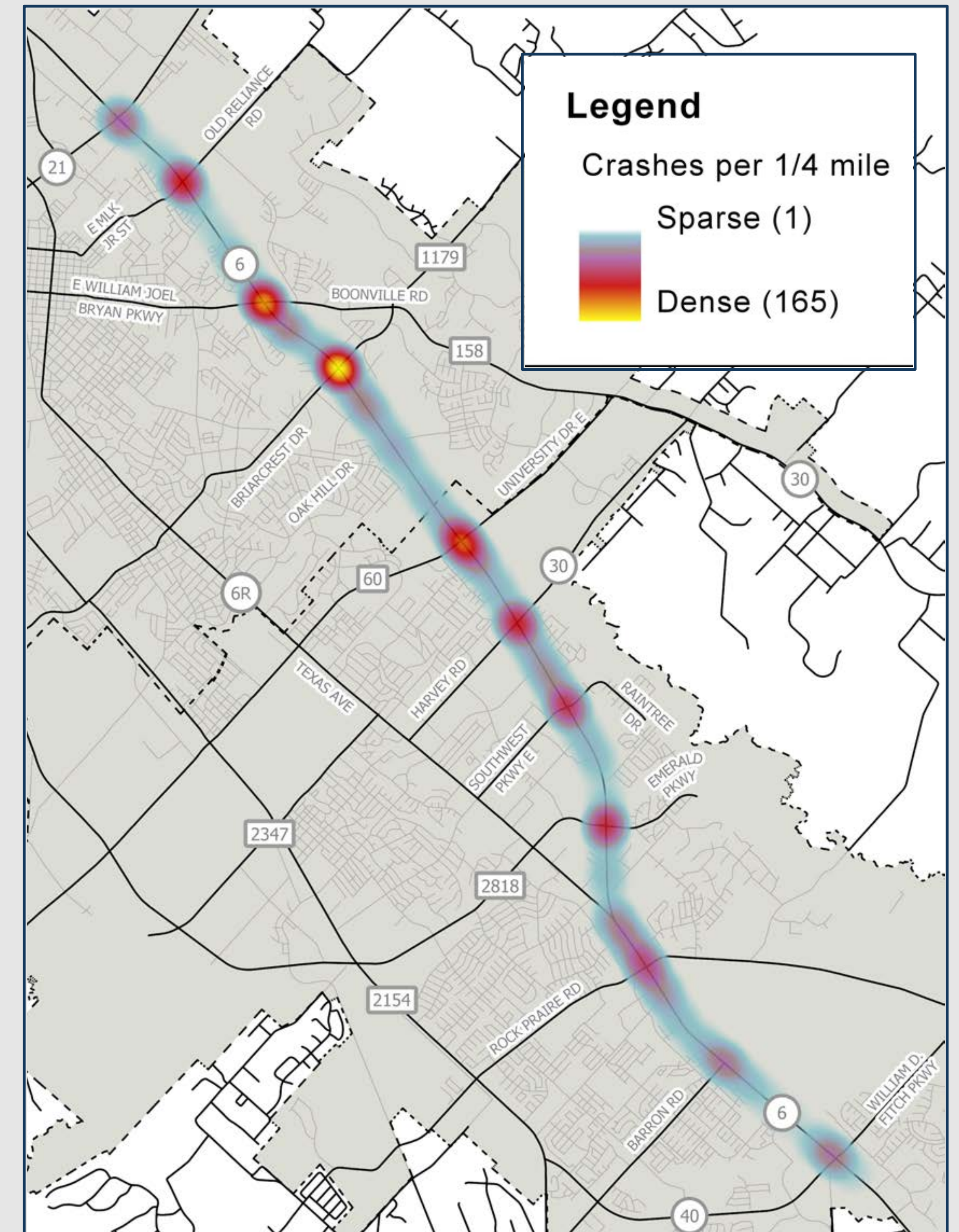
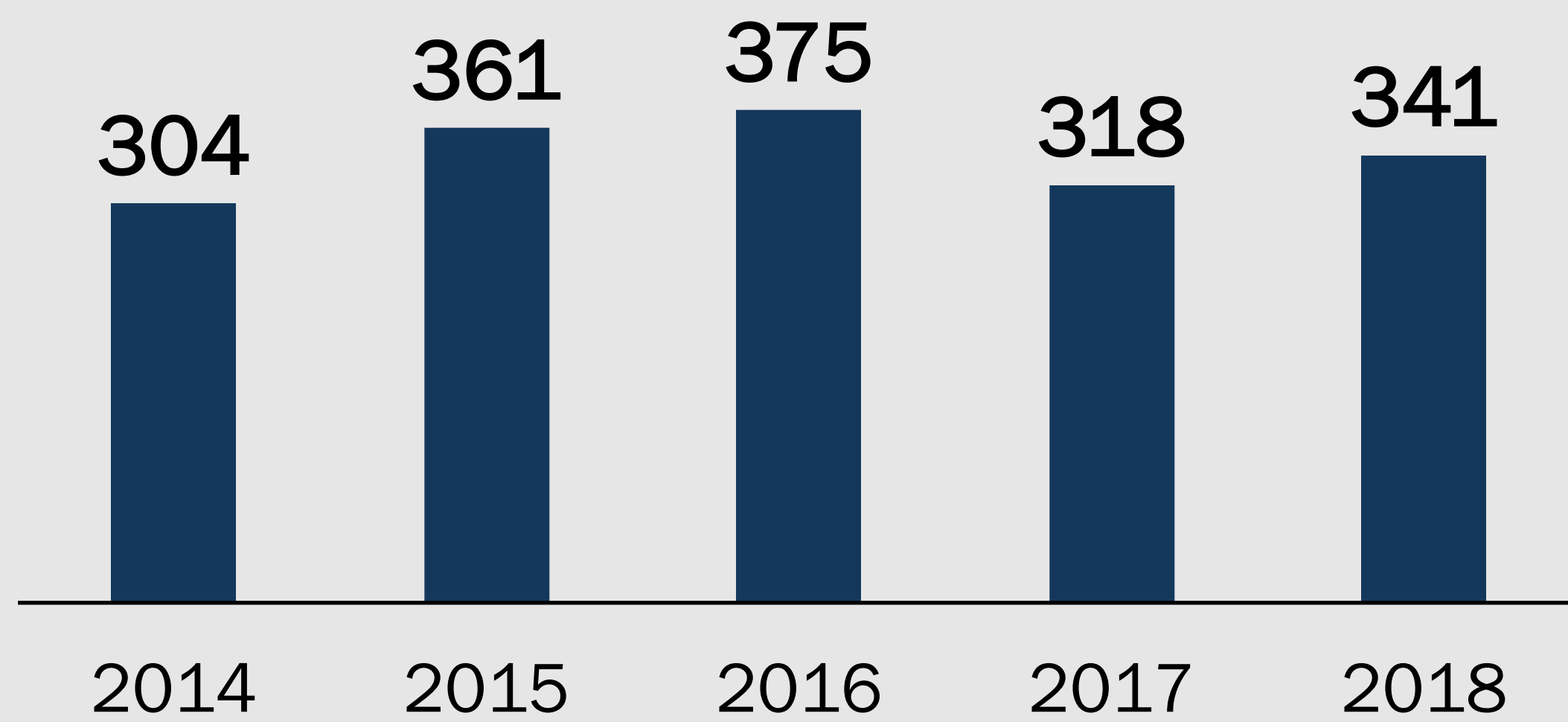
Crash Data – 2014 to 2018

- 1,699 crashes, 9 fatalities
- 51% occurred on mainlanes
- Leading contributing factor was failure to control speed
- 76% occurred when no water on the road

Roadway Usage

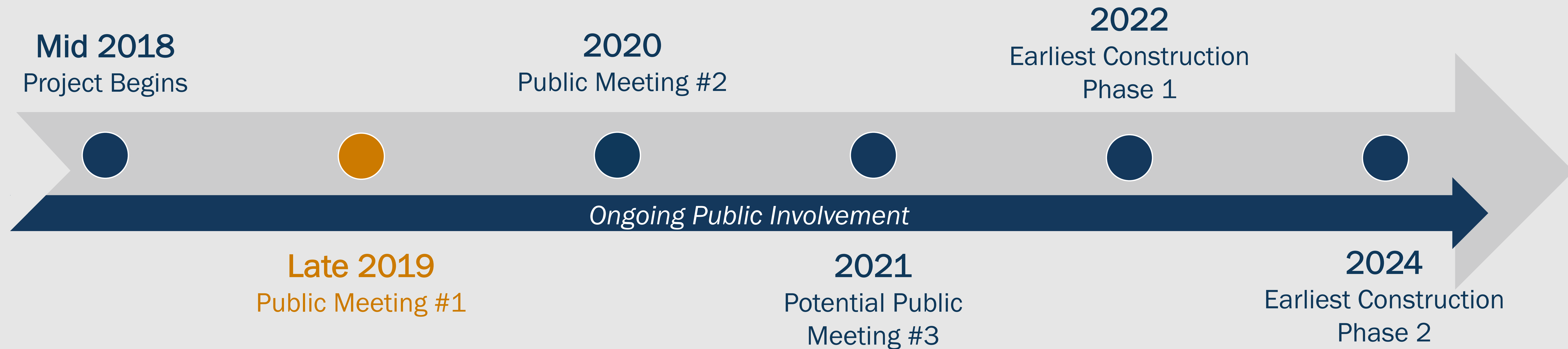
- Approx. 53% of all traffic travels less than 2 miles per trip

Crashes Per Year





Timeline



Project Development Process

- Data collection and existing conditions analysis
- Forecast future needs
- Evaluate alternatives
- Conduct environmental evaluation
- Identify preferred improvements

Construction

- Anticipated to last approximately 4 years, with some overlap between Phase 1 and Phase 2
- Maintain 2 mainlanes of traffic in each direction during construction



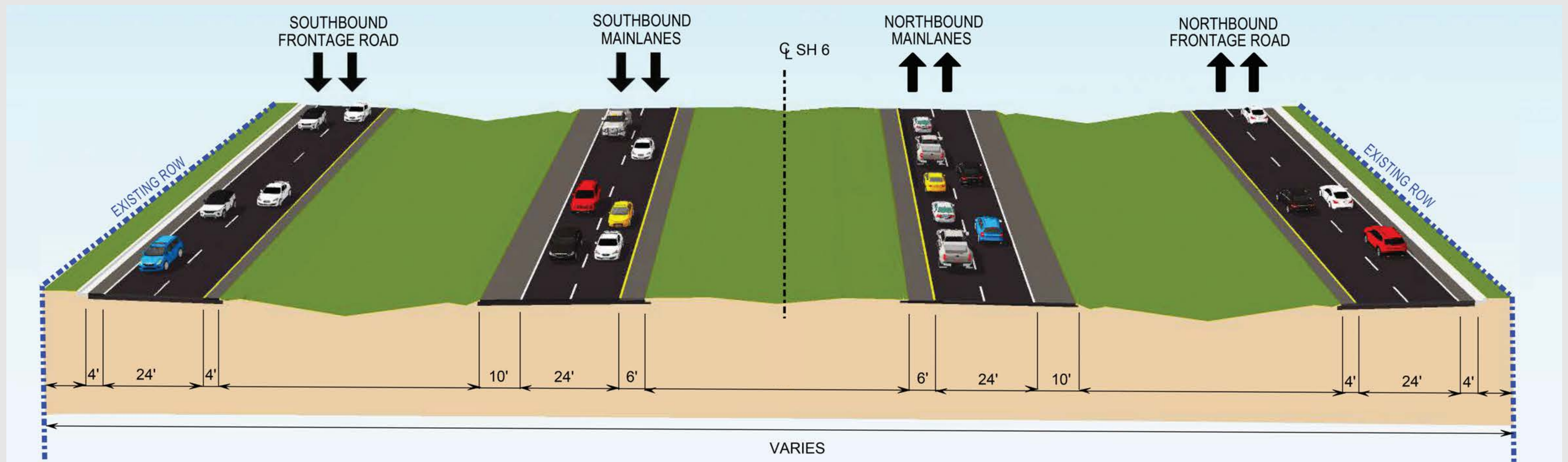
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Proposed Improvements



Existing Roadway

- 2 mainlanes in each direction
- 2 lanes on frontage roads in each direction
- Intermittent auxiliary lanes
- Discontinuous sidewalks and bicycle accommodations





Overview of Improvements – Base Build

- Widen mainlanes from 4 to 6 lanes (3 in each direction)
- Create continuous auxiliary lanes between ramps and sections of C-D lanes for safer and more efficient merging
- Increase bridge clearance to accommodate freight movement
- Add shared use paths for bicycle and pedestrian use
- Interchange improvements
 - Add left and right turn lanes at frontage road intersections
 - Add southbound entrance ramp at FM 2818
 - Change northbound Texas Ave. ramp from left exit to right exit
 - Improve southbound ramp configuration near Graham Rd.



Existing SH 6

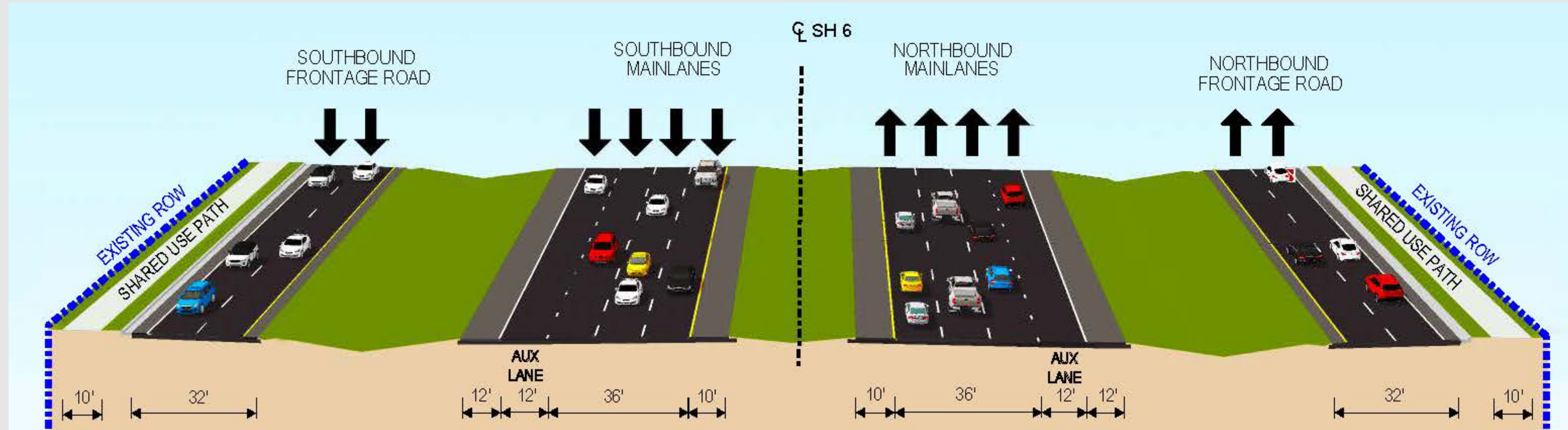


Existing SH 6 Frontage Roads



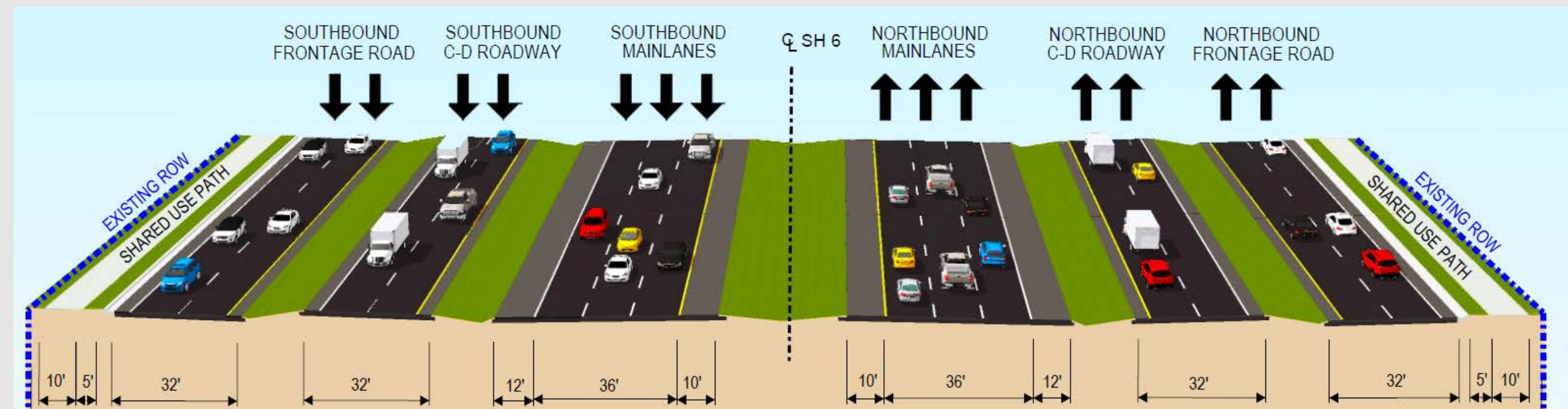
A. Auxiliary Lane Improvements

- SH 21 to Harvey Mitchell Pkwy. (FM 2818)
- Rock Prairie Rd. to William D. Fitch Pkwy. (SH 40)

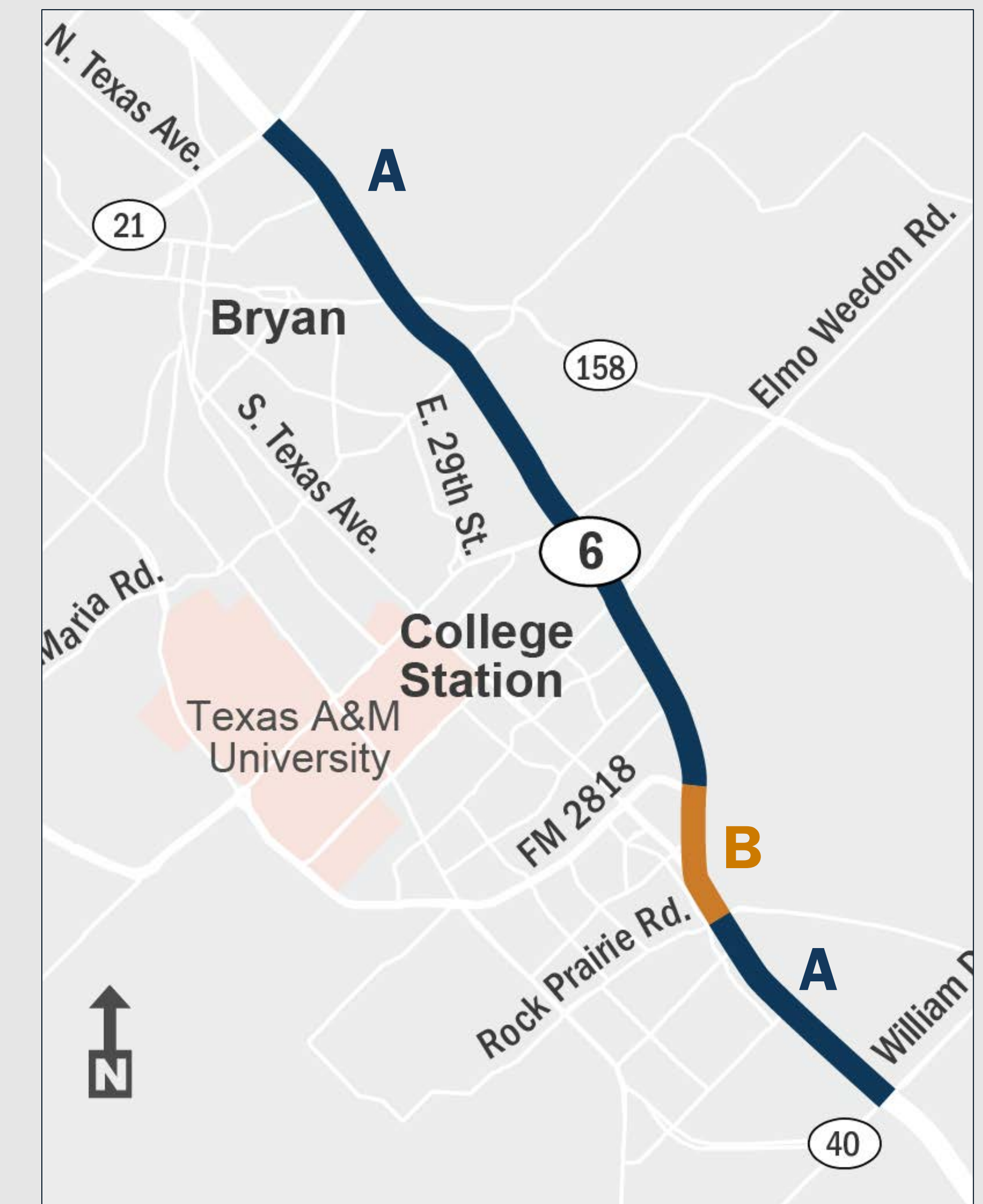


B. Collector-Distributor System Improvements

- Harvey Mitchell Pkwy. (FM 2818) to Rock Prairie Rd.



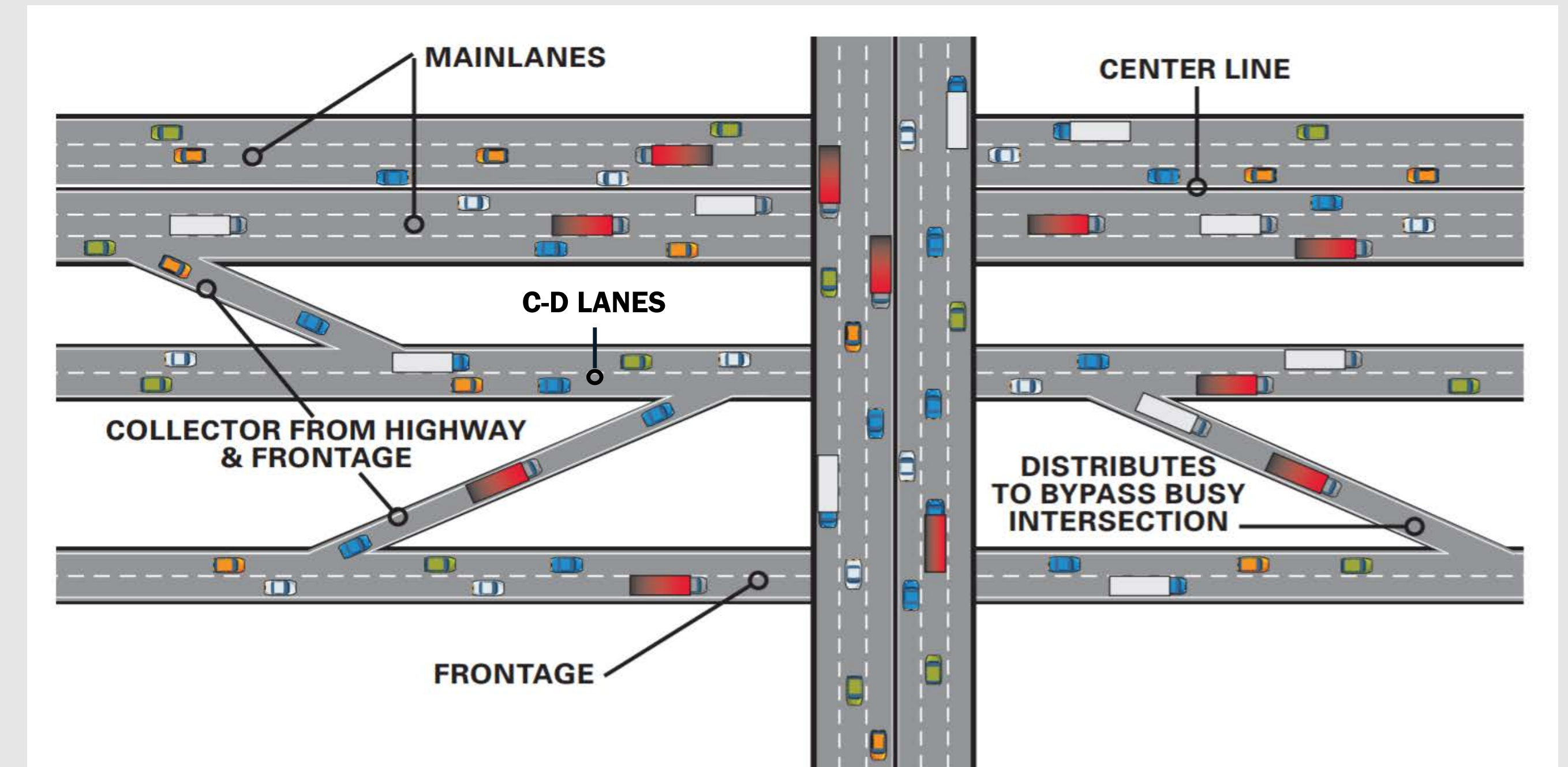
Improvement Limits





Collector-Distributor (C-D) Lanes

- C-D lanes are extra lanes between the mainlanes and the frontage roads that improve mobility and provide more merging distance for vehicles
- C-D lanes:
 - Allow mainlane traffic to maintain continuous rate of speed
 - Provide a more direct route for local trips with fewer stops than the frontage road



Source: tti.tamu.edu/policy/how-to-fix-congestion





Additional Improvements Being Evaluated

TxDOT will continue to evaluate additional mobility improvements and present to the public in 2020.

- Widen sections of mainlanes to 8 lanes
- Widen sections of frontage roads
- Make ramp improvements
- Add additional C-D lanes
- Consider bridge widening, U-turn bridges, and innovative interchanges

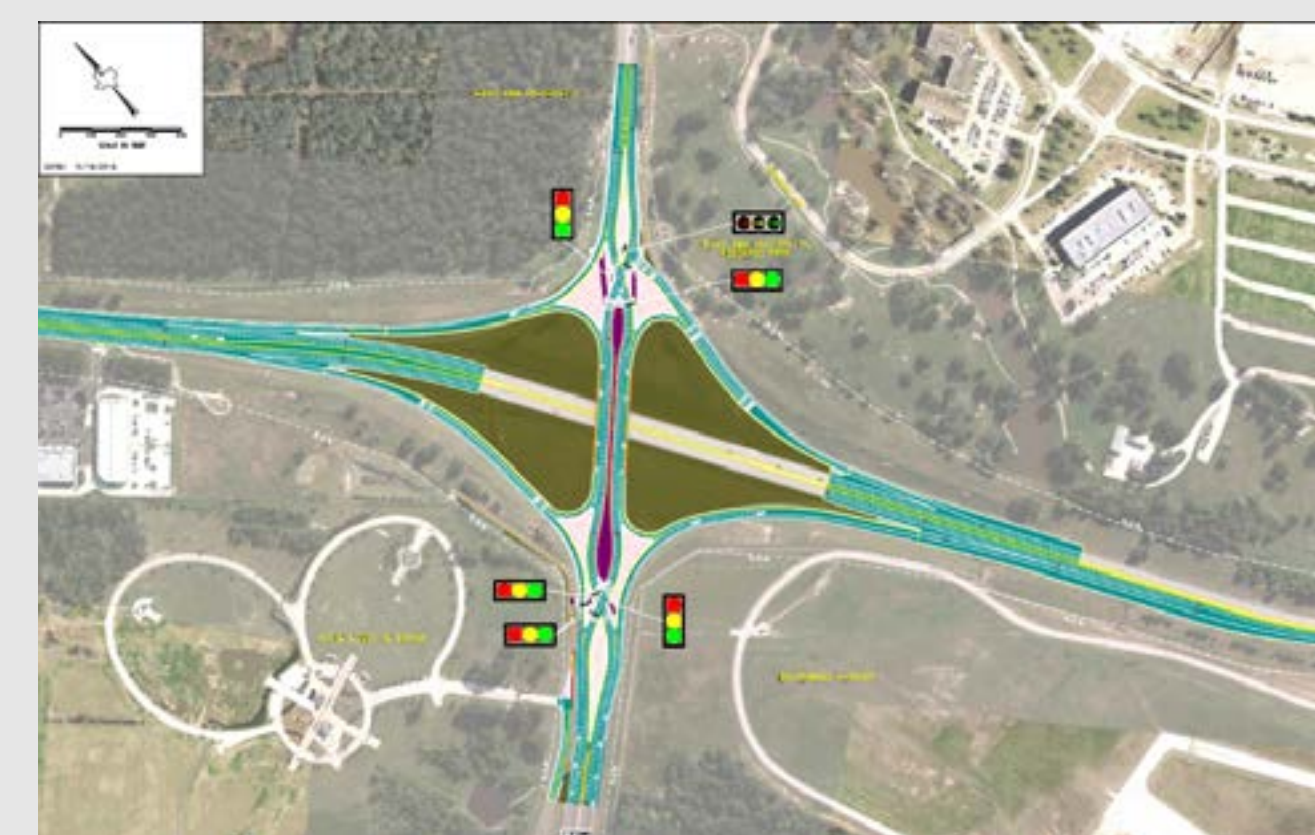
Innovative Interchange examples:



Round-a-bouts



Single Point Urban Interchange



Diverging Diamond Interchange



Continuous Flow Interchange



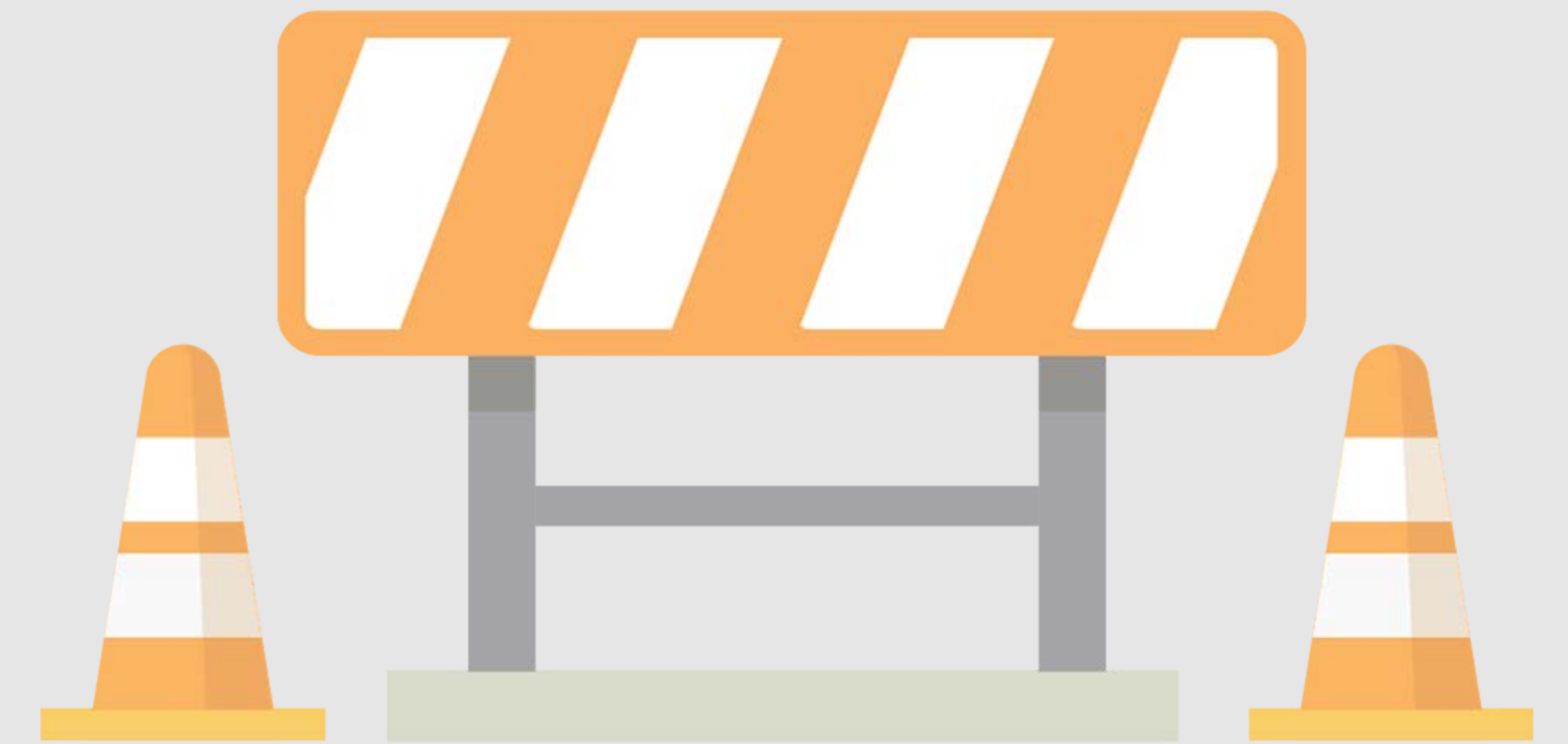
Construction Phasing

Phase 1 – Construction Beginning in 2022

- Upgrades within existing right of way
- Improvements along the mainlanes and frontage roads
- Intersection improvements along frontage roads

Phase 2 – Construction Beginning in 2024

- More robust and innovative interchange improvements
- Bridge work and improvements including widening bridges and adding u-turns





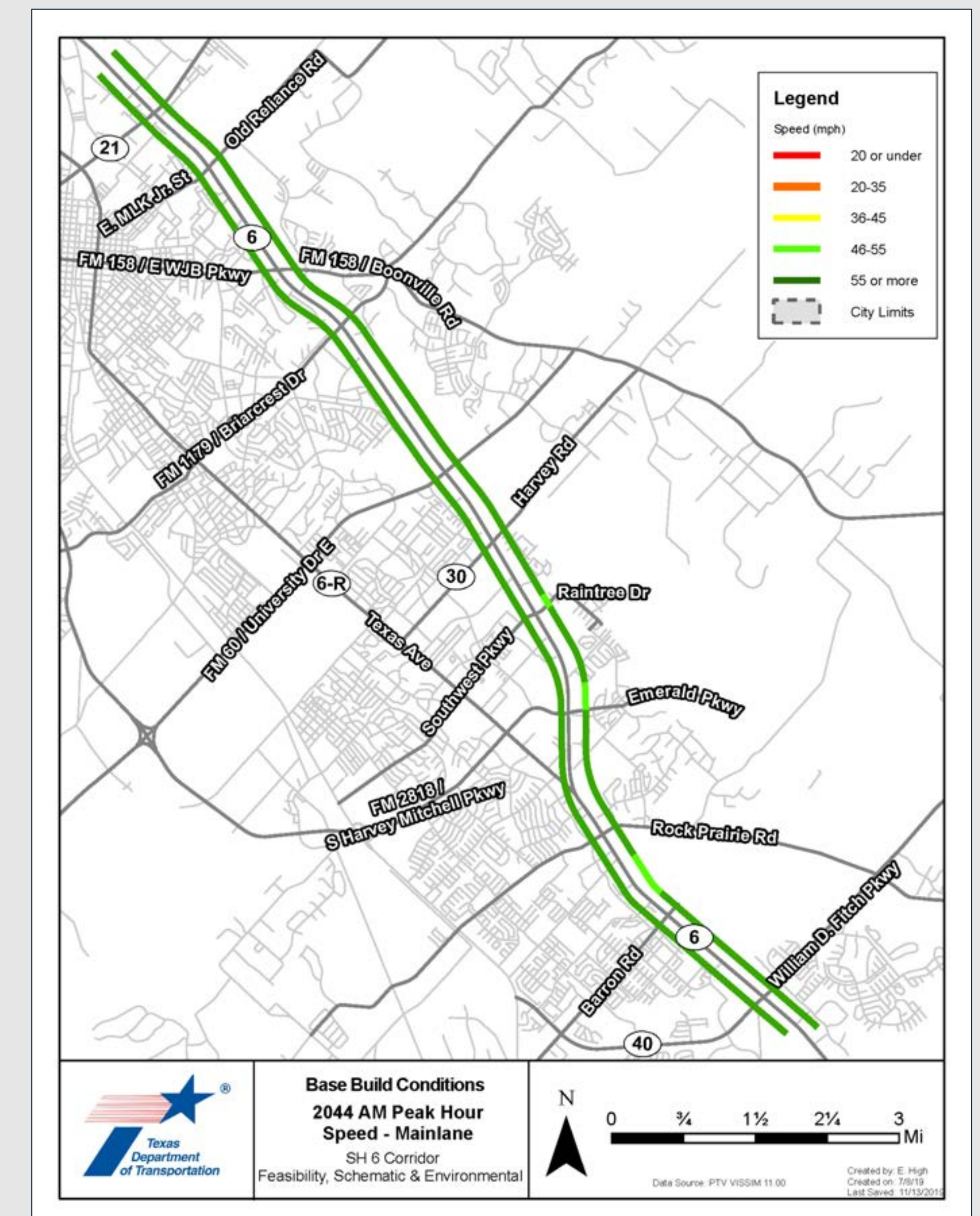
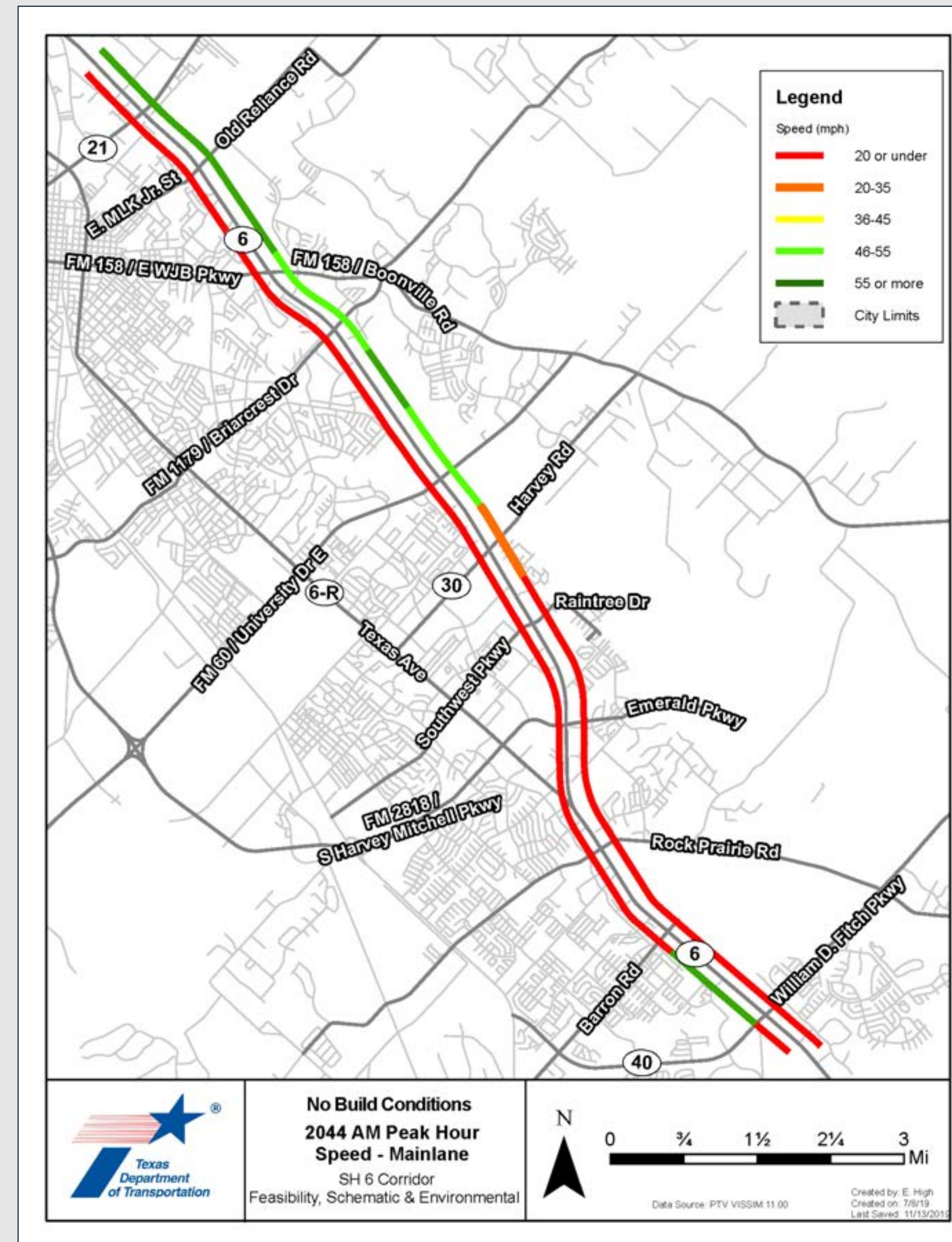
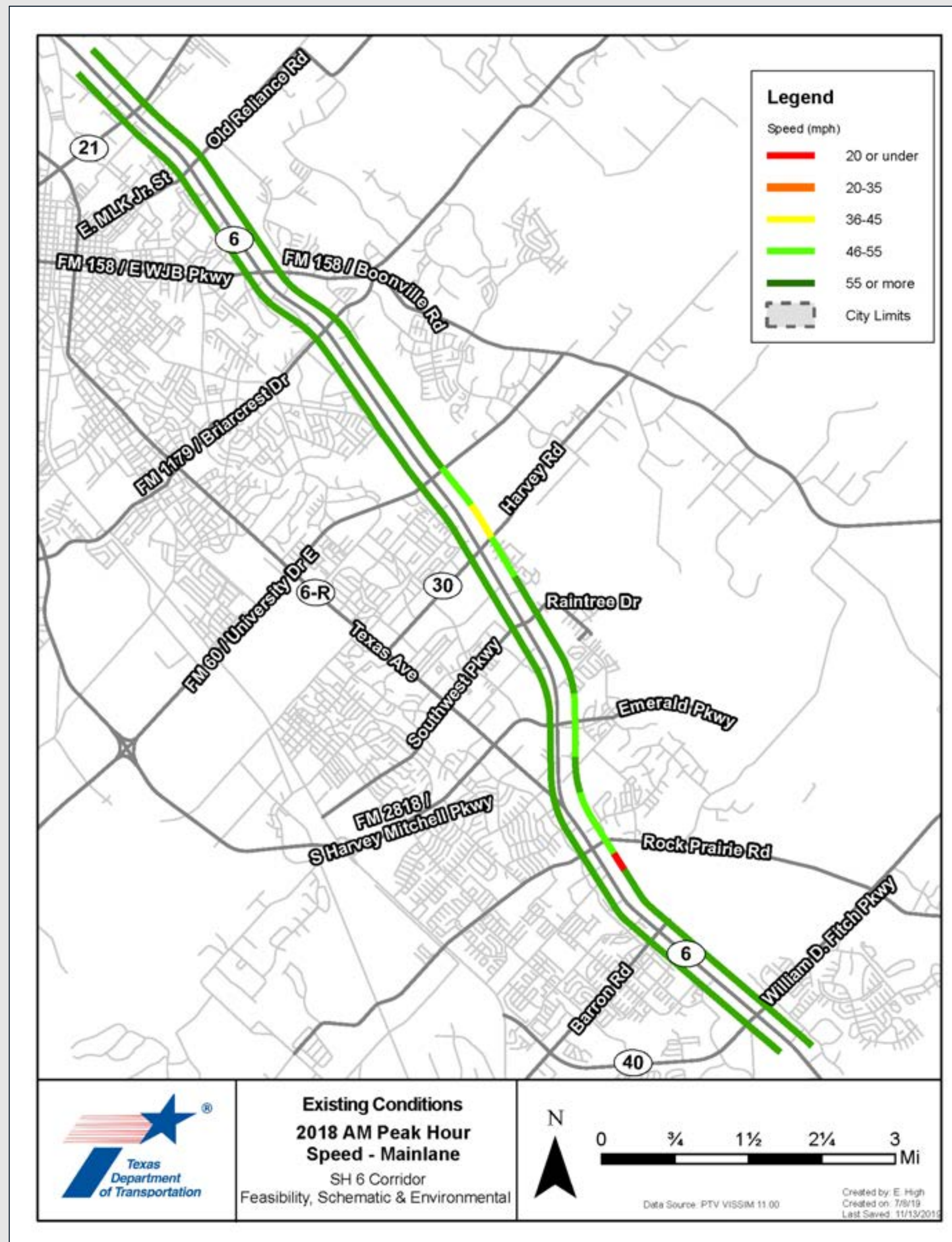
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VISSIM creates a simulated model of how efficiently vehicles would flow on a roadway.

2018 Existing

2044 Projected Without Improvements

2044 Projected With Improvements





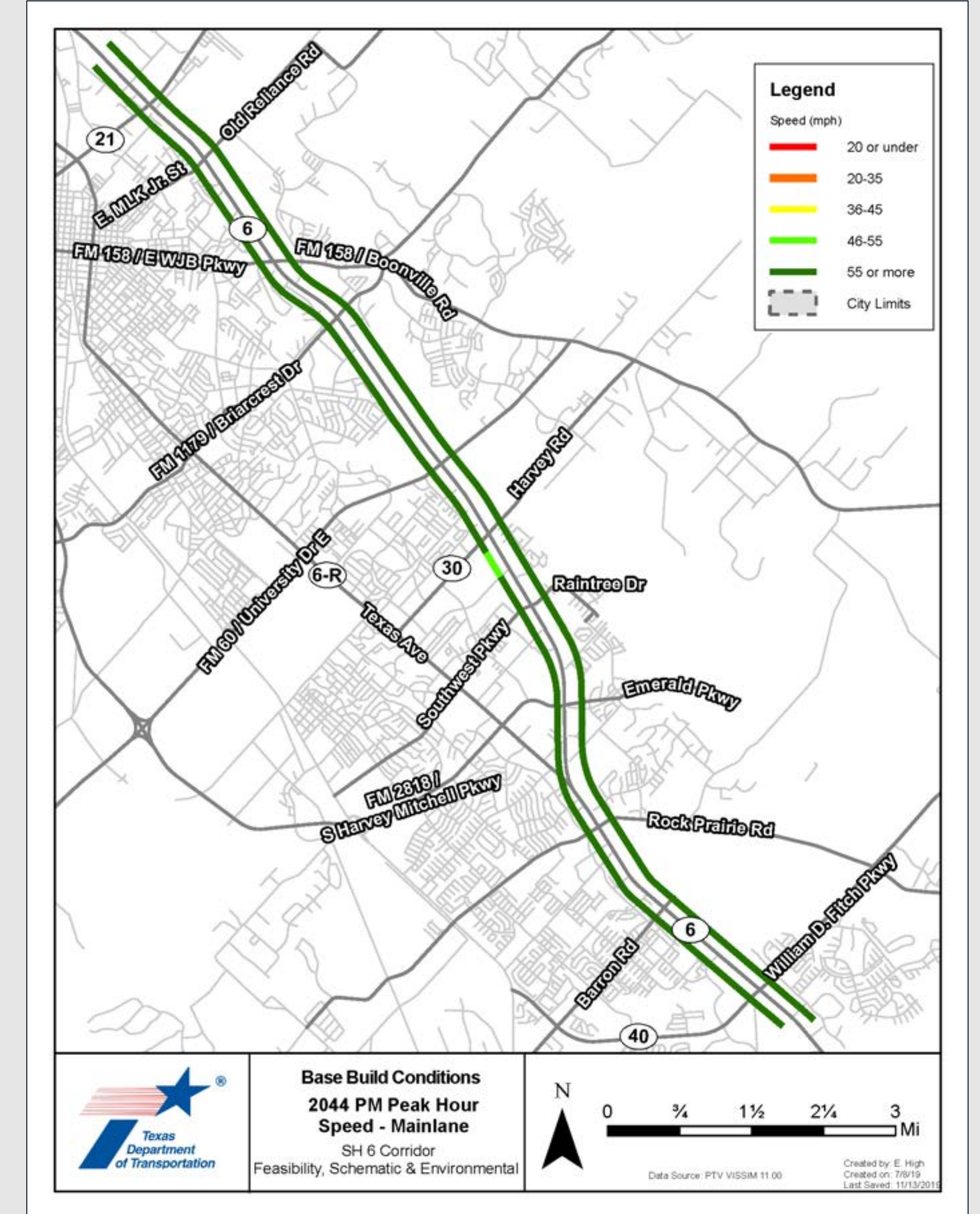
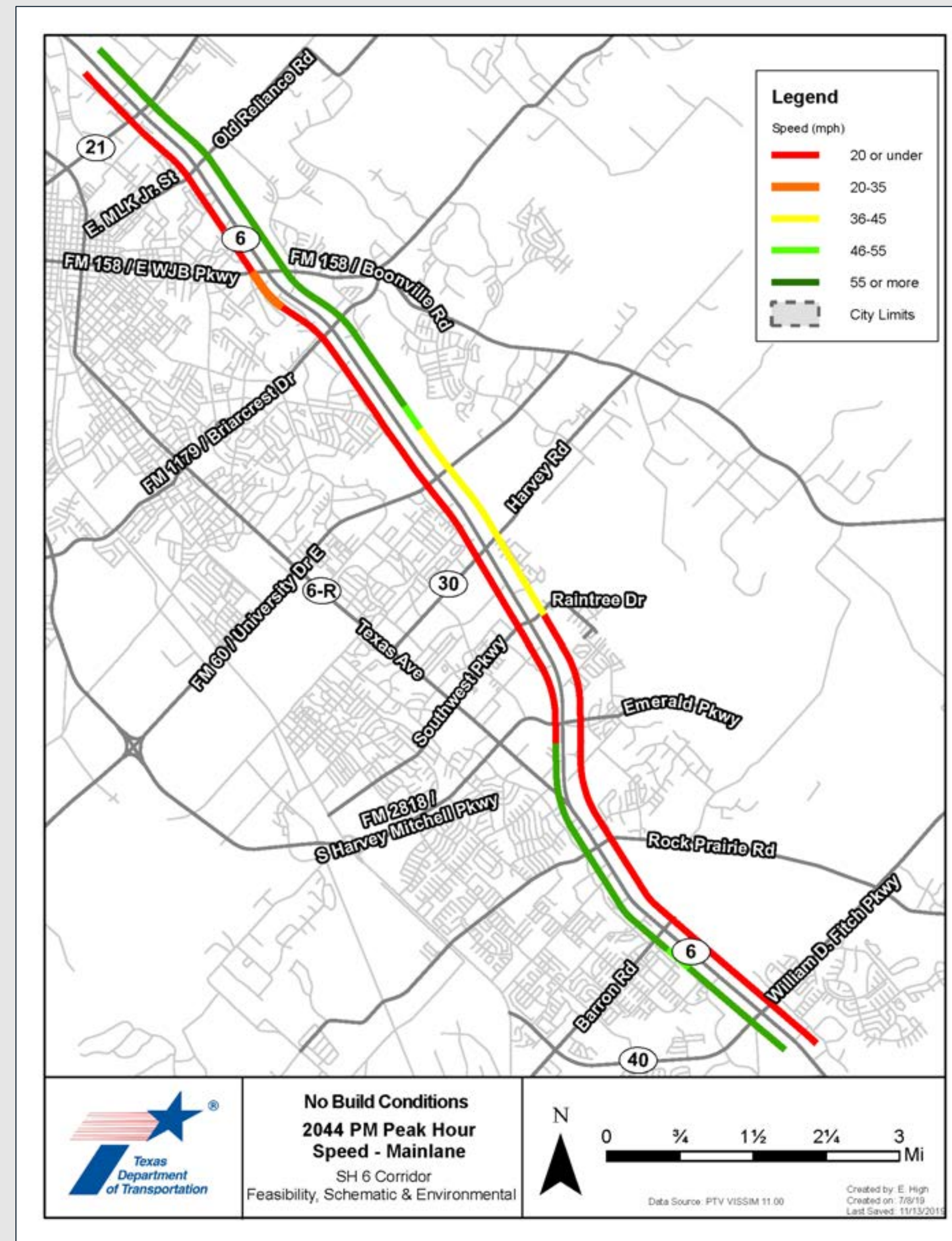
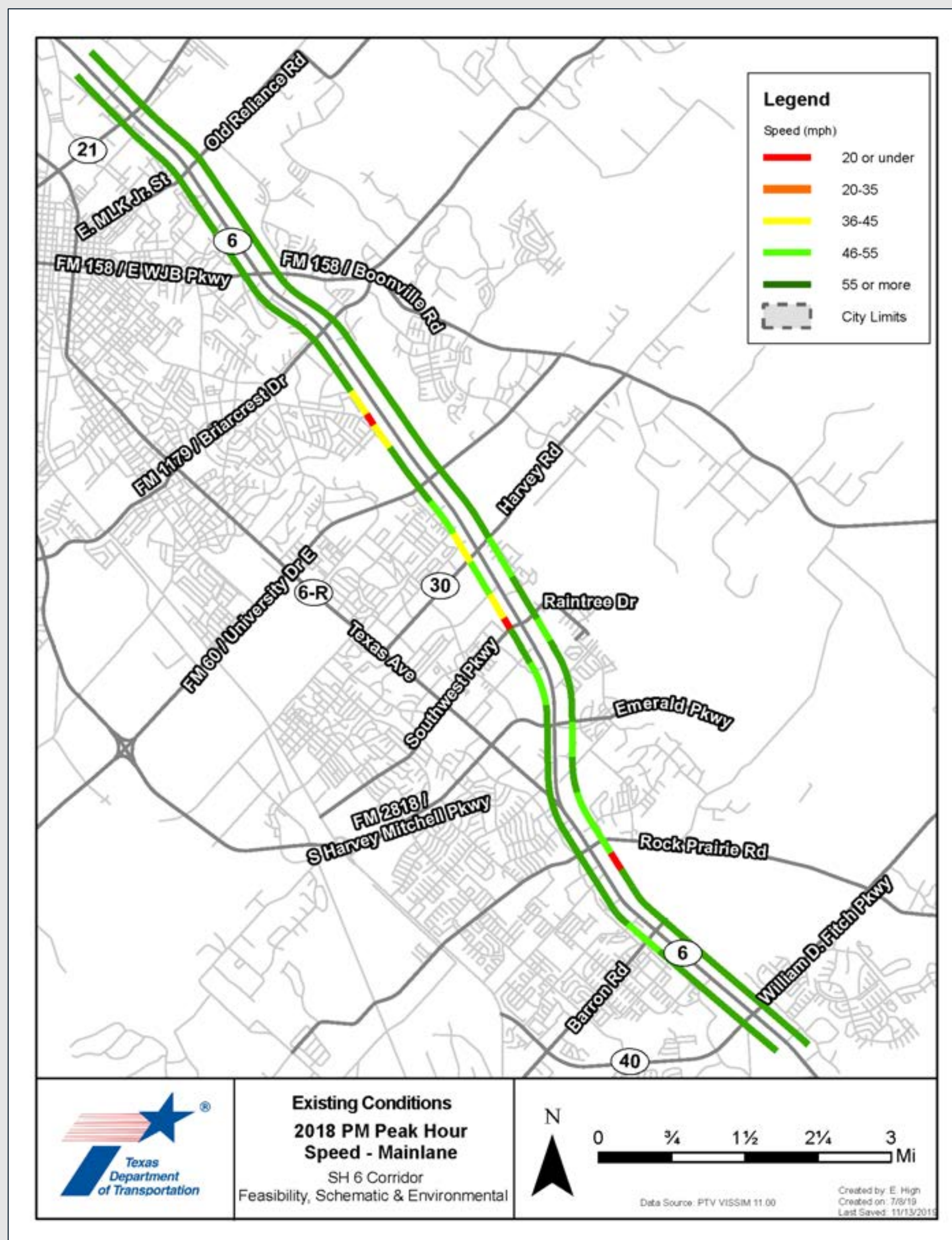
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Traffic Simulation



Placeholder – C-D Plan View



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Environmental Constraints



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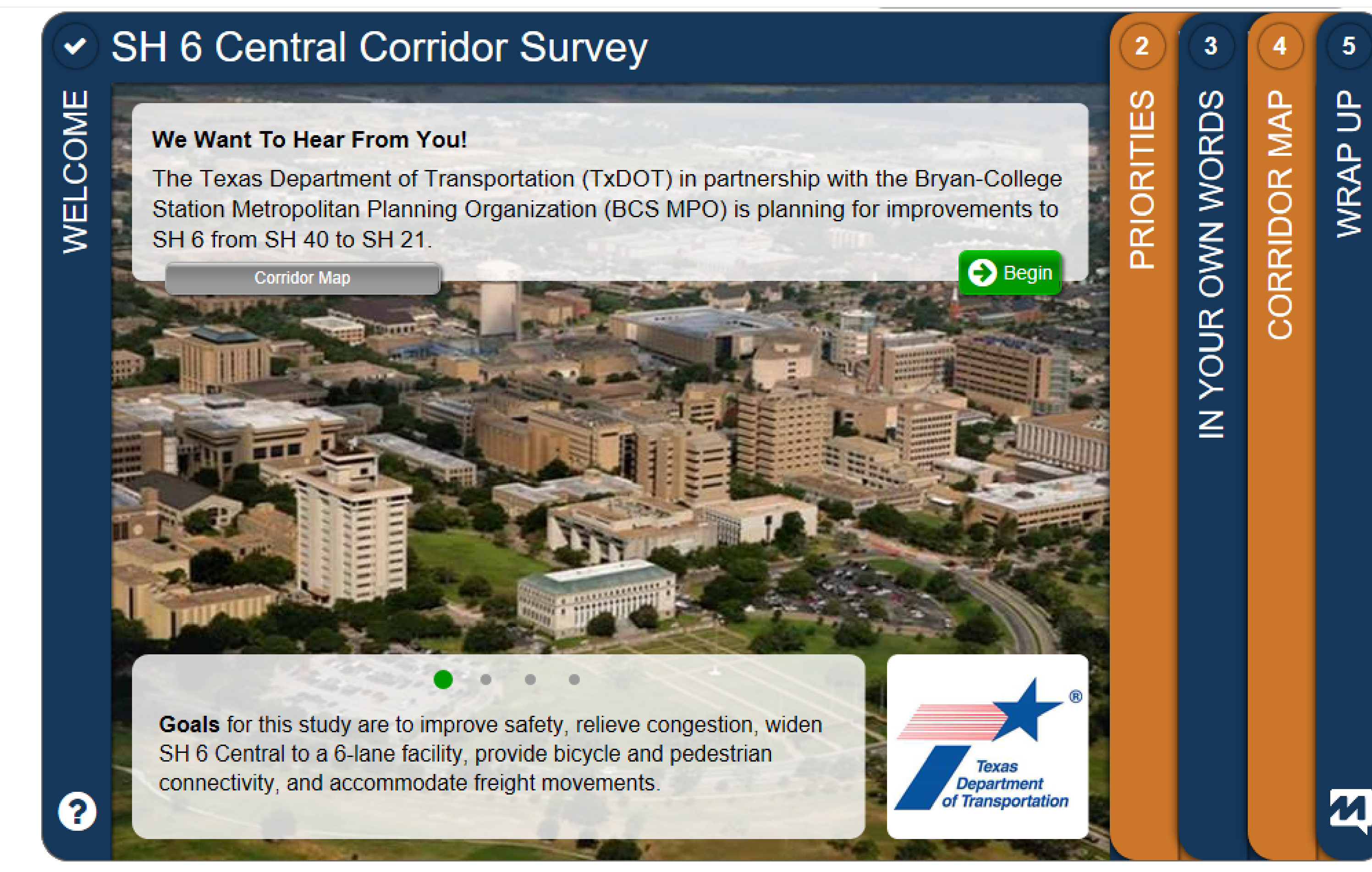
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