



Center Street (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive) Extension

From East Bardin Road to Southeast Green Oaks Boulevard
Tarrant County, Texas
CSJ: 0902-90-228
Public Meeting





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#EndTheStreakTX

End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

In-person viewing will be by appointment only. Please call (817) 370-6640 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment.

Full versions of the Public Meeting displays are available for download at

- [TxDOT.gov](https://www.txdot.gov) keyword “MLK Drive from Bardin to Green Oaks”

- The City of Arlington project webpage is available at the following link:

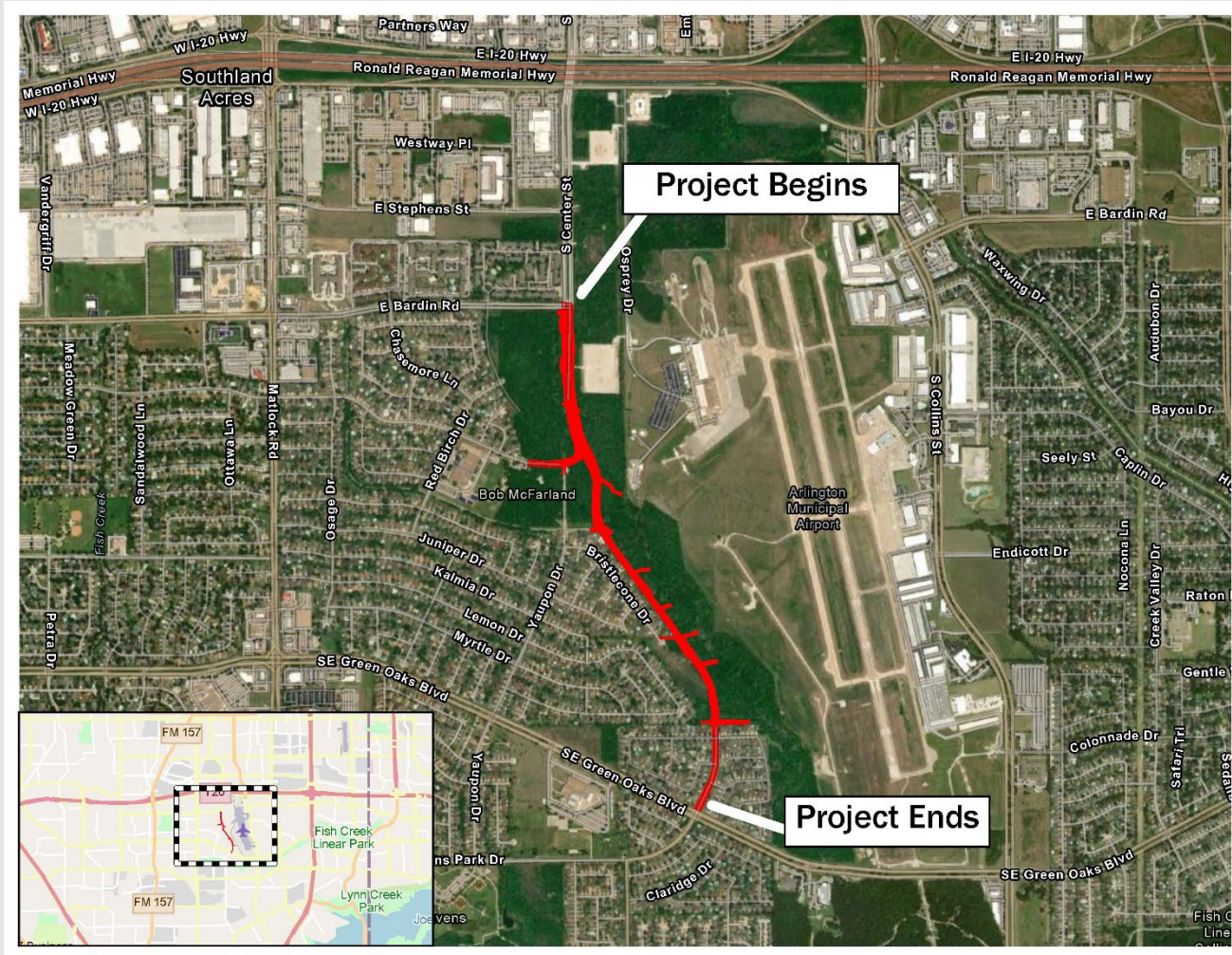
http://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/public_works/projects/capital_improvement_projects/center_street

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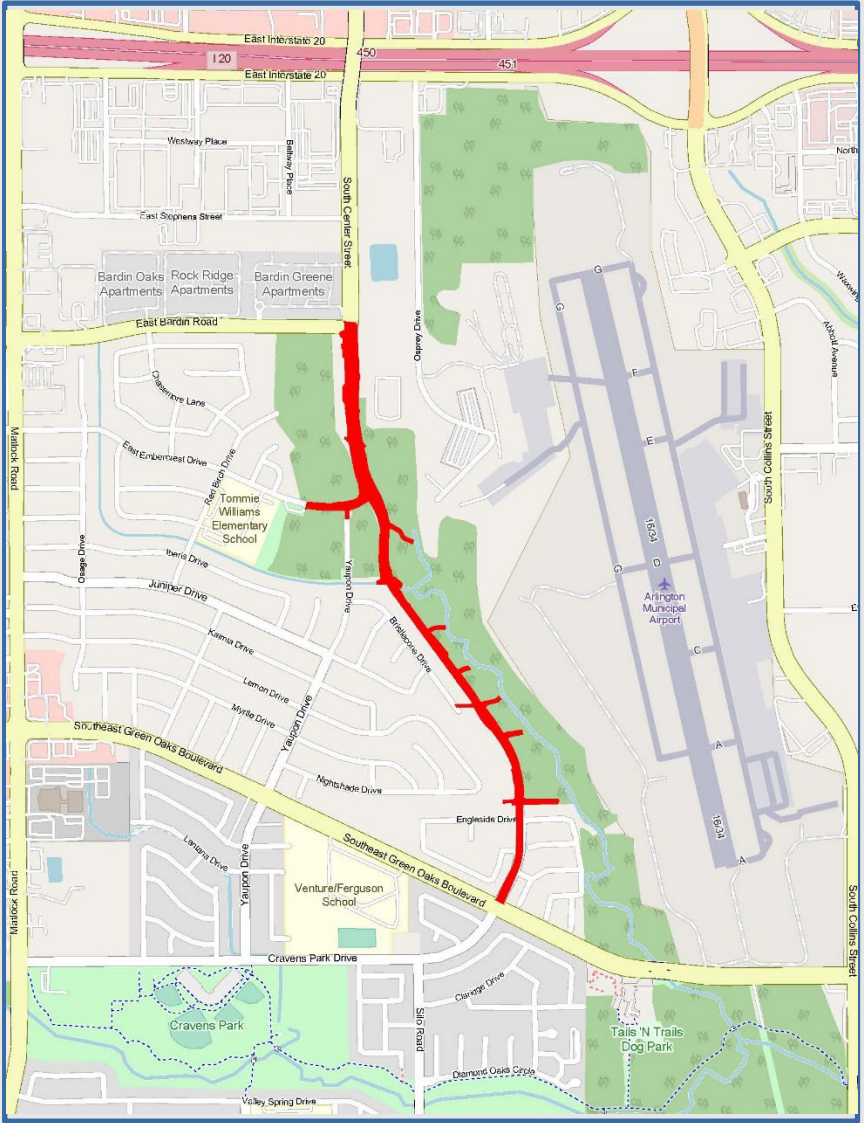
- Present a project update to the public
- Inform the public of project design
- Provide the public with the environmental documentation
- Offer the public an opportunity to provide input
- Develop a record of public engagement and collect formal statements

- Public notices were published in the following sources:
 - Star-Telegram Sunday Publication: Sunday, July 9, 2023
 - TxDOT website ([TxDOT.gov](https://www.txdot.gov)) on Friday, July 7, 2023
 - Local Municipal Websites
- Individual notices mailed to affected property owners, elected and public officials, and project stakeholders

Center Street (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive) Extension: From East Bardin Road to Southeast Green Oaks Boulevard, Tarrant County



- New road construction
- Project length: 1.18 miles
- From East Bardin Road to Southeast Green Oaks Boulevard
- City of Arlington, Tarrant County



- 115- to 120-foot right-of-way and an additional 5 to 80 feet of easement in the stretch north of the East Embercrest Drive connection point
- 55- to 70-foot right-of-way south of the East Embercrest Drive connection point
- Two lanes in each direction with auxiliary lanes
 - Proposed roadway extension would include two northbound lanes and two southbound lanes separated by a raised median
- Roadway width in both directions would be 28 feet with a variable width (6 to 18 feet) central median
- East side would contain 10-foot shared use path with 5.5 feet of separation between roadway and path
- West side would contain 5-foot sidewalk with a variable width separation between the roadway and sidewalk
- 40 MPH speed limit

- East Embercrest Drive would connect into proposed extension, continuing with existing layout of one eastbound lane and one westbound lane
- 60-foot right-of-way would tie into existing pavement
- 38-foot pavement width, 5-foot separation
- Both north and south sides would have a 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk
- No additional rights-of-way required
 - Temporary construction easement required adjacent to the park
- 35 MPH speed limit

Agency Coordination

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

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.

- A Categorical Exclusion report is being prepared in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Provided to the public with the environmental documentation
- Includes an evaluation of the following:
 - Rights-of-way/Easements
 - Community Impacts
 - Vegetation and Wildlife
 - Water Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Traffic Noise
 - Air Quality

Rights-of-Way

To be organized and acquired by the City of Arlington

- Approximately 8.56 acres would be required for additional permanent right-of-way, all of which are owned by City of Arlington

Easements

- Approximately 4.43 acres would be required for permanent easements

- **Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970:**

A law passed in 1970 that was designed to ensure that anyone who owned property needed for a public purpose would be treated fairly. The law establishes guidelines for the acquisition of property and the relocation of displaced individuals and businesses.

- It is the policy of the TxDOT that individuals impacted by transportation systems expansion shall not be denied benefits excluded from participation or otherwise be subjected to discrimination based on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, handicaps, or national origin

- Each impacted property owner is offered “just compensation” for the property needed for the project. To arrive at this value, independent appraisers hired to prepare detailed appraisals and establish value
- A written offer to the property owners is made based on the value determined in the appraisals
- Property owners given a minimum of 30 days to consider the offer
- Right-of-Way Brochures are available on the TxDOT webpage:

<https://www.txdot.gov/business/right-of-way/landowner-bill-of-rights.html>

July 2023	Public Meeting
Late 2023	Environmental Approval
Spring 2023	Right-of-Way Acquisitions
Summer 2023	Utility Adjustments
November 2023	Project Letting
January 2024	Begin Construction
October 2024	End Construction

Submit comments by:

- Emailing: abeer.rabie@txdot.gov
- Calling: (817) 370-6640 to leave a comment
- Filling out a comment card in-person or mailing to:

Texas Department of Transportation
ATTN: Abeer Rabie, Project Manager
2540 Edgecliff Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133
- Online by visiting the webpage [TxDOT.gov](https://www.txdot.gov) keyword “MLK Drive from Bardin to Green Oaks”
- While comments are always welcome, they must be received on or before Wednesday, August 9, 2023, to be included in the official hearing documentation

The public may call project staff at (817) 370-6640 during regular office hours or email project staff at any time in the project development process.

Thank you for joining us!