



# Virtual Public Hearing

## I-45 Galveston Improvement Project

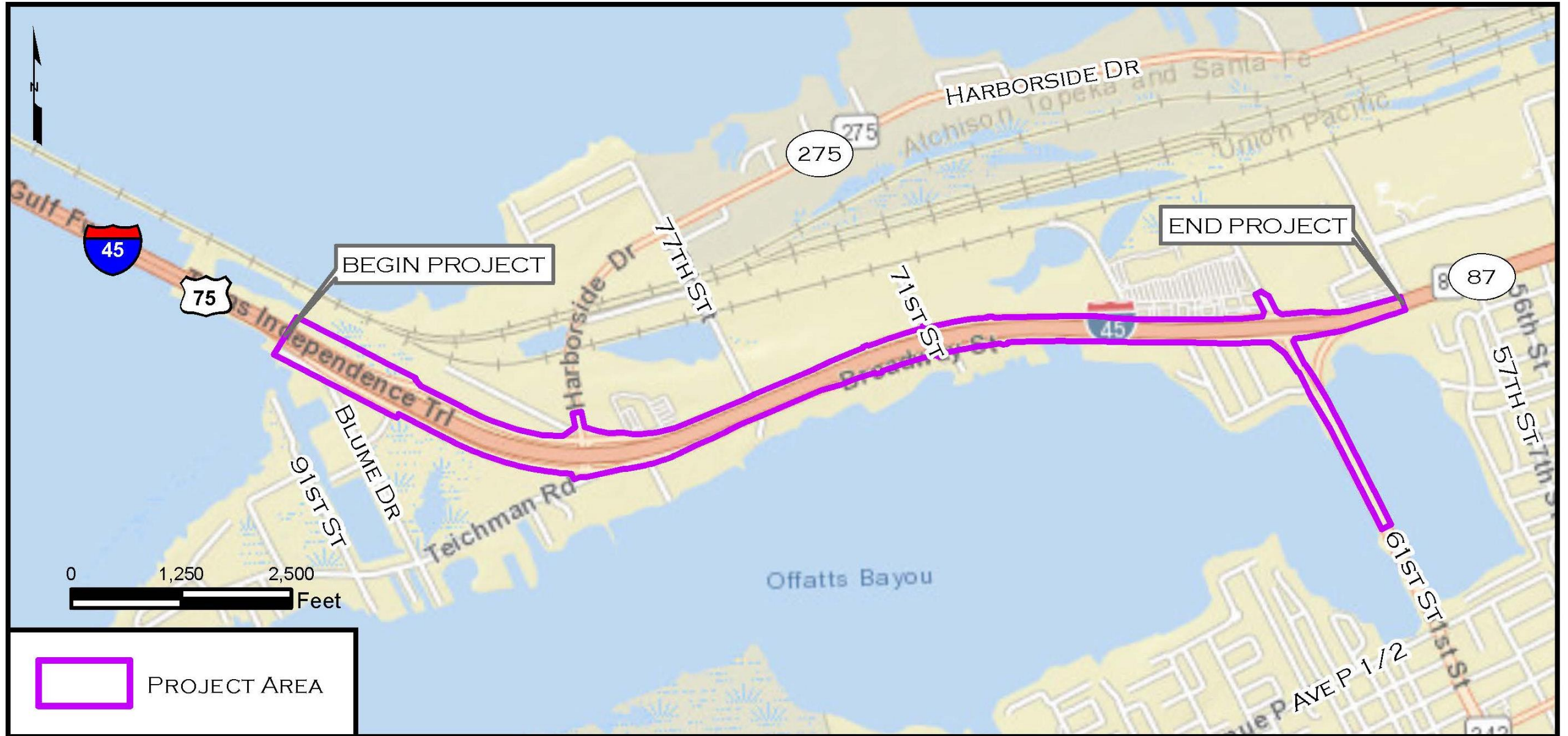
From the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
Galveston, Texas

**CSJ:** 0500-01-119  
(Project Reference Number)



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.

# Project Location Map





The I-45 proposed improvements include:

- Reconstructing and widening I-45 from the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61st Street
- Reconstructing the main lanes to add one additional main lane in each direction
- Reconstructing the main lane shoulders to provide 4-foot wide inside and 12-foot wide outside shoulders
- Reconstructing the frontage roads to:
  - Add frontage road lanes in select locations for an average of four 11-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction)
  - Add a 5-foot wide bike path along the frontage roads behind the curb
  - Add a 5-foot wide sidewalk along the frontage roads adjacent to the bike path
  - Improve existing drainage infrastructure by reconstructing existing storm water collection system
- Reconstructing the I-45 overpasses and construct intersection improvements, including U-turn and turning lanes at the following intersections: Harborside Drive, 71st Street, and 61st Street
- Constructing a one-lane direct connector from northbound 61st Street to northbound I-45



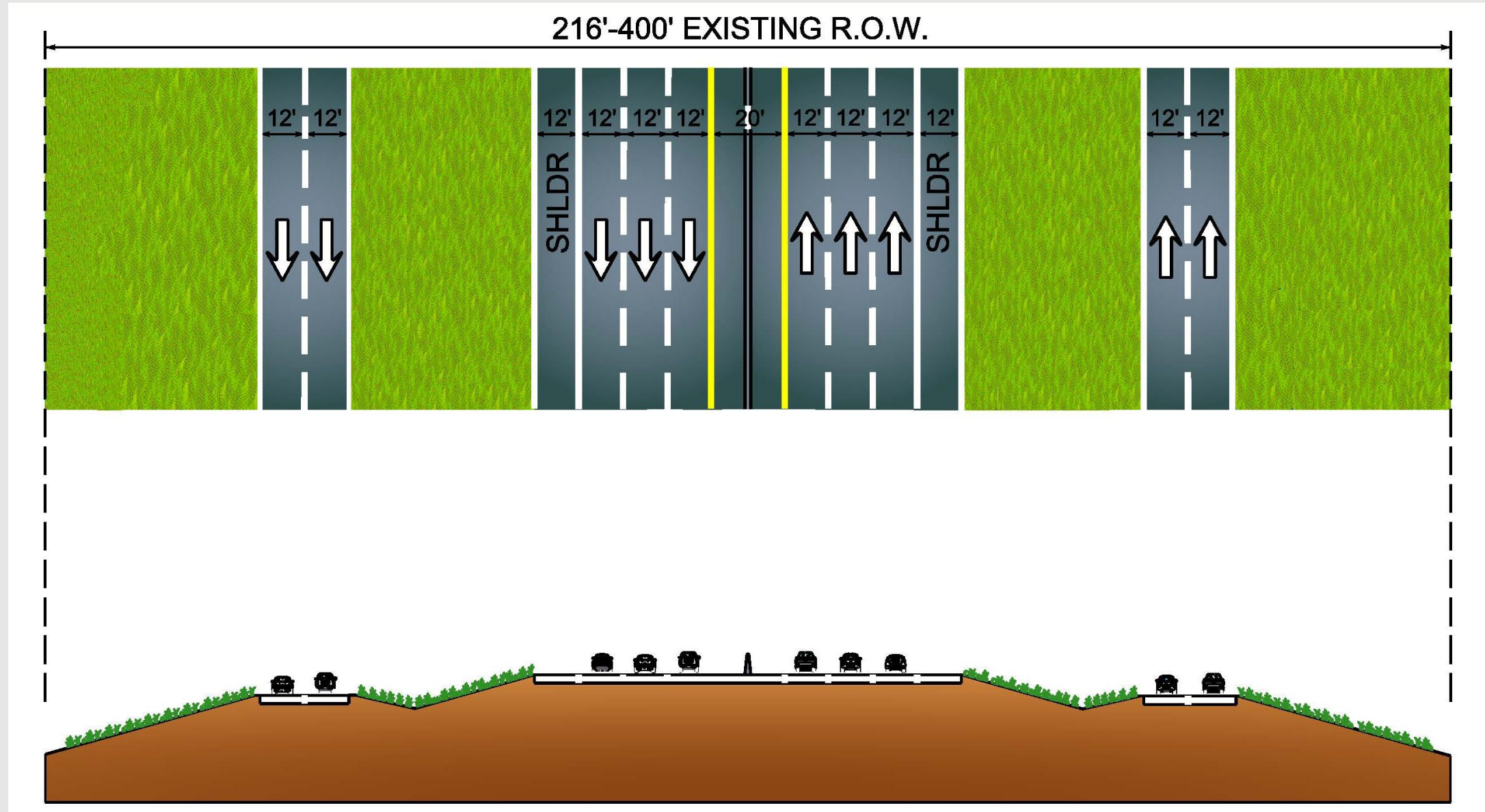
## Project Need

- Increased and projected growth in the area has caused traffic demand to exceed the capacity of the existing roadway
- Current roadway layout (the geometry of the main lanes, frontage roads, intersections and ramps) creates operational issues such as congestion at the intersections, congestion on the main lanes, and access issues to adjacent neighborhoods
- Facility currently has limited bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Improved hurricane evacuation

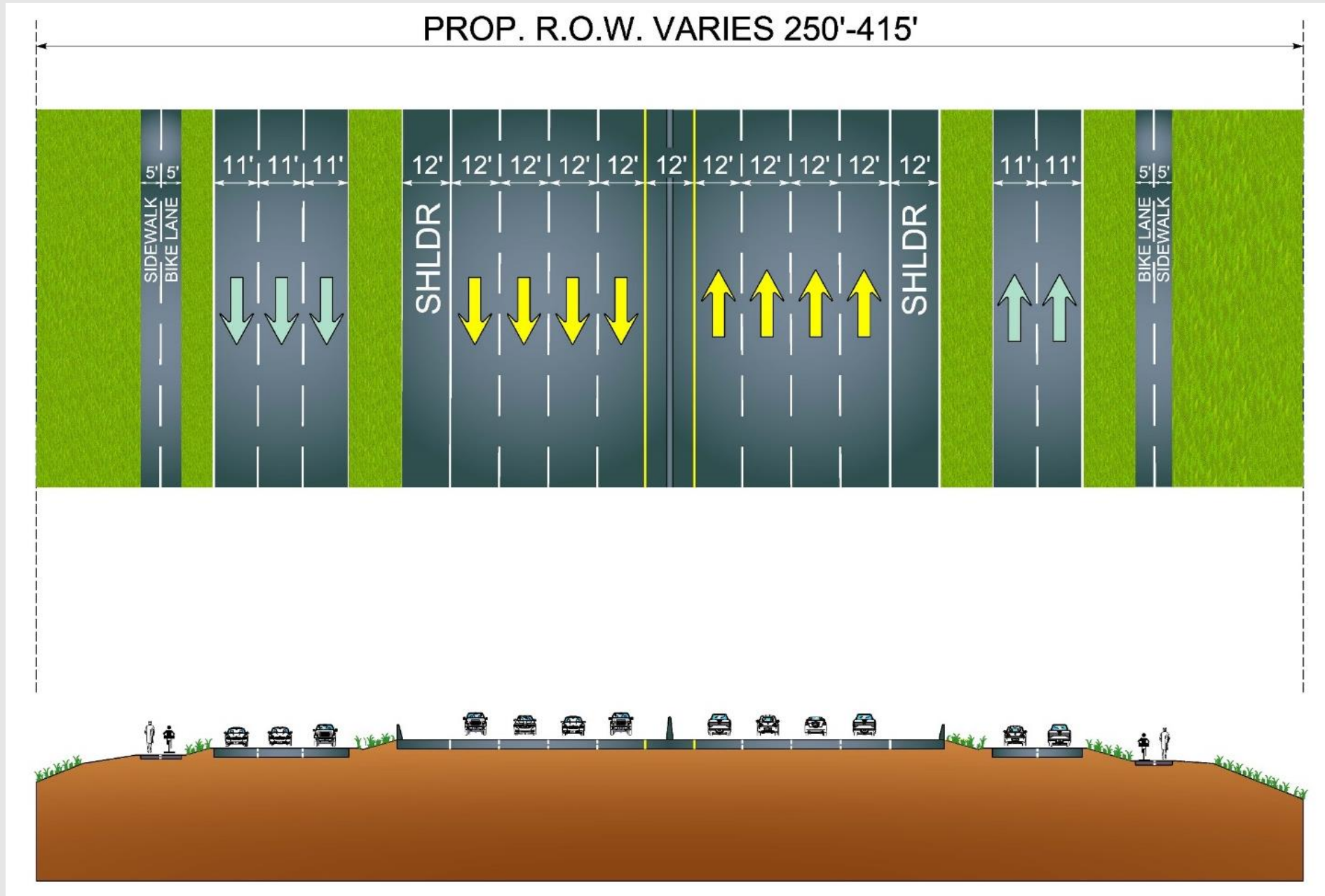
## Project Purpose

- Improve mobility and reduce congestion by constructing additional lanes, ramps and turn lanes
- Improve traffic operations by bringing the roadway up to current design standards
- Facilitate bicycle and pedestrian activity by upgrading bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Facilitate hurricane evacuation by providing additional capacity

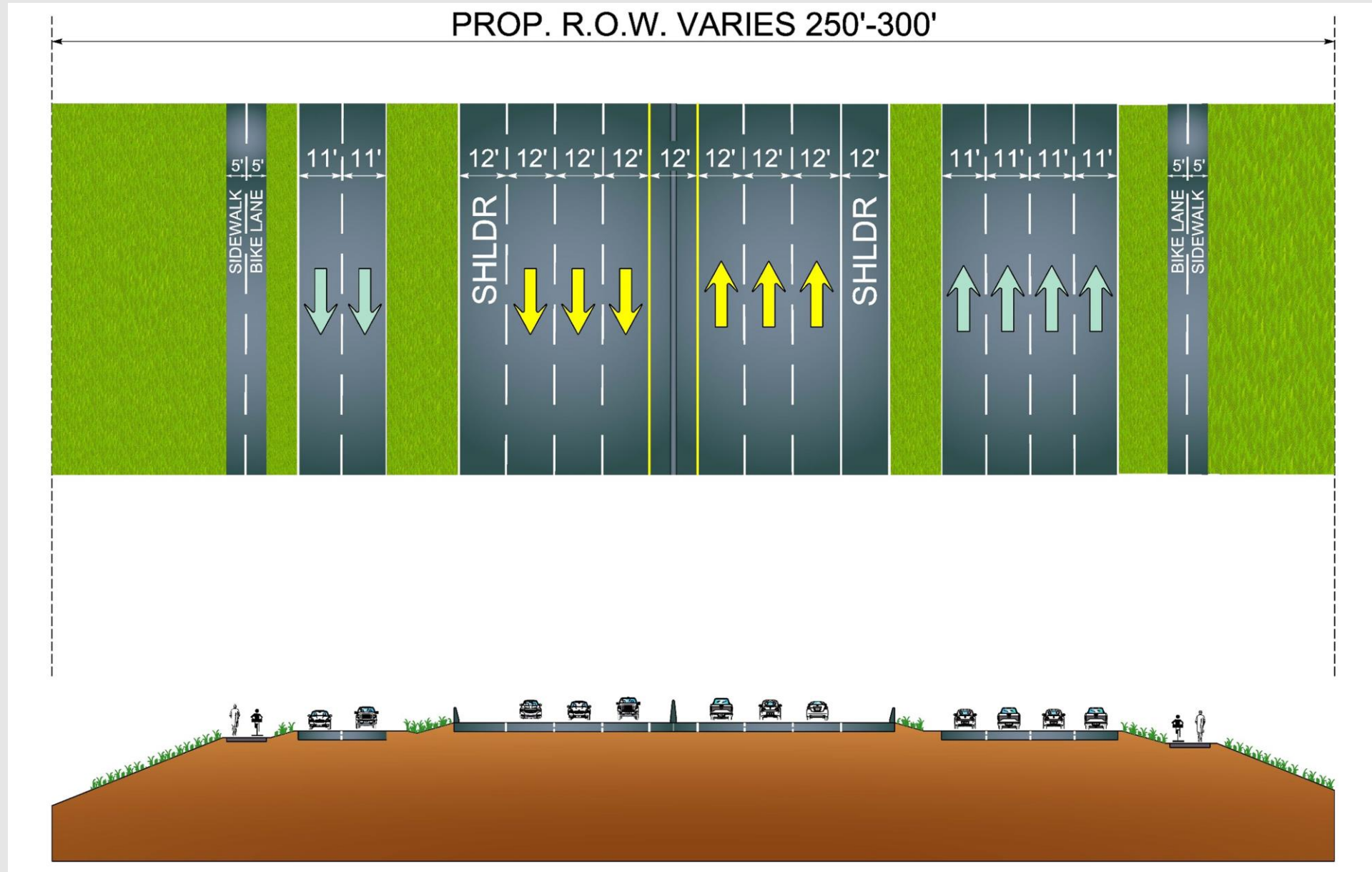
# Existing Typical Section – Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61<sup>st</sup> Street



# Proposed Typical Section – Galveston Causeway Bridge to 71<sup>st</sup> Street



# Proposed Typical Section – 71<sup>st</sup> Street to 61<sup>st</sup> Street



# How to Submit Your Comments



**All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 19, 2021.**

## Comments can be provided:

### Comment Card

Download the comment card from the website, fill it out and email or mail it to TxDOT



### By Email

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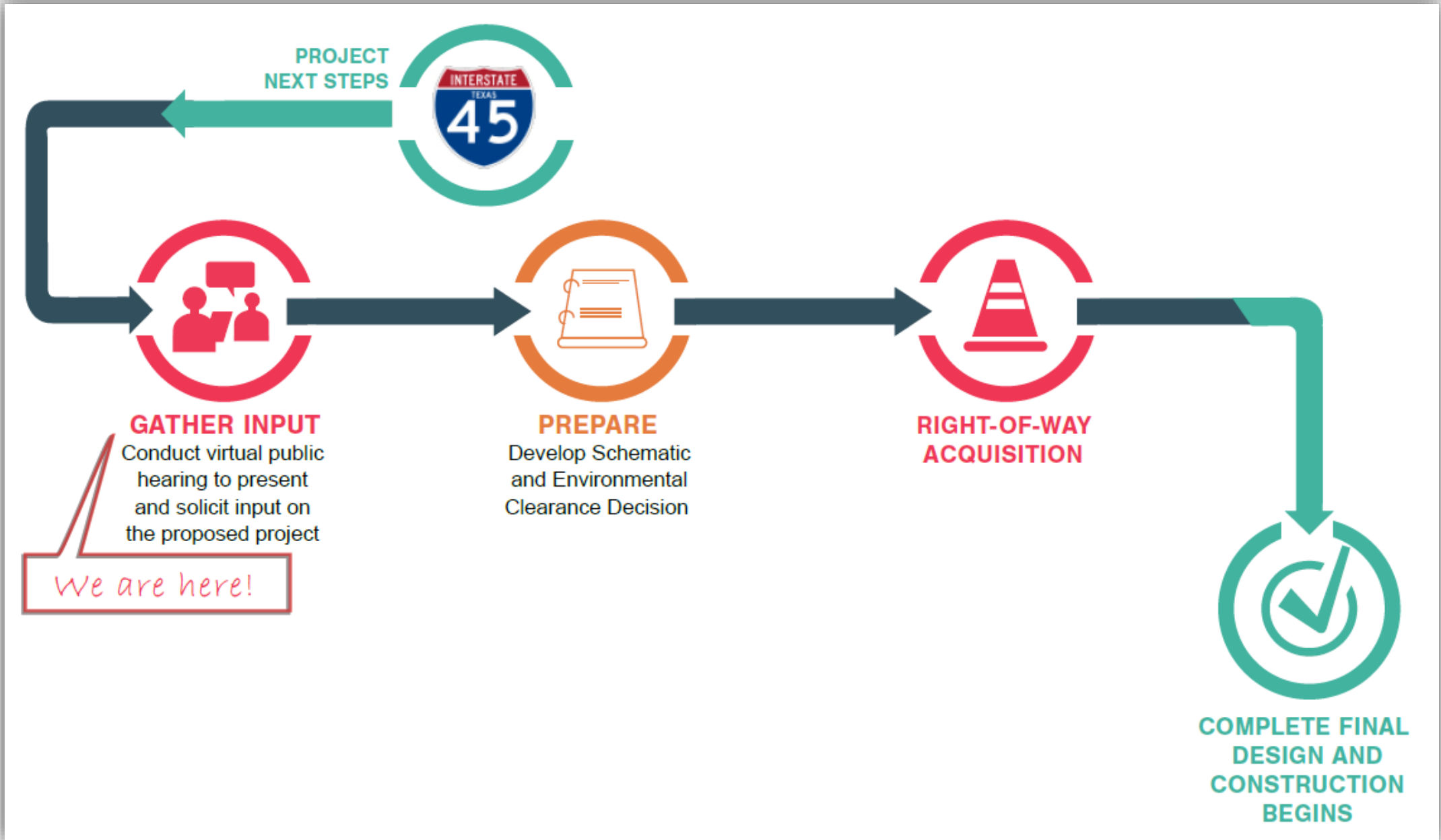
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# Next Steps





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