



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WELCOME

TO THE PROPOSED SH 249 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING FROM Beltway 8 N TO I-45 N

Virtual Public Hearing: August 23, 2022 to September 12, 2022

In-Person Public Hearing: August 25, 2022

Why Am I Here?

- **Learn** about the proposed project
- **Review** the proposed improvements
- **Submit** comments

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.



Week of July 28, 2022

- Emailed and mailed Elected Official Letters



August 3, 2022

- Information posted on the TxDOT website



August 3, 2022

- Published Public Hearing Notices in Northwest Zone and La Voz
- Mailed Notices to adjacent property owners



Week of August 8, and August 15, 2022

- Postcards mailed to residents
- Flyers distributed to community centers and businesses



Mid August 2022

- Facebook
- Twitter



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

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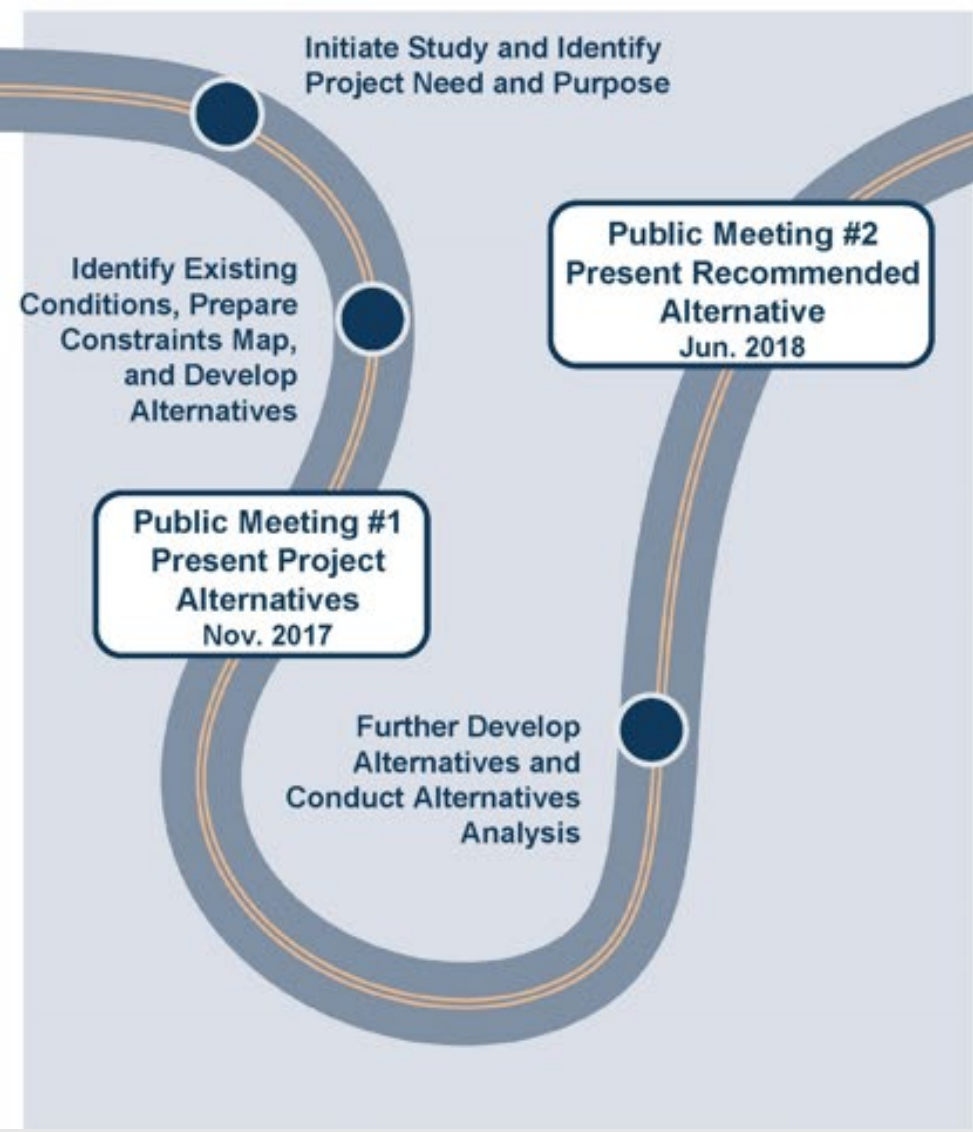
What are the Issues (Project Needs)?

- The proposed project is needed because the existing SH 249 does not meet current highway design standards and lacks sufficient capacity to adequately support the projected increased traffic and population growth
- This lack of capacity would result in congestion, reduced mobility, and safety concerns

What are we trying to do (Project Purpose)?

- Upgrade to current design standards
- Improve mobility
- Reduce congestion
- Increase operational efficiency
- Improve safety

2017-2018



2019-2021

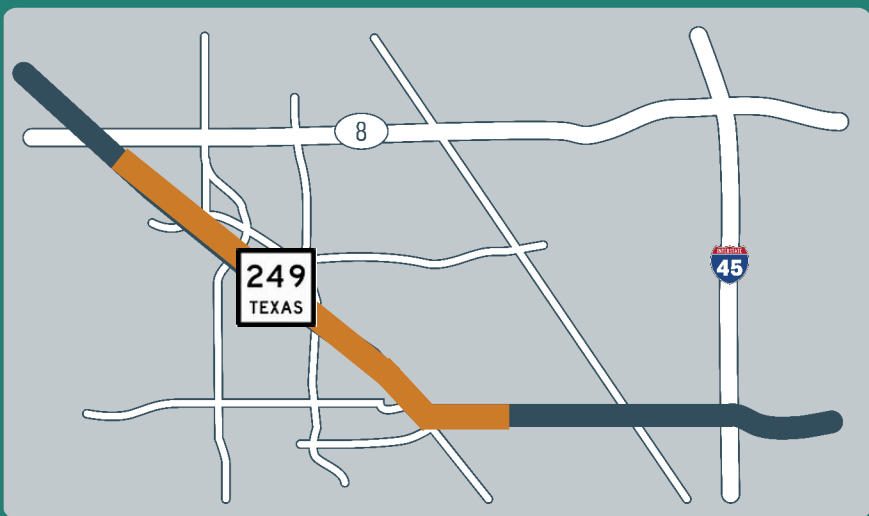
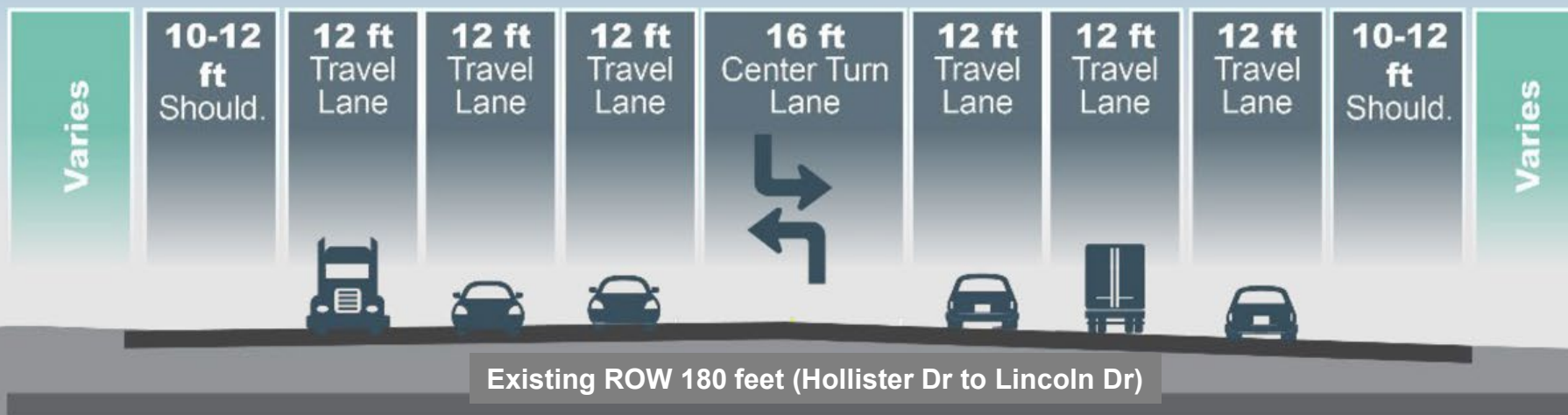


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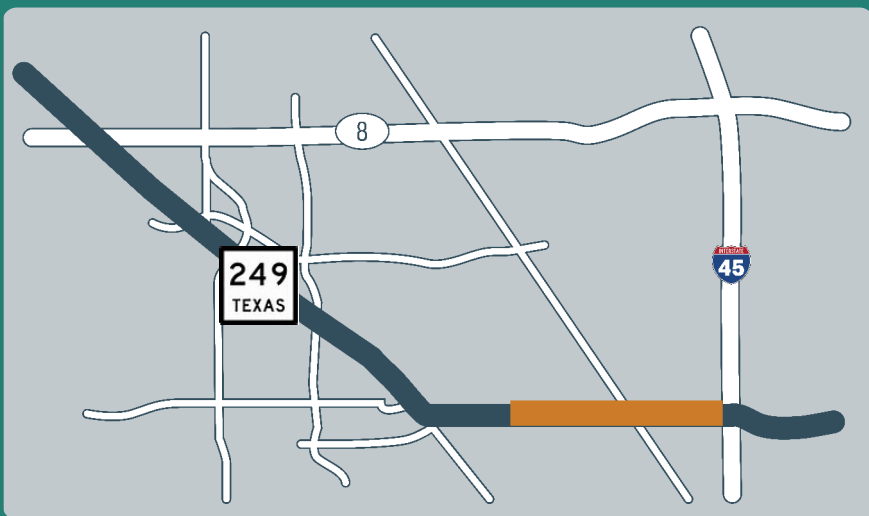
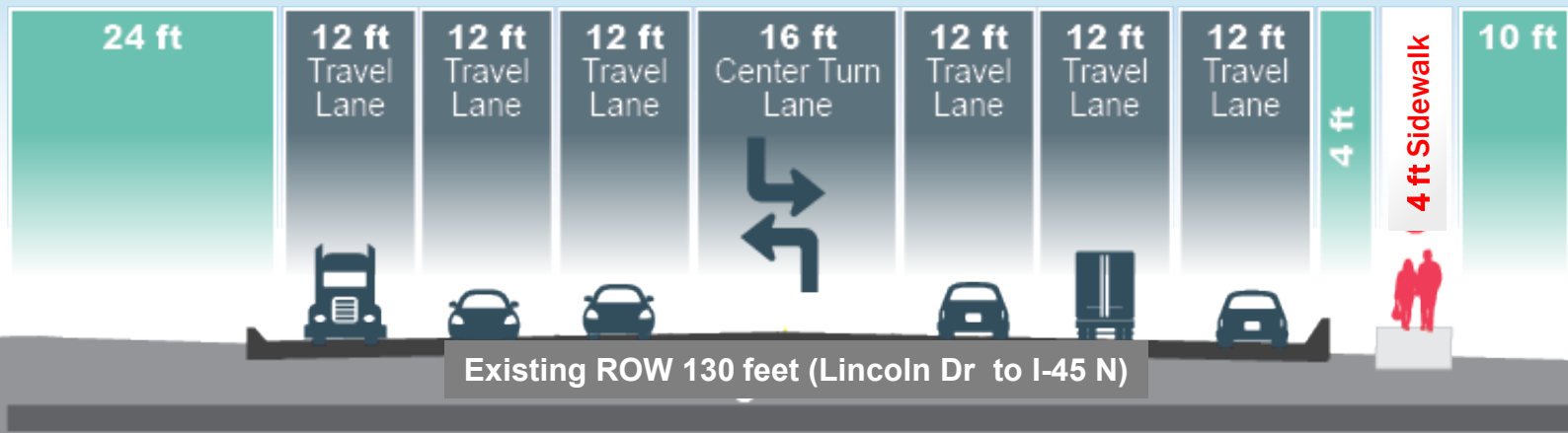


SH 249 Existing Typical Section



HOLLISTER DR TO ELLA BLVD

- ✓ Three 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction
- ✓ 10- to 12-foot-wide outside shoulder in each direction
- ✓ Travel lanes separated by 16-foot-wide, center, two-way turn lane
- ✓ Existing right of way varies from 180 feet to 130 feet
- ✓ Open ditch drainage system



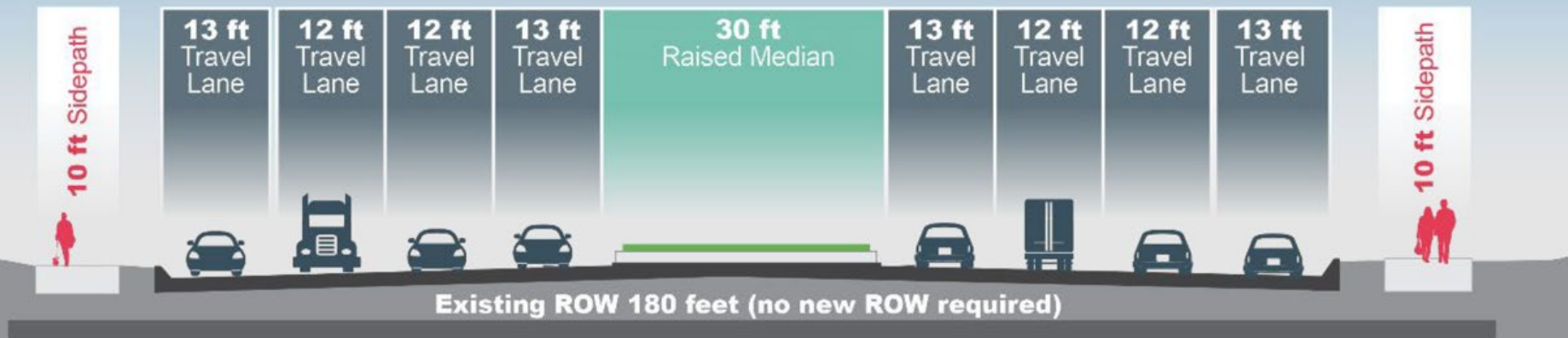
ELLA BLVD TO I-45 N

- ✓ Three 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction
- ✓ Travel lanes separated by 16-foot-wide, center, two-way turn lane
- ✓ Existing right of way is 130 feet
- ✓ Closed drainage system (curb and gutter)
- ✓ Sidewalk along south side (for a portion of this segment)



SH 249 Proposed Preferred Alternative Typical Section

HOLLISTER DR TO LINCOLN DR



LINCOLN DR TO WEST OF I-45 N



CORRIDOR AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- ✓ Add one lane in each direction
- ✓ Convert the continuous center left-turn lane to a raised median to minimize conflict points and to provide pedestrian refuge
- ✓ Lincoln Dr to I-45 N: Most ROW to be acquired on the north side
- ✓ Add or extend turn-lane storage
- ✓ Provide dual left-turn lanes at intersections as warranted
- ✓ Provide continuous sidepaths for pedestrians and bicyclists



Areas of Environmental Review



Biological Resources



Water Resources



Historical Resources



Hazardous Materials



Parkland/Section 4f



Air Quality Assessment



Traffic Noise Assessment



Community Cohesion & Environmental Justice



Archeological Resources



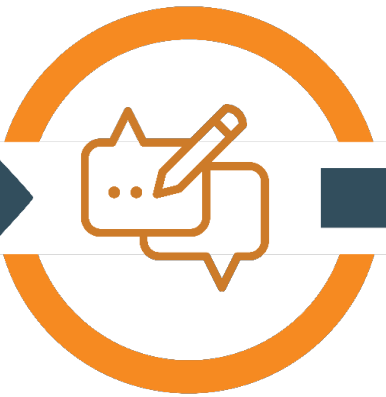
Environmental Technical Reports are available:

- ✓ Online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “SH 249 from Beltway 8 N”
- ✓ In-person at the public hearing
- ✓ At the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 and at the North Harris Area Office, 16803 Eastex Freeway, Humble, Texas 77347 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by appointment only. Please call (281) 319-6400 to schedule an appointment at the Area Office and (713) 802-5262 to schedule an appointment at the District Office



We Are Here

Schematic Design + Environmental Documentation



Gather Input

- ✓ Conduct public hearing
- ✓ Solicit input on preferred alternative



Prepare

- ✓ Finalize geometric schematic
- ✓ Environmental clearance decision
- ✓ Noise Barrier Workshop



Request

- ✓ Project approval and funding



Right of Way Acquisition and Construction
(to be determined based on available funding)



All comments must be received or postmarked by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**



Phone: Call the project phone line at (346) 922-3035 to leave verbal testimony



Comment Card: Download the comment card from the project website: www.txdot.gov, keyword search “SH 249 from Beltway 8 N”



In-person: Fill out the comment card at the public hearing and drop in the comment box



Email: Email the comment card to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houston-piowebmail@txdot.gov)



Mail: Mail the comment card to the TxDOT Houston District:
Attn: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386



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