



## VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

### Temple Outer Loop West, Phase I

**Bell County, Texas**

**CSJ: 0909-36-168**

**November 28, 2022**

#### **Slide 1 - Title Slide**

Welcome to the City of Temple's and Texas Department of Transportation's pre-recorded, virtual public hearing for the proposed Temple Outer Loop West, Phase 1 Improvements project from 522 Ft. S. of Jupiter Drive to 20 Ft. N. of Riverside Trail in Bell County, Texas. During the virtual public hearing, you may pause the presentation and navigate forward or backward using your video player at any time.

#### **SLIDE 2 – Welcome**

Thank you for joining us. My name is Macie Surovik with KPA Engineers. We appreciate your interest in the proposed Temple Outer Loop West, Phase 1 project and welcome each of you. This virtual public hearing will be in lieu of an in-person public hearing to increase the opportunity for public involvement. The presentation will cover the same information the Waco District and City of Temple would have shared at the in-person public Hearing. However, the comment process for this virtual public hearing will differ from what is usually conducted at an in-person hearing and will be explained near the end of the presentation. All project information can be found on the TxDOT website. If a person is unable to view the information during the public hearing, accommodations will be made to provide an opportunity for another means to review the information and comment.

The purpose of this Virtual Public Hearing is to:

- Inform the public that this project has federal funding and is conducting this virtual hearing solely to satisfy the state statutory requirement of holding a hearing on a project that adds bike lanes. (Transportation Code 203.023)
- Inform the Public of the project and the recommendations proposed
- Describe the project so the public can be informed on how they may be affected
- Provide the public with an opportunity to provide their input, and
- Develop a record of public outreach for the project

#### **SLIDE 3 – Agenda**

At this time, I will present the following:

- Prior Public Involvement
- Project Overview
- Purpose of the Project
- Right-of-Way Acquisitions Needed for the Project
- Anticipated Detours
- Environmental Assessments
- Anticipated Schedule
- Share Your Input



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#### **SLIDE 4 – Prior Public Involvement**

During the development of this project, the City of Temple, in conjunction with TxDOT, held a Public Meeting on December 3, 2019. This meeting reviewed the Temple Outer Loop West, Phase I and II projects, offering participants the opportunity to voice their input and to provide comments on all aspects of the project.

Please note that the public has 15 calendar days following this hearing to submit their comments, which will be explained near the end of the presentation.

The public meeting notice for this project was posted on [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov) at “Public Meetings, Meetings and Notices” on November 14, 2019. Elected and public officials were mailed a notice and fact sheet on November 15, 2019. Adjacent property owners were mailed a notice and fact sheet on November 15, 2019. Adjacent property owners were identified by using county tax rolls. Other stakeholders were mailed a postcard on November 15, 2019.

The notice of this public hearing was published online on the City of Temple website and on various local news outlets.

#### **SLIDE 6 – Project Overview**

KPA Engineers prepared the Outer Loop Preliminary Engineering Report for the City of Temple to provide preliminary horizontal alignments and vertical profiles, preliminary utility relocation analysis, preliminary right-of-way analysis, and preliminary opinions of probable costs on various phases of the Outer Loop project improvements in the City of Temple. The report contained a review of the background of the concept of Temple’s Outer Loop, an analysis of design considerations, and a preliminary layout of recommended improvements. These items were investigated at the request of the City of Temple as it seeks to improve the transportation infrastructure in and around the City.

The Outer Loop will ultimately create a new major arterial loop around Temple, connecting regional employment centers to neighborhoods and interstate commerce. This loop strategically combines several existing roadways and thoroughfares, including Moores Mill Road, Old Howard Road, Hilliard Road, Research Parkway, and Old Waco Road. Several segments of the Outer Loop are already completed in Temple.



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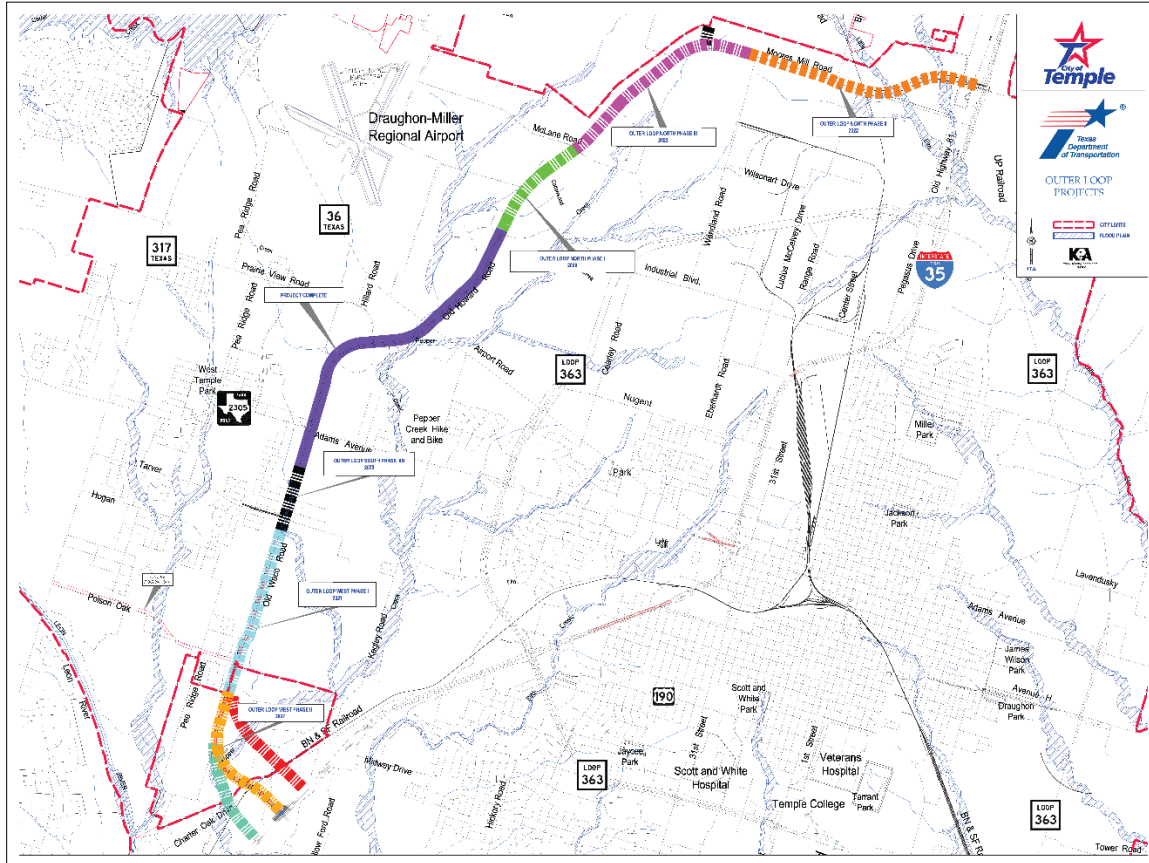
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Overall Temple Outer Loop Projects Exhibit:



### SLIDE 7 – Purpose of Project

The Temple Outer Loop West Phase I project will widen Old Waco Road in Temple, Texas, from 2 lanes to 4, relieving congestion with a new divided roadway from South Jupiter Drive to North of Riverside Trail in Bell County, Texas. Additional elements in this project will include curb and gutter, associated wastewater, an underground storm sewer system, erosion control, a hike and bike trail, and dedicated bike lanes to incorporate multimodal transportation.



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Temple Outer Loop West Phase I Project Limits Exhibit:





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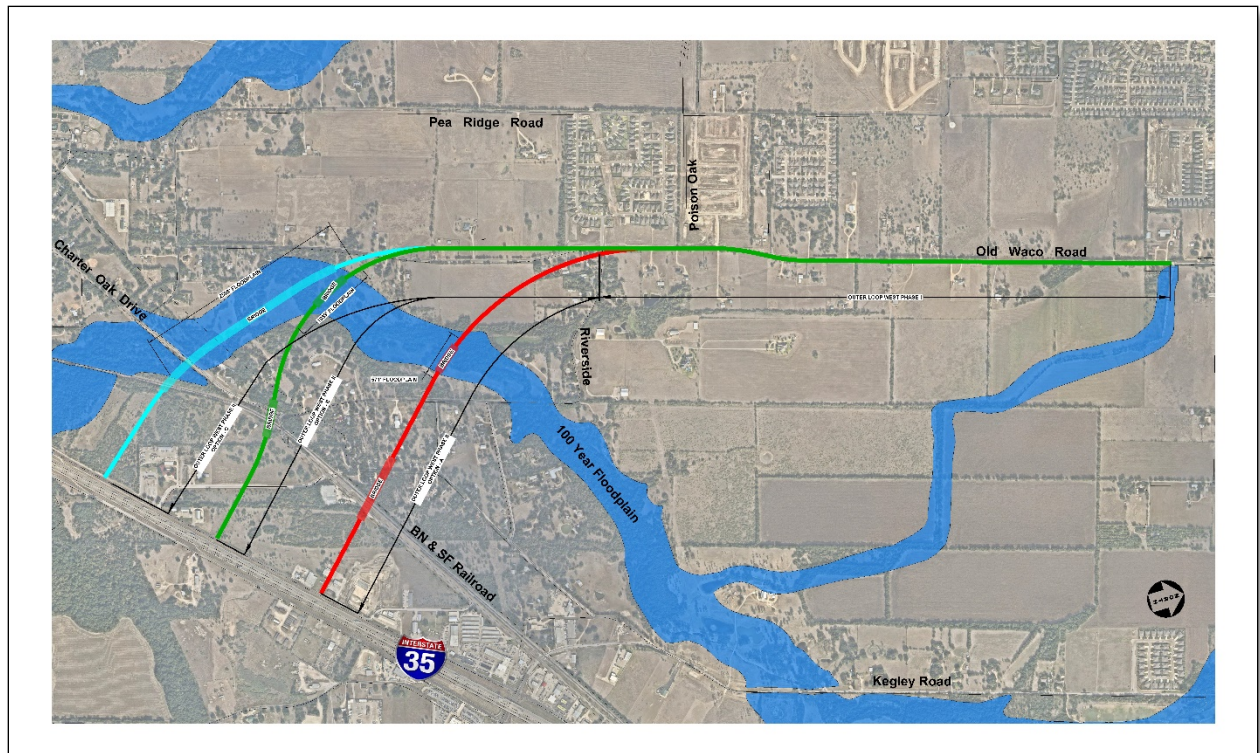
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*Temple Outer Loop West Phase I Alignment with Phase II Alternatives:*



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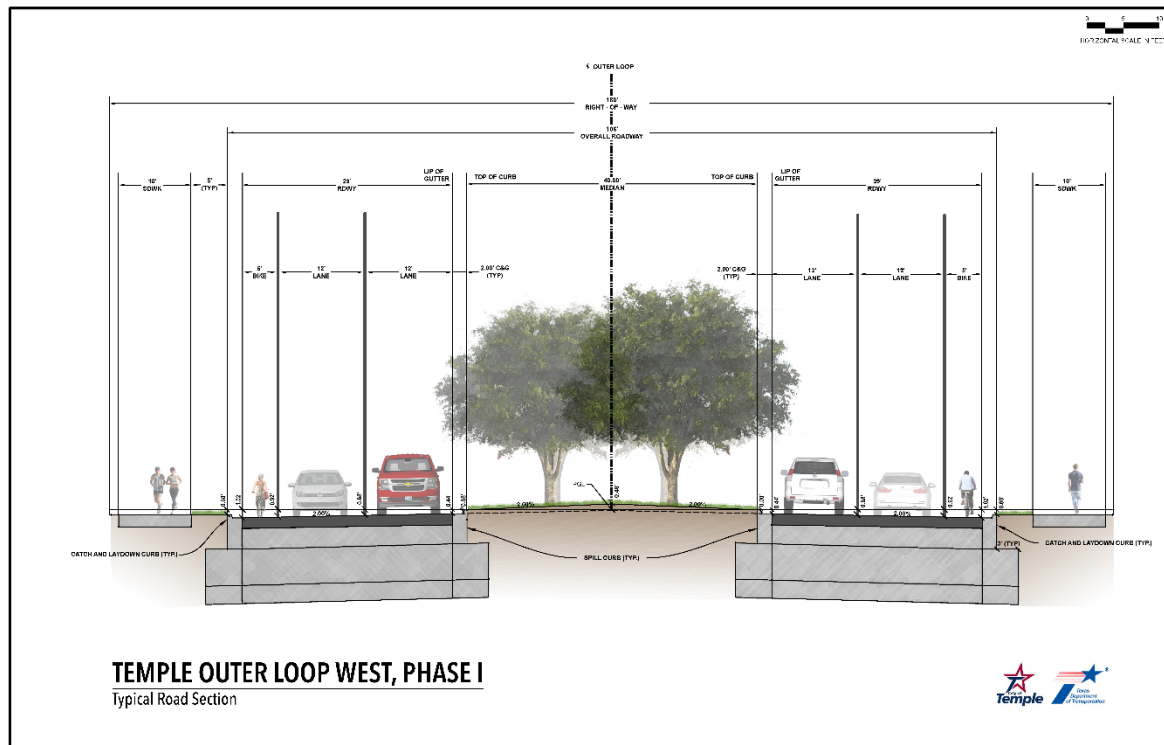
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*Temple Outer Loop West Phase I Typical Roadway Sections:*



### SLIDE 9 – Right of Way (ROW)

The proposed ROW for this project is 177 feet wide, while the existing ROW varies. The acreage of the acquired ROW totals 25.88 acres. The ROW property acquisitions have taken place, occurring without resident or business displacements along Phase I. Those impacted were compensated and assisted according to the *Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42USC, 4601 et seq.)*

### SLIDE 10 – Anticipated Detours (if known)

Detours will take place during the construction phase of this project. FM 2305 and additional major roadways in West Temple will be utilized throughout the detour process. The City of Temple will distribute detour routes to inform the public.

### SLIDE 11 - Environmental

- Phase I is a continuation of previous projects along Old Waco Road and is considered independent of the connectivity piece (Phase II) that ties into I-35. For this reason, Phase I has a Categorical Exclusion (CE) determination due to the lack of significant



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impacts. The segment known as Phase II, however, is being evaluated for an Environmental Assessment and is expected to be finalized in 2023.

- Consistent with TxDOT's rules, the City is holding a hearing for the proposed bike lanes and the upgrade from a vehicular to multimodal transportation facility.
- Several environmental studies were conducted for this project: Air Quality Analysis, Noise Analysis, Archaeological Resources, Historic Resources, Biological Resources; Jurisdictional Waters, Community Impact Analysis and Hazardous Materials.
- No significant issues were identified in these studies.
- No permits are anticipated.

#### **SLIDE 12 – Anticipated Schedule**

The anticipated project schedule for the proposed project includes today's Virtual Public Hearing followed by Environmental Approval for Temple Outer Loop West, Phase I Improvements portion anticipated in January 2023. Bids for construction are anticipated to be accepted and awarded in August 2023. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2023 and last approximately 16 months.

#### **SLIDE 13 – Share Your Input**

TxDOT is committed to continuing our efforts to gain public feedback about this project. We understand that this virtual public hearing format is a bit different, so let's take a few moments to explain the comment process – which is the most important part of this video.

The City of Temple and TxDOT are asking the public to provide their comments in the following ways:

You may submit your comments online by visiting the website link on your screen <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/waco/temple-outer-loop.html> and clicking on the "Submit Your Comment" button at the top right of the page or clicking on the Email link at the bottom.

You may email your comments to: [dpatrick@kpaengineers.com](mailto:dpatrick@kpaengineers.com)

You can mail your comments to:

Texas Department of Transportation  
c/o KPA Engineers  
ATTN: R. David Patrick, PE  
19 North Main Street  
Temple, TX 76501

You may leave a verbal comment by calling: (254) 899-6314



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If you have any questions throughout the project development process, please contact Michael A. Rhodes at (254) 867-2739 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The public comment period closes on December 13, 2022, which is 15 days from this virtual public hearing. Please ensure your comment is received or postmarked by this date. Comments can be made throughout the comment period and will be included in the hearing documentation.

#### **SLIDE 14 – Adjournment**

Ladies and Gentlemen, we sincerely appreciate your attendance and interest concerning the Temple Outer Loop West, Phase I Improvements project. Your questions and comments will receive careful consideration. Thank you very much. This concludes the formal presentation. We are now adjourned.