



September 8, 2025

Pre-Request for Proposal (RFP) Meeting

CEI Services for IH 35 Laredo District

FY 26 Wave 1

Solicitation No. 601CT0000006303; RFP No. 22-6SDP5005

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Meeting Agenda

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End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

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Introductions

- PEPS Central Service Center Manager (PEPS-LRD)
 - Jaime A. Vela, Jr., P.E.
- PEPS Central Procurement Engineer (PEPS-BRY)
 - Allison Kurwitz, P.E.
- PEPS Central Contract Administrator (PEPS)
 - Cindy Barajas
- Consultant Selection Team (CST) Members: Laredo District Employees
- Project Overview Presenter
 - Ana Duncan, P.E. – Transportation Engineer (TP&D Section-LRD), I-35 PS&E Project Manager

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Ground Rules

1. Do not contact the Laredo District during the procurement process.
2. Communication is one-way during this presentation.
3. Brief Presentation – Information Purposes Only
4. All questions must be emailed to Allison.Kurwitz@txdot.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

Subject line: 6303 Pre-RFP Meeting Question

Procurement Overview: Laredo District IH 35 CEI

- One procurement - One Specific Deliverable Contract
 - Federal with Interviews, DBE
 - Construction Engineering & Inspection (CEI)
 - Without Work Authorizations (WA)
- Amount – To be determined through negotiations
- Duration: Approx. 5 years

Procurement Process

One Specific Deliverable Contract without Work Authorizations
Contract Duration: Approx. 5 Years

FEDERAL FUNDS

DBE GOAL

- 16.5%
- Refer to RFP for final %

FEDERAL PROCESS WITH INTERVIEWS

- Solicitation – The Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Response – Proposal submitted in Bonfire
- Short List – Based on proposal scores
- Interviews – Provider presentation
- Selection – Based on the interview scores

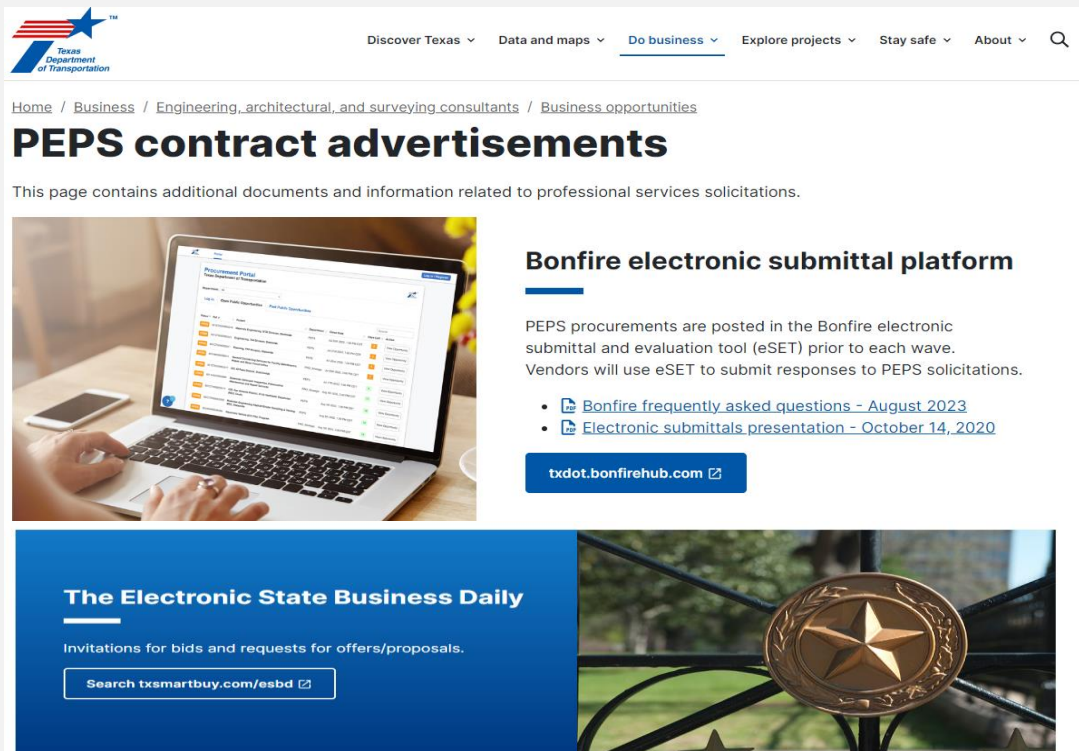
Procurement Process

- **Post Request for Proposal (RFP)**
 - Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD): Minimum 21-day posting time for RFP.
 - Solicitation will be posted in TxDOT Procurement Portal – Euna Solutions (Formerly named Bonfire).

- **Submit Responses**
 - Providers will use Bonfire to submit responses to the solicitation.
 - Bonfire [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) \(state.tx.us\)](https://state.tx.us)
 - Follow the RFP instructions and submit all completed, applicable documents required.
 - Use the latest version of all forms.

Procurement Process

PEPS Contract Advertisements Link: [PEPS contract advertisements \(txdot.gov\)](https://www.txdot.gov/doing-business-with-us/doing-business-with-us-peps-contract-advertisements)



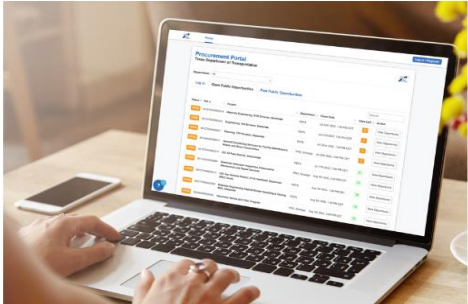
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This page contains additional documents and information related to professional services solicitations.



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Procurement Process

- **RFP Screening**

- RFP Screening Checklist [Architectural, Engineering and Surveying Consultants \(state.tx.us\)](https://www.state.tx.us)
- All prime and subs providing engineering and design-related services must be Administratively Qualified (AQ); or be determined eligible by TxDOT's PEPS Division, Business Operations Center - Administrative Qualification Group to use the federal safe harbor rate, by the RFP deadline specified in this solicitation.
- Primes can look up subs on the TxDOT.gov website to check on AQ status. [Firms Eligible to Do Business with TxDOT](#)

- **Proposal Evaluation**

- Short list based on proposal scores

Procurement Process

- **Interview**

- Shortlisted firms will receive the Interview Contract Guide (ICG) that outlines the process, presentation topics, and scoring criteria.
- Interviews will consist of Provider presentations, and follow-up questions and answer session.
- Selection based on interview scores.

- **Negotiations**

- Labor Classifications, Hourly Labor Rates, Unit Cost, ODE
- Level of Effort
- Negotiate Scope, budget, and work schedule

- **Execute Contract**

Procurement Process – RFP Requirements

Project Team Composition (PTC) Form (Parts 1, 2, and 3) must include:

- TLs for standard work categories
- DBE firms
- Percentages of work

Examples of Standard Work Categories

11.1.1 Roadway Construction Manage. And Inspect.

11.2.1 Bridge Const. Management and Inspect.

11.3.1 Construction Superintendent

11.10.1 Construction Record Keeper

12.1.5 Portland Cement Concrete Placement

18.5.1 Utility Const. Manage. and Verification

- Prime provider shall perform at least 30% of the contracted work using its own work force.
- DBE goal is 16.5% .

RFP Work Categories (Tentative*)

1.8.1	Public Involvement
11.1.1	Roadway Construction Management and Inspection
11.2.1	Bridge Construction Management and Inspection
11.3.1	Construction Superintendent
11.4.1	Environmental Inspections
11.6.1	Construction Schedule Support - General
	Construction Schedule Support – Relating to Construction Management of
11.8.1	Projects Including Bridges or Multilevel Interchanges
11.10.1	Construction Record Keeper
12.1.1	Asphaltic Concrete Production
12.1.2	Portland Cement Concrete
12.1.3	Materials Engineering
12.1.4	Asphaltic Concrete Placement
12.1.5	Portland Cement Concrete Placement
12.1.6	Embankment/Subgrade/Backfill/Base Production
12.1.7	Embankment/Subgrade/Backfill/Base Placement

* Subject to change. Refer to RFP for list and percentages.

RFP Work Categories (Tentative*)

12.2.1	Concrete Plant Inspection And Testing
12.2.5	Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Plant Inspection and Testing
14.1.1	Soil Exploration
14.2.1	Geotechnical Testing
15.2.1	Design Survey
15.2.2	Construction Survey
18.2.1	Subsurface Utility Engineering (Util Engr. Investigation)
18.5.1	Utility Construction Management and Verification

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Proposal Evaluation Criteria

CST members will independently score Proposals based on the evaluation criteria and relative importance factors (weightings) provided below. The proposal scores will be used to determine selection.

Evaluation Criteria	Included Elements	Weighting for Evaluation of Proposal
Technical approach	Project understanding, project approach, innovative concepts or alternatives	XX
Project Manager s relevant experience	Experience with similar or related projects, including both technical and management experience	XX
Project planning and management	Project staffing and resource management (who, how, and why), communication plan, and quality control procedures. The prime firm's past experience with utilizing subproviders and meeting program goals (HUB or DBE) and/or how it plans to utilize subproviders to meet the goals on this contract. Also, may include project scheduling or phasing for SD projects	XX
Key staff s relevant experience	Experience with similar projects	XX
Past Performance Score		5 to 15%
Total		100%

Procurement Process: Proposal

RFP	RFP Responses We're Looking For:
<p>Provide all completed documents in the Cover Page List of Attachments</p> <p>RFP statement is developed to guide your response to focus on the needs for this contract.</p> <p>Refer to the RFP for additional information.</p> <p>Past Performance Score will be captured at the RFP phase, not in interview.</p>	<p>We are interested in meeting the contract goals and consultant characteristics – Tailor RFP responses to answer information requested</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Tell us about your experience– Provide detailed examples and include challenges/lessons learned and innovation</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Quality over quantity – One or two great examples are better than several good/average ones</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Thoughtful relevant responses– No key-word search; this is about your capabilities, experience, knowledge, and thought process</p> <p>.....</p>

Procurement Process: Interview

Interview and Contract Guide (ICG)

TxDOT will provide the following:

- Scope of work with technical requirements and qualifications required to provide the services of this contract
- Presentation Topics
- Identify interview evaluation criteria
- Interview format and timetable
- Interview schedule date, time and location

Typical Interview process *

- TxDOT Introductions/Instructions
- Provider presentation based on topics shown in ICG
- CST Break
- Questions and Answer Session
- TxDOT Concluding Remarks

*Interviews in-person: Laredo District

- The CST members individually score the interviews and then the scores are consolidated to determine the selected provider.

Preclusions & Core Team Restrictions

Precluded Firms*:

Contract 36-9IDP5081 WA 2

Prime: Entech Civil Engineers, Inc.

Subproviders: B2Z Engineering, LLC

Corsair Consulting LLC

Halff Associates, Inc.

Contract 36-2IDP5007 WA 5 (Not Executed Yet)

Prime: Entech Civil Engineers, Inc.

Subprovider: B2Z Engineering, LC

* List is subject to change – current as of 9/4/2025

Preclusions & Core Team Restrictions

Core Team Restrictions: This solicitation does not contain a core team restriction.

Preclusion Appeals Process

➤ Preclusion Appeals Process

- Preclusion document has been developed.
 - Email Martin L. Rodin, P.E.
 - Include this Solicitation No. 601CT0000006303
 - Explain rationale for removal from preclusion list
- After posting procurement
 - Formal appeal outlined in [Title 43 TAC § 9.7](#), see for exact details
 - Mail letter to Marc D. Williams, include above info
 - CC: Martin L. Rodin
 - Procurement process is not paused



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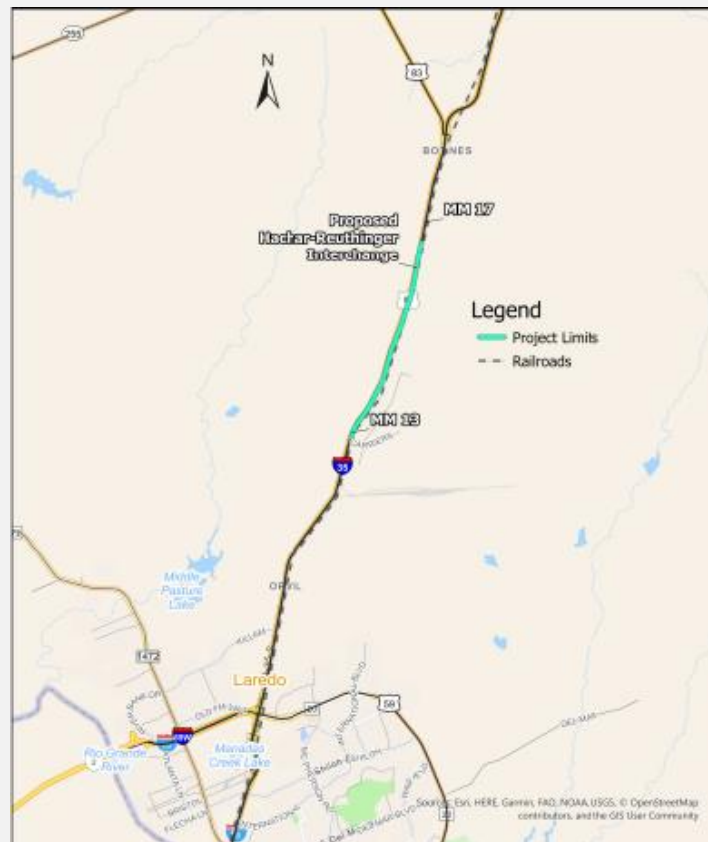
Project Overview Laredo District – IH 35 (I-35)

Ana Duncan, P.E.

Transportation Engineer (TP&D Section) & I-35 PS&E Project Manager
Laredo District

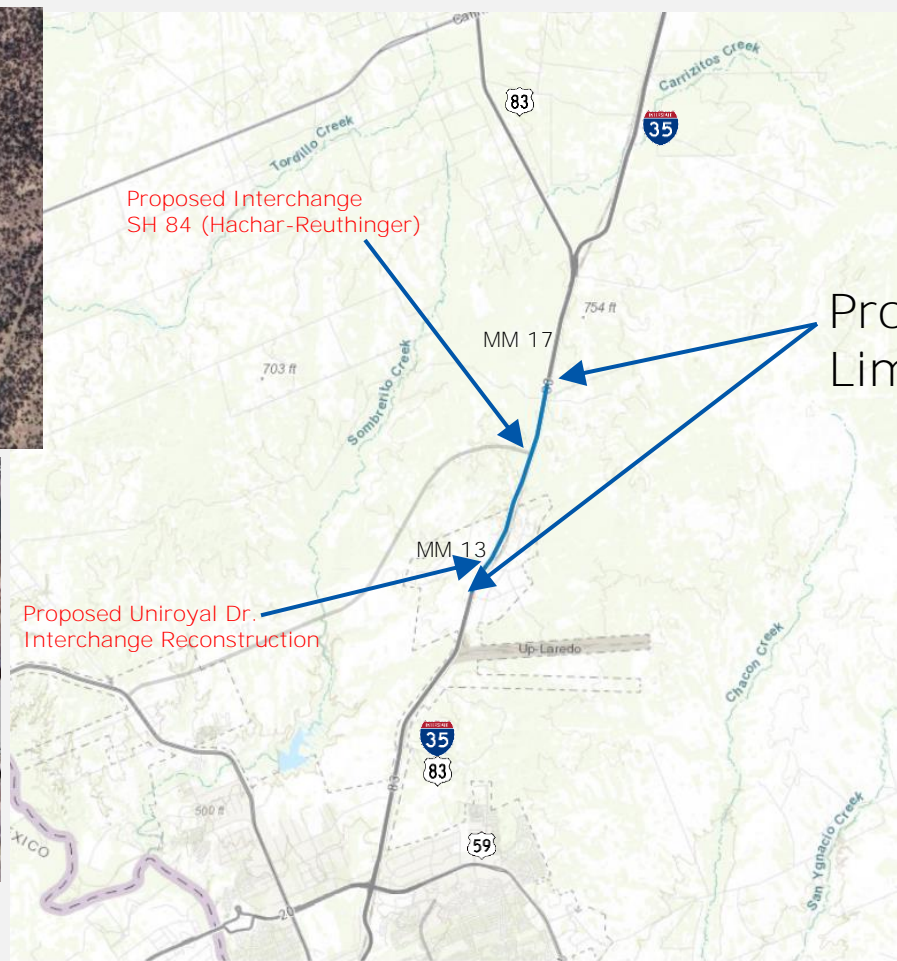
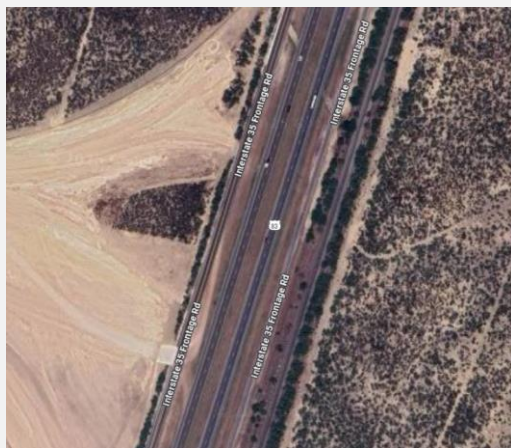
Project Overview: Laredo District – IH 35

- County: Webb County
- Overall Limits: From 0.47mi South of Uniroyal to 3.22mi North of Uniroyal
- Proposed Letting Date: March 2026
- Description of Work: Reconstruction and Interchanges (Reconstruction and New) at Uniroyal Drive and SH 84
- CSJ: 0018-05-089
- Letting: March 2026

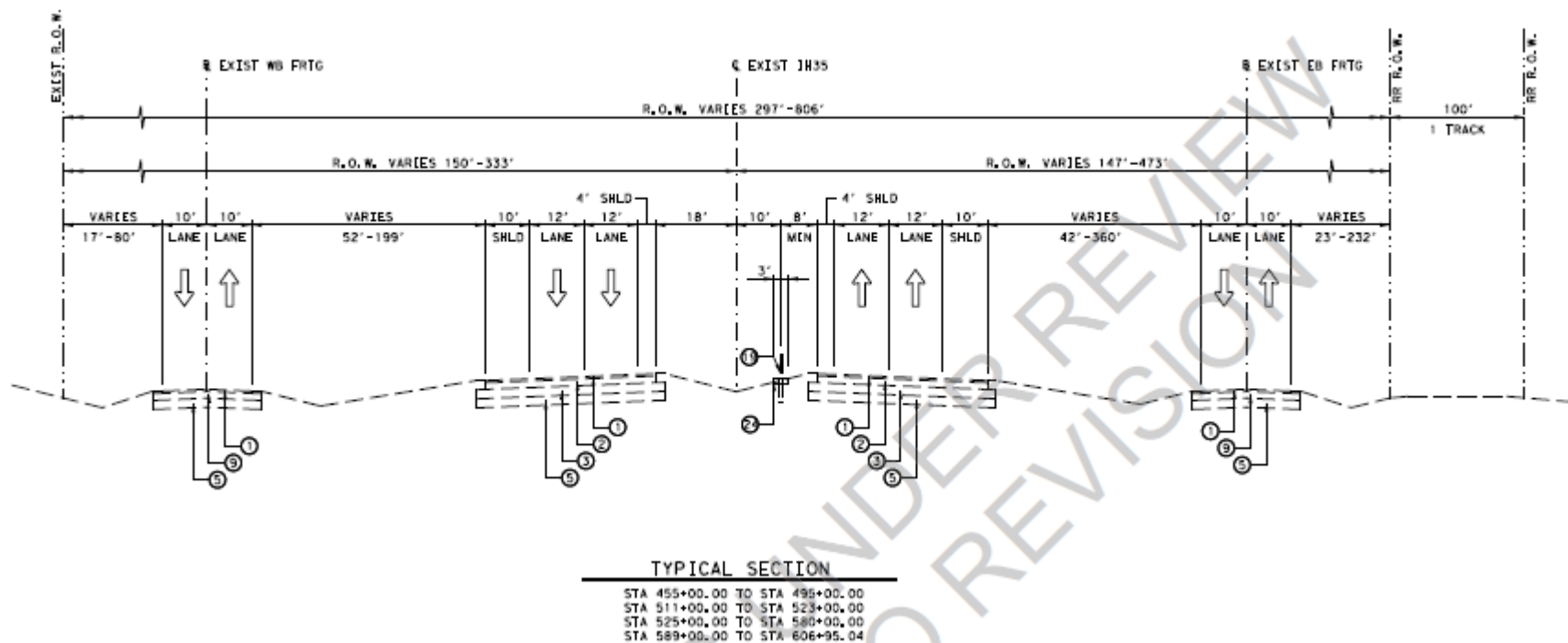


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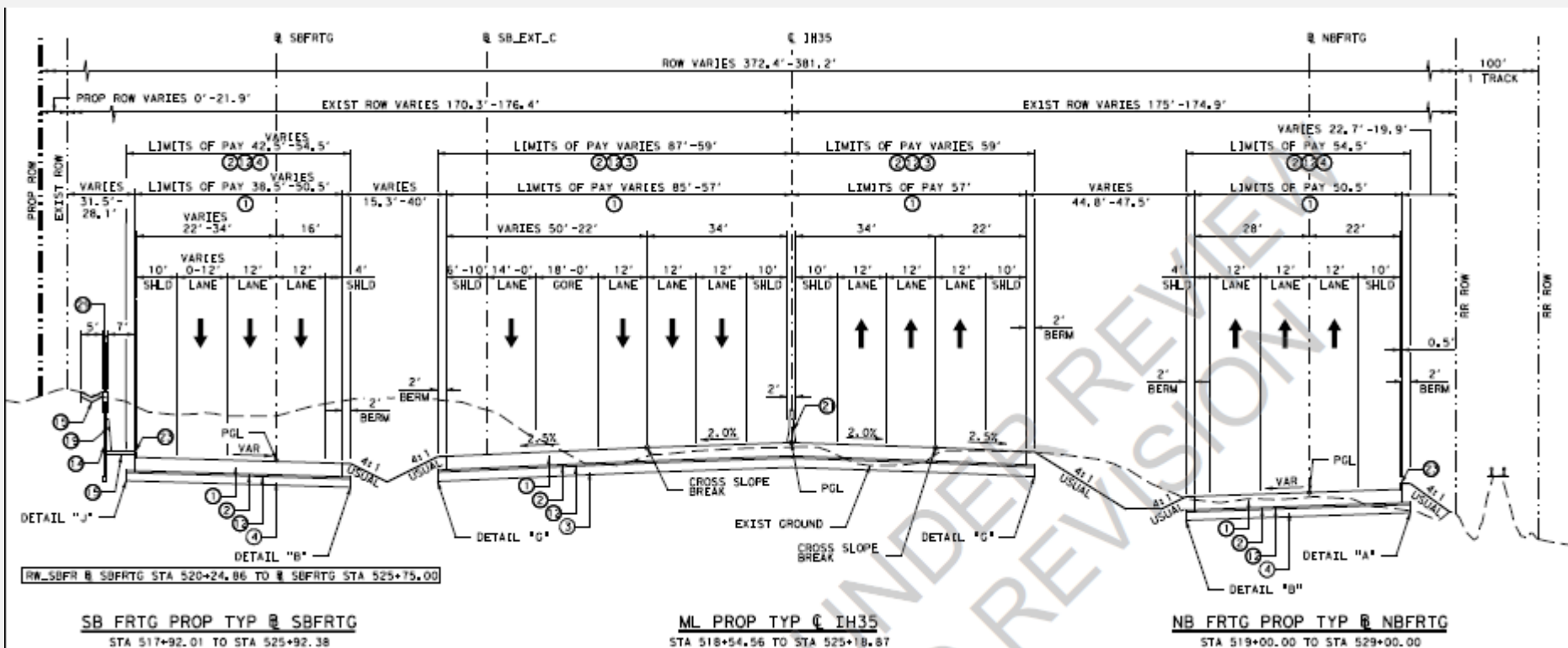
- PS&E:
 - 100% PS&E is under review and will be available with RFP.
 - The 100% PS&E is still subject to revisions.
- Right-of-way:
 - 100% Acquired
- Utilities:
 - Utility relocations are 30% complete; estimated completion June 2026
 - 35% pending SUA execution; 35% pending final design/estimate for SUA. Management Plan anticipated for pending utility work.
- Railroad:
 - Two agreements: Joint Ditch use and At-grade crossing at Uniroyal (widening)
 - Joint Ditch Use (executed); At-grade crossing (estimated December 2025)



Existing Typical Section



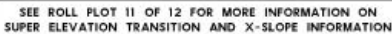
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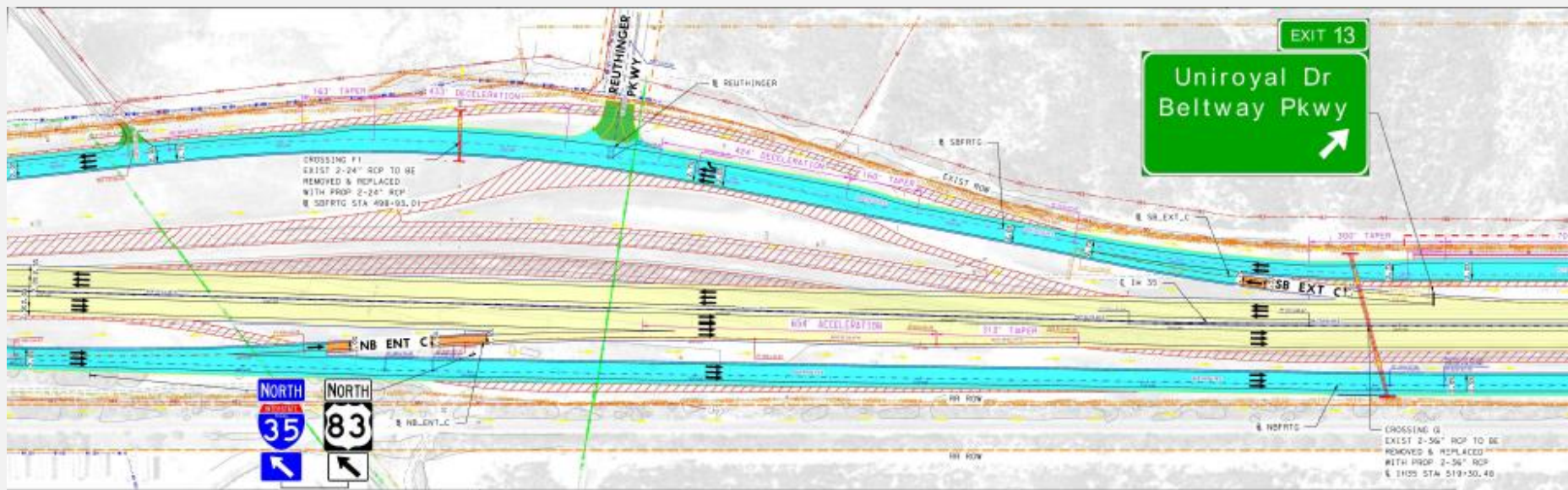
Project Overview: Proposed Improvements

- Realignment of I-35 main lanes.
- Widening I-35 to three main lanes in each direction.
- Proposing 10ft inside and outside shoulders; main lanes divided by a concrete traffic barrier.
- Converting the existing two-way frontage roads to one-way frontage roads.
- Widening frontage roads to include turning lanes.
- Relocating entrance and exit ramps.
- Removing truck parking area along SB frontage road (former TxDOT rest areas).
- Reconstructing the I-35/Uniroyal Drive interchange. Widening UPRR at-grade crossing.
- Constructing a new I-35/SH 84 interchange with elevated crossover bridges.
- Proposing hi-mast lighting and ITS throughout corridor.

Project Overview: Laredo District - I H 35

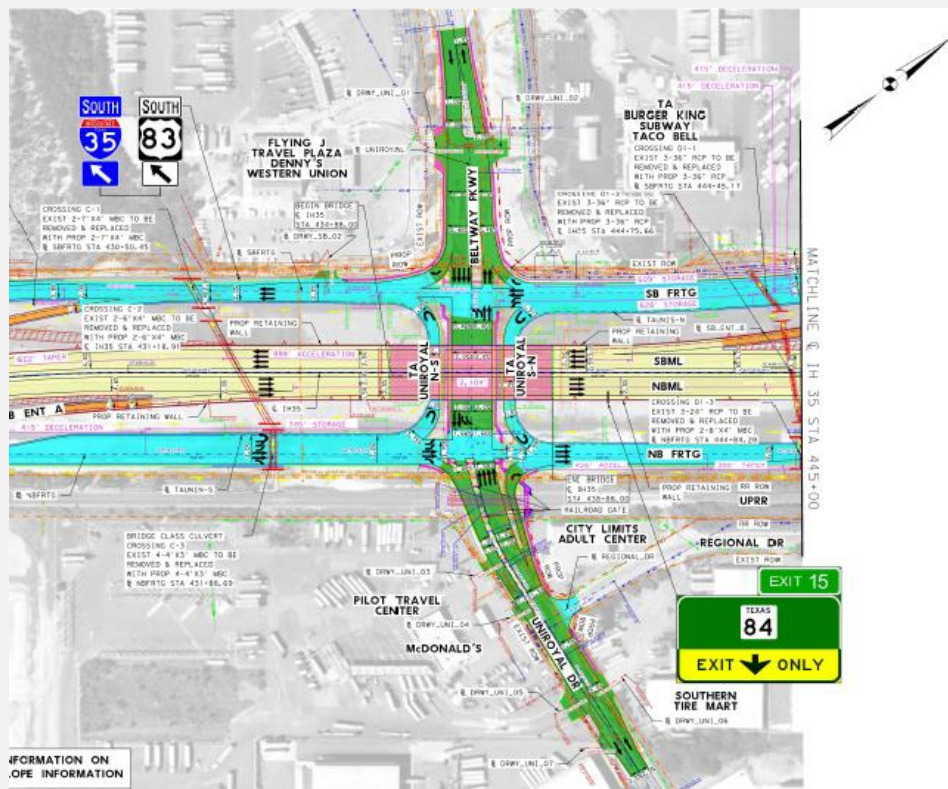


Project Overview: Laredo District - IH 35



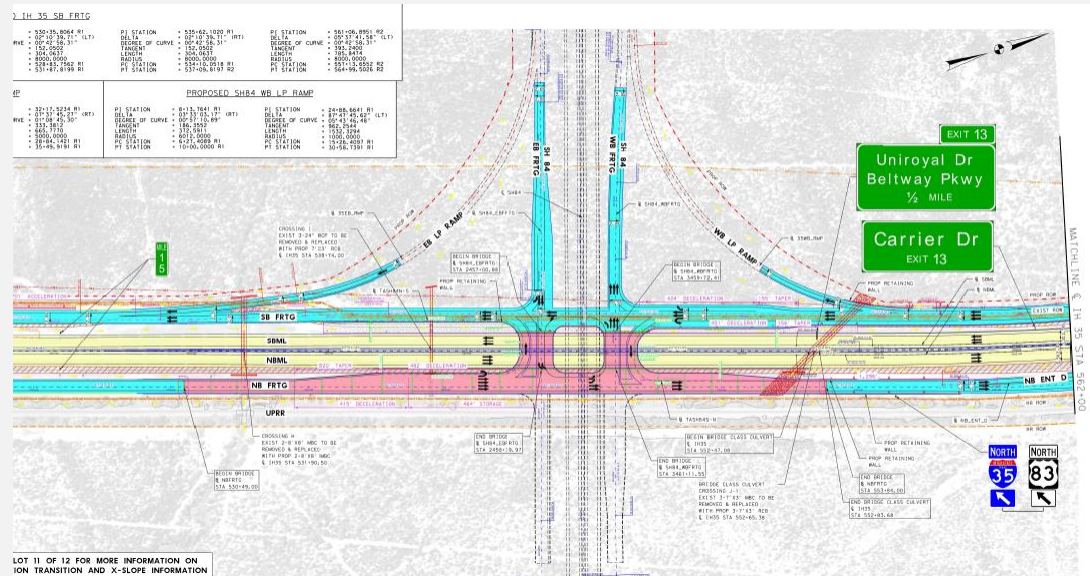
Project Overview: Uniroyal Drive Overpass

- Interchange at the intersection of IH 35 and Uniroyal Drive to be reconstructed.
- Widening Uniroyal Drive and Beltway Parkway approaches to include two travel lanes and two left-turn lanes in each direction.
- Existing UPRR at-grade crossing to be widened.
- Adding U-turn lanes to the northbound and southbound frontage road lanes.
- Adding sidewalks through the interchange. Shared use path beginning northwest corner, extending north to Tradelink Blvd., approximately 5 miles.
- Including a new vertical clearance with a minimum of approximately 19 feet under the Uniroyal interchange bridge.



Project Overview: SH 84 Overpass

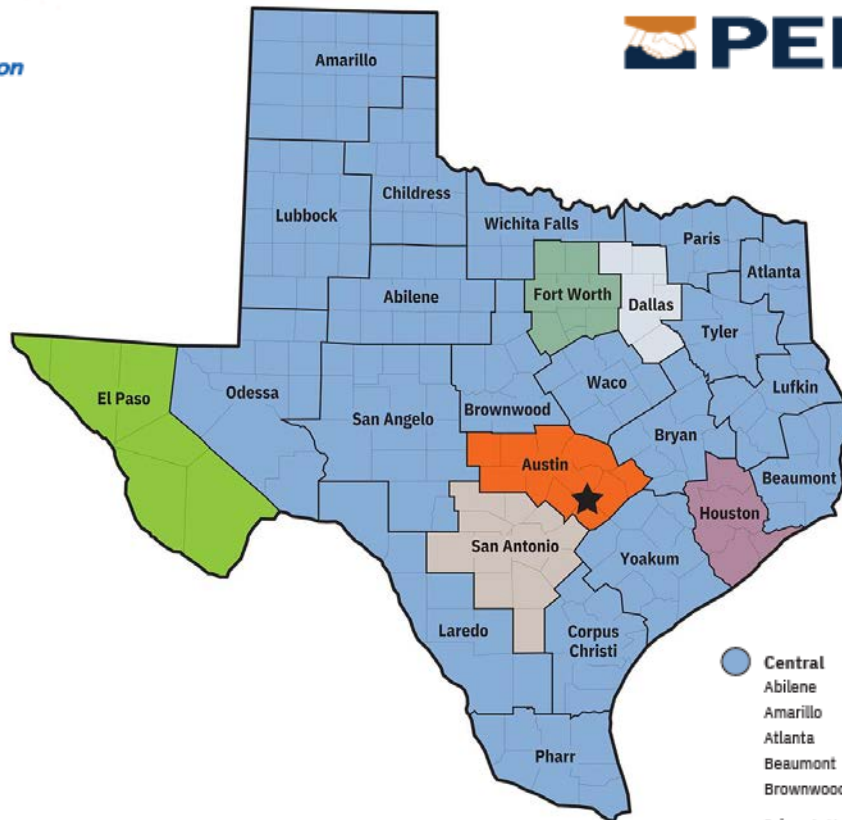
- A proposed overpass will be constructed at the intersection of IH 35 and SH 84.
- Elevated Turnarounds will be constructed on both the north and south sides of the new overpass.
- Frontage Roads will be elevated through the location with new signal operations.
- Proposed Entrance/Exit ramps will be constructed (currently no ramps are present).
- Heavily commercialized area with heavy daytime traffic.



Procurement Timeline (Tentative*)

Pre-RFP Meeting	Monday, September 8, 2025
RFP Posted in Bonfire	September 18, 2025
RFP Closing Date	October 9, 2025
Proposal Evaluation Complete	Late October 2025
Provider Selection	Late November 2025
Finalize & Execute Contract	April 2026

*All dates are subject to change



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Amarillo	Childress	Odessa	Waco
Atlanta	Corpus Christi	Paris	Wichita Falls
Beaumont	Laredo	Pharr	Yoakum
Brownwood	Lufkin	San Angelo	

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Wrap Up and Next Steps

Thank you all for joining the Pre-RFP meeting!

- Email all questions from the Pre-RFP meeting to Allison.Kurwitz@txdot.gov by 5:00 p.m. CST, on September 10, 2025.

Subject line: 6303 Pre-RFP Meeting Question

- Presentation, attendee list, relevant questions/answers, and draft preclusion document **will be posted to TxDOT website under “Consultant Information Meetings”:**

[Pre-RFP Meeting – CEI Specific Deliverable Contract for IH 35 – Laredo District](#)

