

LOOP 9, SEGMENT A PROJECT PARTICIPATING/COOPERATING AGENCY SCOPING MEETING

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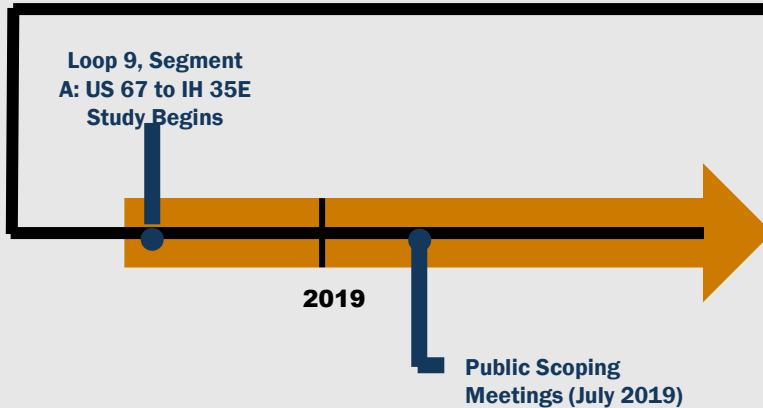
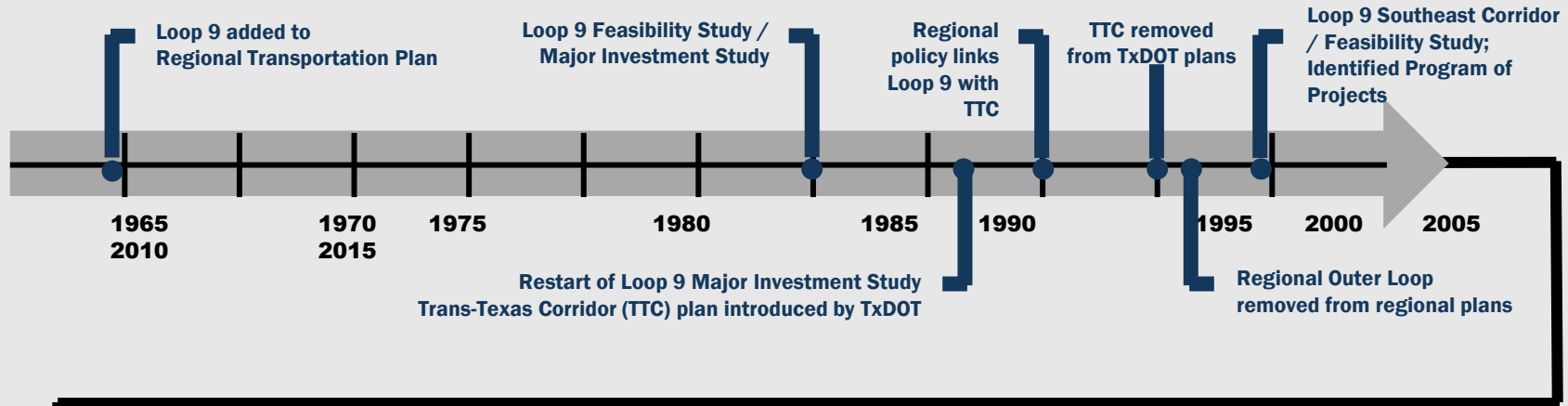
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Project History Timeline

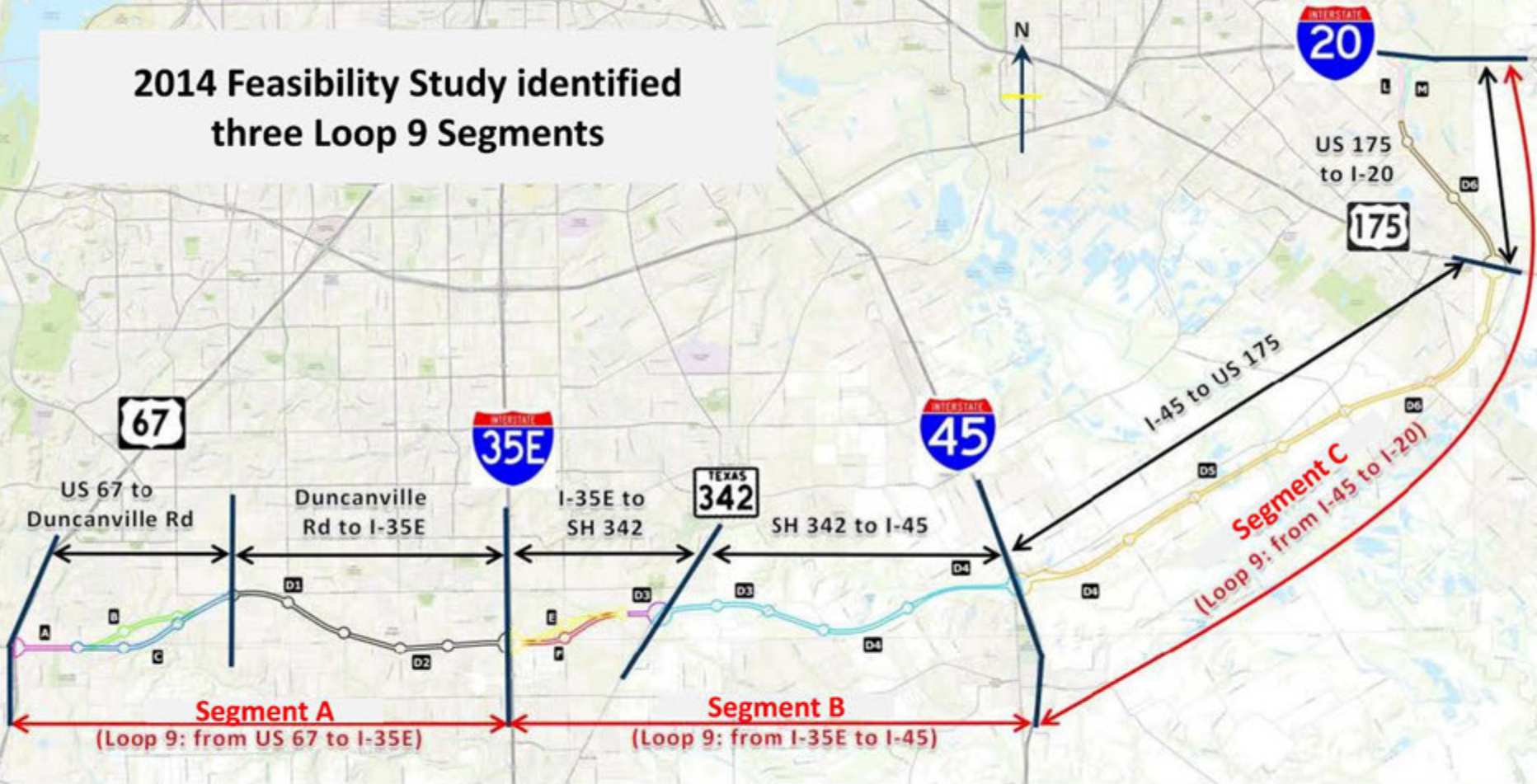


Initiating the National Environmental Policy Act Process for the Environmental Impact Statement:

- ✓ Review and Consider Comments
- ✓ Finalize Purpose and Need Statement
- ✓ Finalize Project Coordination Plan
- ✓ Evaluate Project Alternatives

Background / Project History

2014 Feasibility Study identified three Loop 9 Segments



Segment A:
Currently under Schematic / Environmental Study

Segment B:
Based on transportation needs, this corridor was studied first and has been completed.
Estimated Construction Start: **TBD**

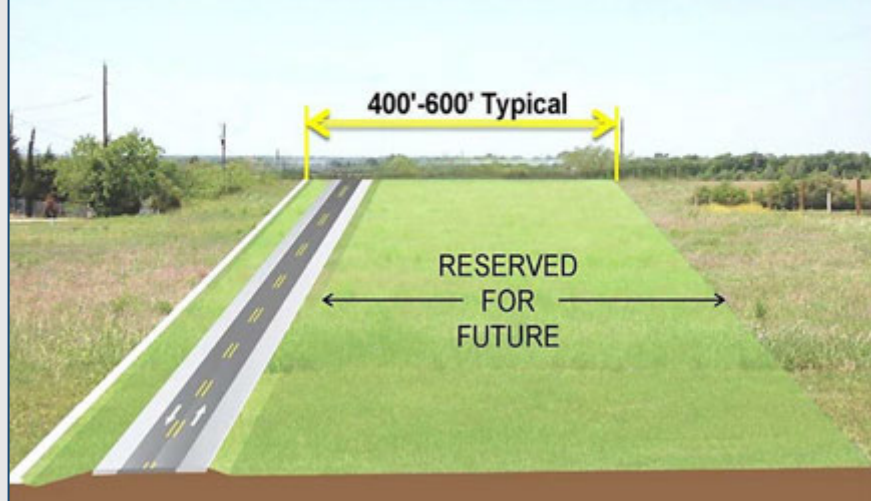
Segment C:
Future Study

Proposed Project



Proposed Phased Construction of the Frontage Roads

**Phase 1 Construction:
Two-Way Access Road**



**Potential Phased Construction Option:
One-Way Access Roads**



Where are We in the EIS Process?

Basic steps in the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) process:

WE ARE HERE 

Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS



TxDOT begins the scoping process for an EIS by publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to let the public know that it is considering an action and will prepare an EIS.

Scoping Process



Scoping: A public process to help define the purpose and need for the proposed action or project and to identify environmental issues that need to be studied.

Draft EIS

- Data Collection
- Development of Alternatives
- Analysis of Alternatives
- Preparation of a Draft DEIS



- **Data Collection:** Collecting transportation, environmental and land use data. This step will also include developing a tool for predicting future (year 2045) travel.
- **Development of Alternatives:** Identifying a variable range of highway alternatives, and then narrowing these to the reasonable range of alternatives for detailed study. This will include a "No-Action" Alternative.
- **Analysis of Alternatives:** Transportation, social, economic and environmental impacts of a reasonable range of alternatives is studied in detail and comparisons are made.
- **Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS):** A printed report for public review and comment is prepared documenting the need for the project, describing alternative courses of action, analyzing likely impacts from each alternative, and describing any steps to be taken to avoid impacts or minimize harm to the environment.

Public Comments on Draft EIS

(Opportunities for Public Participation)



Public and Agency Review of the DEIS.

Notice of Availability of Final EIS And Record of Decision/Combined



Preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) combined:

- **Preparation of a FEIS - Documents preferred alternative and provides response to comments that were made on the DEIS.**
- **ROD - Documents the decision and commits to mitigation of impacts by the lead federal agency.**

Next Steps and Timeline

- **Finalize Purpose and Need** (Summer 2019)
- **Prepare Draft EIS** (Winter 2019 – Summer 2020)
- **Circulate Draft EIS** (Agency / Public Review) (Summer 2020)
- **Conduct Public Hearings** on DEIS (Summer 2020)
- **Select Preferred Alternative** (Summer 2020)
- **Prepare and Circulate a Combined Final EIS / Record of Decision** (Fall 2020 – Summer 2021)
- **Final Environmental Clearance** (anticipated late 2021 – early 2022)

