

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION















PUBLIC HEARING S.M. WRIGHT PHASE IIB PROJECT

SH 310 from Pennsylvania Ave. to N. of Al Lipscomb Way IH 45 from Lenway Street to Good Latimer Expressway City of Dallas



CSJs: 0092-01-059 & 0092-14-088

Thursday, December 15, 2016

ELECTED & PUBLIC OFFICIALS

DISTRICT & AGENCY STAFF

CONSULTANTS

Public Hearing Purpose

- 1. Inform the public of project status and present recommendations
- 2. Describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected
- 3. Provide the public the opportunity to provide input
- 4. Develop a record of public participation

Public Hearing Agenda

1 Introduction

Mo Bur, P.E.

Project Design Presentation

Matt Craig, P.E.

3 Environmental Study and Right-of-Way

Matt Craig, P.E.

15 Minute Recess - Questions

4 Public Comments

Mo Bur, P.E.

Review and Approval of Environmental Document

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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Public Inquiries

Schematics and Env. Doc. may be viewed at:

 TxDOT Dallas District Office 4777 E. Highway 80 Mesquite, TX 75150

- City of Dallas City Hall
 1500 Marilla Street, Room 6BS
 Dallas, Texas 75201
- Martin Luther King Branch Library
 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
 Dallas, Texas 75215

- Websites with Schematics:
 - http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearingmeetings.html
 - Under "Hearings and Meetings Schedule"
 - http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/
 - Under "Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting"

Project Location, Need and Purpose



PROJECT LIMITS

- SH 310 (S.M. Wright Parkway): from Pennsylvania Avenue to north of Al Lipscomb Way (0.5 mile)
- IH 45: from Lenway St. to Good Latimer Expy. (1.0 mile)
- City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

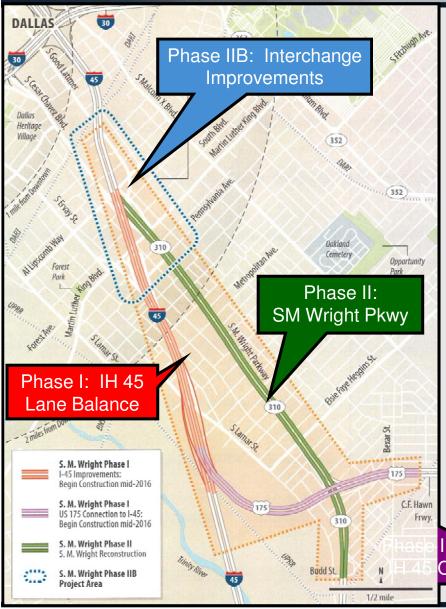
NEED FOR PROJECT

 Address design and operational deficiencies of the existing IH 45 / S.M. Wright Parkway Interchange

PROJECT PURPOSE

 Improve operability, connections, and mobility between IH 45 and Al Lipscomb Way and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

S.M. Wright Project Phasing Overview



Phase I

- Adds direct-connecting ramps between US 175 and IH 45
- Provides appropriate lane balance on IH 45 to facilitate new ramps from US 175
- Let in February 2016

Phase II

- Convert S.M. Wright Parkway from a freeway to a low speed, signalized, pedestrian-friendly, landscaped arterial
- Construction to begin in April 2019 after Phase I construction is completed

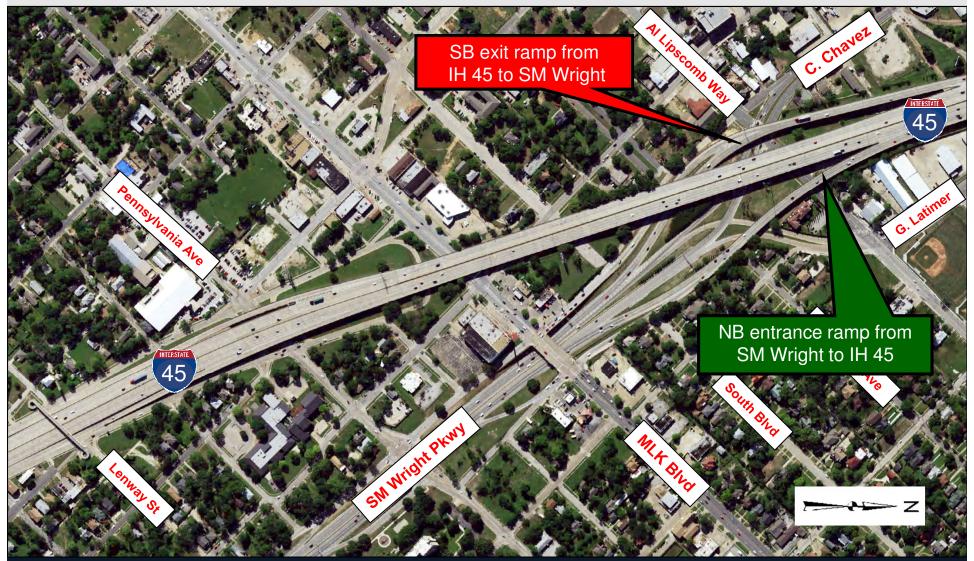
Phase IIB

- Improve operability, connections, and mobility between IH 45 and Al Lipscomb Way and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
- This phase is the subject of this public hearing

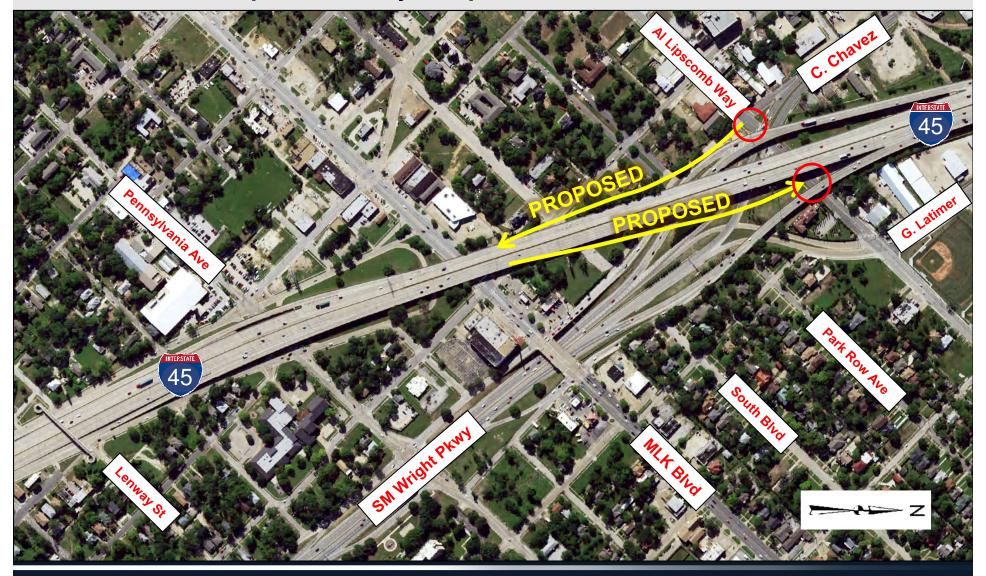
I: US 175 to Connection

Existing Facility

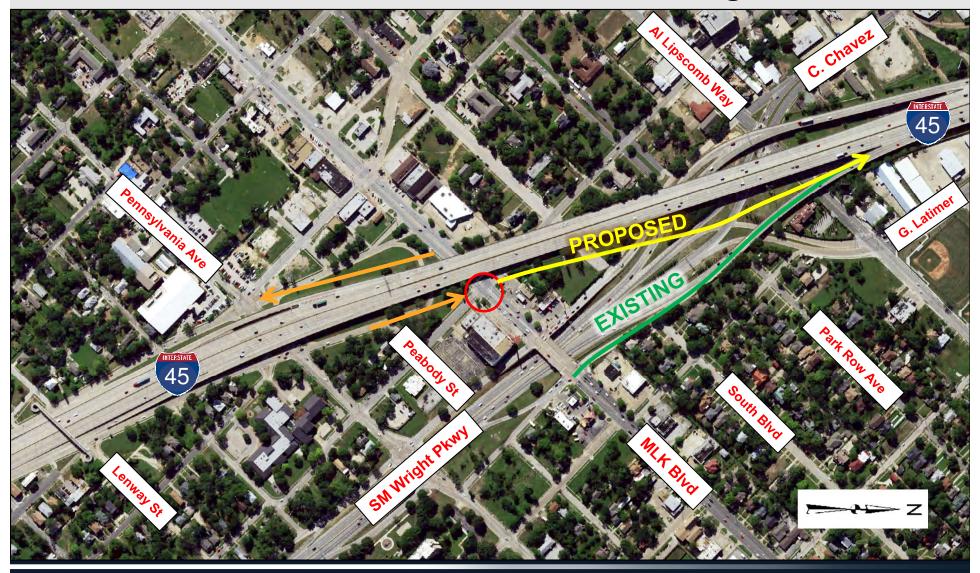
Existing S.M. Wright has freeway ramp connections to/from IH 45



■ IH 45 and Al Lipscomb Way: Proposed NB Exit and SB Entrance



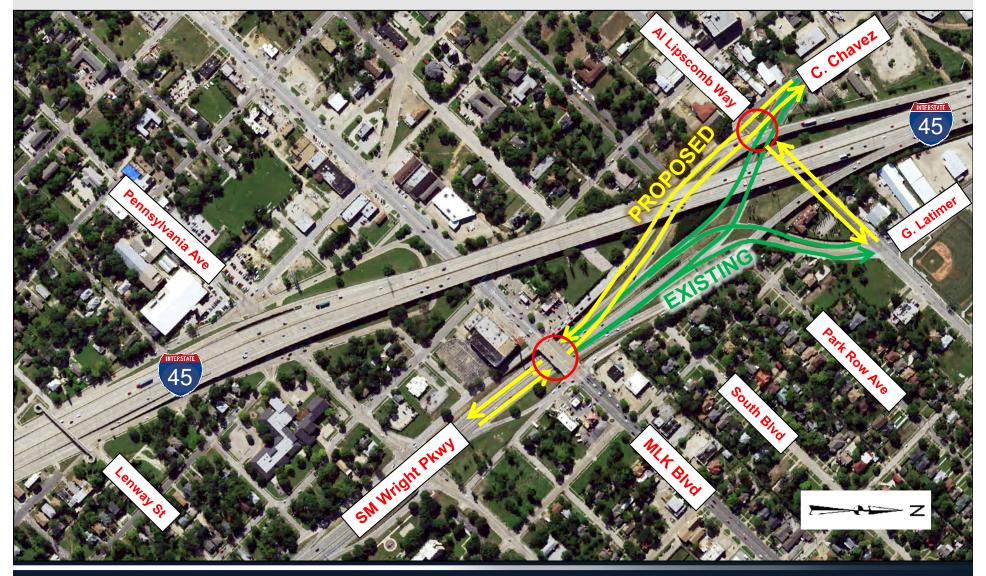
Relocate NB Entrance from MLK & Extend NB Frontage Road



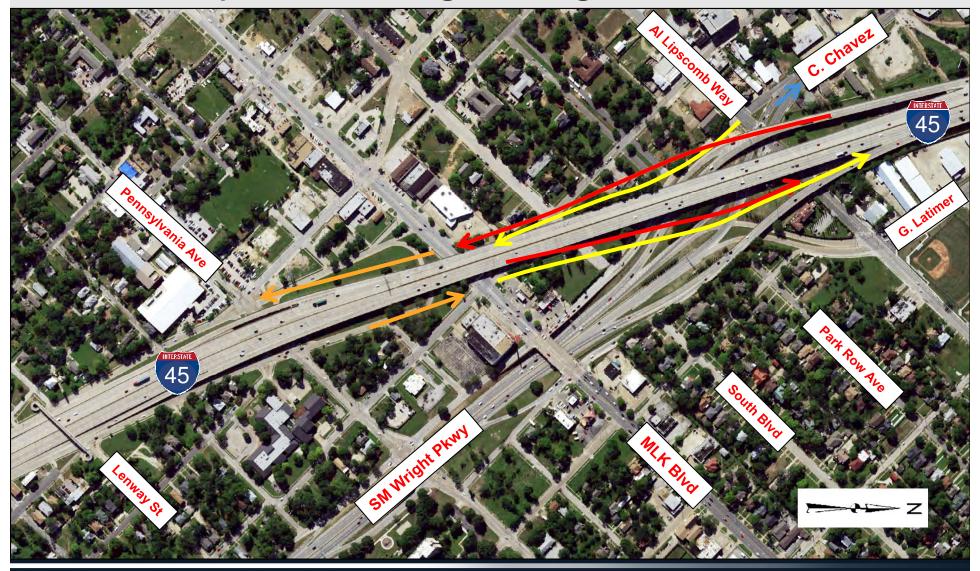
Relocate SB Exit to MLK Boulevard



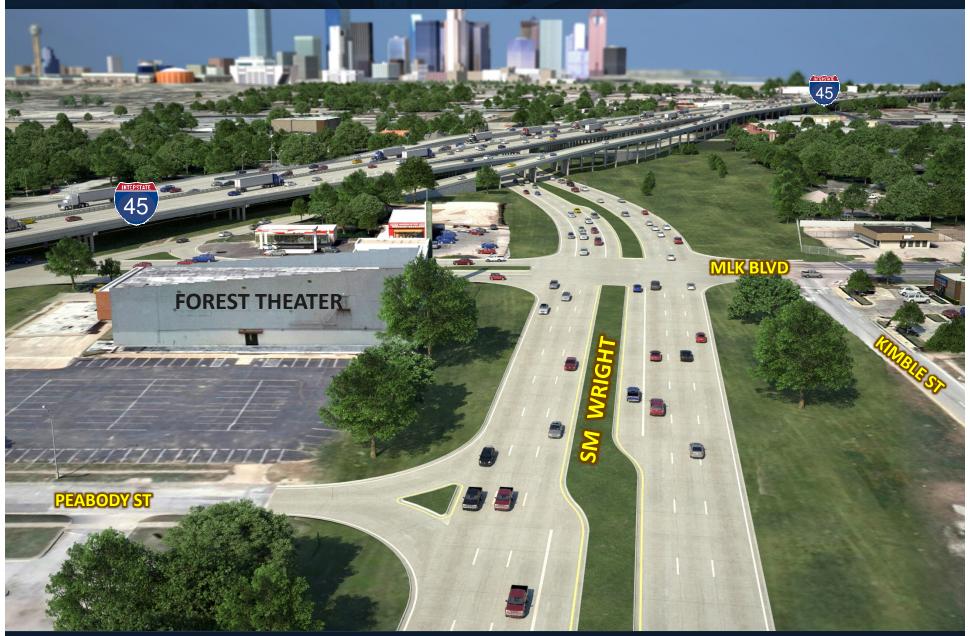
Reconfigure S.M. Wright's Connections to Cesar Chavez and Good Latimer



Overall Proposed Interchange Redesign



Proposed View from S.M. Wright Parkway Looking North



Proposed Description

- Frontage roads would have:
 - One 12-foot inside lane
 - One 14-foot outside share-use lane for bicycle accessibility
 - A pedestrian sidewalk six feet wide
- S.M. Wright Parkway
 - Three lanes in each direction: 11-foot inner; 14-foot outer
 - Dedicated turn lanes at cross streets: 11 feet wide
 - Median, and sidewalks (six to 12 feet wide) throughout
- All intersections with major cross streets would be signalized

Utility Adjustments

- Underground and overhead utilities
 - Adjustments and relocations may be required prior
 to and during construction of the proposed project
 - -No substantial interruptions are anticipated

Projected Cost & Schedule

Current Let Date:April 2019

- Construction Duration:Approximately three years
- Estimated Total Phase IIB Project Cost: \$31.4 Million

Environmental Review / Impacts Addressed

IMPACTS ADDRESSED

Land Use Vegetation / Habitat

Archeological Resources Wildlife Resources

Historical Resources Waters of the U.S. / Wetlands

Community Cohesion Water Quality

Traffic Noise Hazardous Materials

Environmental Review - Right-of-Way

- Proposed Right-of-Way (ROW) and Displacements
 - Approximately 1.7 acres of additional ROW needed
 - No residential displacements
 - Two commercial displacements
 - A former city fire station would be displaced
 - No public facilities in operation would be displaced
 - Estimated 5.8 acres of surplus right-of-way

Environmental Review continued

Historic Properties

- One bridge (MLK Blvd.)
 determined eligible for listing
 in the National Register would
 be affected.
- Coordination between TxDOT and SHPO is ongoing to mitigate impacts from removal of the historic bridge.

Traffic Noise

- Noise impacts identified.
- Noise abatement measures are feasible and reasonable at two locations along the NB IH 45 exit ramp and frontage road (near Pennsylvania Ave.).

Conclusion: S tudies, analysis, and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant impacts

Proposed Project Schedule

- What happens after the Public Hearing?
 - Public Comment Period
 - Anticipated Environmental Clearance
 - Plan Preparations
 - Funding
 - Approval of Construction Plans

15 minute recess

Comment period following recess

Recess 15 minutes

Comment Period

—Please note that we will not attempt to respond to your comments at this time. All substantive comments will be fully considered and responded to in the project record.

Public Comments

Questions and comments may be mailed to:

Mailing Address

TxDOT Dallas District Office

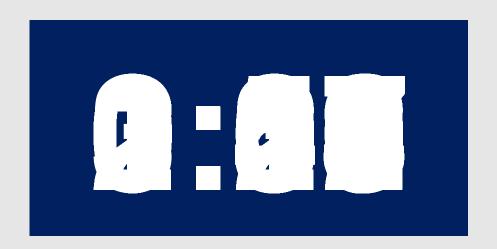
Attn: Mr. Stephen Endres, P.E.

4777 E. Highway 80

Mesquite, TX 75150-6643

- Written comments must be postmarked by <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 30</u>, <u>2016</u>
- Project information is available for inspection at:
 - <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com</u> under "Upcoming Public Hearings/Meetings"

So that everyone may speak, please limit your comments to three minutes.



Thank you for your interest in the

S.M. Wright Phase IIB Project

