



# THE FM 150 WEST CHARACTER PLAN: FINAL REPORT AND MASTER PLAN

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## **SECTION 1**

### December 2016 Meeting Report

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# FM 150 West Character Plan Public Meeting Summary

December 13, 2016



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## Introduction

Over the past two years Hays County worked closely with the community to develop a Features and Themes Report for the FM 150 Character Plan. On Tuesday, December 13, 2016 the County hosted a public meeting to begin and develop the next phase of the study, the Nature and Character Master Plan. The purpose of this meeting was to share concepts from the first phase and an overview of the current plan for Phase 2. The meeting also provided an opportunity for community members to provide input on different roadway elements and aesthetic features to be considered as the concepts are further defined. This was the first public meeting for Phase 2 of the study.

## Public Meeting Details

**Date:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Dripping Springs High School  
940 US 290  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620



*Public Workshop - December 13, 2016*

**Format:** A formal presentation was given including an overview of the first phase, Features and Themes, and the purpose and schedule for the second phase of work, Nature and Character Master Plan. Following the presentation attendees were able to view large format corridor maps of the following corridors: FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237, the potential Bypass, and FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12. Attendees also had the opportunity to visit with project team members and Hays County officials, and share their input and questions.

**Attendance:** 76 people signed in, including 15 project team members.

**Gathering Input:** Following the presentation, six stations were set up displaying large format corridor concept maps. At each station, large boards were displayed illustrating examples of potential roadway elements and aesthetic features. Attendees were asked to provide comments directly on the maps and/or using comment cards that were available at each station.

**Bypass**

➔ **Target speed:** what speed would you like to target on this segment?  
*Put dot by speed:*

45 mph	50 mph	55 mph	Other?
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➔ **Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations:** are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer to see a wider paved shoulder or separated path?

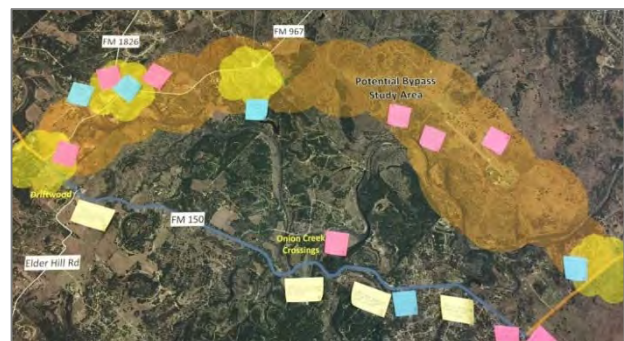
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➔ **Cross-section:** what cross-sectional elements are you interested in?  
*Examples include curb, paved shoulders, gravel shoulders, landscaping*

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FM 150

*Planning Exercise Board*



*Planning Exercise Corridor Concept Map*

## Notices and Advertisement of the Public Meeting

The following methods were used to contact and inform stakeholders of the FM 150 Character Plan Public Workshop:

### Direct Mail

A postcard notification with meeting details was mailed to 415 property owners along FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch Road to RM 12, and along the potential bypass route on November 18, 2016.

### Published Notifications

Advertisements were published in the following newspapers:

- *Hays Free Press* on November 23, 2016, and December 7, 2016
- *News Dispatch* on November 24, 2016, and December 8, 2016

### Email Notifications

Email notifications with meeting details were distributed to individuals who requested to be included on the mailing list.

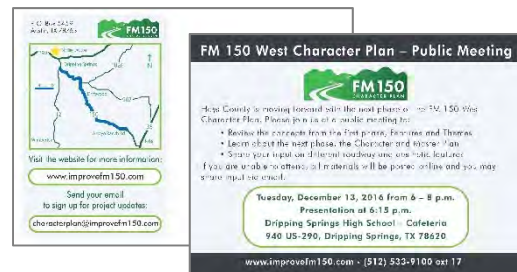
- November 18, 2016 - 434 stakeholders
- Monday, December 5, 2016 - 433 stakeholders
- December 12, 2016 - 435 stakeholders

### Additional Outreach

- The meeting announcement was published on the [www.improvefm150.com](http://www.improvefm150.com) webpage on November 18, 2016
- A media release was distributed by the County to local media outlets on December 9, 2016
- The workshop announcement was also published on Hays County social media:
  - Facebook on December 9, 12, and 13
  - Twitter on December 12 and 13



Twitter - Social Media Postings



Postcard Notification



Display Advertisement



Facebook - Social Media Postings

## **Public Comments**

The public was asked to submit their comments in writing or using the mapping exercise at the meeting or to provide them by mail or email by January 2, 2017 to be included with this meeting summary report. An email notification was sent on December 16, 2017 to 445 emails informing stakeholders materials and exhibits from the public meeting had been posted to the webpage and reminding them of the comment period.

The following is a catalog of the input received through comment cards and the planning exercise.

## Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 Station – Input Received

### Target Speed

What speed would you like to target on this segment? Circle one: 45 mph, 50 mph, 55 mph, Other

Comments
People are not driving under 55 mph on this section-passing in no-pass zones is very common at high rates of speed

### Delineation

Where might delineation be helpful to indicate curves in the roadway or intersections?

Comments
Low lights only at intersections, the light noise is a problem in the country; Roundabouts have less infrastructure costs and maintenance.

### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer a wider paved shoulder or a separated path?

Comments
Yes - Separated path would be safer for bikes and peds-my fear is a wide paved shoulder would be used for passing
Would love equestrian trails; would be great to go to the City of Austin property.

### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

Comments
Approaching Hays City Store; Historic Ranch Area
Signage is adequate on straight segments but needs more warning on curves

## Intersection of FM 3237

### Target Speed

What speed would you like to target at the community zone? 25 mph, 30 mph, 35 mph, 45 mph, Other

Target Speed
1 response      55 mph

Comments
It would be good to make the intersection at Hays City Store into a roundabout; A light there would slow traffic down

## Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 Station – Input Received

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Comments
Keep it just like it is-2 lane "undeveloped" is rural, and that's the attraction, not subdivisions and box stores. The only think you should be considering on 150 is basic safety concerns and using the funds to buy more conservation land along 150.



# Mapped Comments - Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237

## Map A

- York Creek Low Water Crossing
- There are many houses between low water crossing that are flooded in between York & Onion Creek. This is a disaster waiting to happen
- Improvement for Rd. Trapped in when York & Onion Creek flood.

- Low Water Crossings need to be improved after this project is completed.

- Roundabout here is fine. Lights just create bottlenecks in traffic.

FM 150

Transition

Transition

Transition

FM 3237

## Map B

- This is a neighborhood. Don't take property from this side of FM 150. There is only so much land we have.

- No Lights. Keep "dark sky" tech

- Leave as is. Make FM 150 CR 150

FM 150

Transition

Transition

FM 3237



## Bypass Station – Input Received

### Target Speed

What speed would you like to target on this segment? Circle one: 45 mph, 50 mph, 55 mph, Other \_\_\_\_\_

Target Speed	
2 responses	55 mph
1 response	65 mph
1 response	50 mph
1 response	45 mph

Comments
Keep it slow so not a big truck route
This would depend on how large a road this would be. 4 lanes - 55; 2 lanes - 45
Depends on size! MAU 3 or Super 2 = 50 mph or less
If the idea is to bypass (leave 150 rural, historic) it would make sense that the bypass be higher speed to remove thru-traffic; opportunity and benefit to go elsewhere

### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer to see a paved wider shoulder or a separated path?

Preference for bike, ped, equestrian	
3 responses	No
3 responses	Yes

Comments
Bicycle path, walking path
Yes. Paved wider shoulder
Must have cycling accommodations
No, only vehicle

### Cross-section

What cross-sectional elements are you interested in? (Examples include: curb, paved shoulders, gravel shoulders, landscaping)

Comments
Paved shoulders and landscaping
Landscaping grows and becomes a line of sight problem
4 lane, divided if ROW allows; LIKE

## Bypass Station – Input Received

### Intersection of FM 1826 and FM 967/Bypass

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Preference	
1 response	Traffic signal
1 response	Stop control

Do you want the roadway alignment to direct drivers to use the bypass by altering the intersection alignment?

Comments
Do not bring potential bypass area to 150. Leave 150 alone. Take it up to Darden Hill, where there naturally will be more traffic.
Yes
Neither - prioritize 967 to 1826 east bound
Consider routing the bypass north from here to Darden Hill Rd and then down Darden Hill to FM 150

### Intersection of FM 150 and FM 1826/Bypass

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Preference	
2 responses	Stop control
1 response	Roundabout

Do you want the roadway alignment to direct drivers to use the bypass by altering the intersection alignment?

Preference	
2 responses	Yes
1 response	This intersection should not be part of the bypass

### Intersection of FM 967 and Bypass

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Preference	
1 response	Traffic signal
1 response	Roundabout
1 response	Signal or roundabout

## Bypass Station – Input Received

Do you want the roadway alignment to direct drivers to use the bypass by altering the intersection alignment?

Preference	
1 response	Yes
1 response	The idea of bringing the potential bypass to 150 via 1826 is incongruous with keeping Driftwood "rural" a community

## Intersection of FM 150 and Bypass

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

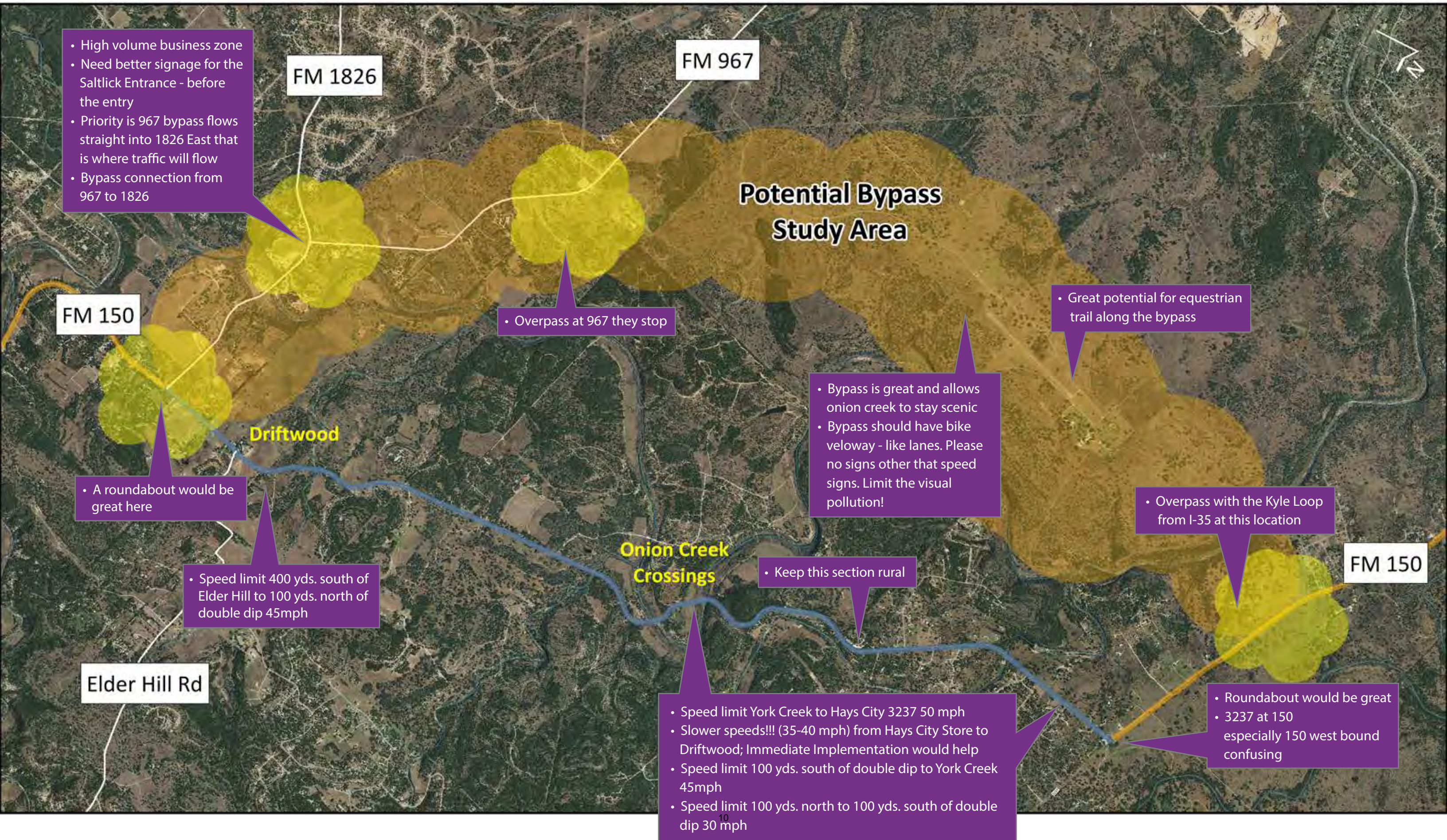
Preference	
3 responses	Roundabout

Do you want the roadway alignment to direct drivers to use the bypass by altering the intersection alignment?

Preference	
1 response	Yes



# Mapped Comments - Bypass Area





## FM 1826 to RM 12 Station – Input Received

### FM 1826 to RM 12

#### Target Speed

What speed would you like to target on this segment? Circle one: 45 mph, 50 mph, 55 mph, Other

Target Speed	
5 responses	45 mph
3 responses	50 mph
1 response	45 – 50 mph

Comments
Must make this section MAU 3 (middle turn lane) for growth. 56 mailboxes on this section shows it has so many driveways and 2 equine facilities with horse trailers pulling in/out!
Have possible corridor not go to 150, rather to Darden Hill.
Slow it down and leave curves alone or add more.
Various (enforced) speeds no higher than 45 mph.

#### Delineation

Where might delineation be helpful to indicate curves in the roadway or intersections?

Comments
Approaching curves
Signs
Before each curve
The curve signs don't indicate how sharp. If the signs made more clearly that the curve coming up is very sharp (right angle).

#### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer to see a wider paved shoulder or a separated path?

Comments
Wider paved shoulders to accommodate bike lanes. This whole FM 150 is a perfect "Lance Armstrong" type bike trail for hobbyists and for real athletes.
Walking paths
Not priority
Wider paved shoulder
Wider paved shoulder
No more than 3 feet shoulders or people will use it as a passing lane
Wide paved shoulder and lower speed
No. Too dangerous at current speeds and lack of shoulders.
This road has too much large truck traffic to accommodate bikes, horses, pedestrians safely.

## FM 1826 to RM 12 Station – Input Received

### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

Comments
Twisted X Sign; speed signs are fine, maybe even all signs in the same color and font to denote "historical" heritage trail. But the fewer signs, the better, less visual garbage/noise.
Historical
Yes outside of Driftwood, slow traffic to 25
Not too much
Driftwood at FM 1826 intersection at RM 12
Maybe, just not much; would like warning signs

### Darden Hill Road Alignment

Are you interested in adjusting the alignment of Darden Hill Road to a straighter section of FM 150?

Comments
No
Yes, support but keeping Darden Hill Rd. 2 lane residential. Do not want to encourage commercial truck traffic on Darden Hill Rd. We are all residential on Darden Hill Rd.
Straighter section only with speed bumps!! NO. Darden Hill is quickly becoming a thru-way with cars zooming too fast. Straightening will encourage speed. I would only want this straightening if the road gets speed bumps. Signs will be ignored but bumps will help.
Yes
Not really - only mild curve straightening at 19000 FM 150. On the straightaway add side pass lanes.
Yes, Proposed is good.
Ok - Traffic Circle
Yes. The current bump that has to be navigated has caused some cars to skid when moving onto the faster traffic on FM 150. Needs to be leveled. Also right turn from FM 150 onto Darden Hill are dangerous.
Absolutely. Plus tie Darden Hill Rd to the bypass by taking the bypass from here back to 1826 and on to 967

### Intersection of Darden Hill Road and FM 150

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Comments
Roundabout in existing location. Adjust profile of roadway entering roundabout.
No lights, no roundabout, stop sign only
I have traveled Europe and know that roundabouts work. A large one here that preserves the big oak trees would be good. Signs before the big traffic circle would alert drivers. It has to be BIG to accommodate school buses. It could become a well known "charm" aspect of our community if it's done right. Check out the lovely ones in Germany, Switzerland, and the UK.
Roundabout
Roundabout in existing location. Adjust profile of roadway entering roundabout.
Roundabout would only work with lower speed limit



## FM 1826 to RM 12 Station – Input Received

### Roundabout

A large traffic circle would be great. Would eliminate bump; slow traffic down; must accommodate school busses.

### Intersection of FM 1826

#### Target Speed – Intersection of FM 1826

What speed would you like to target at the intersection of FM 1826? Circle one: 25 mph, 30 mph, 35 mph, 45 mph, Other

Target Speed	
4 responses	45 mph
1 response	35 mph
1 response	30 mph
1 response	Other

Comments
I would like to see a stop light and turn lanes

#### Target Speed – Approaching Driftwood

What speed would you like to target approaching Driftwood? Circle one: 25 mph, 30 mph, 35 mph, 45 mph, Other

Target Speed	
4 responses	45 mph
2 response	35 mph
1 response	40 mph
1 response	30 mph
1 response	25 mph

### Driftwood Community Zone

Where do you feel the Driftwood Community Zone starts? Should the transition occur north or south of 1826?

Comments
South
Zone starts from 1826/150 and goes down to the 2 low water crossings.
North
Starts at Darden Hill
Many of us would like to see Driftwood Community Zone from 1826 to RM 12.
South
North; 150 and 12
Darden to 3237
North and south
South, directly at 1826
Start north of 1826

## FM 1826 to RM 12 Station – Input Received

### Intersection of FM 1826

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Comments
Signal or roundabout
Stop control. A full stop would be nice.
Yes, possibly a light.
Roundabout
Roundabout
Traffic signal
Turn lanes and stop signs
Traffic circle large enough to accommodate school buses
Traffic signal
Roundabout, also at Elder Hill Rd; most conducive with the character of the area

### Gateway Treatments

What gateway treatments are you interested in seeing? (Examples include: signage, landscaping, change in cross-section to include median/curbing)

Comments
Signage, landscaping, rumble strips before Elder Hill intersection
An antique archway spanning over 150 on both ends a mile north and again south saying "Welcome to Driftwood" or maybe just one big arch south of the store that can be read from both directions.
Signage, landscaping
No landscaping
Change in cross section to include median/curbing
Sidewalks
Landscaping, signage
As little as possible and for safety only
Landscaping
Signage, landscaping - whichever can slow down traffic the most going through Driftwood

## FM 1826 to RM 12 Station – Input Received

### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are there desired crossing locations?

Comments
No
Yes, always a bike lane, both sides all the way. The entire 30 miles or so could become a destination for athletes and competitions. Image a French-like "Tour de Hill Country" bike ride that hundreds would join. There could be people watching like on a parade route. Big annual Charity Drive. Maybe even runners could do a marathon...
No
Bicycle accommodations
1826; Charro Ranch
I don't think bikes, peds, horses are appropriate.
At 1826 and Elder Hill Rd

### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

Comments
Historic Driftwood Community and William B Travis Heritage Trail
Driftwood, near RM 12
Wildlife warnings
Historical at Darden and Elder Hill
Where needed for safety
Historical at Driftwood and Elder Hill Rd

### Intersection of RM 12

#### Target Speed – Intersection of RM 12

What speed would you like to target on this segment? Circle one: 25 mph, 30 mph, 35 mph, 45 mph, Other

Target Speed	
1 response	45 mph
1 response	35 mph
1 response	30 mph
1 response	25 mph

## FM 1826 to RM 12 Station – Input Received

### Gateway Treatments

What gateway treatments are you interested in seeing? (Examples include: signage, landscaping, change in cross-section to include median/curbing)

Comments
Landscaping, median/curbing
Landscaping
Median/curbing
Signage and landscaping
As little as possible and for safety only

### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are there desired crossing locations?

Comments
Yes to a bike lane

### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

Comments
Historical
Slow and warn for wildlife

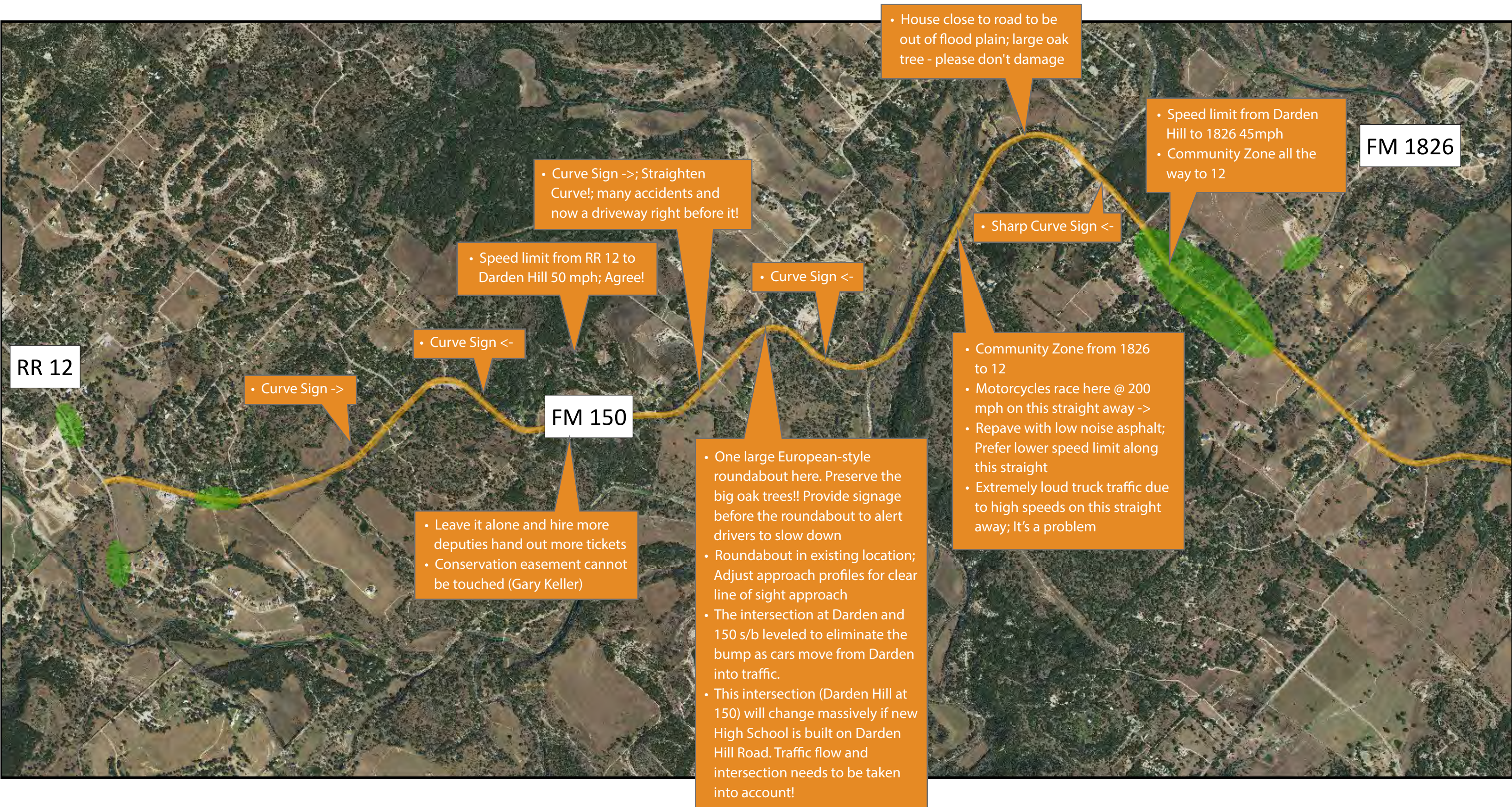
### Intersection of RM 12

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Preference	
3 responses	Traffic signal
1 response	Roundabout
1 response	Light
1 response	Stop sign and turn lanes

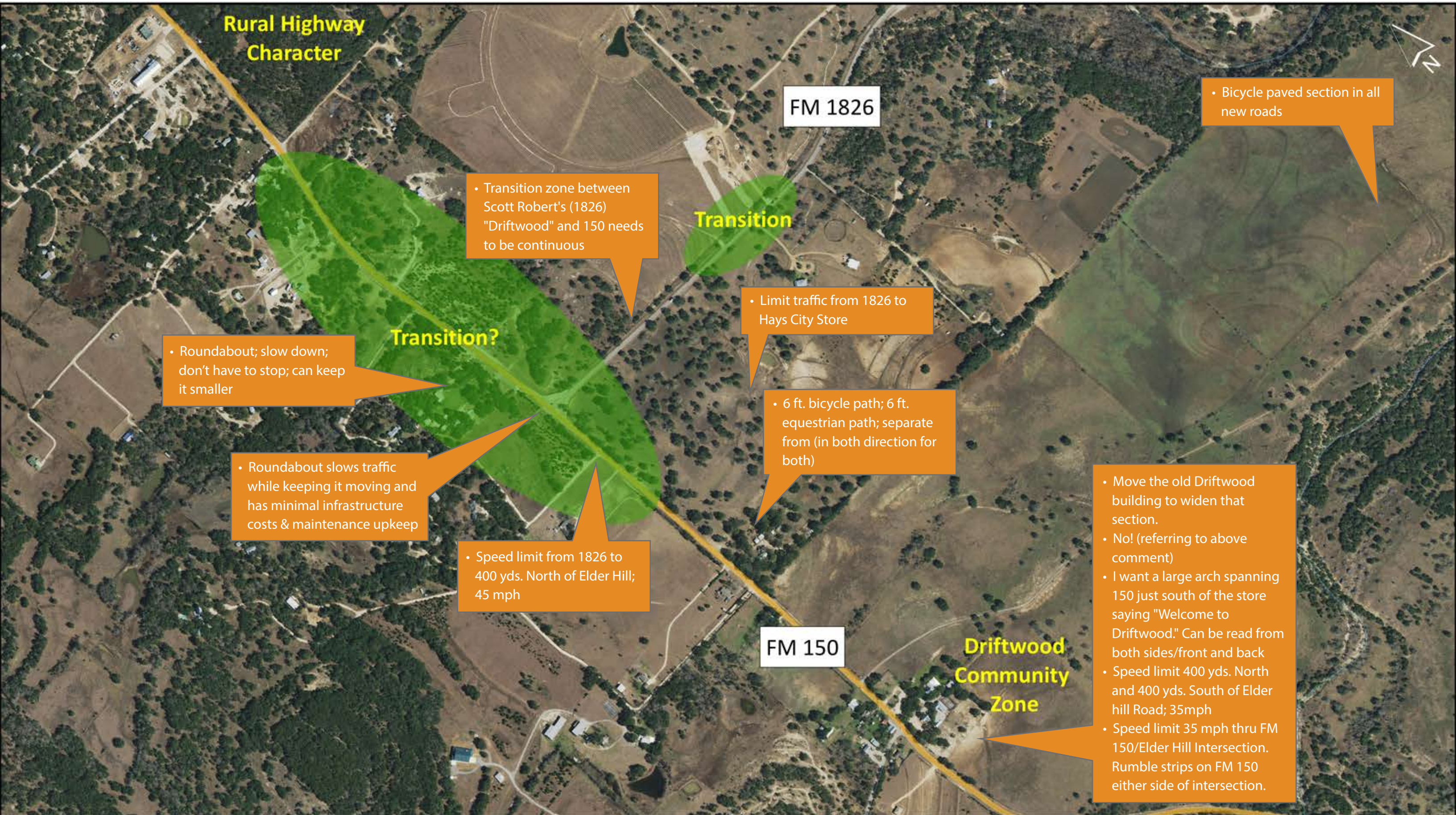


# Mapped Comments - FM 1826 to RR 12 - A





# Mapped Comments - FM 1826 to RR 12 - B





# Mapped Comments - FM 1826 to RR 12 - C





# Appendix A

## Meeting Notifications

## audition for all-region contest

Eighteen students from Wallace Middle School's Ranger Band qualified to audition for All-Region Band, with nine of those taking chairs at that level. The Rangers had 29 chairs in the All-District Band. One member, Skyler Johnson, earned Region Orchestra honors. All Region honorees included Payton Rodriguez, Gabriela Vences-Garcia, Kelly Vasquez, Jack Denning, Aidan Frohock, Luke Sherman, Erekan Cancino-Cox, James Ochoa-King, and Skyler Johnson. All-District honorees included Viviana Villalobos, Jasmine Salinas, Allison Neer, Jenna Creek, Carly Reyes, Lucas Holloway, Esperanza Zuniga, Nayelli Lopez, Darrin Guth, Mitchell Machuca, Lizbeth Romo, Daniel Torres, Colter Callahan, Derek Cancino, Julia Nino, Madison Gonzales, Carlos Sanchez-Garcia, Hailee Garrett, Samuel Glover and Austin Hallmark.



PHOTO BY JIM CULLEN

## PEC shows support for Hays CISD Ed Foundation

Hays CISD Education Foundation Board members were appreciative of a \$2,000 donation from PEC recently. Celeste Mikeska, representing PEC, presented Foundation President Rob Dahse and a contingent of Foundation Board members with the check, which came from funds from PEC's Bright Lights Bright Minds Community Support Program and the CoBank

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 6 - 8 p.m.**

**Presentation at 6:15 p.m.**

**Dripping Springs High School - Cafeteria  
 940 US-290, Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

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snagged the block and returned it for two points.

Dripping Springs led 6-2 at halftime.

The baseball-style score continued after Angleton tallied a fourth quarter field goal, which cut Drip-

to orchestrate a final drive to get back in the game. They almost let the chance slip away.

Facing 4th-down and 20 deep in Angleton territory, Johnson con-

equally as meaningful.

"What you call isn't as important as having 11 kids on the field that believe in each other, make plays and don't give up," he said.

## Lagniappe

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## Christmas on Mercer

This annual event will feature an old-fashioned holiday celebration on Mercer Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3 with live music and entertainment, arts and crafts booths, kids games and activities, a trackless train and pony rides, photos with Santa Claus and more. The annual Lighting of the Tree will be held at the Triangle at 6:15 p.m.

Christmas carolers representing local churches and schools will serenade with heart-warming, traditional Christmas Carols at the tree lighting ceremony.

## Nar Anon Family Group

Dripping Springs Nar Anon Family Group will meet beginning Dec. 6, at the DS United Methodist Church on Ranch Road 12 in the annex build-

ing behind the church every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. All newcomers are welcome.

## Sights and Sounds

Enjoy four full evenings of holiday festivities at San Marcos Plaza Park Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Highlights include carnival rides, arts and crafts, pictures with Santa, local school performances and a food court.



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# t city project manager

is to help with the 2014 Bond projects, but also to better navigate the future of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in Buda.

"Because of the growth Buda is experiencing, many CIP projects will be coming down the pipeline, so having a project manager will help to keep everything cohesive," Cresswell said.

Cresswell also said he is very used to working within tight deadlines and budgets, but he gets the job done within the parameters he is given.

"My goal is to work diligently to see the projects are completed on time and stay within the approved budgets," Cresswell said in a statement.

Cresswell's position was approved within the fiscal year 2017 budget, ac-

cording to the release. He added that he hoped the position would ensure the future of Buda's growth remains true to the vision of Buda residents.

Cresswell said his position as project manager would in no way interfere with the duties of the members of the Sustainability Commission in its mission to make Buda's buildings and projects more green.

"The sustainability commission is very important to the residents of Buda and their future and I don't foresee any conflicting issues with adding sustainable elements to project budgets," Cresswell said.

Buda's hire of a project manager falls in line with Kyle, which hired its project manager in 2014.

Jo Ann Garcia, Kyle project manager, was hired by the city in 2014. Garcia's hire came as the city's 2013 Road Bond projects were getting underway.

Garcia told the *Hays Free Press* in an emailed interview that she primarily works with the Road Bond projects, but that she is involved in every phase of the project development.

Garcia said having an in-house project manager helps decrease a city's cost to outsource work to other companies and can help save a city and its citizens some money.

"One of the job functions of the project manager is to act in the City's behalf to account for services performed," Garcia said.

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| 1.756 Ac CORNER LOT, 246' Hwy frontage on Hwy 290E, Dripping Springs, \$3.69/sf, PRICE REDUCED | \$279,500 |
| 1.1 Ac OFFICE or RETAIL PAD SITE next to Lehman HS in Kyle, ALL UTILITIES -- READY TO BUILD    | \$295,000 |
| 3.38 Ac Lot on Springs Lane, Dripping Springs, \$2.06/sf, level lot ... easy to develop        | \$295,000 |

#### RIVERFRONT FOR SALE

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| 6.00 Ac, Comfort, TX, distant views, overlooks the Guadalupe River NEW PRICE | \$225,000 |
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#### LAND FOR LEASE

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| 3.0 Ac commercial frontage on Hwy 290 for lease or joint venture | NEGOTIABLE |
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#### CLIENT NEEDS

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| Commercial income property WIMBERLEY OR DRIPPING SPRINGS AREA      | \$300,000  |
| Approx 2,500sf Retail lease space in the Dripping Springs vicinity | Negotiable |

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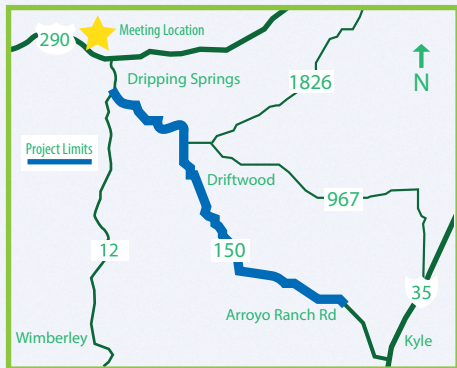
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- Review the concepts from the first phase, Features and Themes
- Learn about the next phase, the Character and Master Plan
- Share your input on different roadway and aesthetic features

If you are unable to attend, all materials will be posted online and you may share input via email.

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 6 – 8 p.m.**

**Presentation at 6:15 p.m.**

**Dripping Springs High School – Cafeteria**

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# Appendix B

## Meeting Exhibits and Materials

# **Hays County FM 150 West Character Plan Nature and Character Master Plan**

**Public Meeting #1  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016  
Dripping Springs High School**

# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Hays County Precinct 4 Commissioner Ray Whisenant
- Hays County Precinct 3 Commissioner Will Conley
- Project Team
- Citizens Advisory Panel



# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

## Citizens Advisory Panel

- Mr. Don Bosse
- Mr. David Braun
- Mr. Casey Cutler
- Mr. Dennis Dement
- Mr. Shelby Eckols
- Mr. Mark Oechsner
- Mr. Bob Parks
- Mr. Mike Pruitt
- Judge Bob Shannon

# AGENDA

1. Review Past Project Activities
2. Nature and Character Master Plan Scope
3. Project Schedule
4. Current Activities
5. Crash Data Update
6. Planning Exercise Overview
7. Questions
8. Conduct Planning Exercise



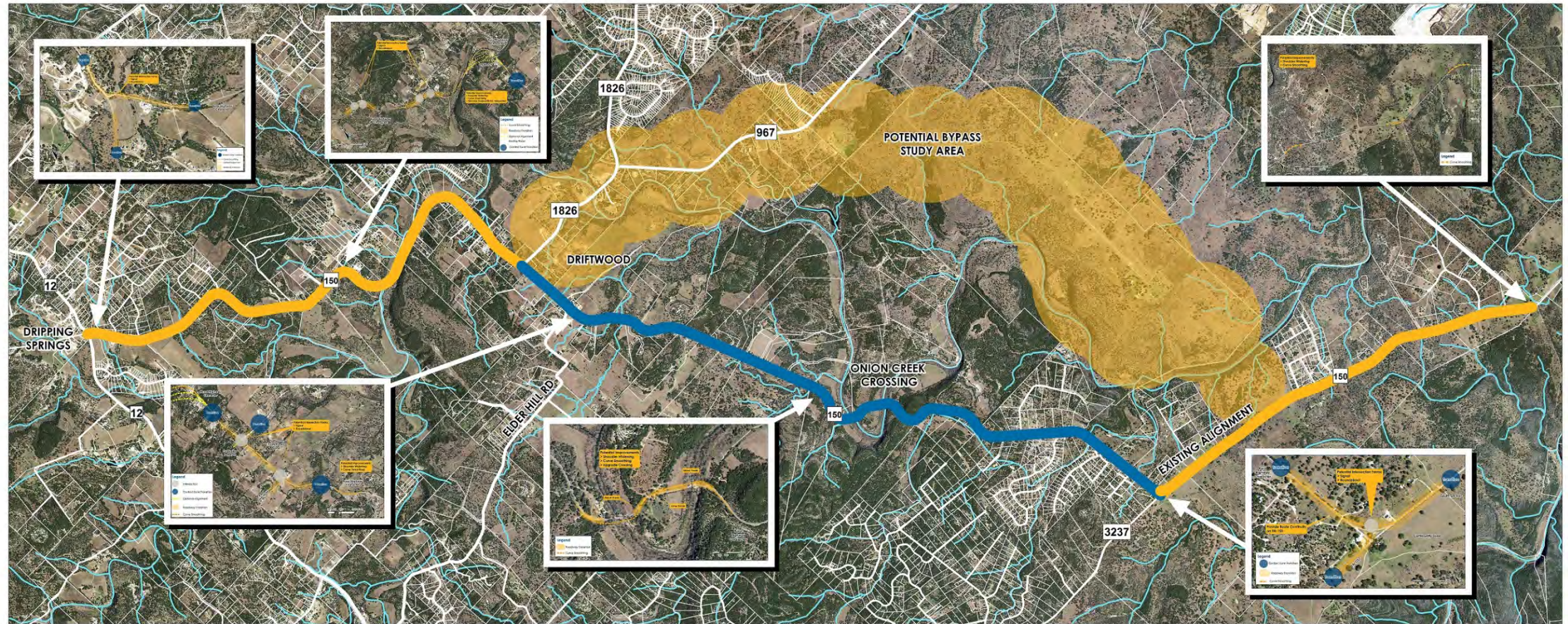
# BACKGROUND

- Corridor Features and Themes Report complete
- Developed with extensive community engagement
- Documents existing conditions on corridor and key characteristics
- Outlines future planning framework and continuum of improvements





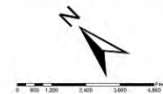
# STUDY AREAS



**FM 150 Nature & Character Master Plan  
Corridor Concepts**

**Legend**

- North
- Middle
- South
- Roads
- Bypass
- Property Line
- River



Date: 11/17/2016

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+ ASSOCIATES**  
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# NATURE AND CHARACTER MASTER PLAN SCOPE

- Embarking on Nature and Character Plan
- Will result in **Corridor Master Plan**
  - Define concepts to schematic level
  - Estimate costs for design and construction
  - Develop relative order for implementation
  - Define the “cookbook” of concepts: scopes for additional study, costs of studies, process, timing
- Tonight is first of many opportunities for input!



# NATURE AND CHARACTER MASTER PLAN SCOPE

## **Preliminary Schematics**

- FM 150 from RM 12 south to FM 1826
- FM 150 from FM 3237 south to the vicinity of Arroyo Ranch Road
- Potential Bypass Route to the east of FM 150

## **Guidance**

- FM 150 from FM 1826 south to FM 3237












# OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

## Three Public Meetings

1. Review the Features and Themes Study, expectations for the second phase of work, and community input
2. Gather community input on preliminary schematics for FM 150 from FM 3237 south to the vicinity of Arroyo Ranch Road, and for the Potential Bypass Route.
3. Gather community input on preliminary schematic for FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12



# PROJECT SCHEDULE

	2016				2017											
Month	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Project kick-off																
Focus: Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 and proposed bypass route																
Focus: FM 1826 to RR 12																
Project wrap-up and report																



Public Meeting



CAP Meeting

# PROJECT SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting Type	Location
<b>Tuesday, November 15, 2016</b>	<b>Citizens Advisory Panel</b>	<b>Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 13, 2016</b>	<b>Public Meeting</b>	<b>Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria</b>
Thursday, January 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, February 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, March 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
<b>Thursday, April 27, 2017</b>	<b>Public Meeting</b>	<b>Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria</b>
May 2017	No Meeting	No Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, July 20, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, August 10, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
<b>Thursday, September 21, 2017</b>	<b>Public Meeting</b>	<b>Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria</b>
Thursday, October 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall

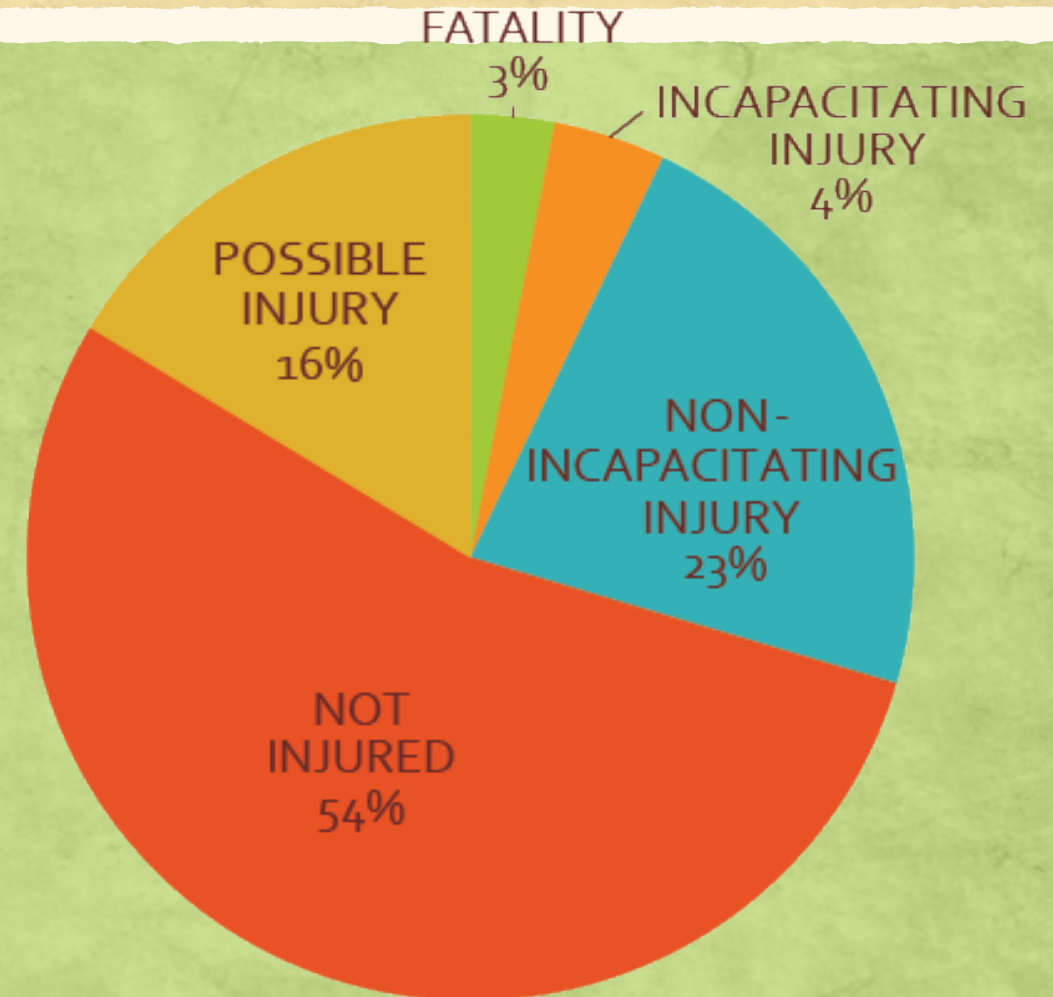


# CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Updating traffic counts
- Updating and reviewing crash data (initial summary provided)
- Updating human and natural environmental constraint data
- Working on base engineering
- Preparing for the January CAP meeting
  - Beginning to look at FM 3237 to Arroyo Ranch section
  - Developing potential Bypass Study Route

# CRASH DATA UPDATE

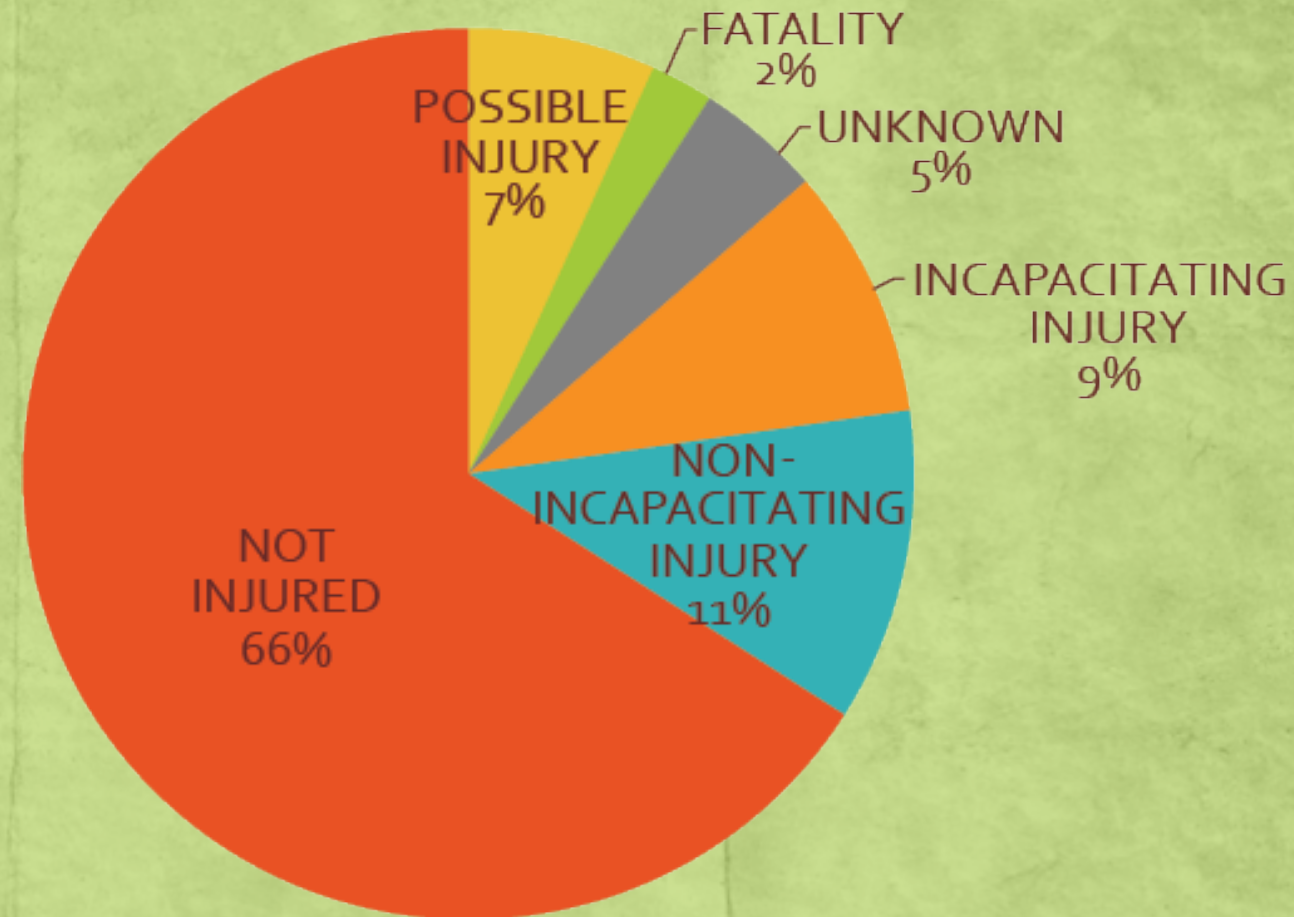
- First phase reviewed data from Jan. 2010 to June 2014 (4.5 years)
- 98 crashes assessed
- Majority of crashes involved no or possible injuries
- 3 fatal crashes



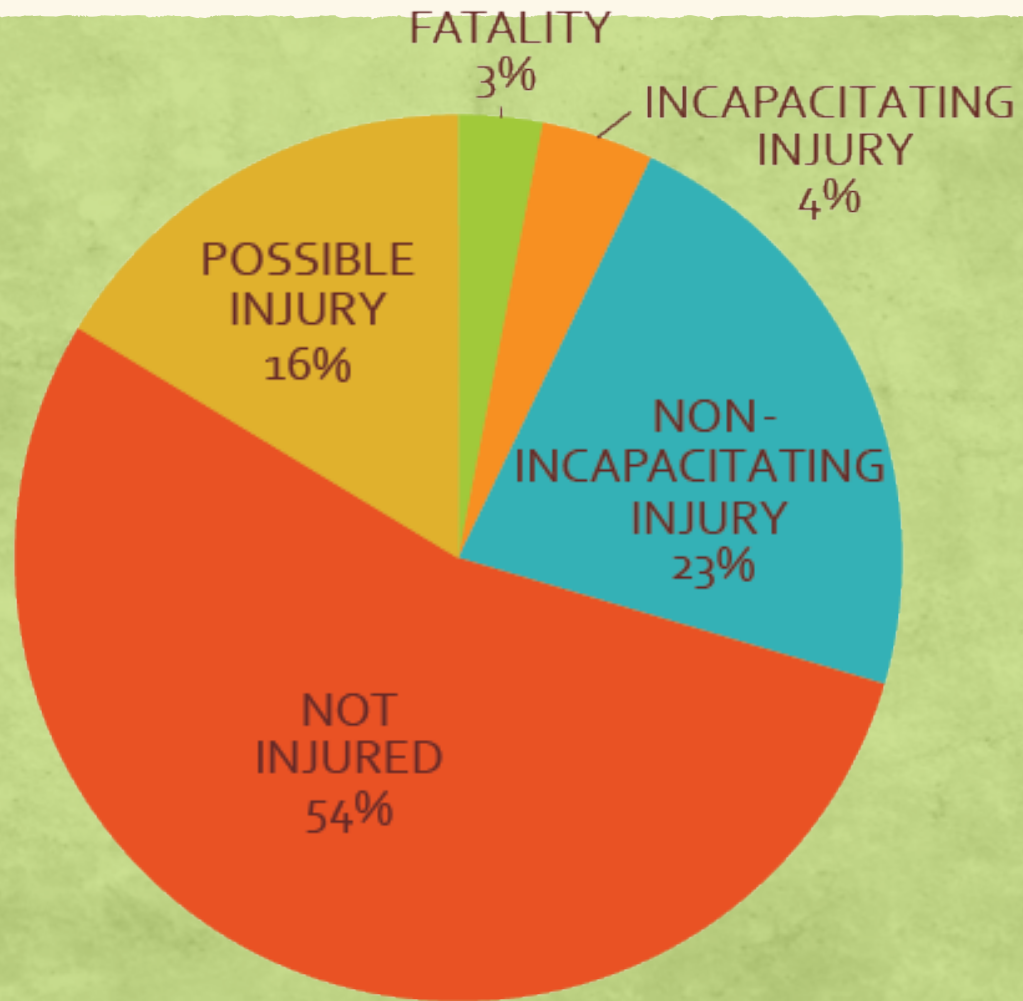


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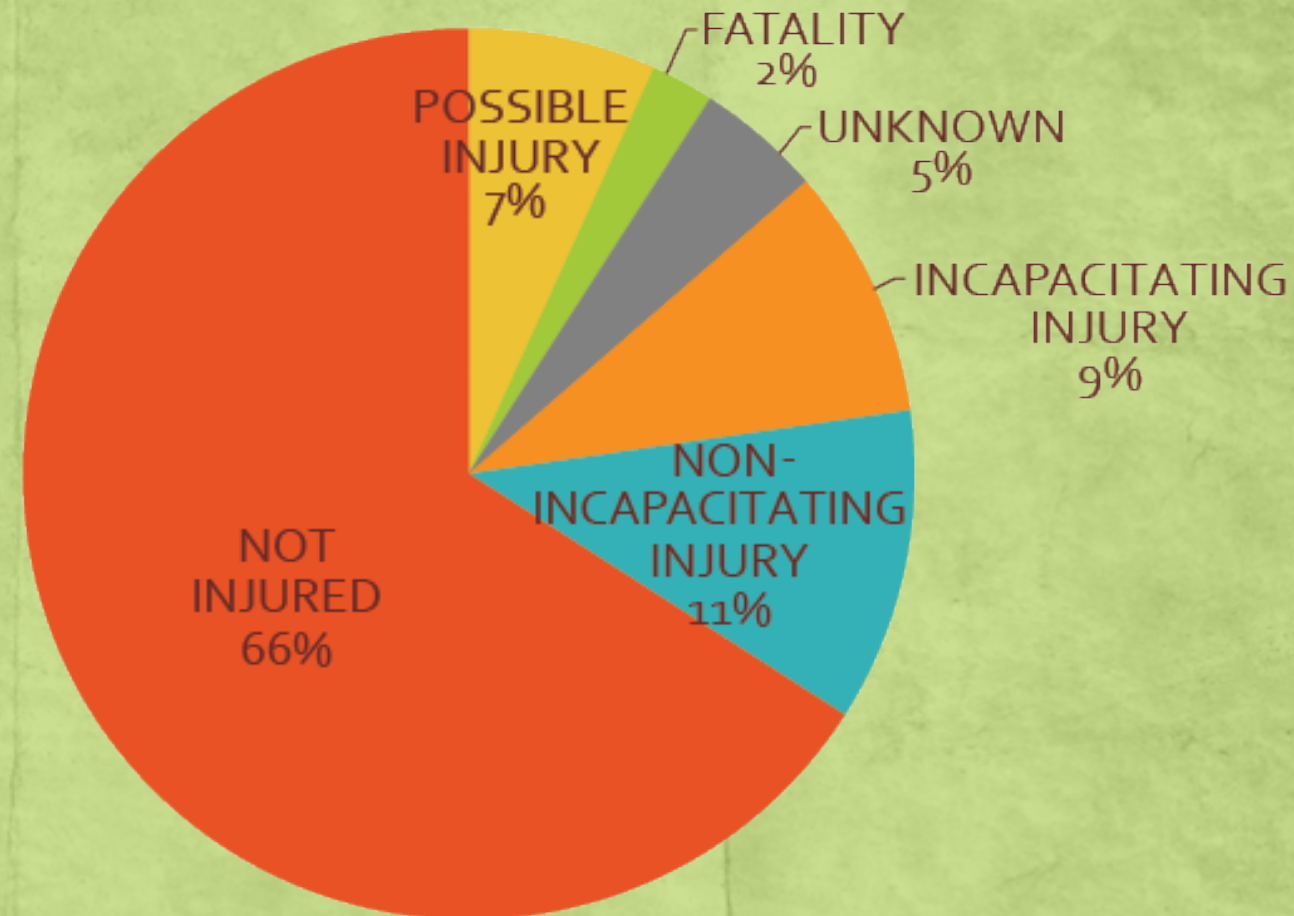
- Reviewed July 2014 through Aug. 2016 data (2.25 years)
- 44 crashes assessed
- Similar number of crashes *per year*
- Again, majority of crashes involved no or possible injuries
- 1 fatal crash near double low water crossings



# CRASH DATA UPDATE



Jan. 2010 to June 2014



July 2014 through Aug. 2016



# CRASH DATA UPDATE

- Significant portion of fixed object crashes (34% - previously 50%)
- Majority of crashes non-intersection related (68% - previously 76%)
- Most crashes occurred when the weather was clear
- Similar conclusions: potential influence of narrow shoulders, isolated or tight curves, non-recoverable sections of roadway



# CRASH DATA UPDATE





# PLANNING EXERCISE

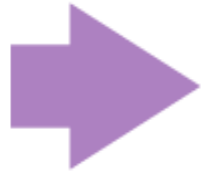
- Looking for your feedback on potential features
- Following slides walk through potential improvements identified in previous phase of project, as well as current considerations
- Help us determine the types of roadway features to consider in each section

# PHASED IMPROVEMENTS

- Developed by section and time-frame

## Near-Term Improvements

Existing alignment  
Two-lane safety cross section  
Intersection enhancements



## Mid-Term Improvements

Spot treatments to curves  
Transition to long-term layout



## Long-Term Improvements

Future alignment  
Future cross sections



# PHASED IMPROVEMENTS EXAMPLE

- Example of safety section (near-term)

## SAFETY SECTION



# PHASED IMPROVEMENTS EXAMPLE

- Intersection enhancements (near- to mid-term)
  - Improving delineation
  - Considering alternative traffic control
  - Enhancing sight-distance
  - Intersection improvements (e.g. turn lanes)



# PHASED IMPROVEMENTS EXAMPLE

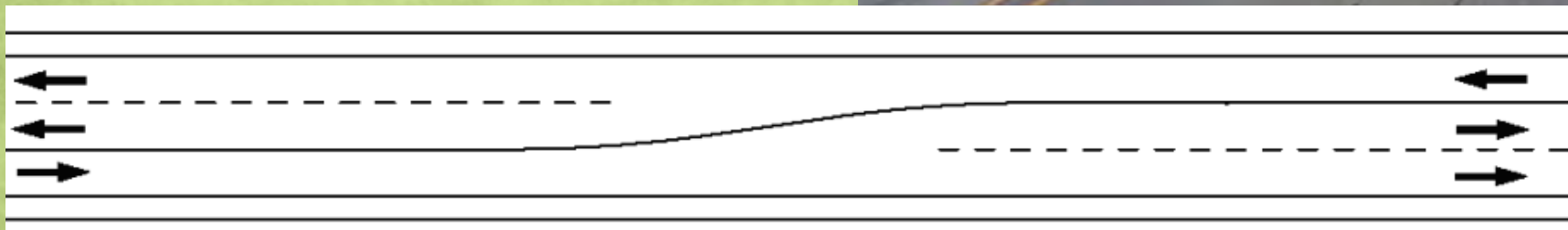
- Curve treatments (mid-term)
- Future cross-section (long-term)





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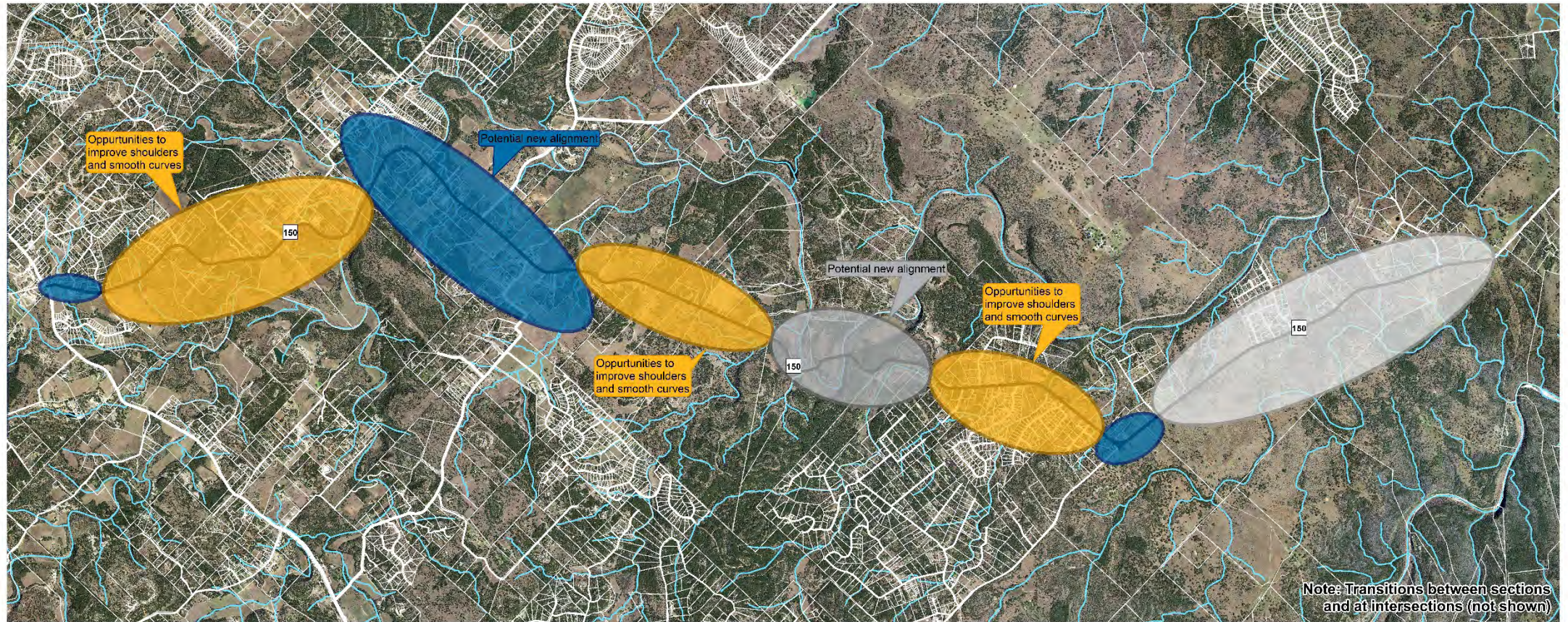
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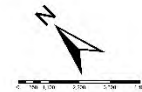
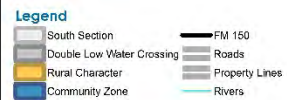
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# CORRIDOR BY CONTEXT ZONE



## FM 150 Nature & Character Master Plan Context Zones



Date: 12/2/2016



# SEGMENTS WITH RURAL CHARACTER CONTEXT

- Beauty of rural, undeveloped nature along corridor
- Few driveway access points
- Abundance of vegetation up to roadway
- Desire to preserve nature and character





# SEGMENTS WITH RURAL CHARACTER CONTEXT

## Considerations:

- Target speed
- Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations
- Wayfinding signage
- Delineation





# COMMUNITY ZONES

- Areas where the activities along the corridor change
- Greater access to destinations
- Speeds commensurate with the land uses
- Desire to set driver expectations appropriately





# COMMUNITY ZONES

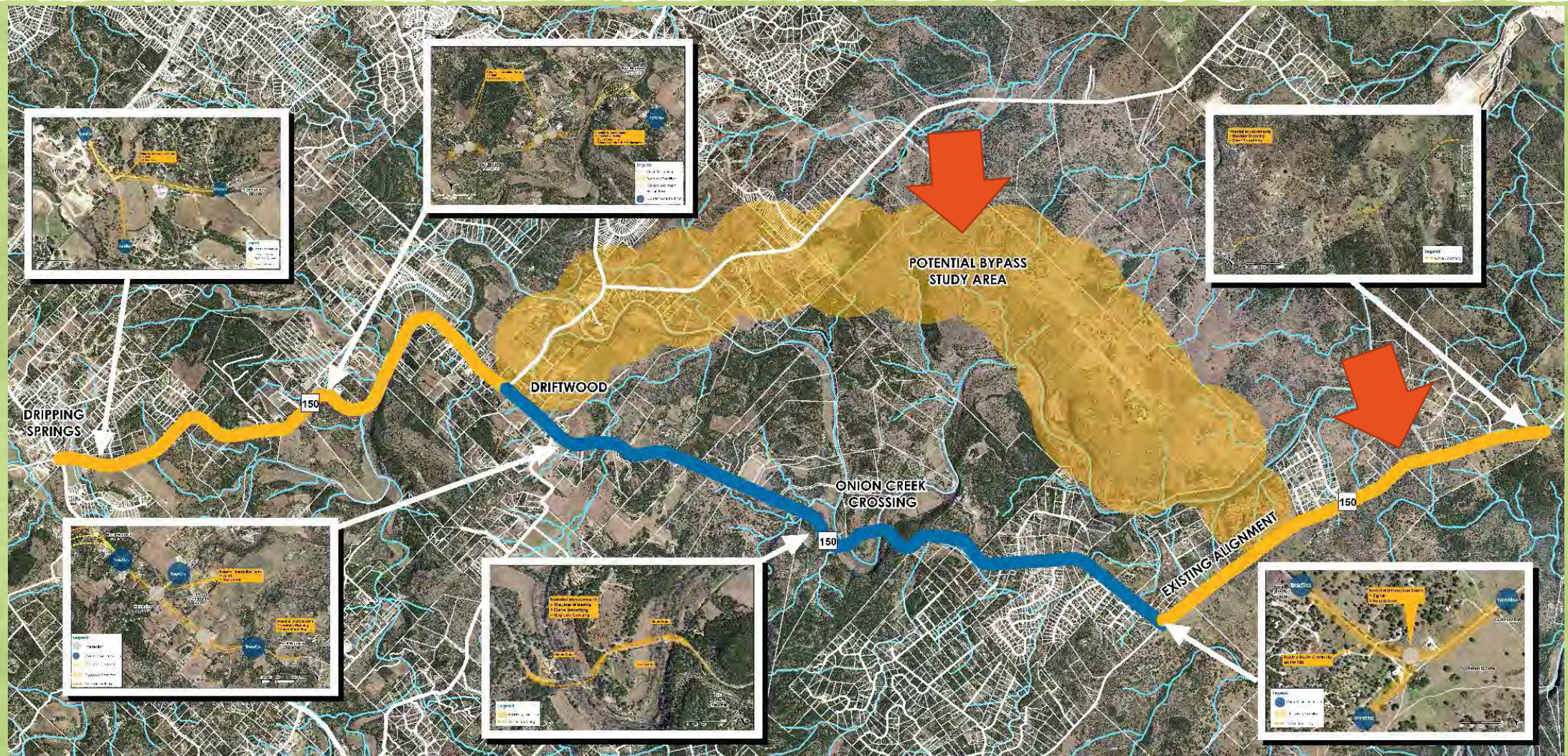
## Considerations:

- Transition zones
- Gateway treatments
- Target speed
- Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations
- Intersection forms
- Signage (wayfinding, historical, business)





# CORRIDOR BY SECTION





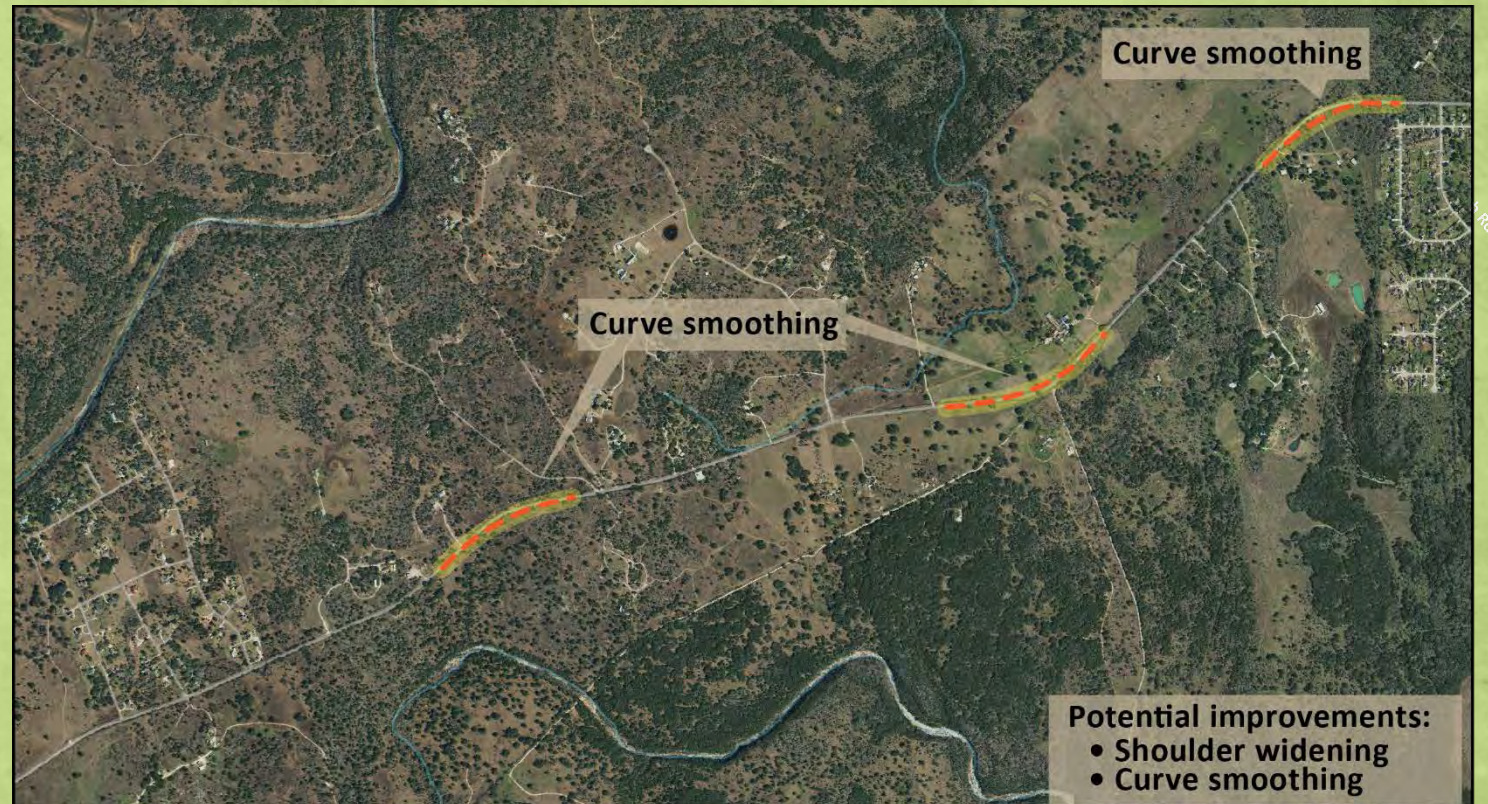
# ARROYO RANCH TO FM 3237

## Potential Improvements:

- Shoulder widening
- Curve smoothing
- Super-two section on ends of corridor
- Locate bypass connection

## Considerations:

- Target speed
- Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations
- Signage
- Delineation

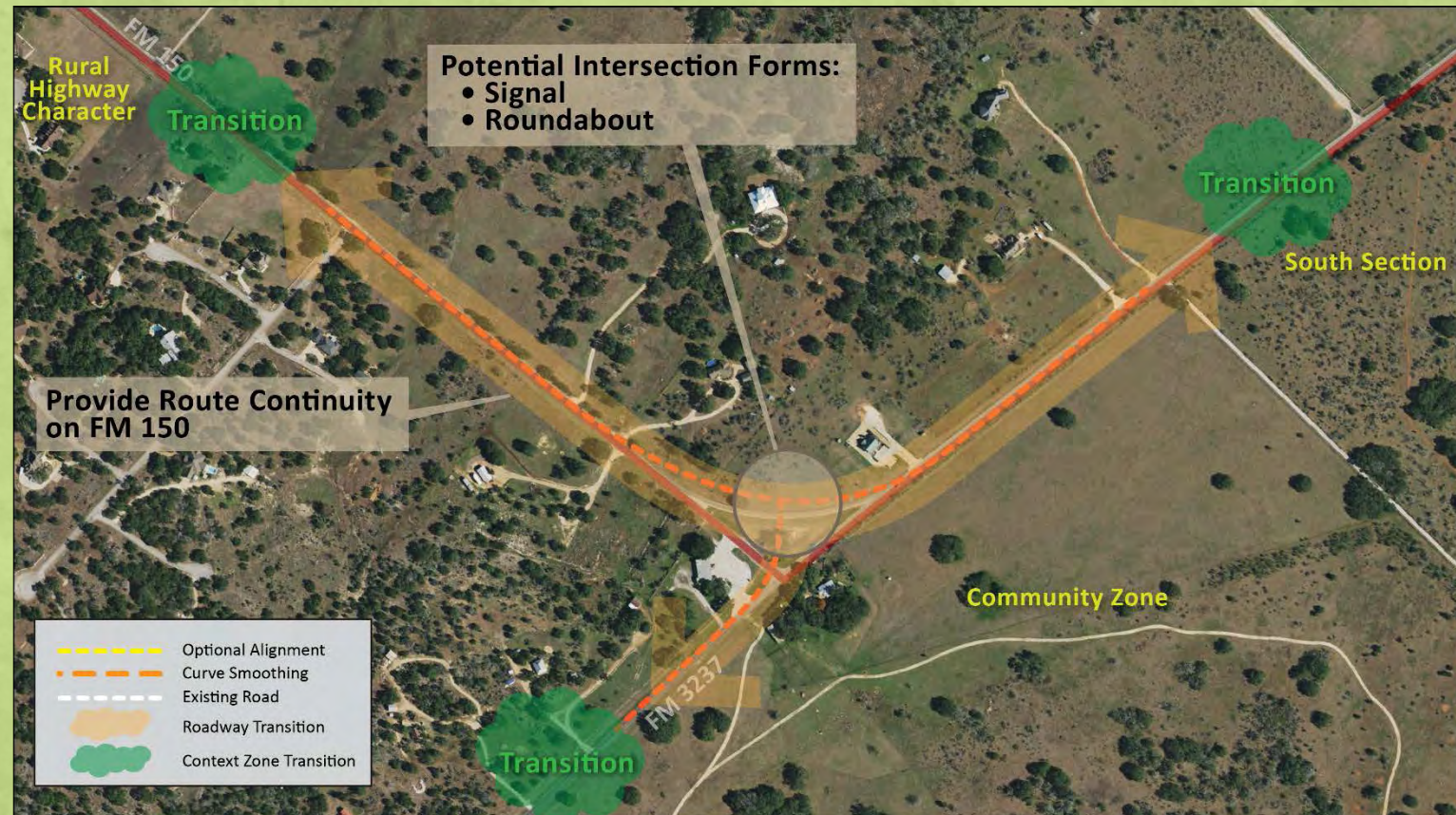




# ARROYO RANCH TO FM 3237

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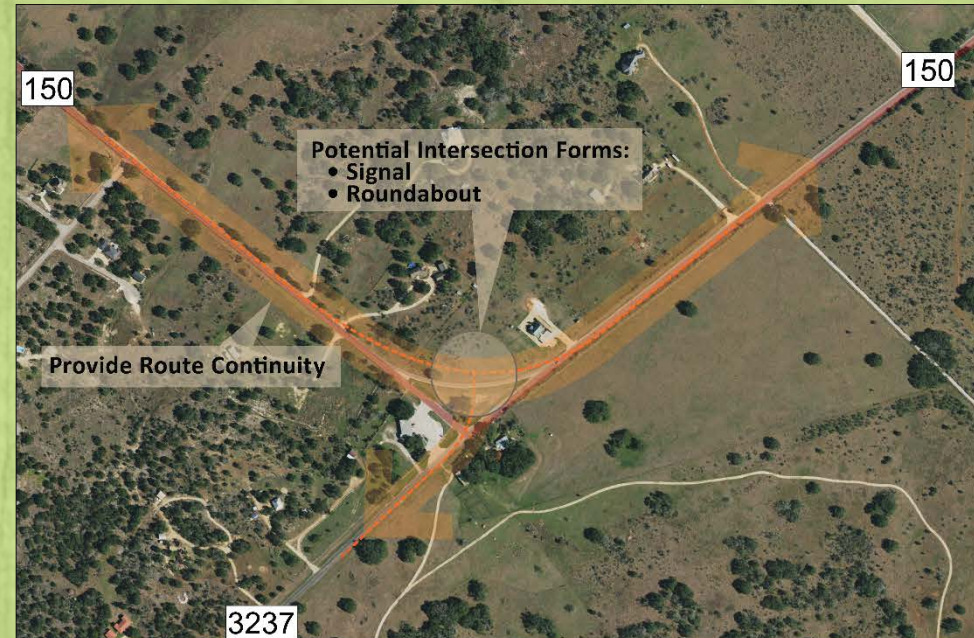
- Transition zones
- Gateway treatments
- Target speed
- Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations
- Intersection forms and alignment
- Signage





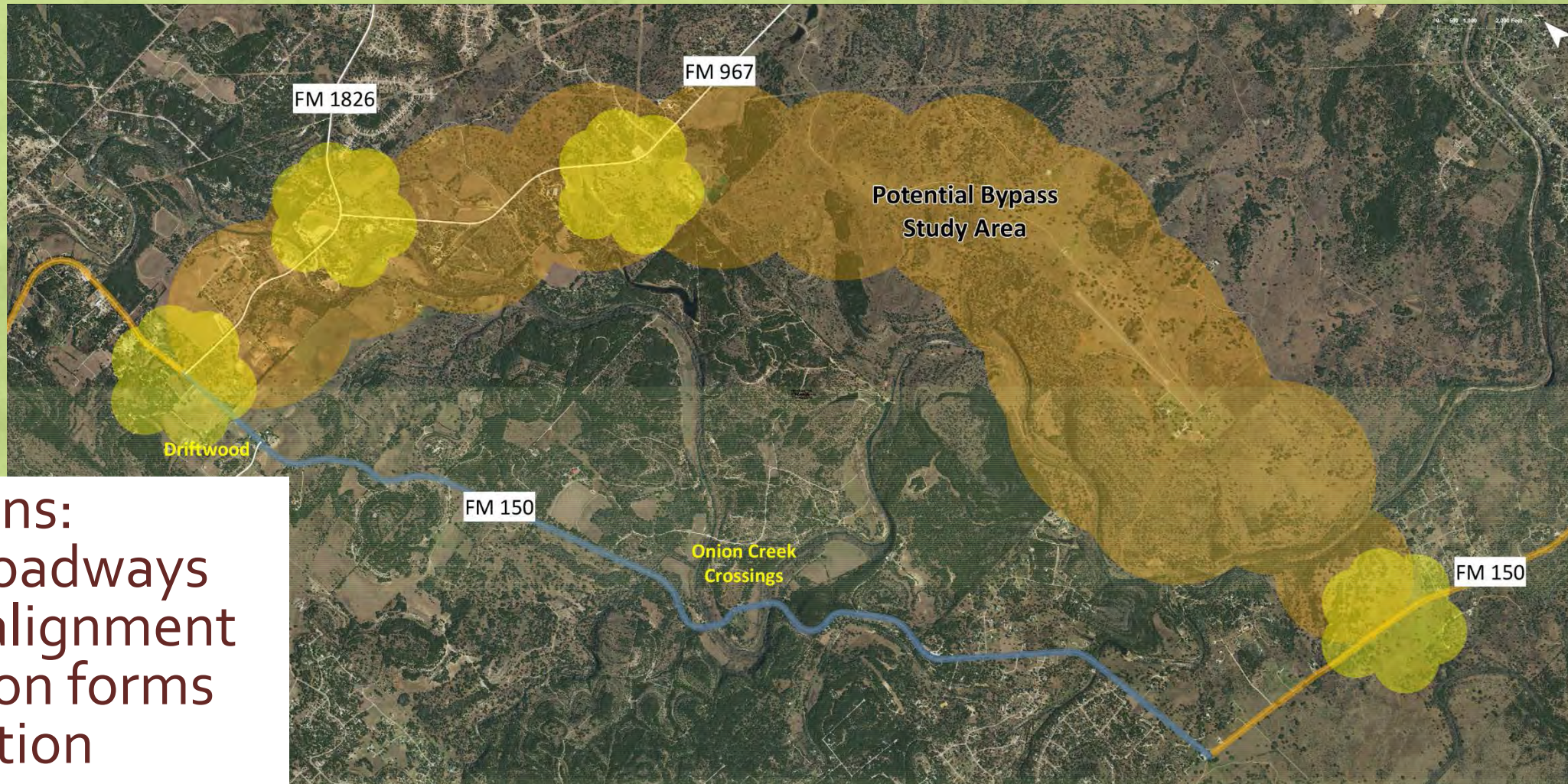
# ARROYO RANCH TO FM 3237

- Intersection forms
  - Stop control
  - Traffic signal
  - Roundabout
  - Based on community input and warrants
- Alignment
  - FM 150 continuous route
  - Existing alignment
  - Consider bypass





# BYPASS



## Considerations:

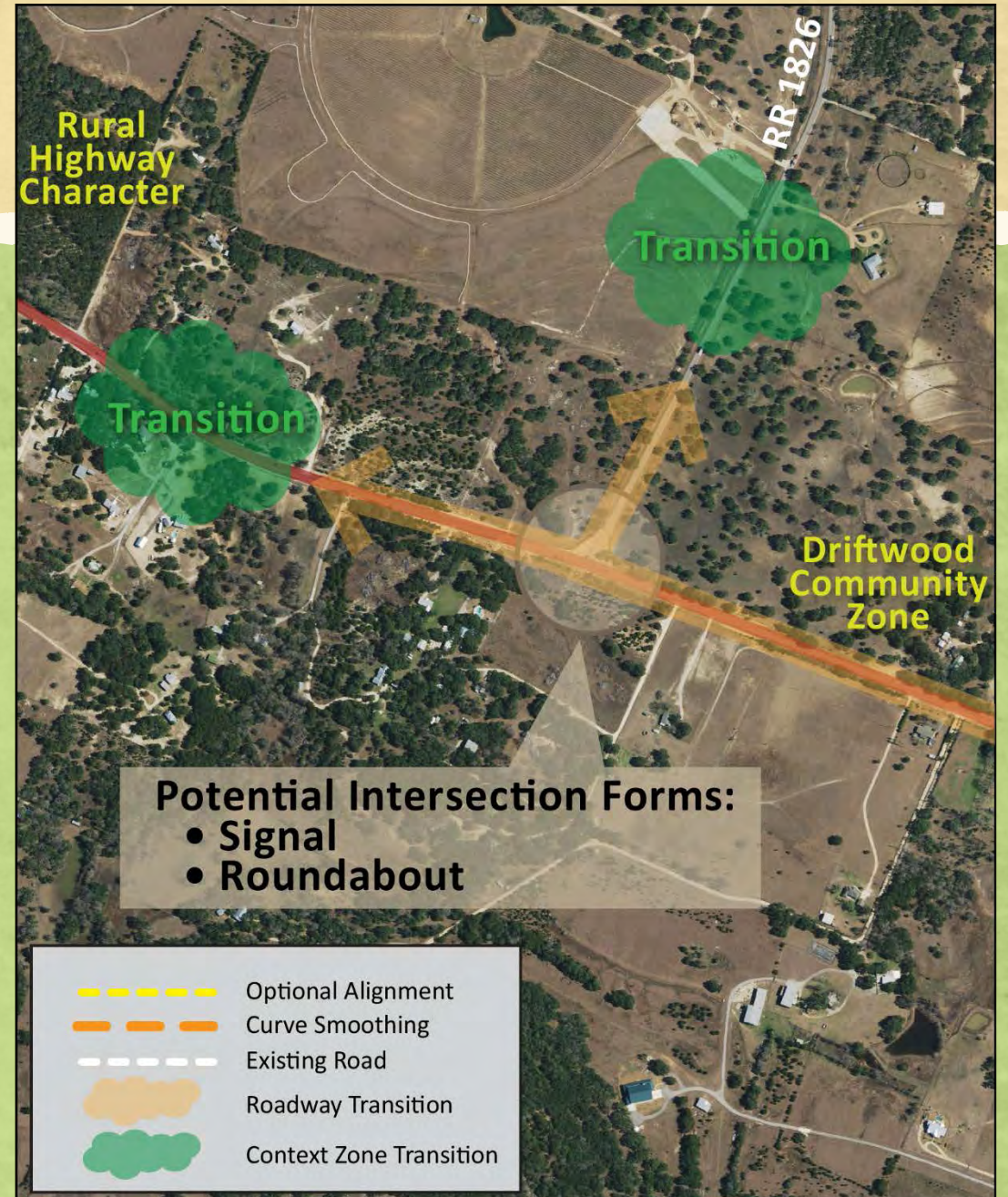
- Existing roadways and new alignment
- Intersection forms
- Cross-section



# FM 1826 to RR 12

## Considerations:

- Transition zones
- Gateway treatments
- Target speed
- Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations
- Intersection forms
- Signage





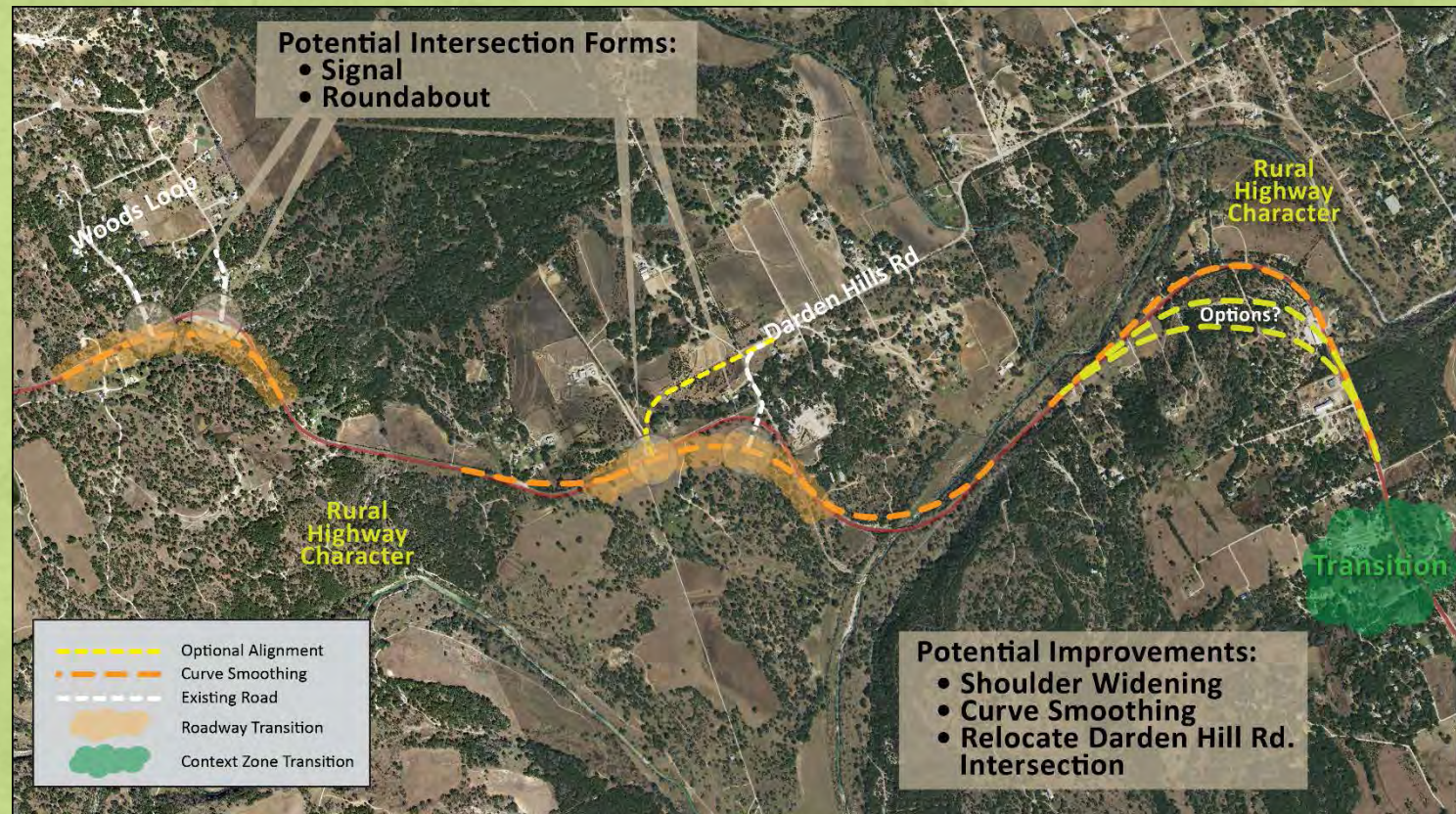
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## Potential Improvements:

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- Super-two section on ends of corridor

## Considerations:

- Target speed
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- Signage
- Delineation

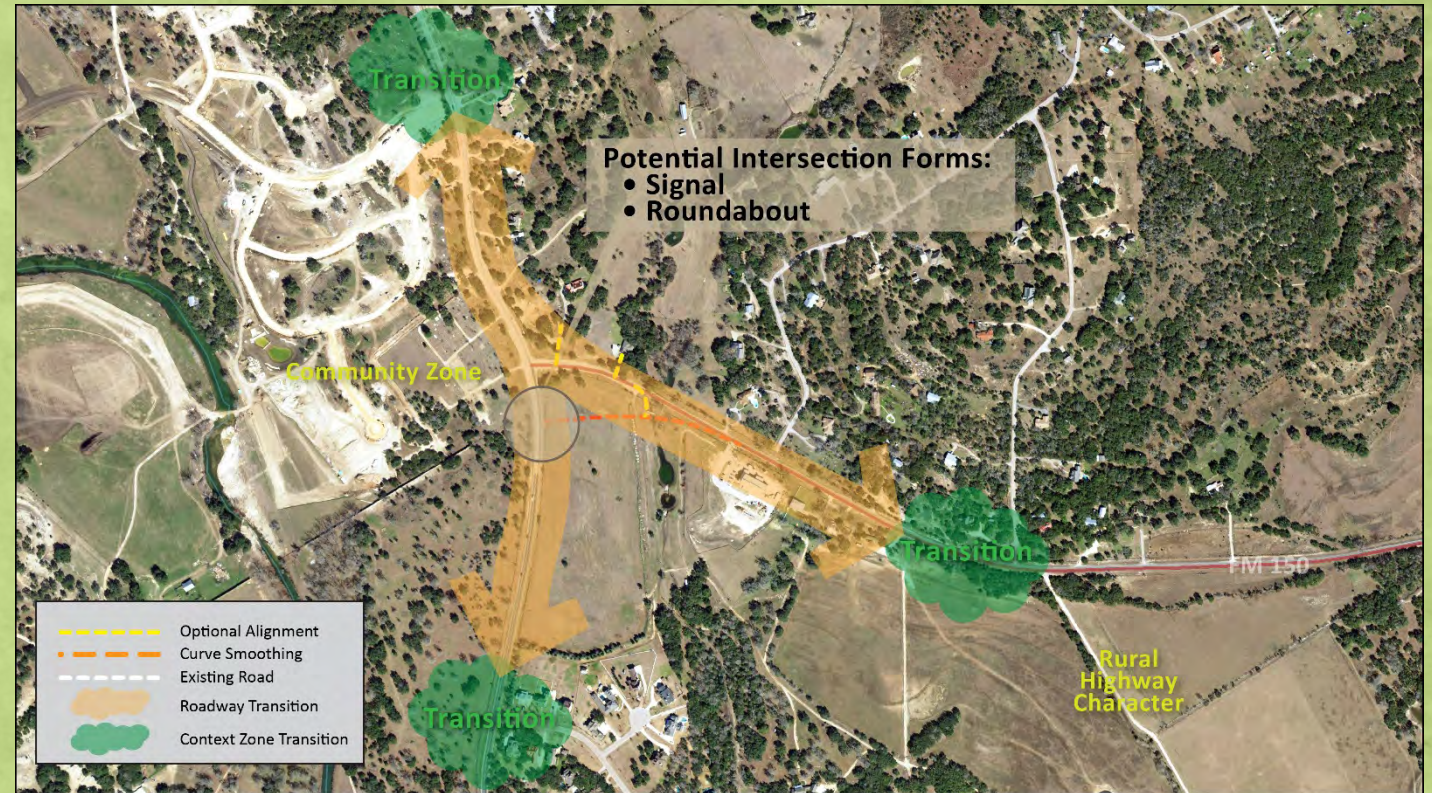




# FM 1826 to RR 12

## Considerations:

- Transition zones
- Gateway treatments
- Target speed
- Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations
- Intersection forms
- Signage





# PLANNING EXERCISE

- Maps of corridor divided by segment
- Provide your input on considerations shown at each station





# NEXT STEPS

- Review feedback received tonight
- Refine concepts for Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 and proposed bypass route, considering:
  - Updated traffic counts and crash data
  - Updated human and natural environmental constraint data
  - Feedback from planning exercise
  - Refined base mapping
- Next public meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2017



# QUESTIONS

Let's take 10-20 minutes for questions



# STAYING IN TOUCH

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with Email Updates in the subject line

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Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237





FM 150

FM 150

FM 3237

Transition

Transition

Transition



# Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237

➔ **Target speed:** what speed would you like to target on this segment?  
*Put dot by speed:*

45 mph

50 mph

55 mph

Other?

➔ **Delineation:** where might delineation be helpful to indicate curves in the roadway or intersections?



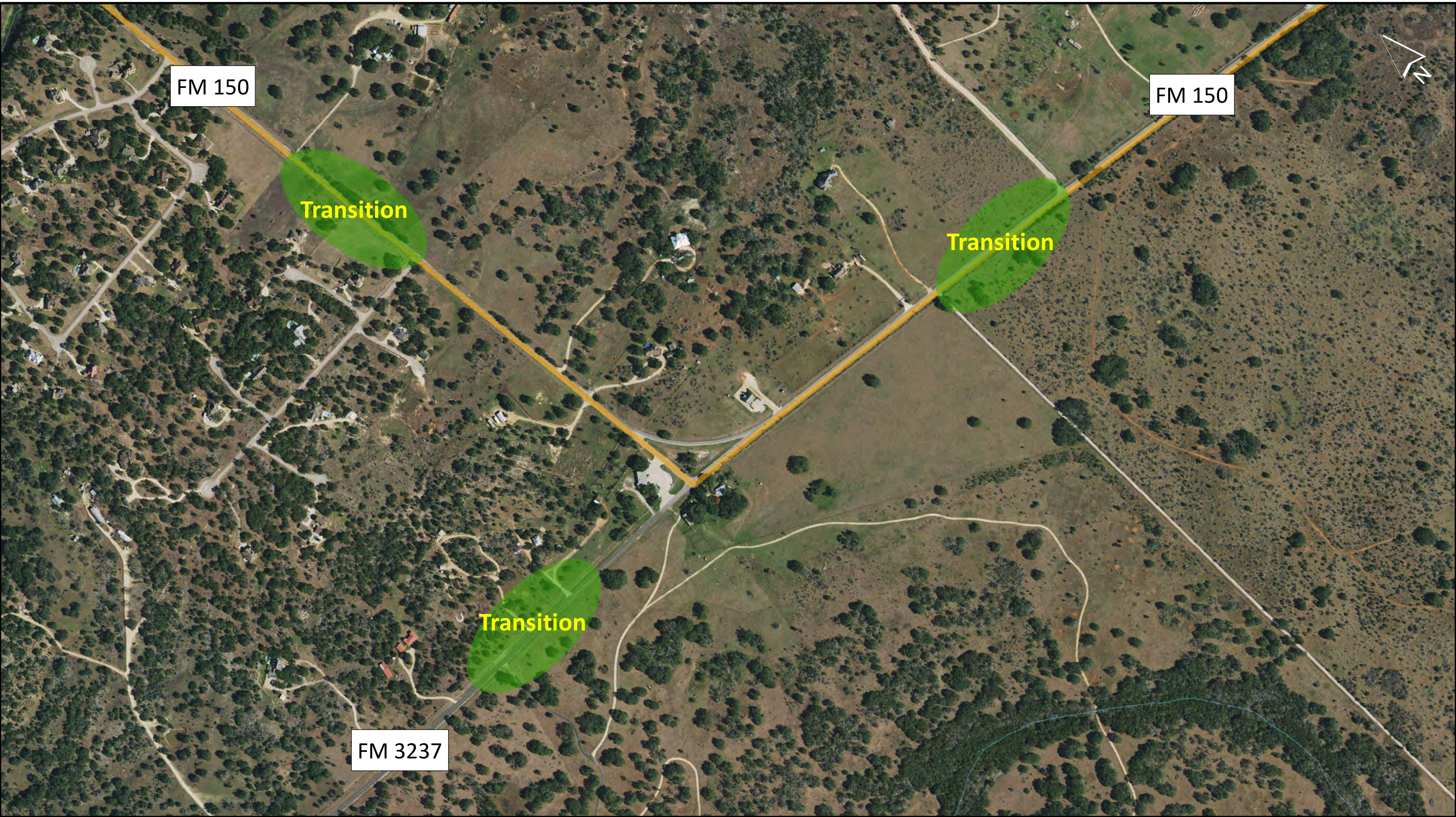
➔ **Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations:** are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer to see a wider paved shoulder or separated path?



➔ **Signage:** would you like to see historic, directional, or business signage? Where?







FM 150

FM 150

FM 3237

Transition

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Transition





# Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 - Intersection of FM 3237

➡ **Target speed:** what speed would you like to target at the community zone?

*Put dot by speed:*

25 mph

30 mph

35 mph

45 mph

Other?

➡ **Gateway treatments:** what gateway treatments are you interested seeing?

*Examples include signage, landscaping, change in cross-section to include median/curbing*



➡ **Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations:** are there desired crossing locations?

➡ **Signage:** would you like to see historic, directional, or business signage? Where?





# Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 - Intersection of FM 3237

- ➔ **Intersection form:** are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal or roundabout?

*The traffic control is also influenced by traffic volumes and national warrants.*

- ➔ **Intersection alignment:** are you interested in maintaining the turn on FM 150 or realigning the intersection?





## Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 Station

### Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237

#### Target Speed

What speed would you like to target on this segment? Circle one: 45 mph, 50 mph, 55 mph, Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Comments

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#### Delineation

Where might delineation be helpful to indicate curves in the roadway or intersections?

#### Comments

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#### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer a wider paved shoulder or a separated path?

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#### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

#### Comments

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## Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 Station

### Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 – Intersection of FM 3237

#### Target Speed

What speed would you like to target at the community zone? 25 mph, 30 mph, 35 mph, 45 mph, Other

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#### Comments

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#### Gateway Treatments

What gateway treatments are you interested in seeing? (Examples include: signage, landscaping, change in cross-section to include median/curbing)

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#### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are there desired crossing locations?

#### Comments

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#### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

#### Comments

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## Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 Station

Intersection of FM 3237

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

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Are you interested in maintaining the turn on FM 150 or realigning the intersection?

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Optional:

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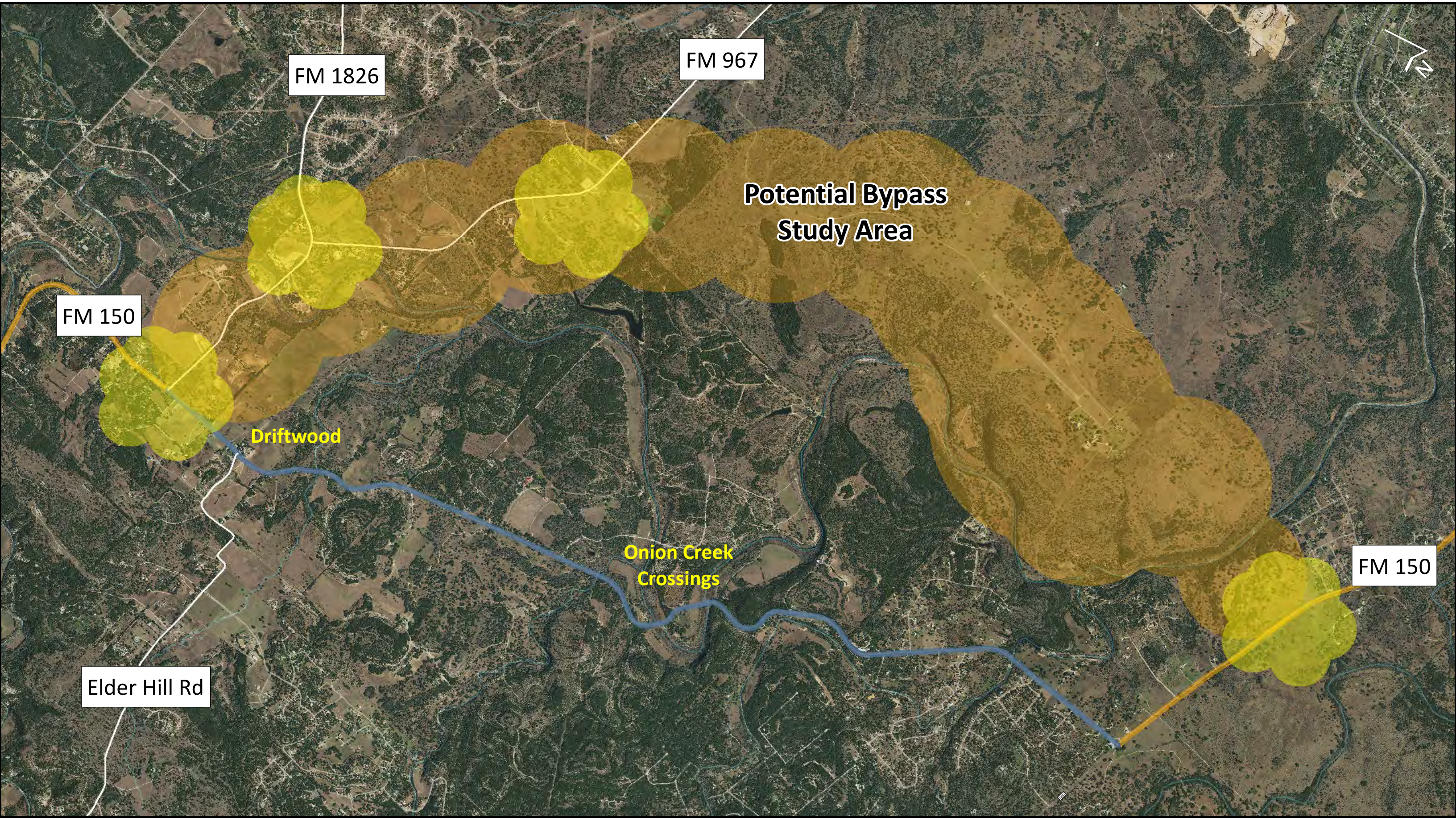
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# Potential Bypass





FM 1826

FM 967

Potential Bypass  
Study Area

FM 150

Driftwood

Onion Creek  
Crossings

Elder Hill Rd

FM 150



# Bypass

➔ **Target speed:** what speed would you like to target on this segment?

*Put dot by speed:*

**45 mph**

**50 mph**

**55 mph**

**Other?**

➔ **Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations:** are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer to see a wider paved shoulder or separated path?



➔ **Cross-section:** what cross-sectional elements are you interested in?

*Examples include curb, paved shoulders, gravel shoulders, landscaping*



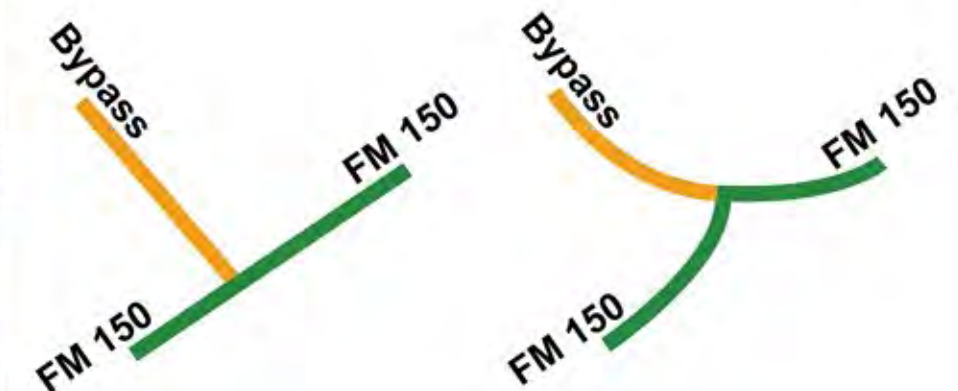
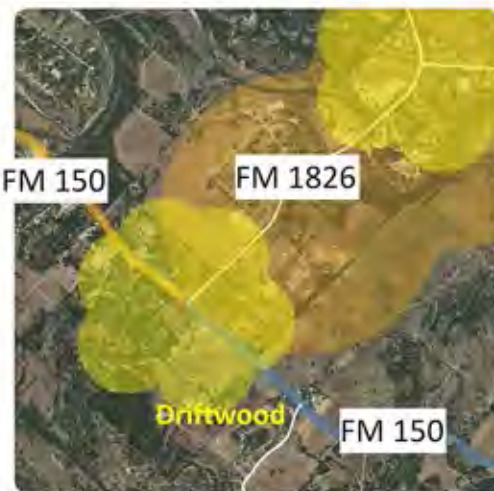
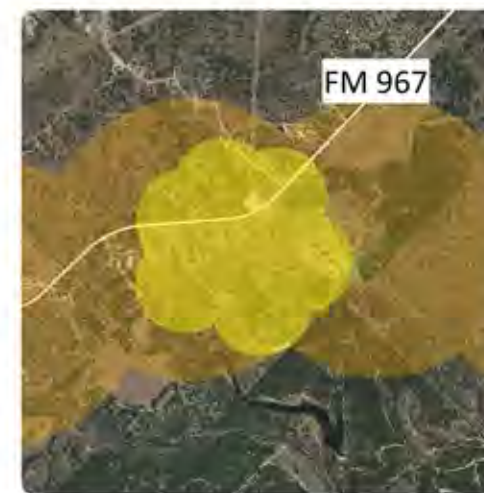
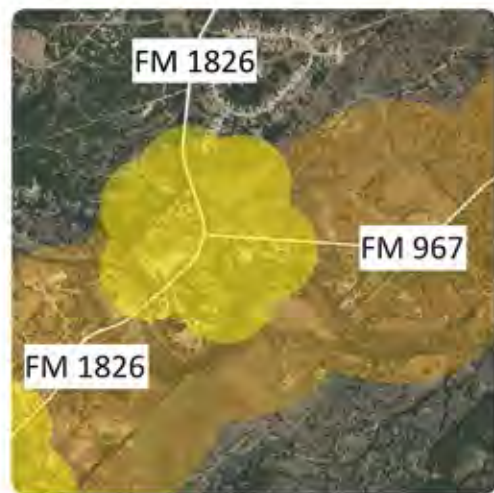


# Bypass

- ➔ **Intersection form:** are you interested in stop control, traffic signals or roundabouts on the bypass?

*The traffic control is also influenced by traffic volumes and national warrants.*

- ➔ **Intersection Alignments:** do you want the roadway alignment at these intersections to direct drivers to use the bypass by altering the intersection alignment?





## Bypass Station

### Target Speed

What speed would you like to target on this segment? Circle one: 45 mph, 50 mph, 55 mph, Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Comments

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### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer to see a paved wider shoulder or a separated path?

### Comments

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### Cross-section

What cross-sectional elements are you interested in? (Examples include: curb, paved shoulders, gravel shoulders, landscaping)

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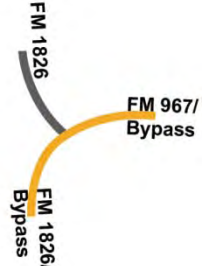
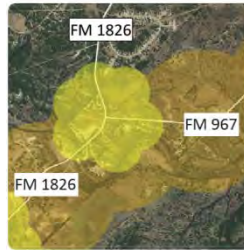
## Bypass Station

### Intersection of FM 1826 and FM 967/Bypass

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Do you want the roadway alignment to direct drivers to use the bypass by altering the intersection alignment?

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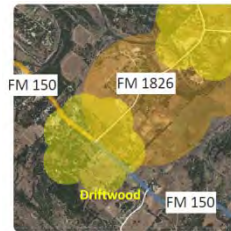


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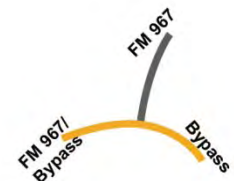
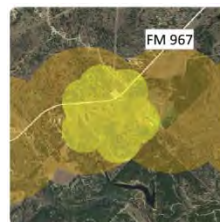


### Intersection of FM 967 and Bypass

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Do you want the roadway alignment to direct drivers to use the bypass by altering the intersection alignment?

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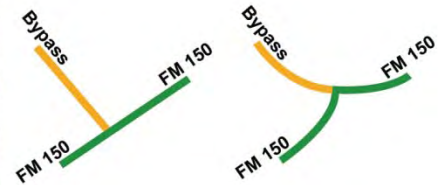
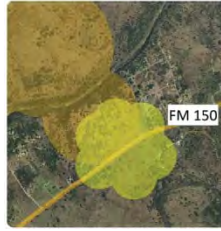


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Intersection of FM 150 and Bypass

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Do you want the roadway alignment to direct drivers to use the bypass by altering the intersection alignment?



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_



FM 1826 to RR 12





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150

1826

967



# FM 1826 to RR 12

➔ **Target speed:** what speed would you like to target on this segment?  
*Put dot by speed:*

45 mph

50 mph

55 mph

Other?

➔ **Delineation:** where might delineation be helpful to indicate curves in the roadway or intersections?



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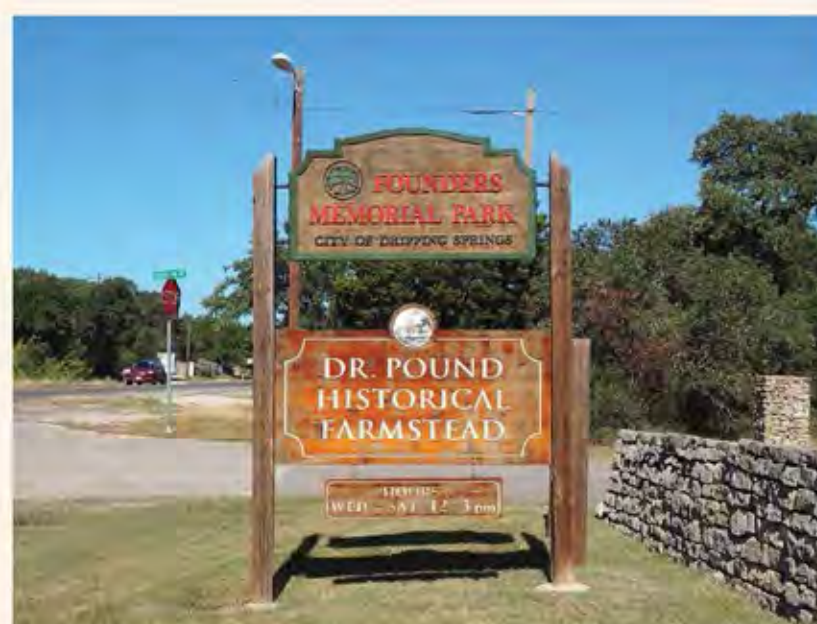


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➔ **Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations:** are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer to see a wider paved shoulder or separated path?



➔ **Signage:** would you like to see historic, directional, or business signage? Where?





# FM 1826 to RR 12

- ➔ **Darden Hill Rd Alignment:** are you interested in adjusting the alignment of Darden Hill Road to a straighter section of FM 150?
- ➔ **Intersection form:** are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal or roundabout?  
*The traffic control is also influenced by traffic volumes and national warrants.*







Transition

Transition

Transition

RR 12

FM 150



# FM 1826 to RR 12 - Intersection of RR 12

➔ **Target speed:** what speed would you like to target at the community zone?

*Put dot by speed:*

25 mph

30 mph

35 mph

45 mph

Other?

➔ **Gateway treatments:** what gateway treatments are you interested seeing?

*Examples include signage, landscaping, change in cross-section to include median/curbing*



➔ **Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations:** are there desired crossing locations?

➔ **Signage:** would you like to see historic, directional, or business signage? Where?





# FM 1826 to RR 12 - Intersection of RR 12

➔ **Intersection form:** are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal or roundabout?

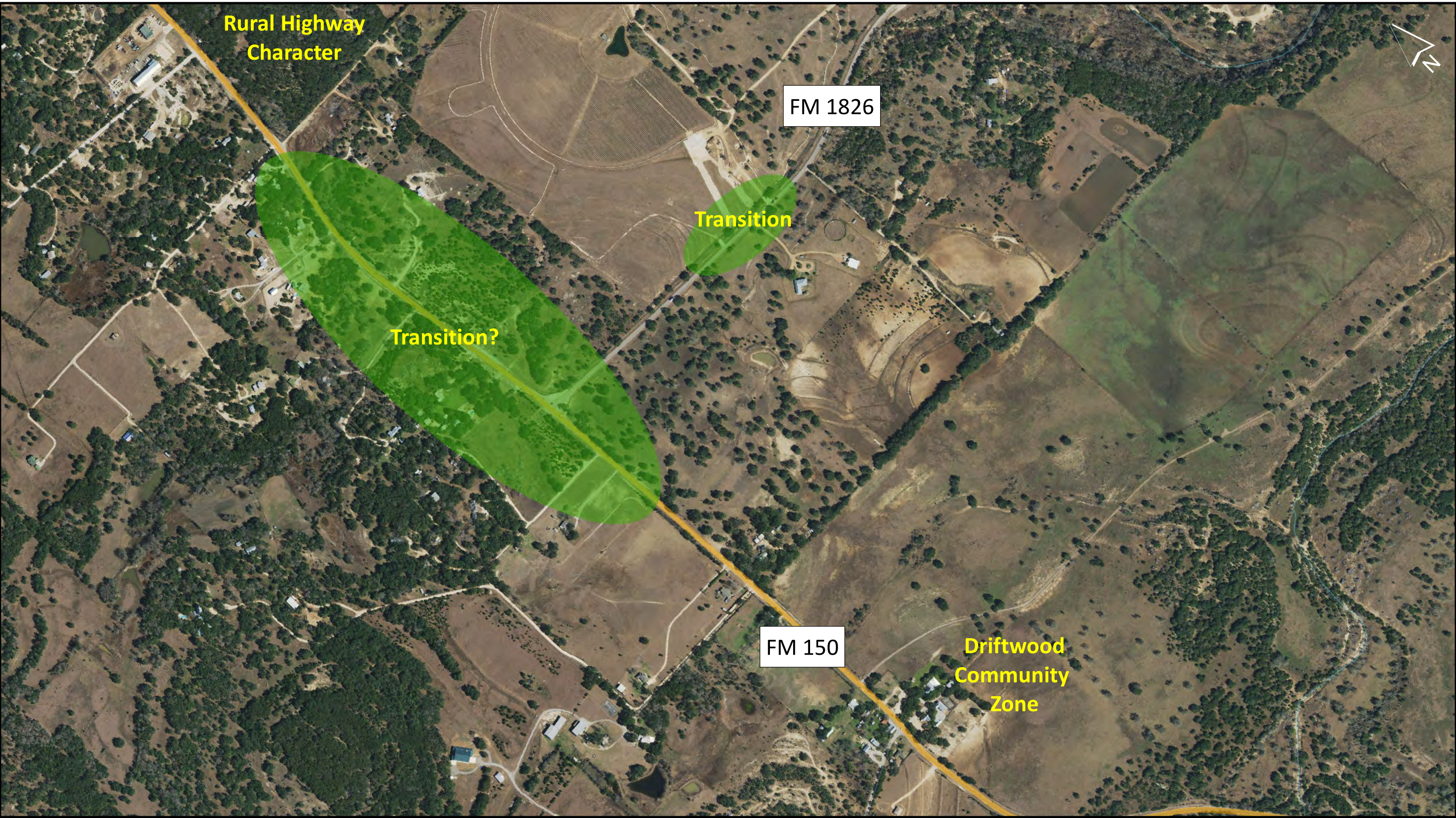
*The traffic control is also influenced by traffic volumes and national warrants.*

*Realigning the intersection would provide more space to accommodate an upgraded intersection.*

*A concept showing the potential realignment is provided below:*







Rural Highway  
Character

FM 1826

Transition

Transition?

FM 150

Driftwood  
Community  
Zone



# FM 1826 to RR 12 - Intersection of FM 1826

➔ **Target speed:** what speed would you like to target at the intersection of FM 1826?

*Put dot by speed:*

25 mph

30 mph

35 mph

45 mph

Other?

➔ **Target speed:** what speed would you like to target approaching Driftwood?

*Put dot by speed:*

25 mph

30 mph

35 mph

45 mph

Other?

➔ **Driftwood Community Zone:** where do you feel the Driftwood Community Zone starts?  
Should the transition occur north or south of 1826?





# FM 1826 to RR 12 - Intersection of FM 1826

- ➔ **Intersection form:** are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal or roundabout?

*The traffic control is also influenced by traffic volumes and national warrants.*

- ➔ **Gateway treatments:** what gateway treatments are you interested seeing?

*Examples include signage, landscaping, change in cross-section to include median/curbing*



- ➔ **Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations:** are there desired crossing locations?

- ➔ **Signage:** would you like to see historic, directional, or business signage? Where?





## FM 1826 to RR 12

### Target Speed

What speed would you like to target on this segment? Circle one: 45 mph, 50 mph, 55 mph, Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

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### Delineation

Where might delineation be helpful to indicate curves in the roadway or intersections?

Comments

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### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are these a priority along the segment? If so, would you prefer to see a wider paved shoulder or a separated path?

Comments

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### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

Comments

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## FM 1826 to RR 12 Station

### Darden Hill Road Alignment

Are you interested in adjusting the alignment of Darden Hill Road to a straighter section of FM 150?

Comments

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### Intersection of Darden Hill Road and FM 150

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Comments

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Potential Intersection Alignment



## FM 1826 to RR 12 Station

### Intersection of FM 1826

#### Target Speed – Intersection of FM 1826

What speed would you like to target at the intersection of FM 1826? Circle one: 25 mph, 30 mph, 35 mph, 45mph, Other\_\_\_\_\_

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#### Target Speed – Approaching Driftwood

What speed would you like to target approaching Driftwood? Circle one: 25 mph, 30 mph, 35 mph, 45 mph, Other\_\_\_\_\_

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### Driftwood Community Zone

Where do you feel the Driftwood Community Zone starts? Should the transition occur north or south of 1826?

Comments

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### Intersection of FM 1826

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Comments

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### Gateway Treatments

What gateway treatments are you interested in seeing? (Examples include: signage, landscaping, change in cross-section to include median/curbing)

Comments

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## FM 1826 to RR 12 Station

### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are there desired crossing locations?

Comments

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### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

Comments

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## FM 1826 to RR 12 Station

### Intersection of RR 12

#### Target Speed – Intersection of RR 12

What speed would you like to target on this segment? Circle one: 25 mph, 30 mph, 35 mph, 45 mph, Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Gateway Treatments

What gateway treatments are you interested in seeing? (Examples include: signage, landscaping, change in cross-section to include median/curbing)

Comments

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### Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian Accommodations

Are there desired crossing locations?

Comments

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### Signage

Would you like to see historical, directional, or business signage? Where?

Comments

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### Intersection of RR 12

Are you interested in stop control, a traffic signal, or roundabout?

Comments

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## FM 1826 to RR 12 Station

Optional:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **SECTION 2**

### July 2017 Meeting Report



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# FM 150 West Character Plan Public Meeting Summary

July 11, 2017





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## Introduction

Over the past two and a half years, Hays County has worked closely with the community to develop the FM 150 Character Plan. On Tuesday, July 11, 2017 the County hosted a public meeting to share background information about The Character Plan and the public involvement process, concepts for the roadway, and the next steps in the preparation of the final Nature & Character Master Plan. The meeting provided the opportunity for community members to visit with the project team and provide feedback on concepts for the corridor.

## Public Meeting Details

**Date:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Dripping Springs High School  
940 US 290  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

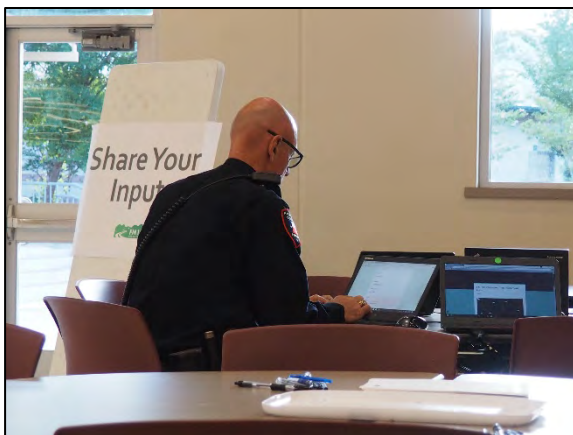


*Public Meeting – July 11, 2017*

**Format:** The meeting was an open house format, during which attendees were able to view large format concept maps of the corridor, visit with project team members, and share their input and questions. Corridor maps included concepts for the South Section (Arroyo Ranch Road to FM 3237), the North Section (FM 1826 to RM 12), and Upgrade Sections (FM 967 and FM 1826), as well as concepts and a potential location for a Bypass. A short welcome and introduction was shared at 6:15 p.m.

**Attendance:** 71 members of the public signed in at this meeting.

**Gathering Input:** Attendees were able to share input by writing comments directly on the maps or submitting written comments through comment cards or an online comment form. Comments would also be accepted by mail or email after the meeting until July 26, 2017.



*Written and online comment station*



*Mapped comments on corridor maps*



## Notices and Advertisement of the Public Meeting

The following methods were used to contact and inform stakeholders of the FM 150 Character Plan Public Meeting:

### Direct Mail

A postcard notification with meeting details was mailed to 554 property owners along FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch Road to RM 12, and along the potential bypass route on June 16, 2017.



Postcard Notification

### Published Notifications

Advertisements were published in the following newspapers:

- *Hays Free Press* on June 21, 2017 and July 5, 2017
- *Hays News Dispatch* on June 22, 2017, and June 29, 2017

### Email Notifications

Email notifications with meeting details were distributed to individuals who requested to be included on the mailing list on the following dates:

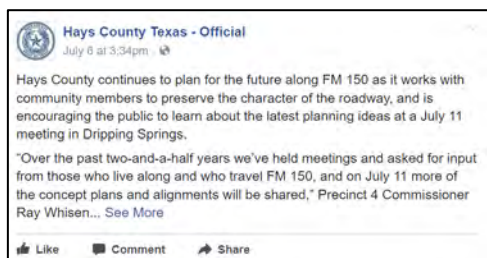
- June 20, 2017 – sent to 478 stakeholders
- July 7, 2017 – sent to 478 stakeholders



Display Advertisement

### Additional Outreach

- A media release was distributed by the County to local media outlets on June 30, 2017
- Meeting details were also published on Hays County Facebook and Twitter accounts on July 6, 2017
- The meeting announcement was published on the [www.improvefm150.com](http://www.improvefm150.com) webpage on May 15, 2017



July 6, 2017 Facebook Post



July 6, 2017 Twitter Post



June 30, 2017 Media Release



## Public Comments

The public was asked to submit their comments through written or online comment forms, using the mapping exercise at the meeting, or by mail or email before July 26, 2017 to be included with this meeting summary report.

Email notifications were sent to share information about meeting materials and to remind stakeholders to submit input during the official comment period on the dates listed below. Due to subscriber preferences and bounce-backs, two stakeholders were removed from the updates list.

- July 12, 2017 – sent to 501 stakeholders
- July 24, 2017 – sent to 499 stakeholders

A total of 79 comments were received during the open comment period. Of these comments, 59 were provided on the map at the public meeting and 20 written comments were received through comment cards, the online comment form, or through email. Below is a summary of the common themes identified from the input received. (Table 1)

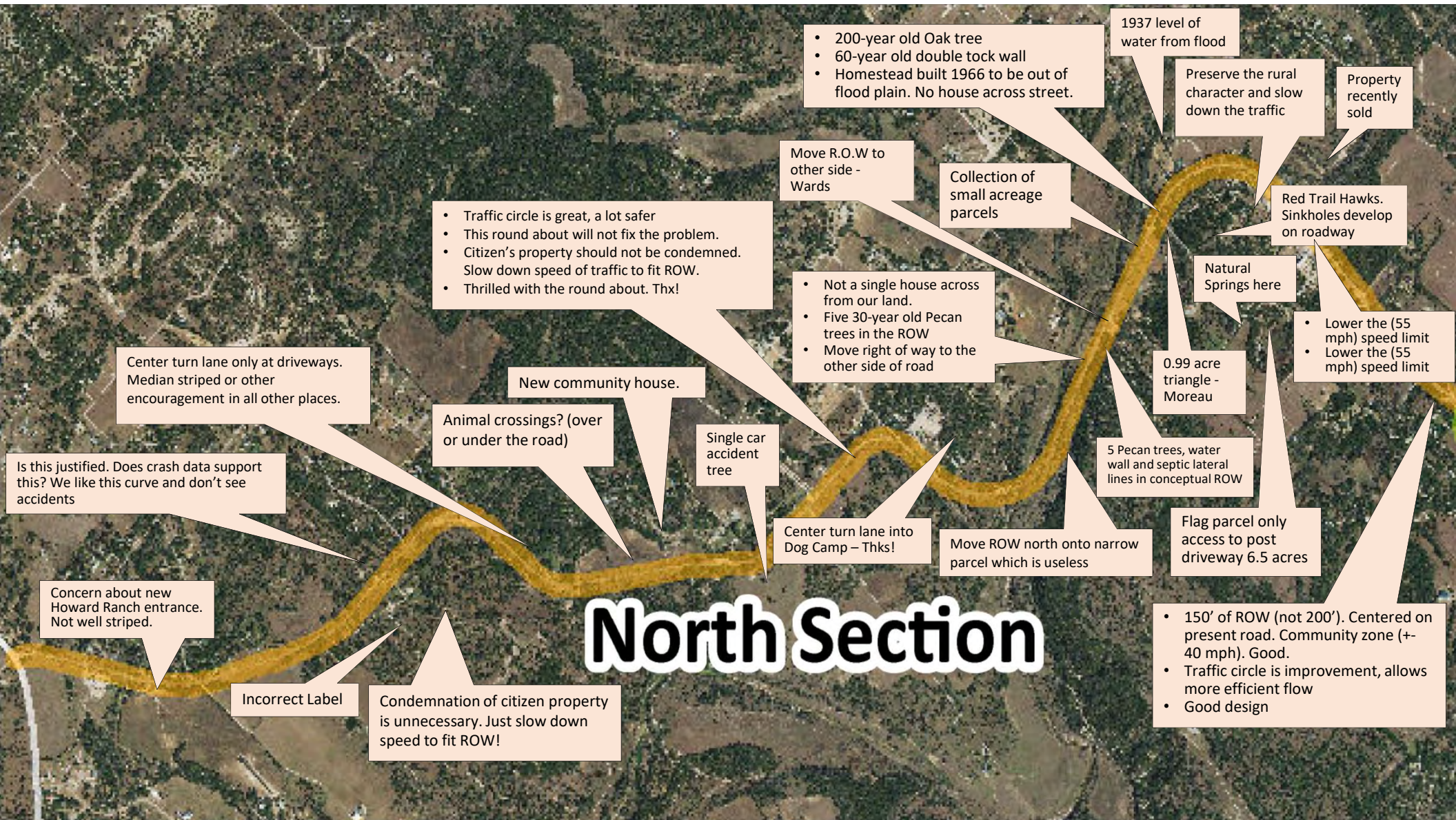
Table 1: Common Themes from Input	
Additional and corrected labels	Desire for landscaping
Belief sections of project are unnecessary	Desire to utilize City of Austin property
Comment on size, ownership, and conditions of existing parcels	Desire to protect the environment and natural resources
Concern about development and water usage	Desire to keep rural character
Concern for cost	Desire to save trees
Concern for impacts to utilities	Flooding concerns
Concern for increased crime due to pedestrian facilities	Opposition to project
Concern for insufficient environmental studies	Opposition to roundabouts
Concern for personal property	Outside project limits
Concern for protecting the environment and wildlife	Request for more information on specific areas
Support for improved turning options	Safety concerns
Concern pedestrian facilities will not be used	Slower speed
Concern roundabouts will cause confusion	Suggestion for alternate traffic routes
Concern proposed right of way is too big	Support for concepts presented
Concern with maintaining natural landscape/historical improvements	Concern for safe access to driveways and side streets with appropriate road markings
Desire for animal crossings	Support for public Involvement process
Desire for bike lanes/pedestrian facilities	Support for project
Desire for improved safety	Support for roundabouts
Desire for left turn at FM 150 and Darden Hill	Support for signalized intersections

The mapped comments are included on the following pages in Exhibit 1 - North Section, Exhibit 2 - South Section, and Exhibit 3 - Upgrade Sections and Bypass Study Area. Following the mapped comments exhibits are the detailed comments received on the comment form by section, as well as the complete emailed comments.



## Exhibit 1 - Mapped Comments

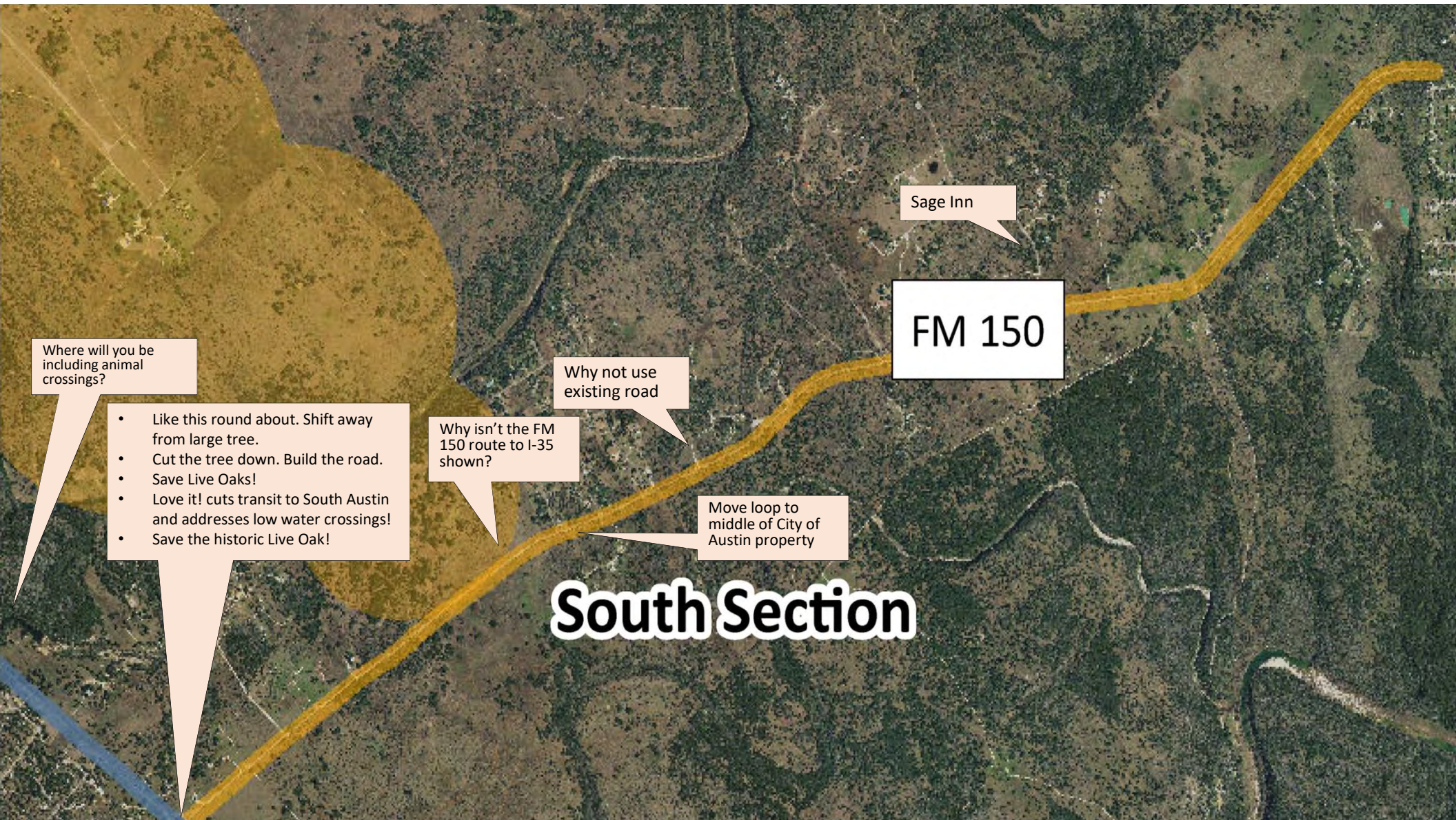
### North Section - FM 1826 to RM 12





## Exhibit 2 - Mapped Comments

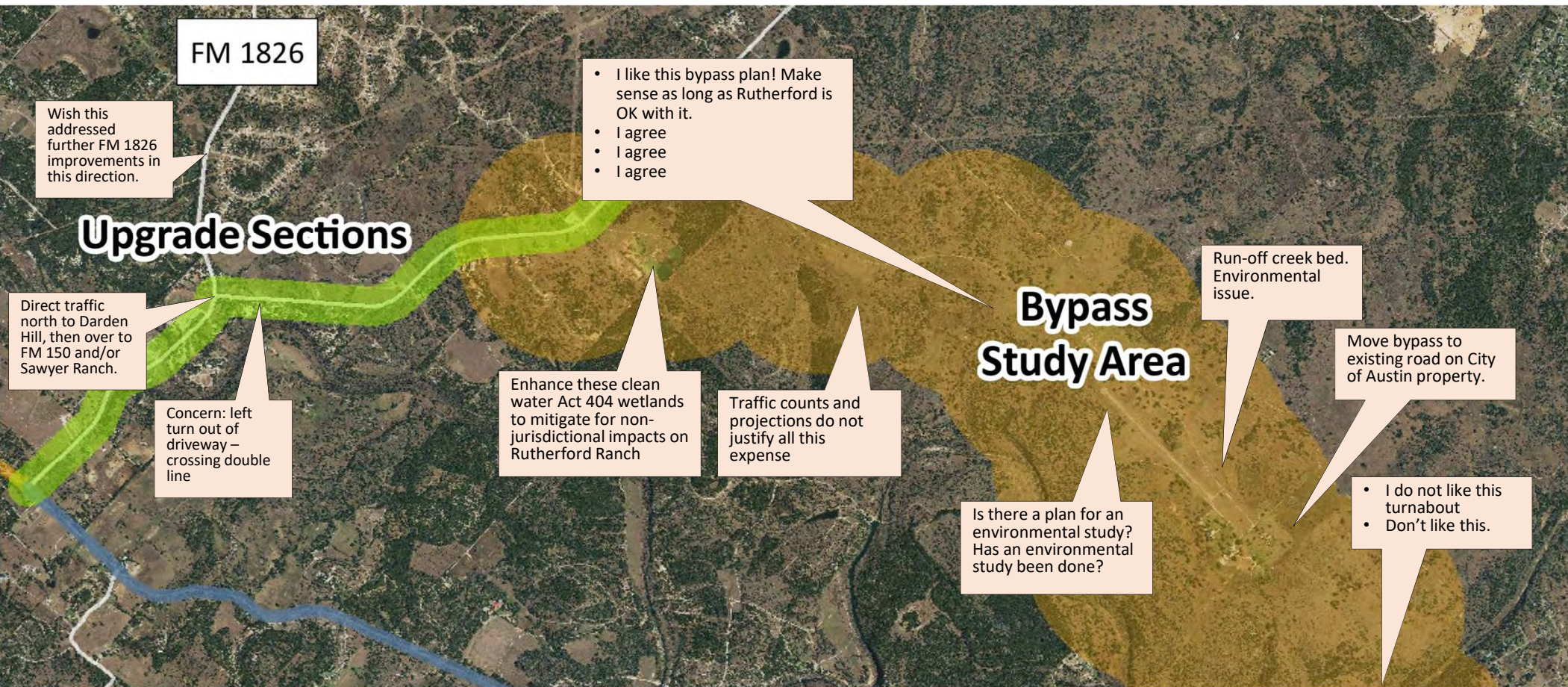
South Section - Arroyo Ranch Rd. to FM 3237





## Exhibit 3 - Mapped Comments

Bypass & Upgrade Sections - FM 967 and FM 1826





## North Section – FM 1826 to RM 12 – Input Received

Are there any priorities you would like the County to consider in the short and/or long-term for the proposed concepts and alignments?

Comments
When you extend Wood Loop to the "new" 150 please LANDSCAPE the extension. Right now the land immediately surrounding the proposed extension is a dump, literally. The area would make a nice place for an entrance sign to Dripping Springs, like there is on RR 12 north of 290.
A new left turn lane on FM 150 at Darden Hill Rd.
Please provide bike lanes from RM12 to at least Charro Ranch Park
In the Community areas designated, I don't feel like it needs to have walkways. In your survey it showed how there weren't any pedestrians on it. I don't think sidewalks would help. People are not going to start walking on it just because there is a sidewalk. This is a country road.
Also not quite sure why you are wanting to improve a road already in the flood plain.
By creating a bike path and sidewalk, has the county considered the increased potential for inviting crime into residential areas, the more sparse residential areas?
I really, really like the idea of a large round-a-bout at the Darden Hill and FM 150 intersection.
Shoulders and a single turn lane
Creating turn lanes in areas with residential entrances. Allow for cyclist to safely use the roadway(bike lanes). Do not make changes to Darden Hill Road, it has the same character as Elder Hill Road. Cars and trucks are already speeding down Darden Hill Road which is a residential area.
I would prefer to keep FM150 as it is.
Improving safety and protecting the environment

Do you have any additional comments on the proposed concepts and alignments for this section?

Comments
The new path here of 150 will be much safer. Thanks.
The only change needed for the intersection of Darden Hill Rd. and FM 150 is a left turn lane on FM 150. The existing Intersection sight distances are good, and there is no need to make the suggested very disruptive relocation of the intersection to the west, where the sight distances are not as good.
Question-will this road improve the property values or decrease them? Will we have to pass a Bond Package to pay for it? So, is it possible that the values would increase (and raising my taxes) and the bond would also increase my taxes? A double whammy for losing part of my property?
When are the residents who are losing property under this proposed concept going to be notified of their impending loss?
Just please try to save the big lovely oak trees.
Your plan for the intersection at RR 12 & FM 150 would change the character of the entire area. We have a plan of development in keeping with the character of the community. The Howard Ranch POA stands opposed to your design as it has since its inception. The intersection can be improved in the existing ROW.
Traffic from IH35 will be encouraged to bypass Austin and cut through our beautiful Hill Country. Please focus on allocating funds for land conservation to preserve the integrity of the Hill Country, protect our wildlife and keep our waterways safe from runoff, trash and pollution.



## South Section - Arroyo Ranch Rd. to FM 323 – Input Received

Are there any priorities you would like the County to consider in the short and/or long-term for the proposed concepts and alignments?

Comments
At the location off of FM150 going north, why put bypass by property owners versus going through the middle of the City of Austin property? We as land owners moved to the country to get away from the traffic, not to have traffic in our backyard! There is also a natural creek bed on the east side of my property that is right where the loop is proposed? Think about the natural environment please!!! Put the loop in the middle of the property!
FM 150 W(9700-10,500) this portion of FM 150 West is a straight section of road, when the cars get to this part it is dangerous now, people pass now so much. We have had accidents at Sierra West. I even had a Lowes delivery truck hit my gatepost due to the fact no one will slow down.
Improving safety and protecting the environment

Do you have any additional comments on the proposed concepts and alignments for this section?

Comments
At the location off of FM150 going north, why put bypass by property owners versus going through the middle of the City of Austin property? We as land owners moved to the country to get away from the traffic, not to have traffic in our backyard! The roundabout on FM150 at FM3237 is a great idea but, the one east of that intersection is useless and will cause more confusion and accidents on a major road like FM150!
Please consider a shoulder improvement or middle turn lane.
The only thing the County should do is identify safety hotspots and address those with appropriate signage and additional turn lanes, as needed. Do not expand or build new roads. This area goes through the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone and Recharge Zone, where many of us get our drinking water. Additionally, more road capacity will just lead to more development and hence traffic and safety issues. Keep the Hill Country rural for those of us who moved here for the rural feel and natural beauty. I'd rather have to drive a little further than live in a suburb.



## Bypass & Upgrade Sections - FM 967 and FM 1826 – Input Received

Are there any priorities you would like the County to consider in the short and/or long-term for the proposed concepts and alignments?

Comments
no, upgrade to FM967 is outstanding
Lessen the amount of "shared use" next to the vehicle lanes

Do you have any additional comments on the proposed concepts and alignments for this section?

Comments
Why not extend 1826 across FM 150 where they meet...all the way to County Road 193 which runs to RR12? It's a straight shot across 150 to CR 193/RR12, there's already a 50' wide easement on CR 193 for "future road expansion", and CR193 is a paved road. You would bypass the Driftwood Conservation area, and all those people trying to get to Wimberley would have a straight shot to RR12. Less right of way to purchase/acquire, and road easement in place. It makes sense.



## General Comment for Entire Corridor – Input Received

Are there any priorities you would like the County to consider in the short and/or long-term for the proposed concepts and alignments?

Comments
Yes, I'd like for the decision on roundabouts vs signaling to be made. As a commuter through the area, I'd prefer a signal at these typical intersections and not the roundabouts. I understand the difference of the two concepts, but if the idea is to move the traffic (i.e. - commuters) through the area then the concept of forced reduction in speed does not make sense and rather your typical timed TxDOT intersection is better.
We have attended many meetings and given comments there, but one additional important comment occurs to us now: oak wilt is a major potential problem throughout the area. Please be sure that a trained arborist completely familiar with this problem oversees the work of those who do the clearing and pruning that will be necessary.
Continue the thorough and inclusive process. Please, please save the line Oaks at the triangle in front of Hays City Cafe and Mad Rooster. Relocate the trees at the least. Thank you
Save the Live Oak at the 3237 and FM 150 intersection-potentially shift the inner circle to encompass the live oak.
Please keep safety in mind.
Water! Water has been a problem in this area for a long time; increased development will only exacerbated that problem. And the karst geology of the area makes septic a problem as well. I have heard nothing about this in the meetings. We realize that this project is about the road itself, but where is the broader context?
Creating turn lanes in areas with residential entrances. Allow for cyclist to safely use the roadway(bike lanes). Do not make changes to Darden Hill Road, it has the same character as Elder Hill Road. Cars and trucks are already speeding down Darden Hill Road which is a residential area.
I would prefer to keep FM150 as it is.

Do you have any additional comments on the proposed concepts and alignments for this section?

Comments
I'd like to know more about the need for the C&G sections. I'd also like to know more about the future tie-in locations for spur streets into Dripping Springs such as Darden Hill and future ROW through or near the Preserve subdivision.
If safety is your main concern I beg you to please eliminate any plans for a round about. These would be very dangerous at the speed in which people drive on these roads. Also, please consider a bike lane or paved trail.
It is obviously good to take into account environmental considerations, HOWEVER in studying the map of potential golden-cheeked warbler habitat, I see a place that I know has golden cheeks (and has for at least a decade, in Rolling Oaks) is mapped as "potential low quality habitat". Even though that specific area is not part of the study area, it indicates that environmental studies done may be insufficient.
Traffic from IH35 will be encouraged to bypass Austin and cut through our beautiful Hill Country. Please focus on allocating funds for land conservation to preserve the integrity of the Hill Country, protect our wildlife and keep our waterways safe from runoff, trash and pollution.



## Input Received Outside of Comment Period

### Comments

Dear Citizens Advisory Panel:

I am writing to you to ask that you please reconsider the location of the proposed bypass from FM 150 W to FM 967. I own and live on the property at 7900 W FM 150. My house is directly west to the City of Austin property. I have lived on this property for 20 years and have seen the growth and increased traffic that has occurred on FM 150. There are a number of concerns that I have with regards to the proposed bypass.

1. Putting a road through the City of Austin property defeats the purpose of the intent of that land to preserve and protect a sensitive natural resource that we should all be concerned about for our future: water. I believe Kevin Thuesen's presentation spoke highly of the need for us to preserve and protect Barton Springs.

2. Over the years, growth on FM 150 has increased and traffic has become increasingly difficult to maneuver. There are certain times of the day that it is difficult to get out of my driveway. I agree that we need to make FM 150 a safer road for everyone. However, I can't imagine how this bypass if approved would increase the noise level for my home. Not only will there be the traffic noise on FM 150 but the road location next to my home would incur noise from the bypass. I would be cornered in with FM 150 to the South and the proposed bypass to the East of my home.

3. Even if the city of Austin were to agree to allowing a road to cut through their property, there is a safety concern for the placement of the bypass. There have been numerous accidents on FM 150 and even a death occurred in front of my home. There is a blind spot at where you are proposing to put a road, which would create more danger for the traffic on FM 150.

I am not against growth and am all for road maintenance and solutions to help with traffic, however I feel the need to speak up for those that would be impacted by ideas that this committee is proposing. Water and water quality should be at the top of your list.....not building more roads that would impact property owners that they have built homes on.

I would like for you to ask yourself, if you owned property and a road was being proposed to go right next to it with increased traffic and noise...would you be concerned? Would you also want to impact our valuable water resources for the sake of a road? I appreciate the thought to create a safer system for the citizens in future years. However, there must be a solution that will be agreeable to all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lee Rickman



I am a current property owner and soon to be resident in Howard Ranch. The plan to expand Hwy 150 and add a roundabout is not something I bargained for when considering a move from Houston. 12 is already a busy road and will get busier as Caliterra and the area get built out. A roundabout will only add to congestion and confusion, and bring unwanted expansion and traffic along 150. 290 is already a major thoroughfare and better suited to move traffic through Dripping Springs.



# Appendix A

## Meeting Notifications



# Classifieds

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## Employment

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## Public Notices

## FM150 CHARACTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 6-8 p.m.  
Dripping Springs High School - Cafeteria  
940 US 290, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Attend a public meeting to review the concepts and alignments proposed for the FM 150 Character Plan from Arroyo Ranch Road outside of Kyle to HWY 12 in Dripping Springs. The meeting is an open house format with a 10 minute welcome at 6:15. If you are unable to attend, meeting materials will be posted online and you may share input via email.

[www.improvefm150.com](http://www.improvefm150.com) - (512) 533-9100 Ext #104

## Notice of Public Hearing NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Kyle shall hold a public hearing on a request by FM 150 Land, Ltd. (7-17-012) to rezone approximately 38.78 acres of land from Entertainment District "E" to Warehouse District "W" for property located at 24801 N. IH-35, in Hays County, Texas.

The Planning and Zoning Commission may recommend, and the City Council may consider, assigning any zoning district which is equivalent or more restrictive.

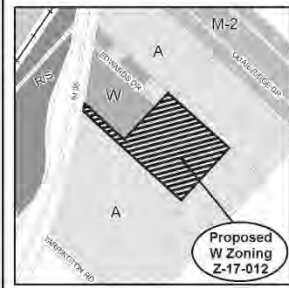
A public hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

A public hearing will be held by the Kyle City Council on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.

Kyle City Hall Council Chambers  
100 W. Center St., Kyle, Texas

Owner: FM 150 Land, Ltd.  
Agent: Stephen Ramsey, P.E.  
Ramsey Engineering, LLC

Publication Date: June 21, 2017  
Z-17-012



## PUBLIC NOTICES, 4D

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## Notice of Public Hearing

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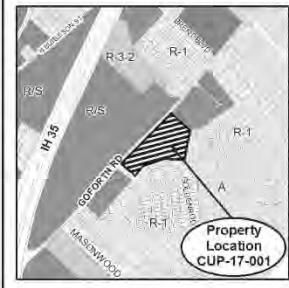
The City of Kyle shall hold a public hearing on a request by Larkin Tackett (idea Kyle Academy) located at the northeast corner of Goforth Road and Bluesiem Street for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a school as required by Chapter 53 (Zoning) Section 1047 (Authorized Conditional Uses (8) of the City of Kyle Code of Ordinances, which states Schools, public and denominational, but not day care in all districts where not otherwise specifically permitted.

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A public hearing will be held by the Kyle City Council on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Kyle City Hall, Council Chambers  
100 W. Center St., Kyle, Texas

Petitioner: Larkin Tackett  
Shanna L. Weaver, P.E.  
Pape-Dawson Engineers



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

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The Planning & Zoning Commission may recommend an action and the City Council may vote after the scheduled public hearing on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 6:30 PM.

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## Public Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria, 940 US 290, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

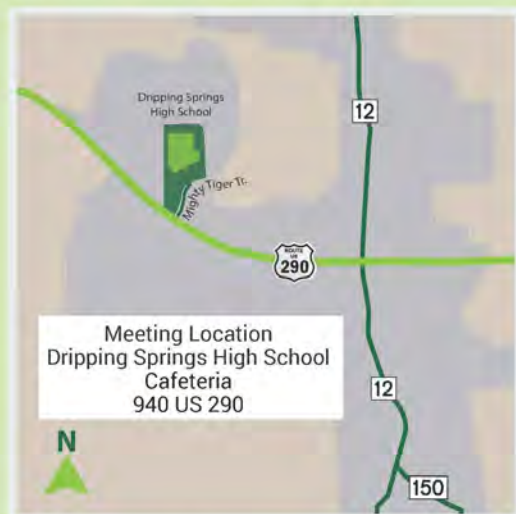
You are invited to attend the public meeting to learn more about the FM 150 Character Plan from Arroyo Ranch Road outside of Kyle to RM 12 in Dripping Springs. The meeting is an open house format with a 10-minute welcome at 6:15 p.m.

At this meeting, Hays County and the Project Team will share background information on the study process, conceptual designs for the north and south sections, the proposed location for the bypass, and conceptual designs for the upgrade sections.



### Meeting Details: Tuesday, July 11, 6 to 8 p.m.

The meeting is an open house format with a 10-minute welcome at 6:15 p.m. Attend at your convenience. Meeting materials will be available online by July 12. Share comments by July 26 for inclusion in the meeting report.



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# Appendix B

## Meeting Exhibits and Materials





# PUBLIC MEETING

## JULY 11, 2017

Welcome and thank you for your time and involvement in the FM 150 Character Plan process. As our County continues to grow, we must plan ahead to preserve the unique character and quality of life that we all value. The Character Plan that we are sharing tonight was developed through a process that involved the County working closely with the community over the past 2 ½ years.

We recognize that the decisions needed are challenging to keep travel along FM 150 safe and efficient while preserving the character of the community. We believe that planning ahead will help the County develop a plan that best preserves the character of the community and serves the community's travel needs in the years to come. Thank you again for being a part of this process.

Hays County Commissioners

*Will Conley, Precinct 3 & Ray Whisenant, Precinct 4*

### FM 150 CHARACTER PLAN

The Plan will address FM 150 capacity and safety needs from Arroyo Ranch Road in Kyle to RM 12 in Dripping Springs. The County is developing a plan for this area now while there is flexibility to address community needs and preferences in accommodating future traffic growth.



### MEETING OVERVIEW

6:00 to 8:00p.m. ....Open House

6:15 to 6:25p.m. ....Brief Welcome from the Commissioners

This meeting is an open house format to allow all attendees the ability to view concepts and alignments. We encourage you to visit one-on-one with project team members to ask questions and share your feedback. Please be sure to share your comments on the maps, in the comment cards, or via email. All comments submitted by July 26, 2017 will be included in the meeting report.

### STATIONS

Background Information

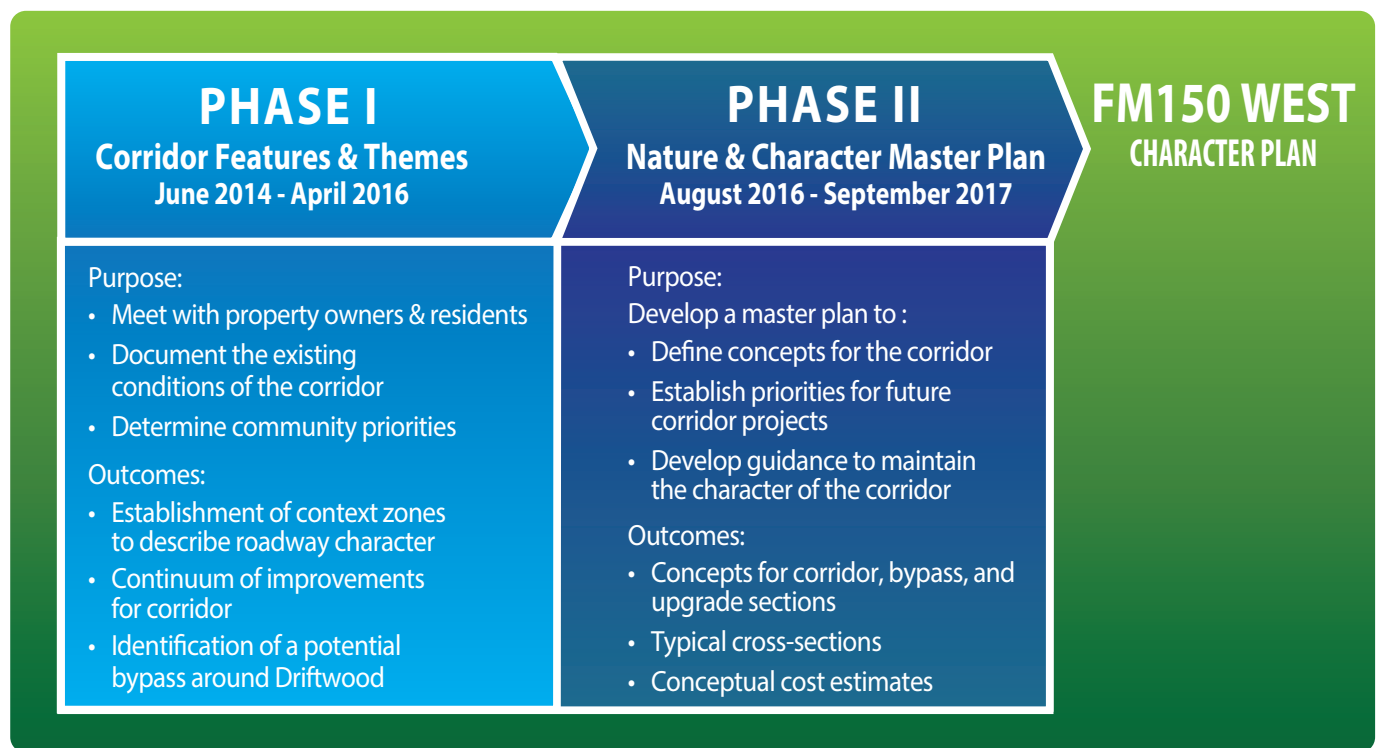
Concepts for the South Section (FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch Road to FM 3237)

Concepts for the North Section (FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12)

Concepts for the proposed Bypass and Upgrade Sections of FM 967 and FM 1826



## FM 150 CHARACTER PLAN PROCESS



## WHAT COMES NEXT

Based on comments received at tonight's meeting and throughout the comment period, the project team will finalize the concepts presented tonight and then present the Plan to the Commissioners Court. Once accepted by the County, the Plan will be used to work with TxDOT to determine the timing and funding for future projects. It is likely that some improvements (for example, safety and other near-term ones) could begin the project development process and begin construction in the near timeframe.

Other improvements such as the proposed bypass could begin the project development process further out. Such concepts could enter the project development process in 3-10 or more years and could take an additional 3-5 years before construction could begin.

## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Please share feedback by:

1. Leaving a location-specific comment on the maps
2. Completing a comment card for any or all of the 3 sections
3. Submitting a general comment via comment card, mail or email

Please share comments by **July 26** for inclusion in the meeting report.

### Project Team Contact Information

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Austin, TX 78763

If you would like to receive email updates, please send an email with "updates" in the subject line.



## FM 150 Character Plan – Comment Card

**Please select the section for which you are sharing comments:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Section – FM 1826 to RM 12               | <input type="checkbox"/> South Section – Arroyo Ranch Rd. to FM 3237 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bypass & Upgrade Sections – FM 967 and FM 1826 | <input type="checkbox"/> General Comment for Entire Corridor         |

*Please utilize additional comment cards for comments and questions on other sections.*

Are there any priorities you would like the County to consider in the short and/or long-term for the proposed concepts and alignments?

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Do you have any additional comments on the proposed concepts and alignments for this section?

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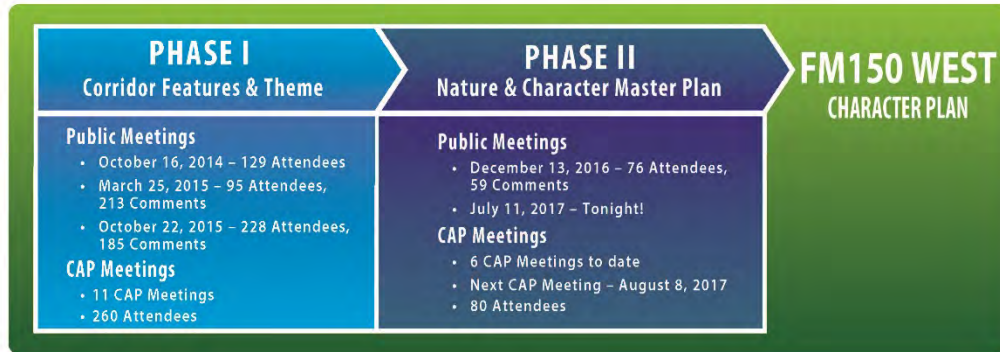
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# Public Involvement

Public involvement is an integral and fundamental part of this effort. The County and Project Team has held public meetings, worked alongside a Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP), and met individually with property owners and stakeholders in the area throughout this process. The information we learn from working with the public is very valuable to this process and the Character Plan is a reflection of the community's efforts and input.



## Summary



**5 Public Meetings**  
**530+ Attendees**



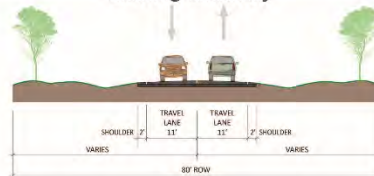
**18 CAP Meetings**  
**340+ Attendees**



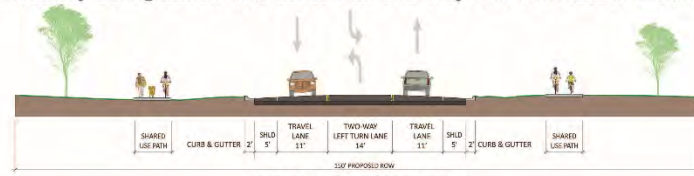
**450 Comments**  
**Received So Far!**

## FM 150 from RM 12 to FM 1826

Existing Roadway

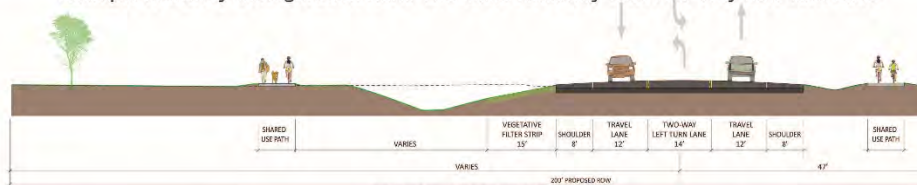


Example Roadway Configuration Two Lanes with Two-Way Left Turn Lane in Community Zones



FM 150 – COMMUNITY ZONES

Example Roadway Configuration Rural Two-Lane Roadway with Two-Way Left Turn Lane



FM 150 – RURAL SECTION

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Note: Shared Use Path positions are flexible, based on location.





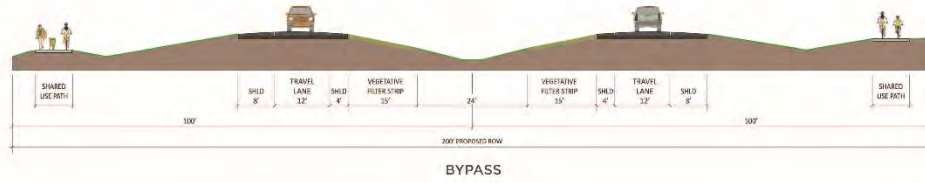




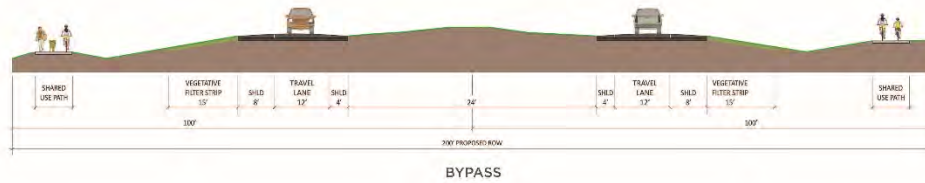
# Bypass

## Example Roadway Configuration

### Example Roadway Configuration Two-Lane Divided Rural Roadway with Depressed Median



### Example Roadway Configuration Two-Lane Divided Rural Roadway with Raised Median

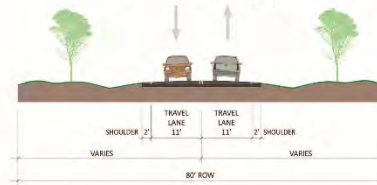


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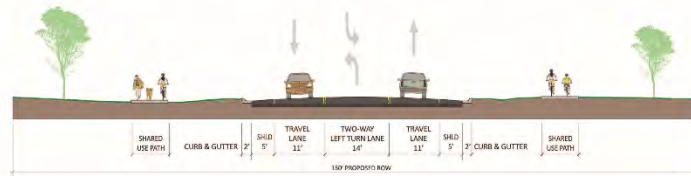


## FM 1826 Upgrade Section

### Existing Roadway



### Example Roadway Configuration Rural Two-Lane Highway







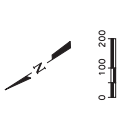




CONCEPTUAL ALIGNMENT

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  - PROP. BRIDGE
  - EXISTING BRIDGE
  - PROP. BRIDGE
  - PROP. BRIDGE
  - FLOODWAY
  - FLOODPLAIN
  - FLOODWAY EASEMENTS
  - FLOODWAY RESERVES
  - CAVE AREAS

NOTE: FLOODWAY EASEMENTS AND FLOODWAY RESERVES ARE DEVELOPED.



FM 150  
WEST CORRIDOR  
CONCEPTUAL EXHIBIT









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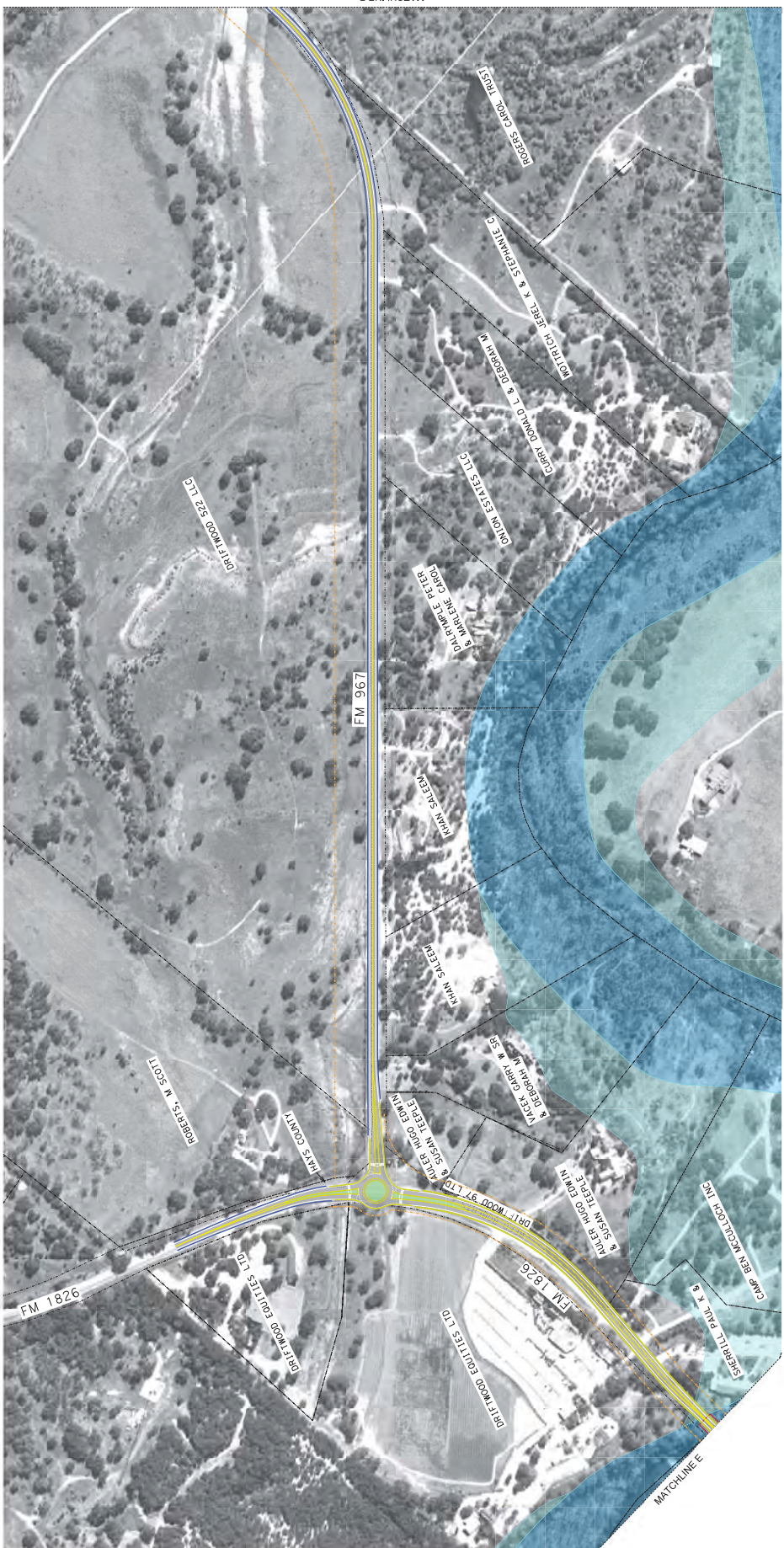




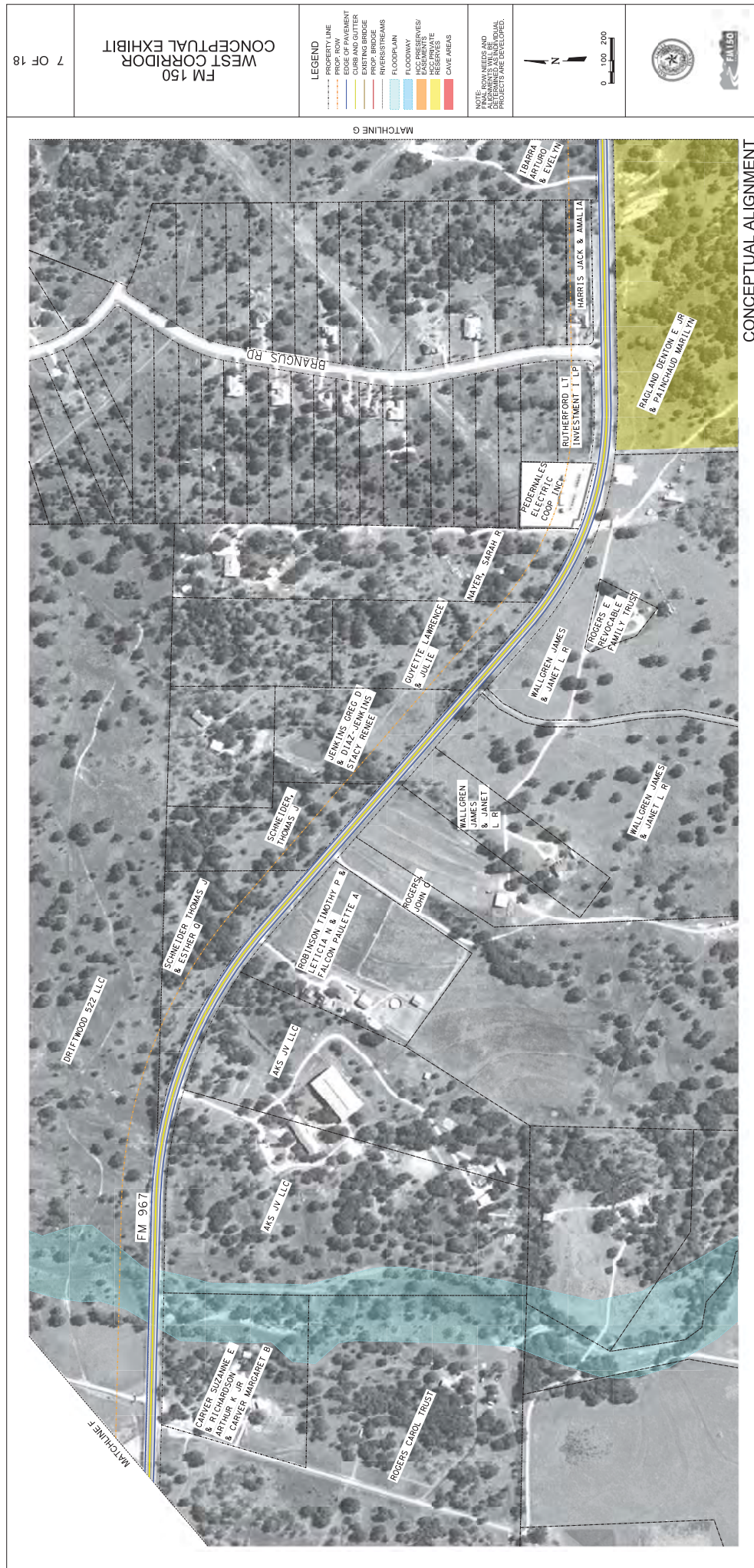


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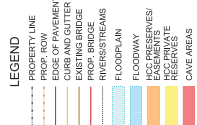




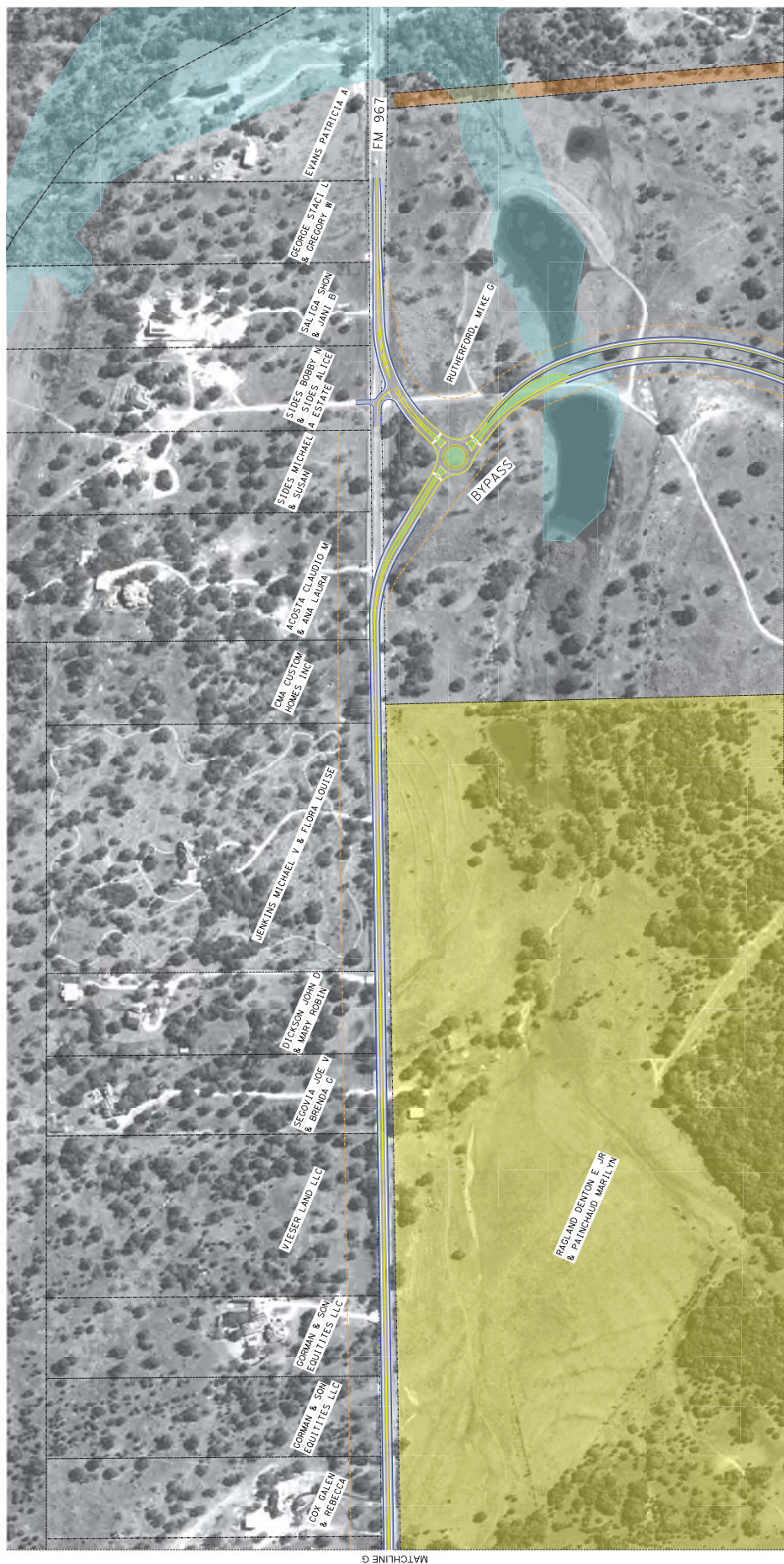








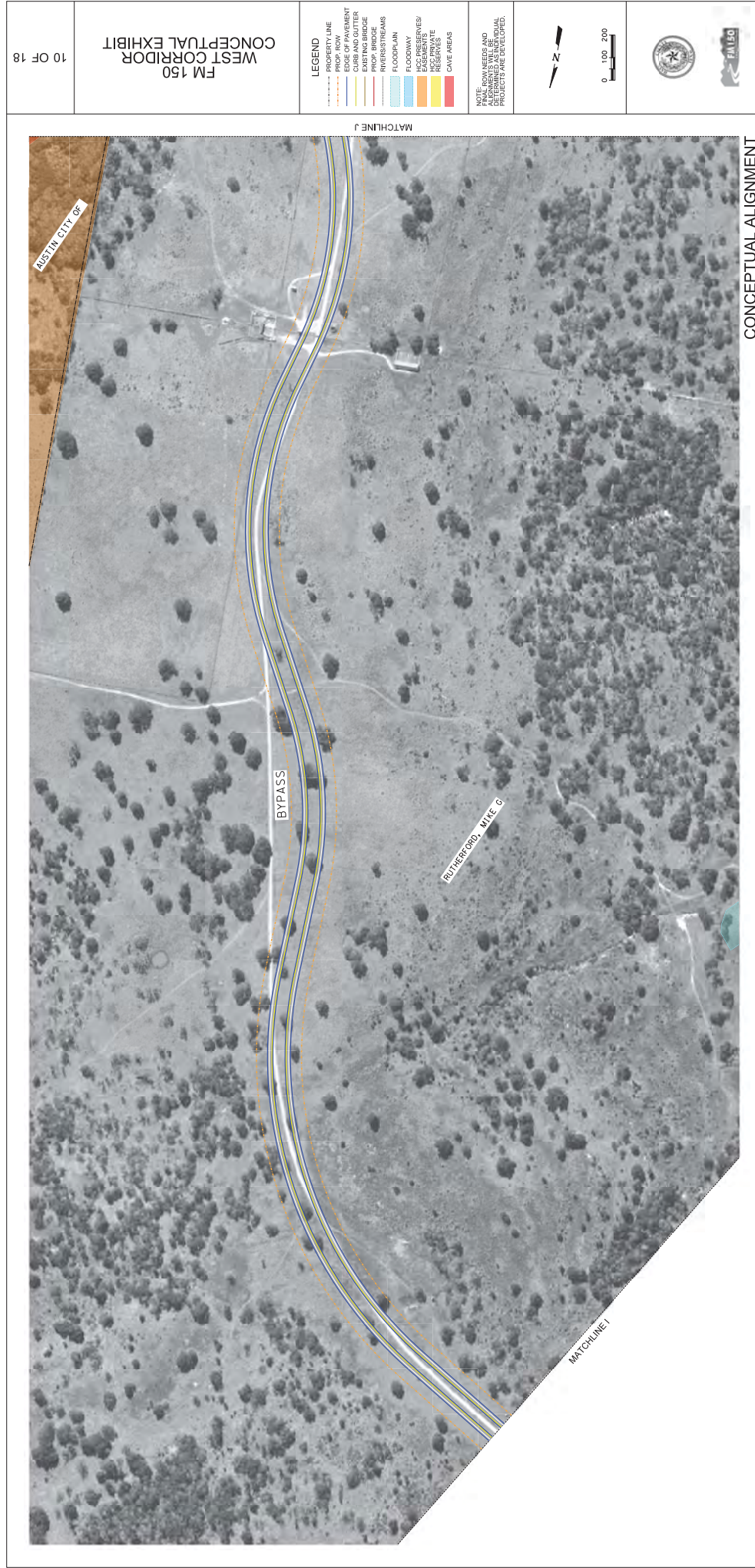
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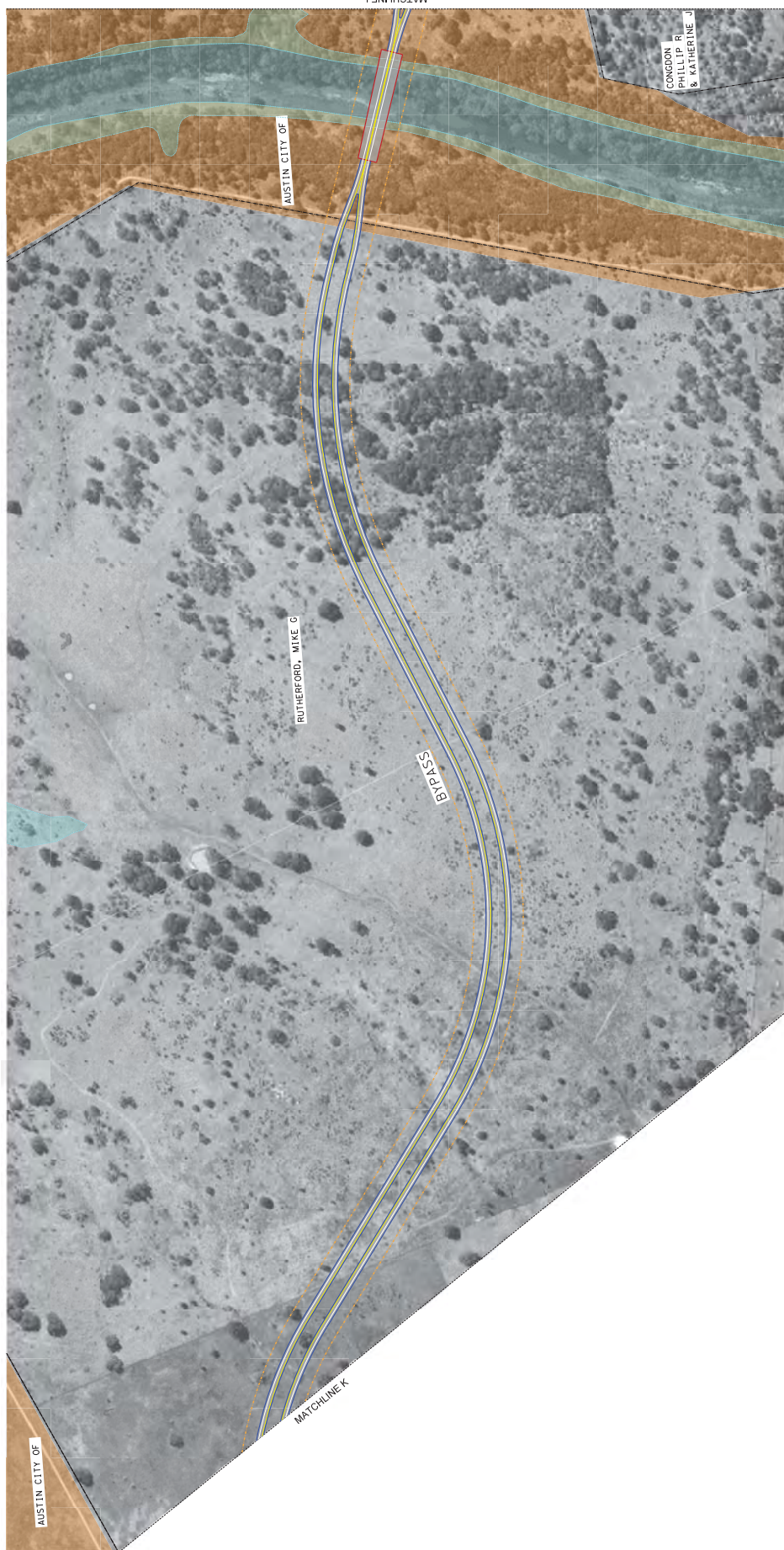










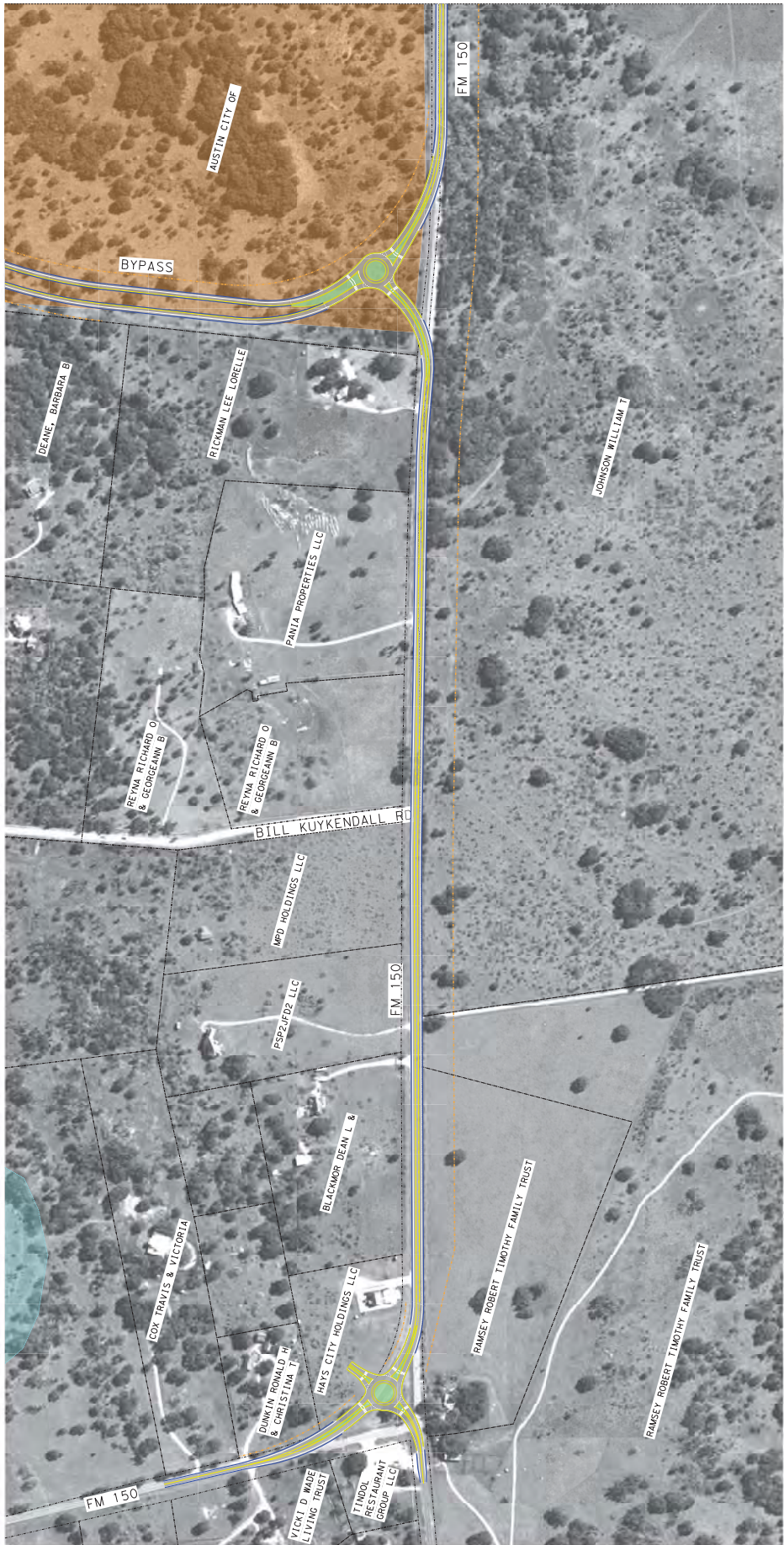


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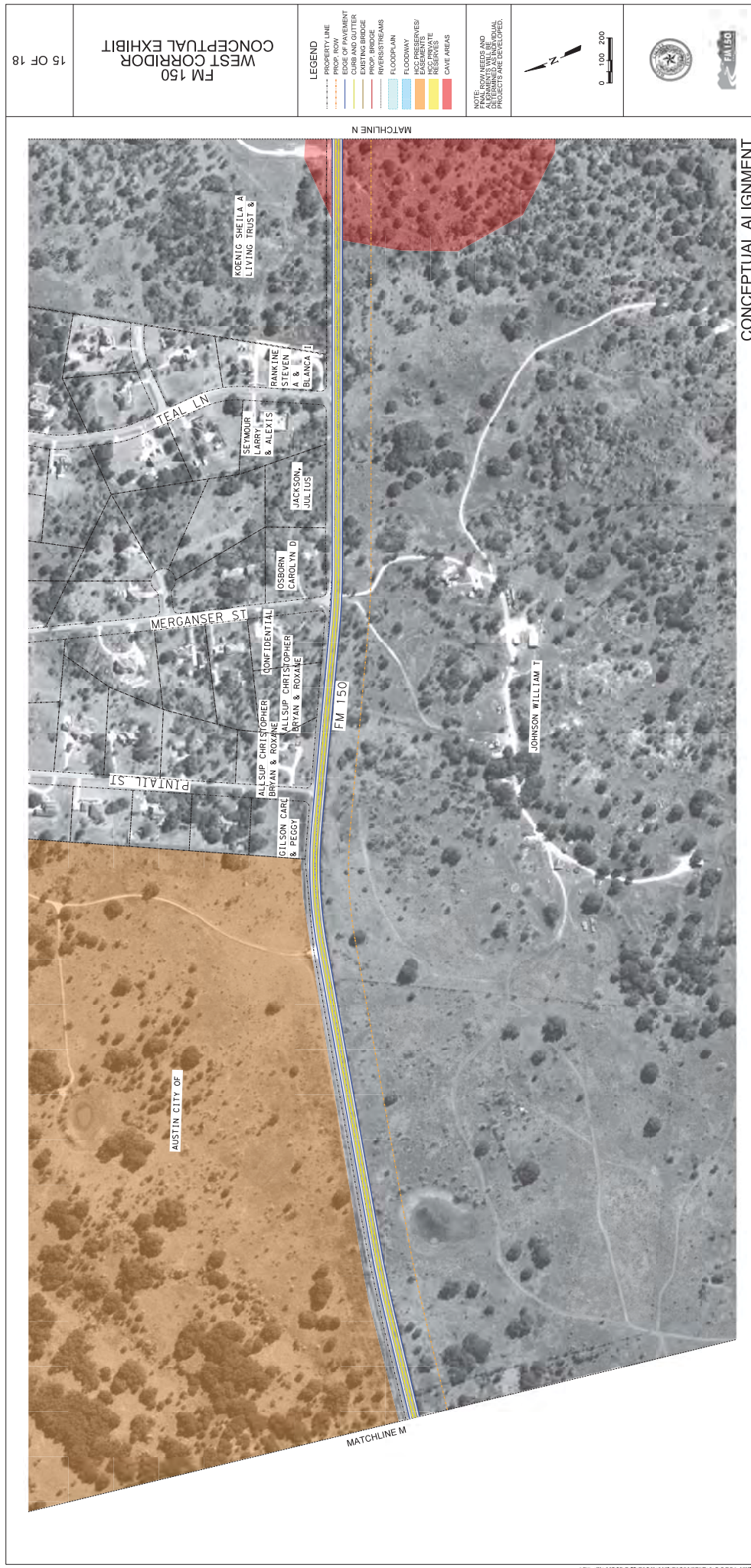




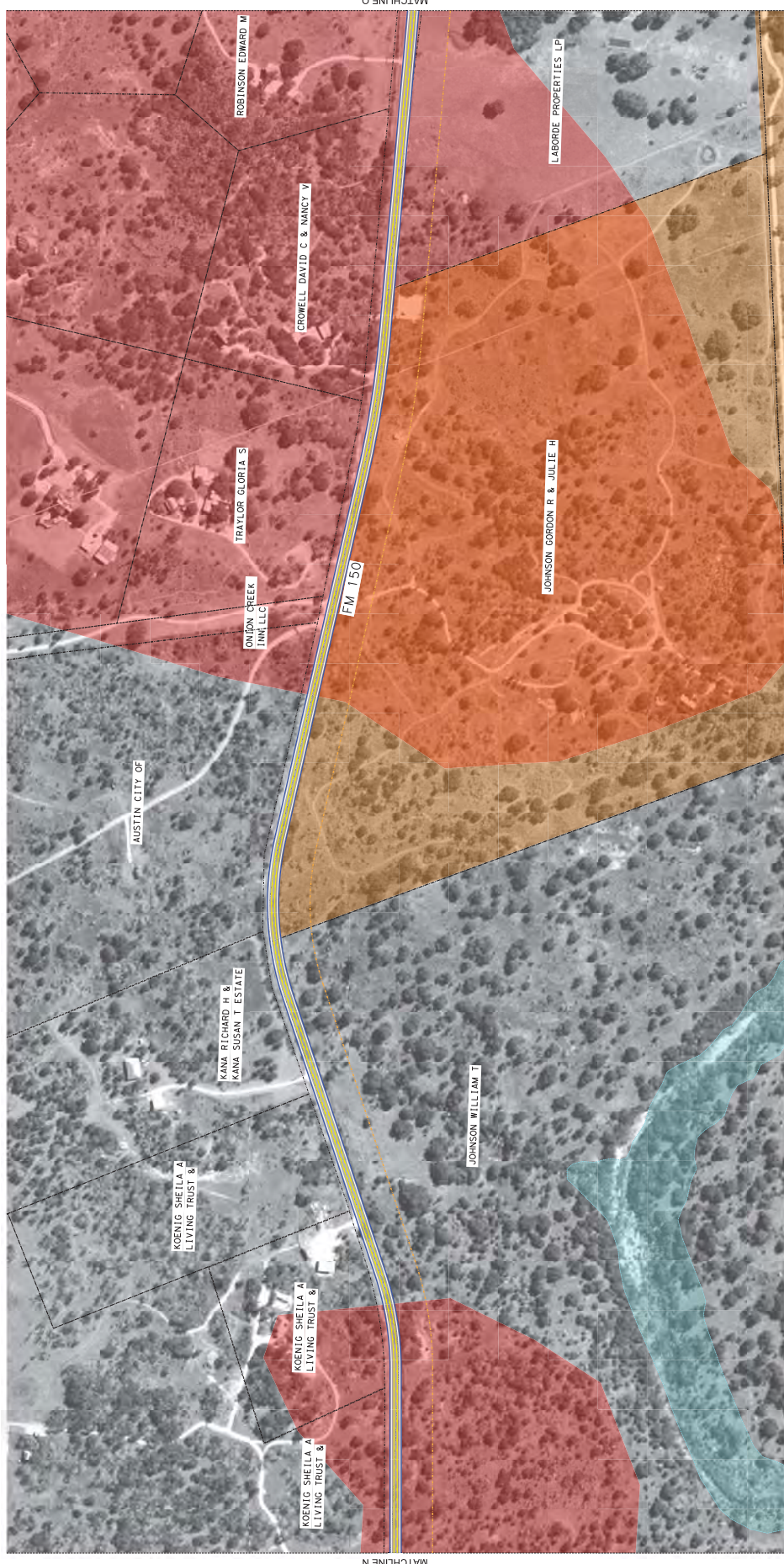




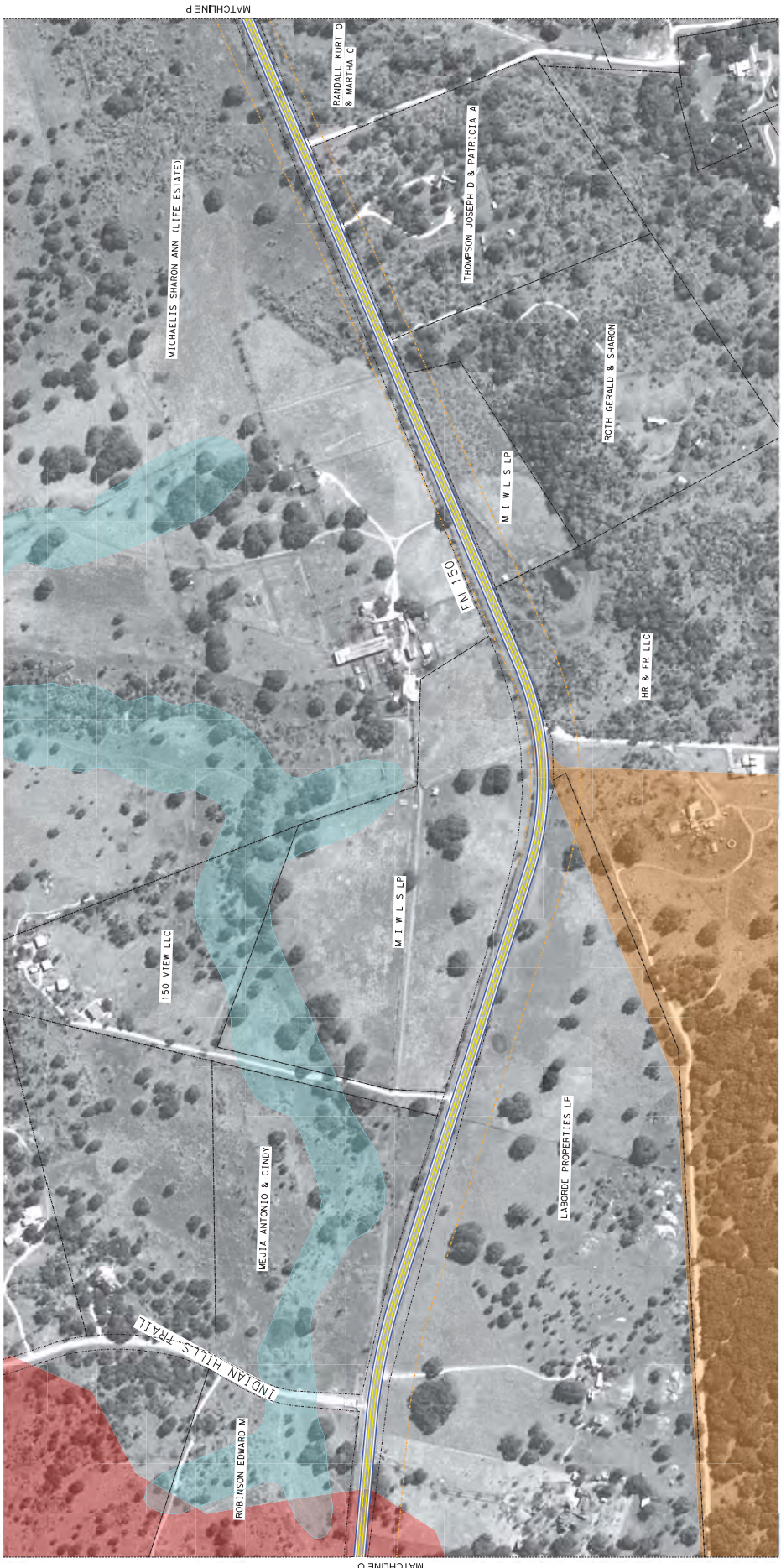








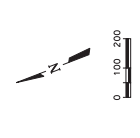




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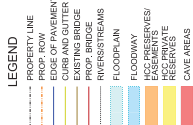
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## **SECTION 3**

### CAP Meeting Presentations and Notes



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# **Hays County FM 150 West Character Plan Nature & Character Master Plan**

Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting #1  
November 15, 2016  
Dripping Springs High School

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Hays County Precinct 4 Commissioner Ray Whisenant
- Hays County Precinct 3 Commissioner Will Conley
- Technical Team
- Citizens Advisory Panel



## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

### Citizens Advisory Panel

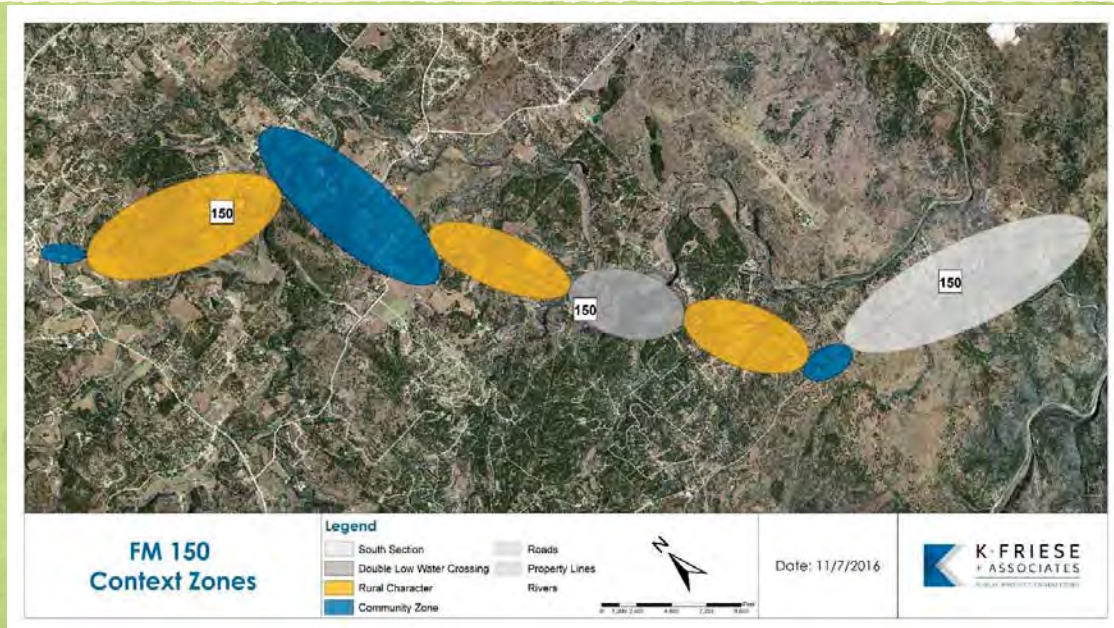
- Mr. Don Bosse
- Mr. David Braun
- Mr. Casey Cutler
- Mr. Dennis Dement
- Mr. Shelby Eckols
- Mr. Mark Oechsner
- Mr. Bob Parks
- Mr. Mike Pruitt
- Judge Bob Shannon

## AGENDA

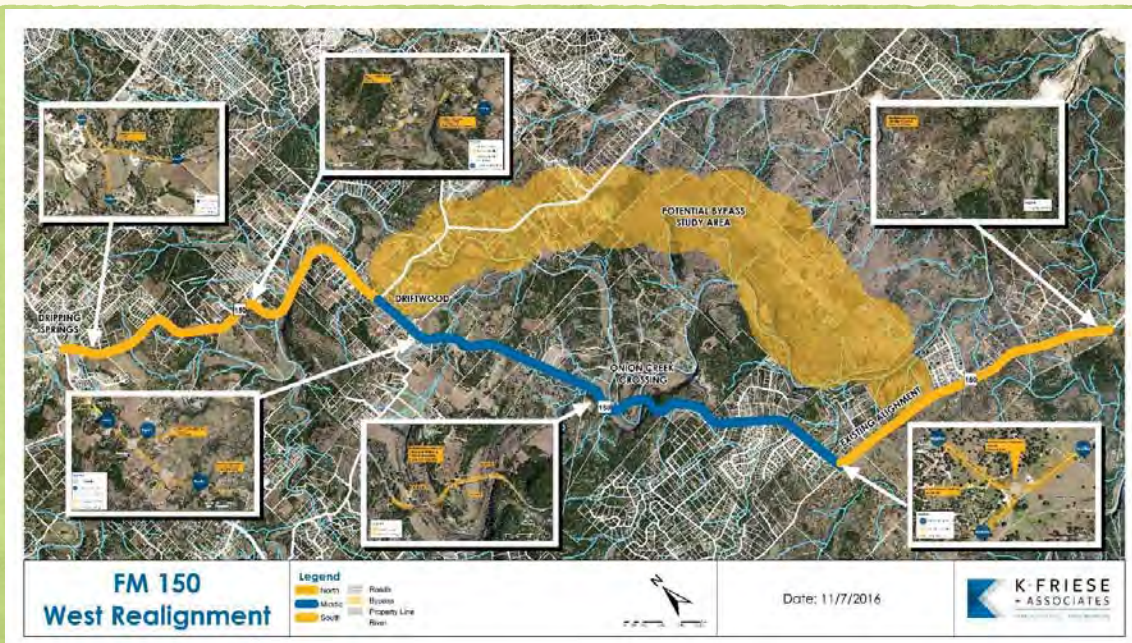
1. Review Features and Themes Study
2. Nature & Character Master Plan Scope
3. Project Schedule
4. Next Steps
5. Questions
6. Planning Exercise



# REVIEW FEATURES AND THEMES



# REVIEW FEATURES AND THEMES STUDY





## NATURE AND CHARACTER MASTER PLAN SCOPE

- Project Coordination Activities
- Technical Team Activities
- Data Collection
- Community Engagement
- Public and Stakeholder Outreach and Meetings

## NATURE AND CHARACTER MASTER PLAN SCOPE

### **Preliminary Schematics**

- FM 150 from RM 12 south to FM 1826
- FM 150 from FM 3237 south to the vicinity of Arroyo Ranch Road
- Potential Bypass Route to the east of FM 150

**Guidance** for FM 150 from FM 1826 south to FM 3237



## NATURE AND CHARACTER MASTER PLAN SCOPE

### **Corridor Master Plan**

- Define concepts to schematic level
- Estimate costs for design and construction
- Develop relative order for implementation












## NATURE AND CHARACTER MASTER PLAN SCOPE

### **Three Public Meetings**

1. Review the Features and Themes Study, expectations for the second phase of work, and community input
2. Preliminary schematics for FM 150 from FM 3237 south to the vicinity of Arroyo Ranch Road, and for the Potential Bypass Route.
3. Preliminary schematic for FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12



# PROJECT SCHEDULE

Month	2016				2017											
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Project kick-off																
Focus: Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 and proposed bypass route																
Focus: FM 1826 to RR 12																
Project wrap-up and report																



Public Meeting



CAP Meeting

# PROJECT SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting Type	Location
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, January 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, February 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, March 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, April 27, 2017	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, May 18, 2017	No Meeting	No Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, July 20, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, August 10, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, September 21, 2017	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, October 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall



## GETTING THE MOST FROM OUR MEETINGS

- Prepare in advance of and attend all meetings
- Treat all in attendance with courtesy and respect
- Be positive and constructive
- Agree or disagree with ideas, not people
- Identify issues rather than taking “positions”
- Listen and consider the opinions of others
- Seek common ground
- Keep comments brief, clear and focused, and avoid repetition
- Represent community interests and needs

## NEXT STEPS

- Working on base engineering
- Updating traffic counts
- Updating and reviewing crash data
- Preparing for the December public meeting
- Preparing for the January CAP meeting
  - Beginning to look FM 3237 to Arroyo Ranch section



## QUESTIONS

Let's take 5-10 minutes for questions and comments

## PLANNING ACTIVITY

Help us determine the types of roadway features to consider

- Choose types of features, not specific designs
- Taking your input
- Test the concept for the public meeting
- What type of roadway features should we consider along the various part of the corridor?



## PLANNING ACTIVITY – Bike/Pedestrian & Equestrian



Pittsburgh, New York



Portland, Oregon



Pierce, California



Oregon



Portland, Oregon

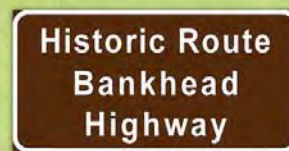


Flower Hill, Texas

## PLANNING ACTIVITY – Wayfinding and Alternate Route



Washington, Ohio



Texas



Texas Hill Country



Decatur, Alabama



Missouri



## PLANNING ACTIVITY – Business and Historical Signs



Hays County, Texas



City of Renton, Washington



Kansas Historical Society



Lake Oswego, Oregon

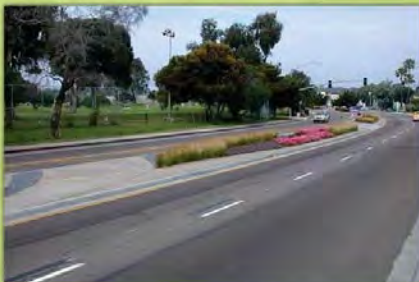


Lake Oswego, Oregon



Washington Department of Transportation

## PLANNING ACTIVITY – Landscaping & Gateways



Pacific Beach, California



Greenville, Georgia



Redwood City, California



Monterey County, California



Floral City, Florida



Northampton, Massachusetts



## PLANNING ACTIVITY - Lighting



Indiana



Kettering, Ohio



Virginia Beach, Virginia

## PLANNING ACTIVITY

### Overview

- Standing boards with pictures of roadway features for reference
- Standing boards of the context zones
- Table top maps of the corridor sections
- Coded labels for you to indicate your choices



## PLANNING ACTIVITY

What will we do with the results?

- It's input into the process!
- Test the activity for the public meeting
  - Your comments on the mechanics of the activity are needed as much as your comments on the roadway features

## STAYING IN TOUCH

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## FM 150 West Character Plan – Phase 2, Nature & Character Master Plan Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting Notes

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Date: November 15, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

Subject: CAP November 2016 Meeting

Location: Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria

Present: Hays County: Commissioner Whisenant

CAP Members: David Braun, Casey Cutler, Dennis Dement, Shelby Eckols, and Mike Pruitt

Project Team: Joe Cantalupo, Ryan Bell, and Hillary Essig with K Frieese & Associates; Julie LeClair with Hicks & Company; Brian Ray and Kelly Laustsen with Kittelson & Associates; Arin Gray, and Albert Castro with CD&P; Paula Gruber with PSI; Laura Harris with HNTB

4 Public members signed in

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### Meeting Summary

Commissioner Whisenant welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He thanked current and past CAP members. All shared brief introductions and Joe Cantalupo began the presentation. He covered a review of the Features and Themes phase and previous work, overview of scope and process for the Nature and Character Master Plan phase, and review of public meeting activities. Attendees broke out into groups to share input on the public meeting exercise.

### Below is a summary of comments, questions, and discussions:

- Notified CAP members that Ms. Michaelis had resigned
  - Commissioner Whisenant welcomed any suggestions and asked for any names to consider as a replacement
- What is the difference between rural and community zone; is a community zone a business?
  - A community zone is an area where there is activity, such as Hays City with the store and restaurant; some community zones are tied to historical or community features such as cemeteries or the old post office
  - A rural zone is an area where there is not significant activity
- Have we started speaking to any property owners about the bypass?



- Yes, the majority of the bypass is owned by one family and the project team has had very high level conversations with them
- Asked about a report sharing crash data and why we are suggesting improvements from FM 1826 to RM 12, and shared concern for personal property
  - Explained the point of the study is to develop a plan to accommodate future growth; by starting early we can consider different types of improvements and the valuable features from FM 1826 to RM 12
- Asked about the new high school and if that is the reason for the improvements?
  - While the team is aware of the school and other future plans, they are not a part of this study; this study is being done to plan for future growth
- How can property owners best participate?
  - Attend public meetings and invite friends and neighbors, provide feedback
- Suggested a traffic count at Darden Hill Road
  - We are collecting traffic data on FM 150 on both sides of Darden Hill Road
- Are there three phases of planning?
  - When evaluating the scope for this phase, the team and County determined it would be more efficient to combine phases so there are now only two phases
- Can we share handouts for the current proposals at the different sections prior to meetings?
  - We can consider what would be best, but we are concerned that the process is meant to be community driven and we don't want to get too far ahead to make people think we have solutions
- When looking at the schedule, it seems like public input is closed after each public meeting. Noted that it would be beneficial to share what was developed for each phase and share concerns and public input we heard
  - We will work on a plan to explain how we can come back with revisions or new discoveries based upon public input received at the public meeting and comment period
- Asked if the process could include having the County adopt different designations or a roadway
  - Yes, we would be open to this, though some of these suggestions would have to be approved by the State; but there are opportunities to incorporate some elements
- Concerned that the feature examples we are showing are not relevant to FM 150
  - We are looking for bigger, higher level input of where any of these treatments might be preferred
  - Noted that the urban examples should be changed before the public meeting
  - Noted the community wants to not change the area, but use features that enhance the area
  - Shared some members of the community don't want any treatments
  - Suggested we consider a definition rather than pictures for possible features
  - Noted CAP members could suggest locations where relevant features are located
- Noted that landscaping could mean spreading wildflower seed



- Shared that in some places landscaping might help soften other features such as adding xeriscaping in a median



# Hays County FM 150 West Character Plan Nature & Character Master Plan

Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting #2  
January 19, 2017  
Dripping Springs High School

## AGENDA

1. Meeting Purpose
2. Recap December Public Meeting
3. Approach to Upcoming CAP Meetings
4. Hard Issues
5. Next Steps
6. Questions



## PUBLIC MEETING – December 13, 2016

- 65 Attendees
- Collected input on 3 different segments

Area	Comments from Maps	Comments from Questionnaires
Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237	8	3
Bypass	18	8
FM 1826 to RM 12	37	13



## PUBLIC MEETING – December 13, 2016

### Input Highlights on Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237

- Flooding along York Creek and Onion Creek
- Concern for lighting and desire to protect dark skies
- Support for roundabouts
- Limit changes to safety improvements and land conservation
- Support for bike, pedestrian, and equestrian accommodations
- Support for signage at curves, Hays City Store, and Historical Ranch

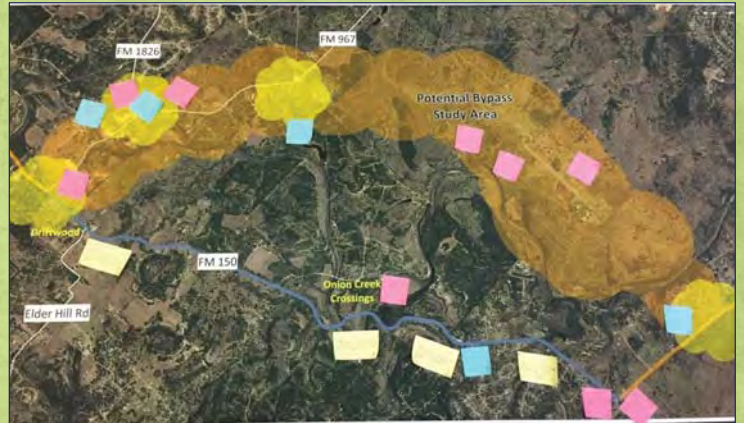




## PUBLIC MEETING – December 13, 2016

### Input Highlights on Bypass

- Mixed support for higher speed limit
- Varied input for bike, pedestrian, equestrian accommodations
- Support for various intersection controls
- Varied input on alignment of bypass using FM 150/avoiding FM 1826



## PUBLIC MEETING – December 13, 2016












### Input Highlights on FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12

- Support for 45 mph speed limit
- Varied input for bike, pedestrian, and equestrian accommodations
- Overall support for adjusting alignment of Darden Hill and for a roundabout at the intersection with FM 150
- Interest in signage, landscaping and a median for gateway treatment at RM 12
- Interest in historical and business signage along corridor and at intersections





# APPROACH TO UPCOMING CAP MEETINGS

Month	2016				2017											
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Project kick-off																
Focus: Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 and proposed bypass route																
Focus: FM 1826 to RM 12																
Project wrap-up and report																



Public Meeting



CAP Meeting

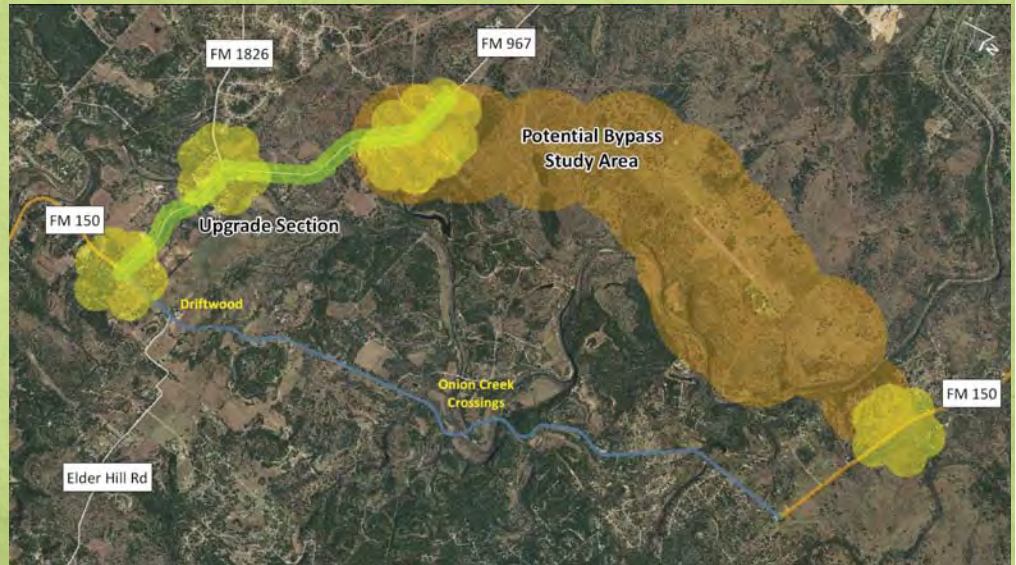
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- **March:** present draft concepts for Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 and proposed bypass route
- **April:** present concepts at Public Meeting for feedback, confirmation



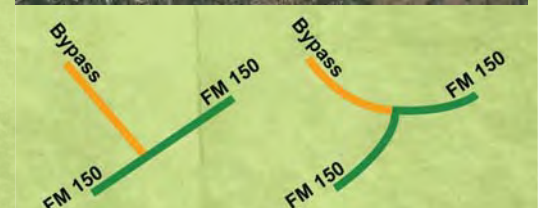
# HARD ISSUES

- Bypass connections – FM 150 and FM 967
- Upgrade sections – FM 967 and FM 1826



## BYPASS CONNECTION TO FM 150

- Considerations and Constraints
  - Onion Creek crossing
  - Maximizing route attractiveness and minimizing route length
  - Avoiding environmental features
  - Impacting properties
  - Intersecting with FM 150 – form and alignment





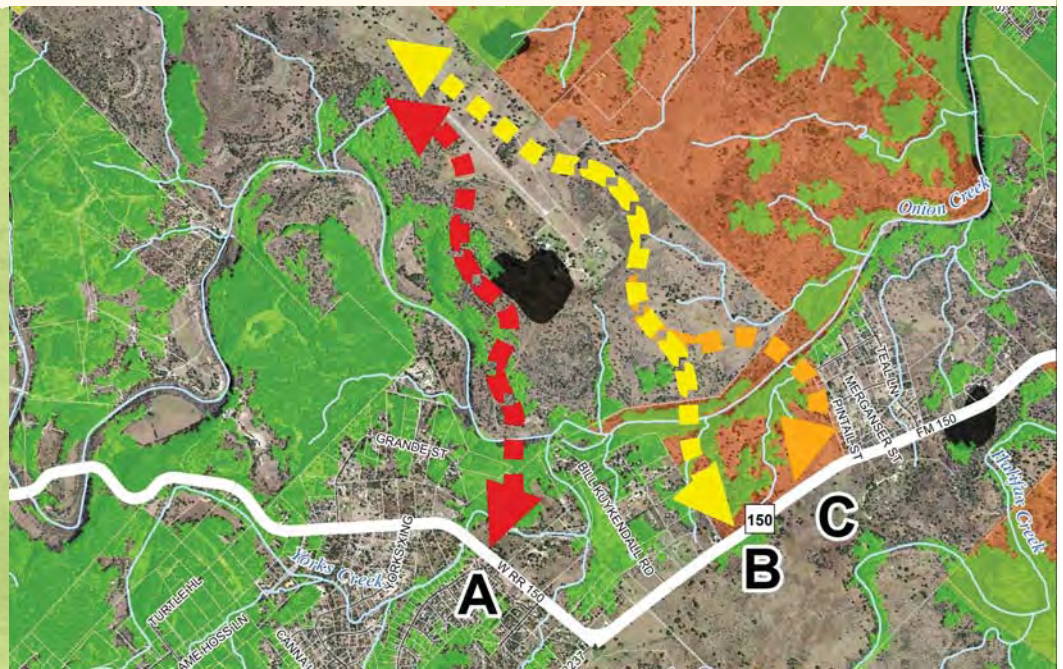
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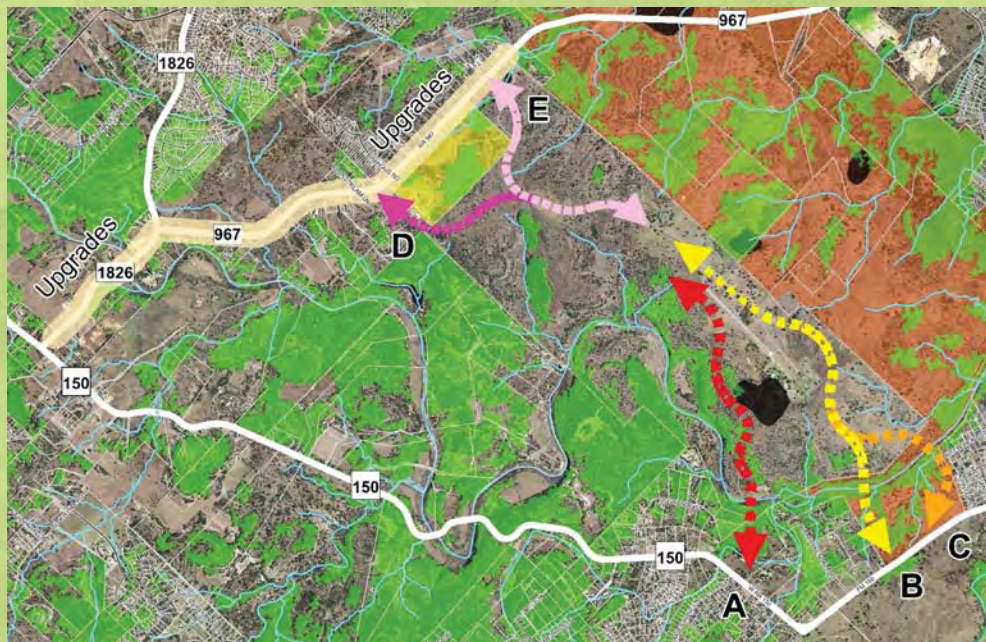
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	Rivers and Streams
	Property Line
	GCWA Potential Habitat
	HCC Private Preserves
	Caves
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## Notes:

C & D cross COA Water Quality Protection Land Onion Creek Preserve  
 GCWA is potential Golden-cheeked Warbler habitat  
 HCC is Hill Country Conservancy



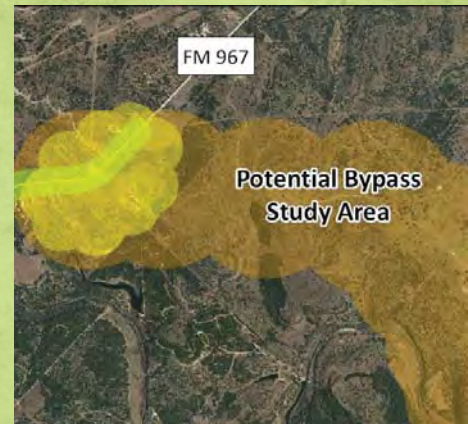
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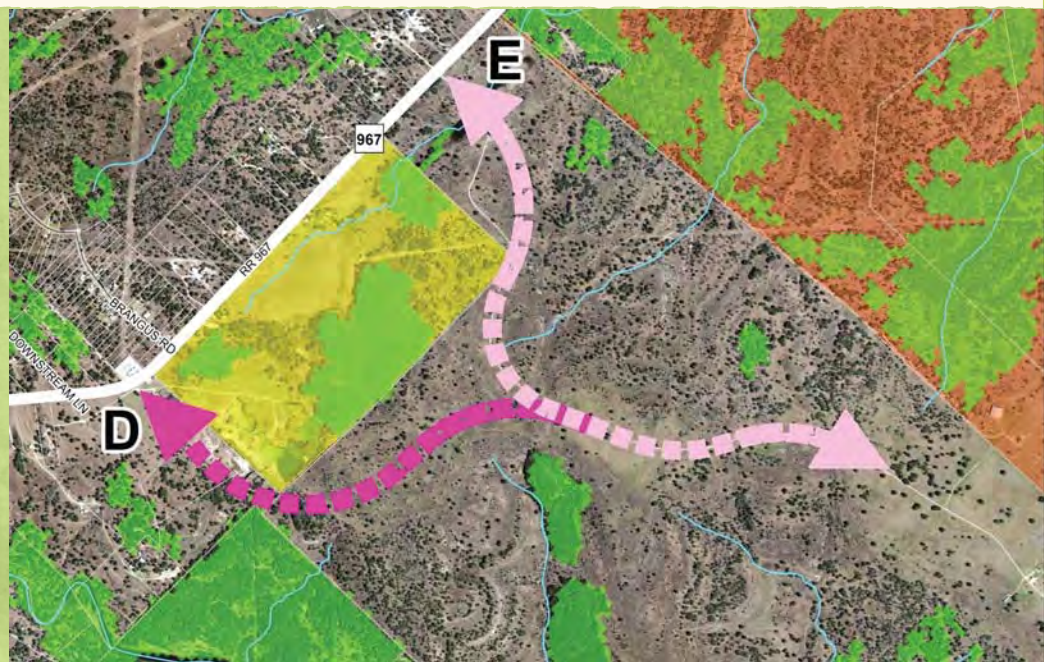
## BYPASS CONNECTION TO FM 967

- Considerations and Constraints
  - Maximizing route attractiveness and minimizing route length
  - Avoiding environmental features
  - Avoiding properties, especially nature preserve area
  - Intersecting with FM 967 – form and alignment



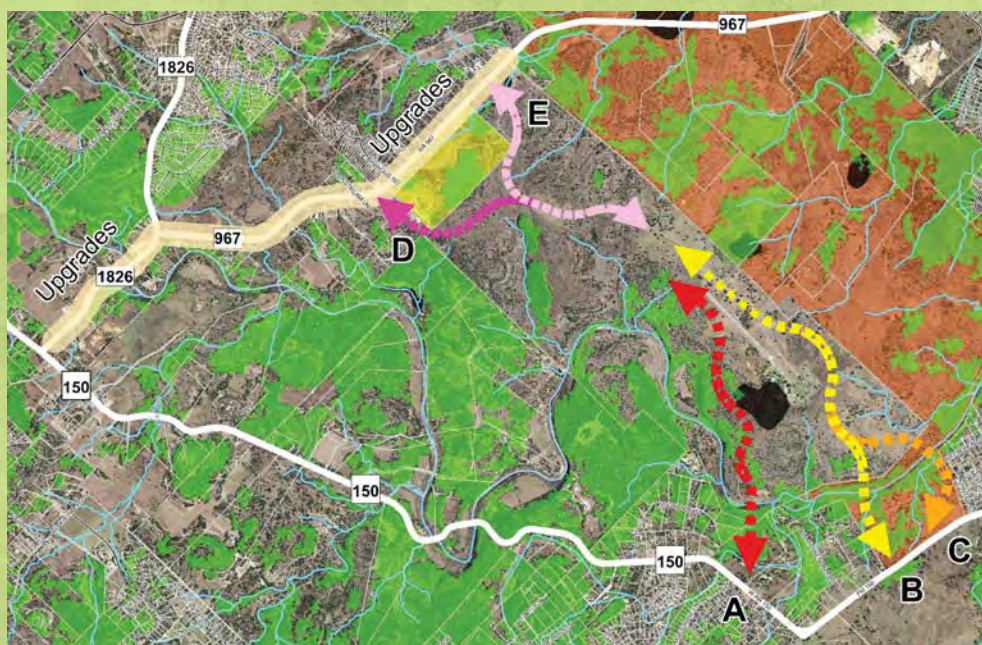
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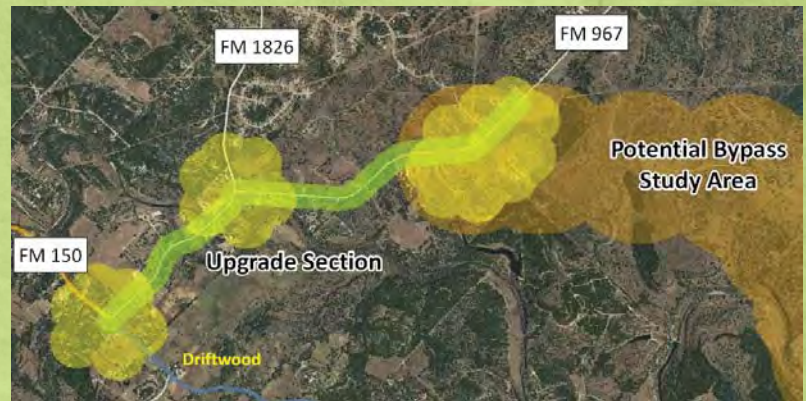
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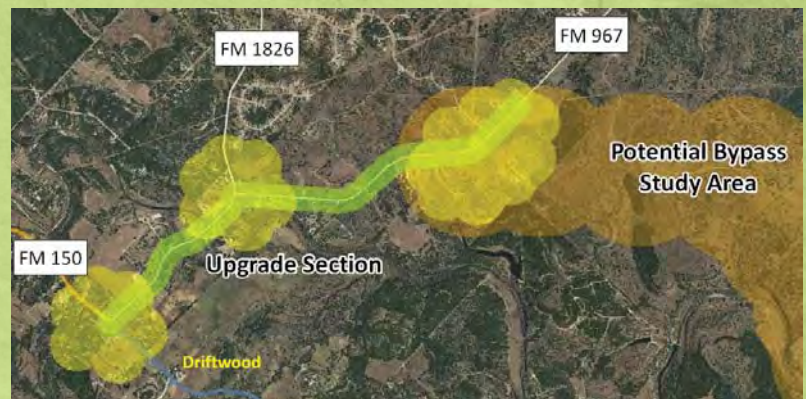
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- Cross-section
  - “Community zone”
  - Pedestrian/ bicycle accommodations
  - Needed capacity
  - Vehicles turning to and from FM1826
  - Future ROW preservation



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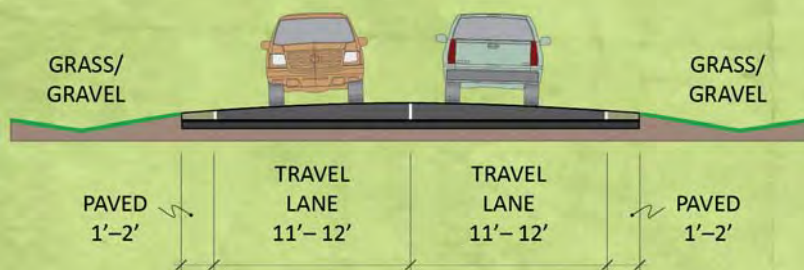
- Potential cross-section elements:
  - Left-turn and right-turn lanes where needed
  - Pedestrian/bicycle accommodations
  - Curb/gutter





## UPGRADE SECTIONS – FM 967 and FM 1826

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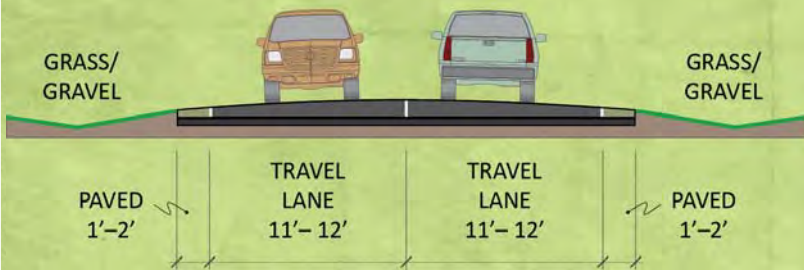


Looking towards 1826

Source: Google Earth

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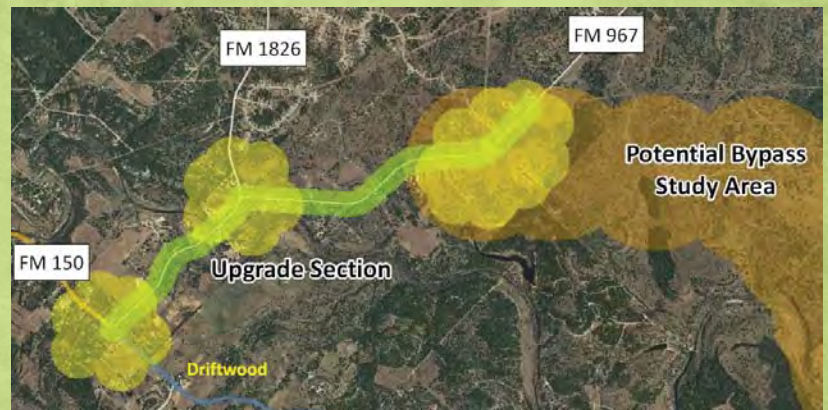
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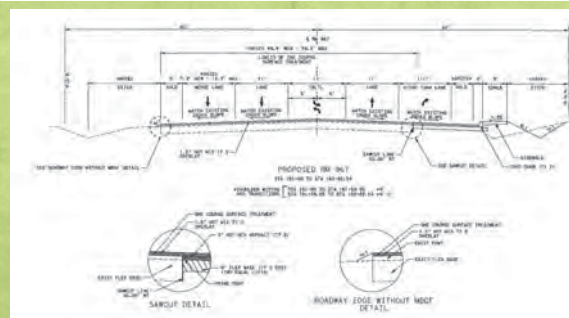
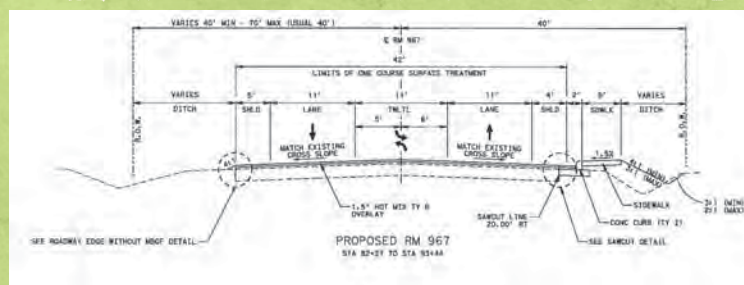


## UPGRADE SECTIONS – FM 967 and FM 1826

- Discuss preferred cross-sectional elements
  - Prefer bike lane/sidewalk or separated path?
  - Desire for more urban section with curb/gutter?



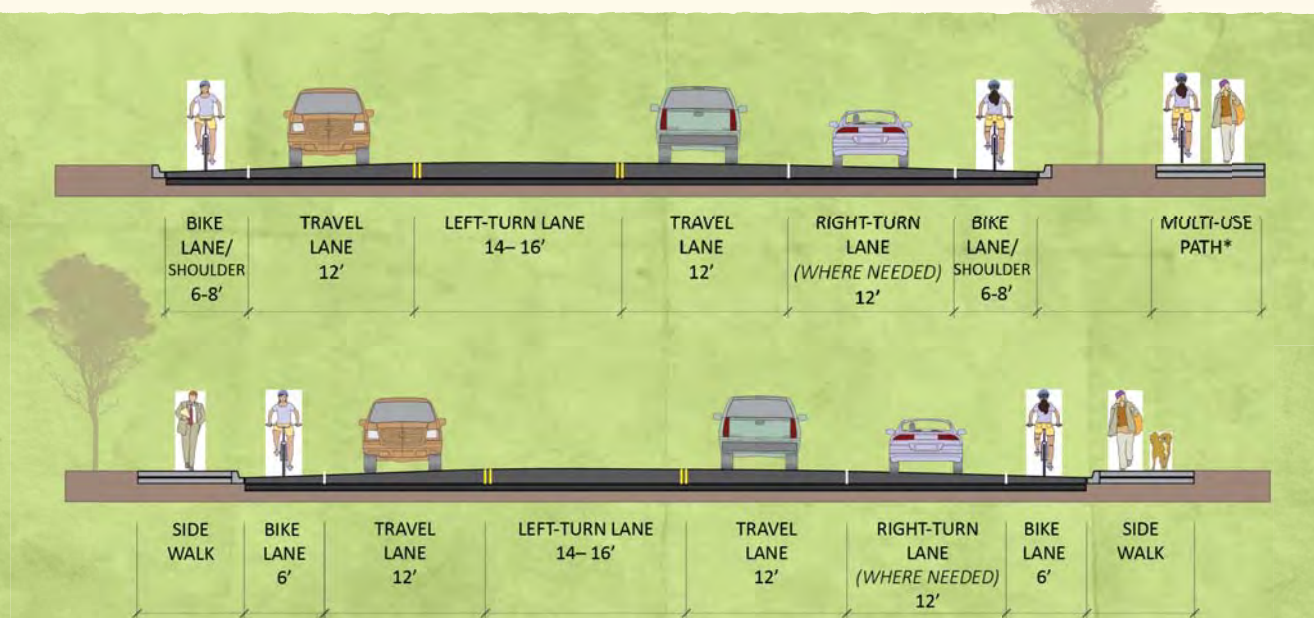
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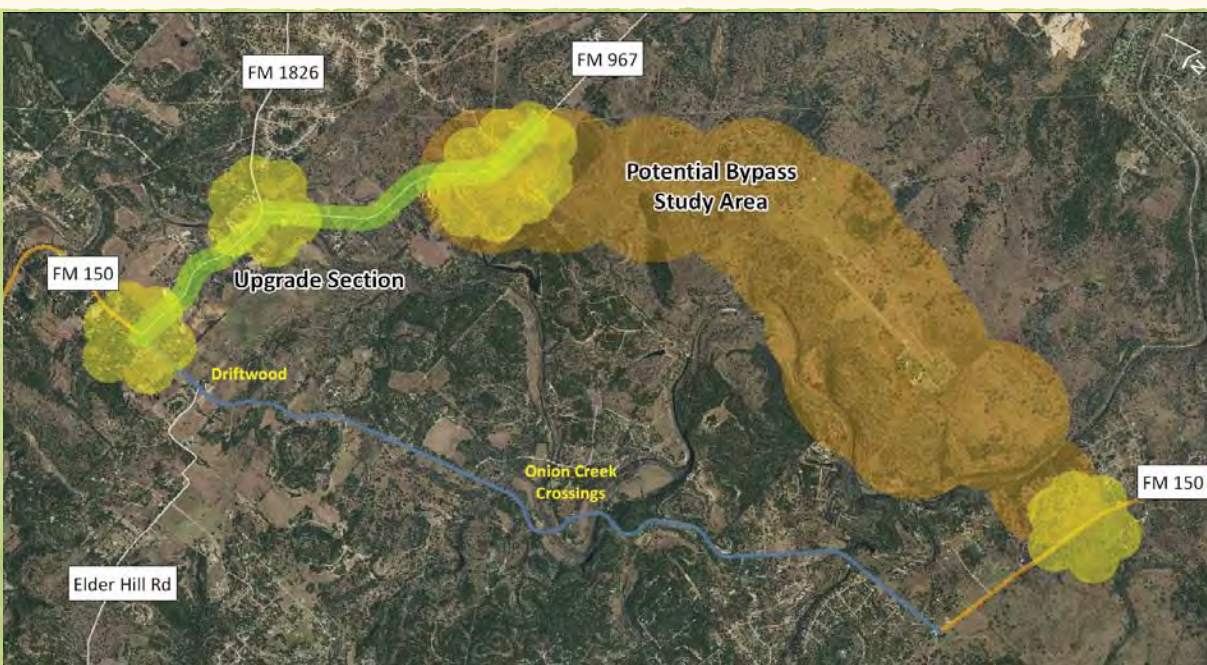
- Further refine concepts for “hard issues”
- Review additional traffic data collected
- Discuss remainder of sections:
  - Intersections along bypass/ upgrade sections
  - Intersection of FM 150/FM 3237
- Segment of FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237
- Bypass segment – new roadway

Alignment and form

Horizontal alignment  
Typical section



## INTERSECTIONS ALONG BYPASS/UPGRADE SECTION



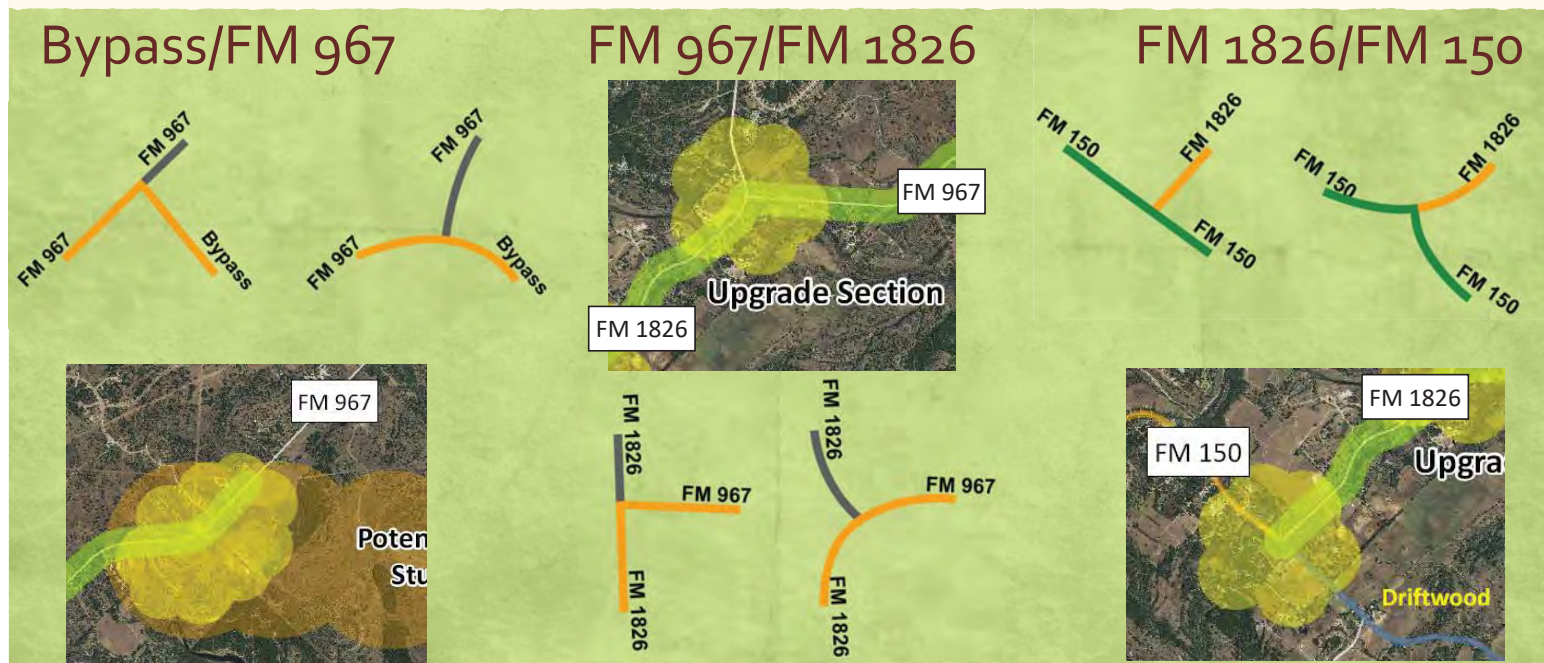
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- Consider alignment – which route is continuous?
- Consider form – stop control, signal, roundabout?





# INTERSECTIONS ALONG BYPASS/UPGRADE SECTION



## NEXT MEETING

Date	Meeting Type	Location
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, January 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, February 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, March 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, April 27, 2017	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, May 18, 2017	No Meeting	No Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, July 20, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, August 10, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, September 21, 2017	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, October 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall



# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



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**FM 150 West Character Plan – Phase 2, Nature & Character Master Plan  
Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting Notes**

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Date: January 19, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Subject: CAP Meeting 2

Location: Dripping Springs High School, Lecture Hall

Present: Hays County: Commissioner Conley

CAP Members: David Braun, Casey Cutler, Shelby Eckols, and Mike Pruitt

Project Team: Hays County Commissioner Will Conley; Joe Cantalupo, and Hillary Essig with K Friese & Associates; John Kuhl and Julie LeClair with Hicks & Company; Brian Ray and Kelly Laustsen with Kittelson & Associates; Arin Gray, Jacqie Wilson, and Krista Grant with CD&P; Laura Harris with HNTB

8 Public members signed in

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### **Meeting Summary**

Joe Cantalupo started the meeting and discussed the meeting purpose, gave a recap of the input we received from the public meeting in December, and covered the approach to upcoming meetings. This meeting and the next two CAP meetings are focused on the section of FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 and proposed bypass route. The approach is to first introduce the hard issues on these sections and develop the suggested approach as a group. Then to refine concepts for these issues and address the remaining portions of the corridor.

There were a few general questions and discussions

- Discussion of Darden Hill Alignment and what public input was on the intersection with FM 150
- Asked if the CAP could have typography maps to review
  - Team would make these available
- Discussion about the status of updated traffic counts
  - Team would make this information available once analysis complete

Then the meeting focused on three hard issues for the following areas or sections:

1. Bypass connection to FM 150
2. Bypass connection to FM 967



### 3. Upgraded sections for FM 967 and FM 1826

For each section, Brian Ray shared background information and specific considerations. Then CAP members and the public shared their thoughts, considerations and preferences on each issue directly on large maps. Input and preferences for the three areas are shared in the following maps.

Following the mapping exercises, Kelly Laustsen presented a preview of next steps including going into more detail for each of the sections to be discussed at the CAP meeting in February. Joe Cantalupo closed the meeting with a reminder of date, time and location: Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Lecture Hall of Dripping Springs High School.



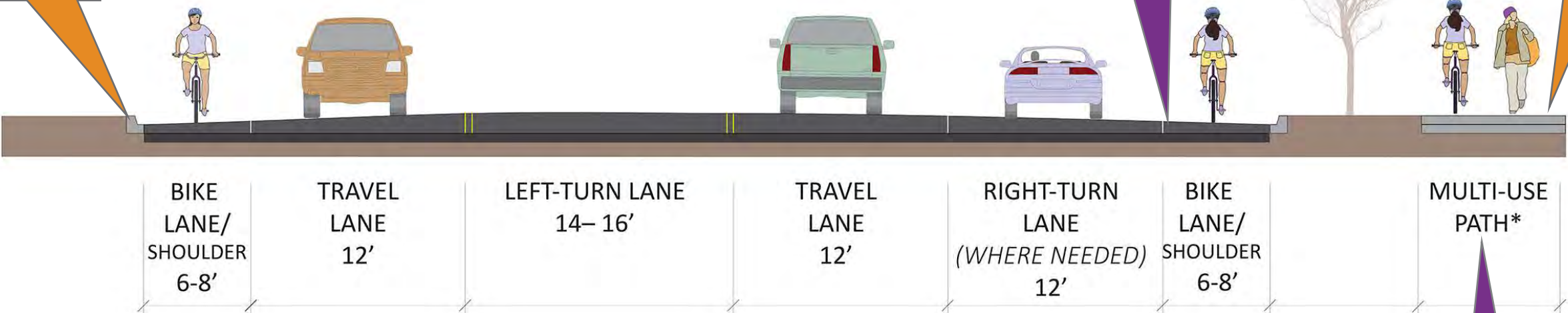


### UPGRADE SECTIONS – FM 967 and FM 1826

- Curbing only desired where needed
- Noted curbing can reduce ROW needs and impacts to property owners

- Noted a multi-use path preferred and would not feel comfortable on a shoulder

- Explore multi-use path particularly if it reduces ROW needs
- Noted a separated path is ideal for bikes

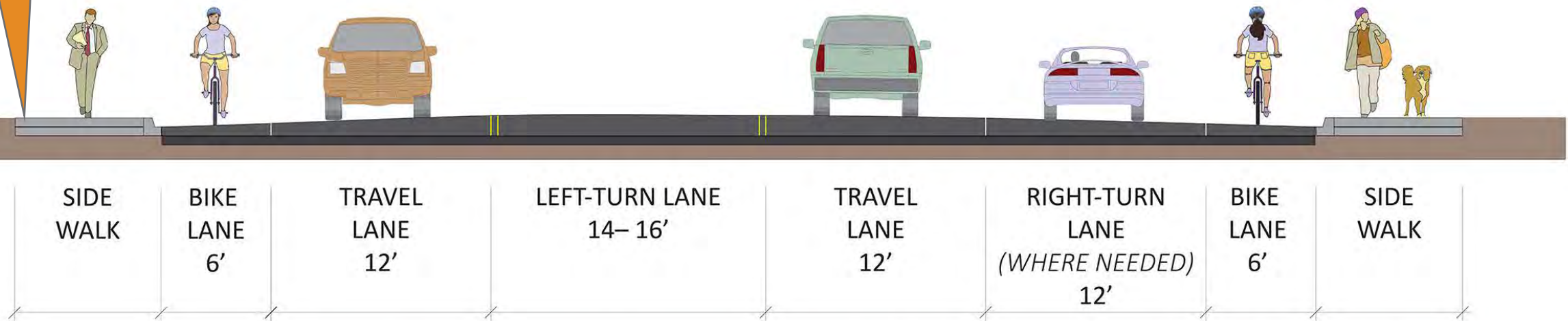


- Asked if there is any way to estimate what traffic will head east (to FM 1826) from the bypass and what traffic will head toward FM 150
- Commented that Wintermills Parkway is perfect example for bike and driving
- Questioned the need for equestrian facilities
- Discussed the benefit of left and right turn lanes where needed
- Noted FM 1826 and FM 150 could be a roundabout with the bypass

- Prefer multi-use path
- Discussed benefits for area restaurants and businesses (Salt Lick, event venues)

- Sidewalks can be decomposed granite

- Noted that would be beneficial to skip a sidewalk and bike lane going in both directions and use the extra space and make a multi-use path that accommodates two-way bike/ped traffic
- Discussed crossings would be needed with only a multi-use path
- Discussed pedestrian bridges and noted they are not always used



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**Bypass Alignments**

**Legend**

- Property Line
- River and Streams
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**Notes:**

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**FM150 CHARACTER PLAN**



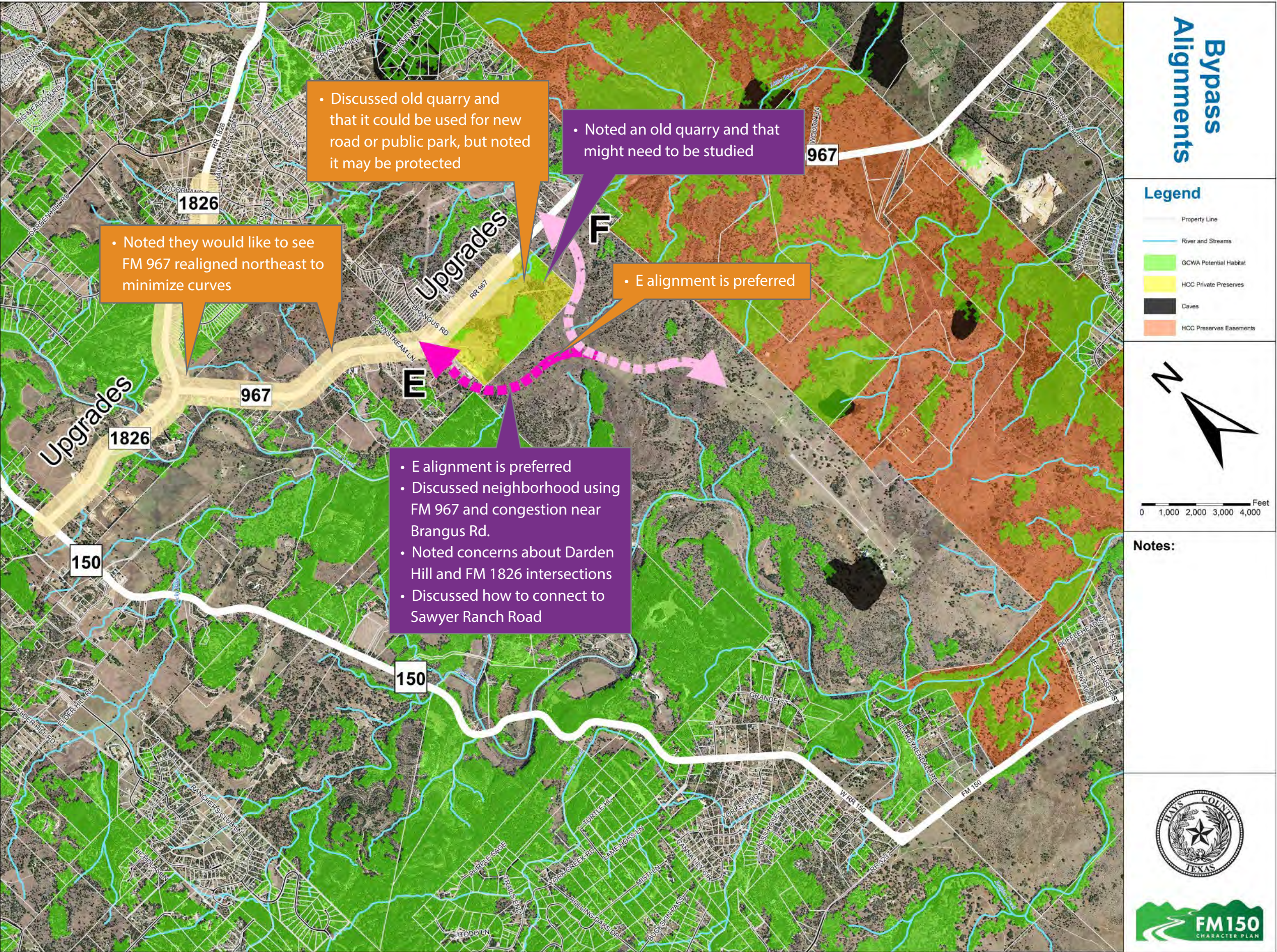
# Bypass Connection to FM 967

CAP Meeting,  
Jan. 19, 2017

## CAP and Public Comments

CAP Member 

Public 





# Hays County FM 150 West Character Plan Nature & Character Master Plan

Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting #3  
February 23, 2017  
Dripping Springs High School

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## AGENDA

1. Meeting Purpose
2. Further Discussion on Hard Issues
3. Data Update
4. Intersection Alignments and Forms
5. Next Steps
6. Questions

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## MEETING PURPOSE

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## HARD ISSUES

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- Upgrade sections of FM 967 and FM 1826



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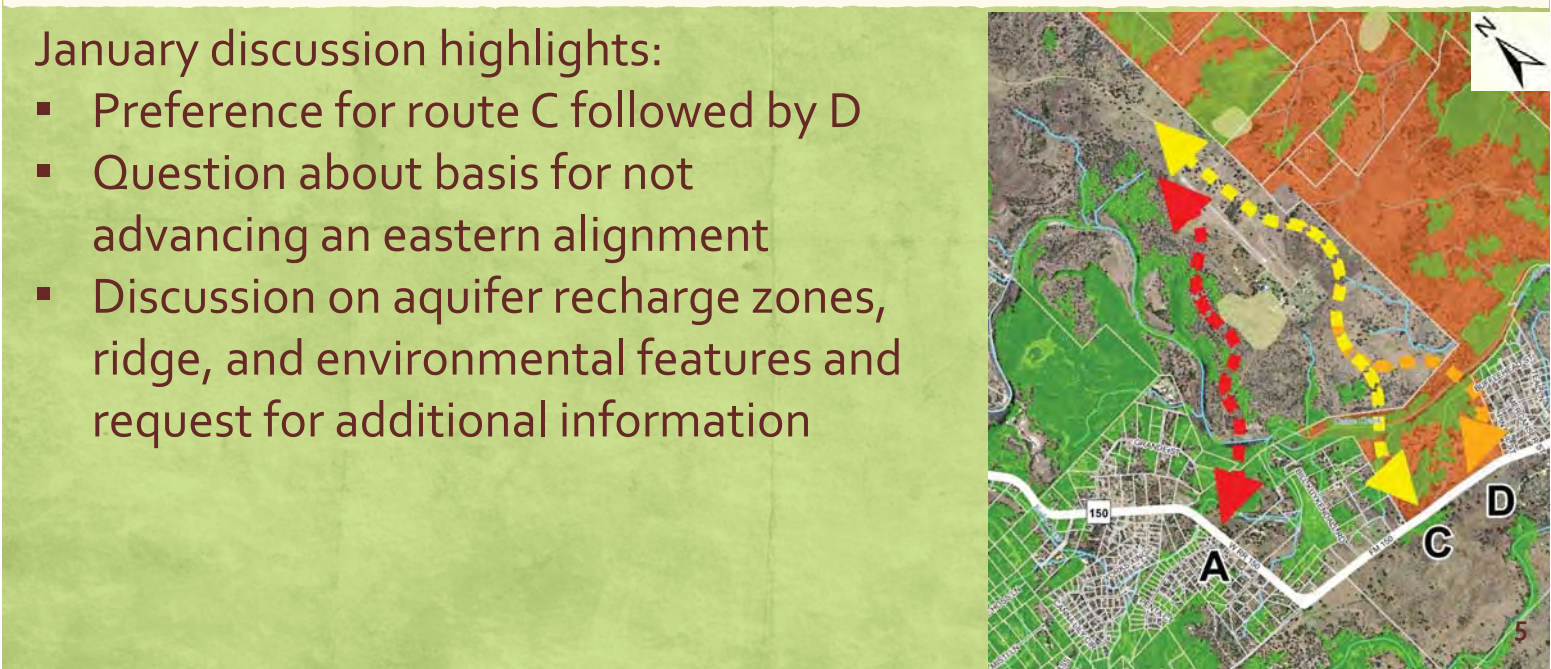


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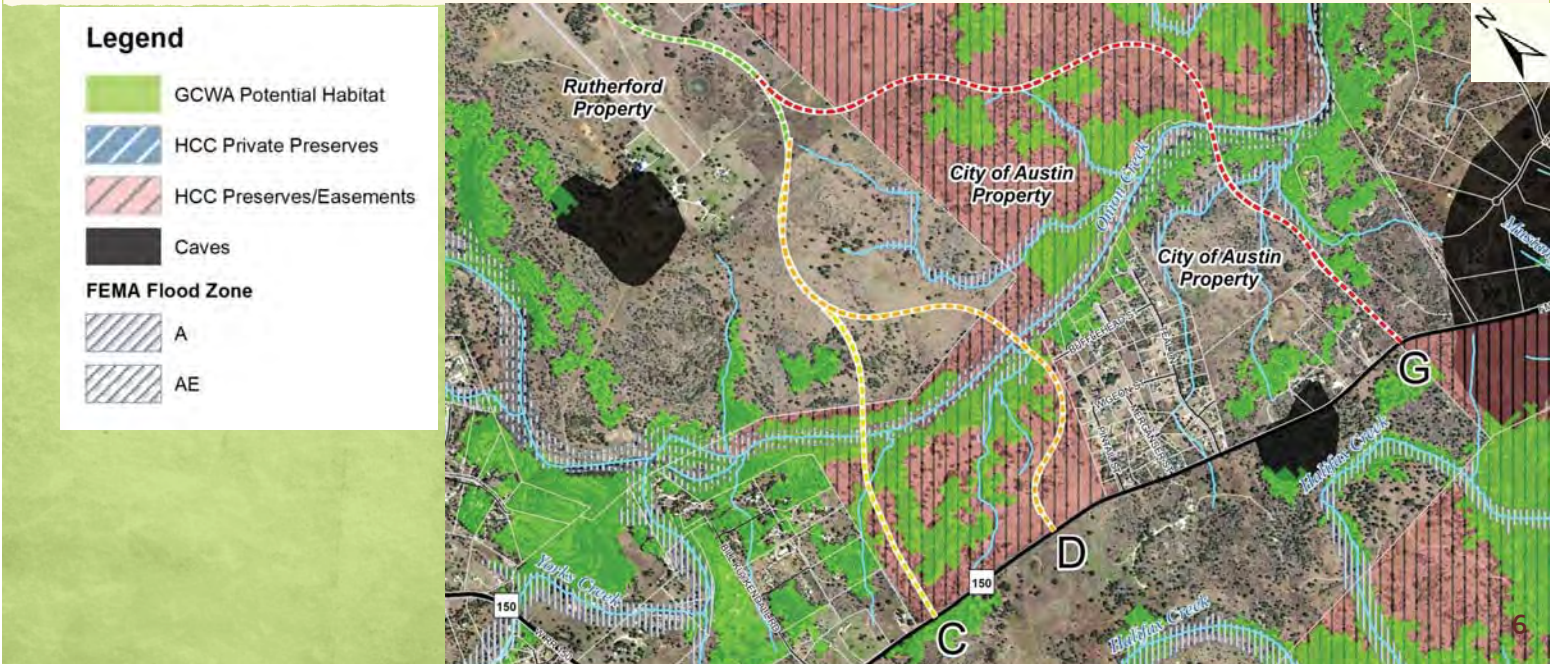
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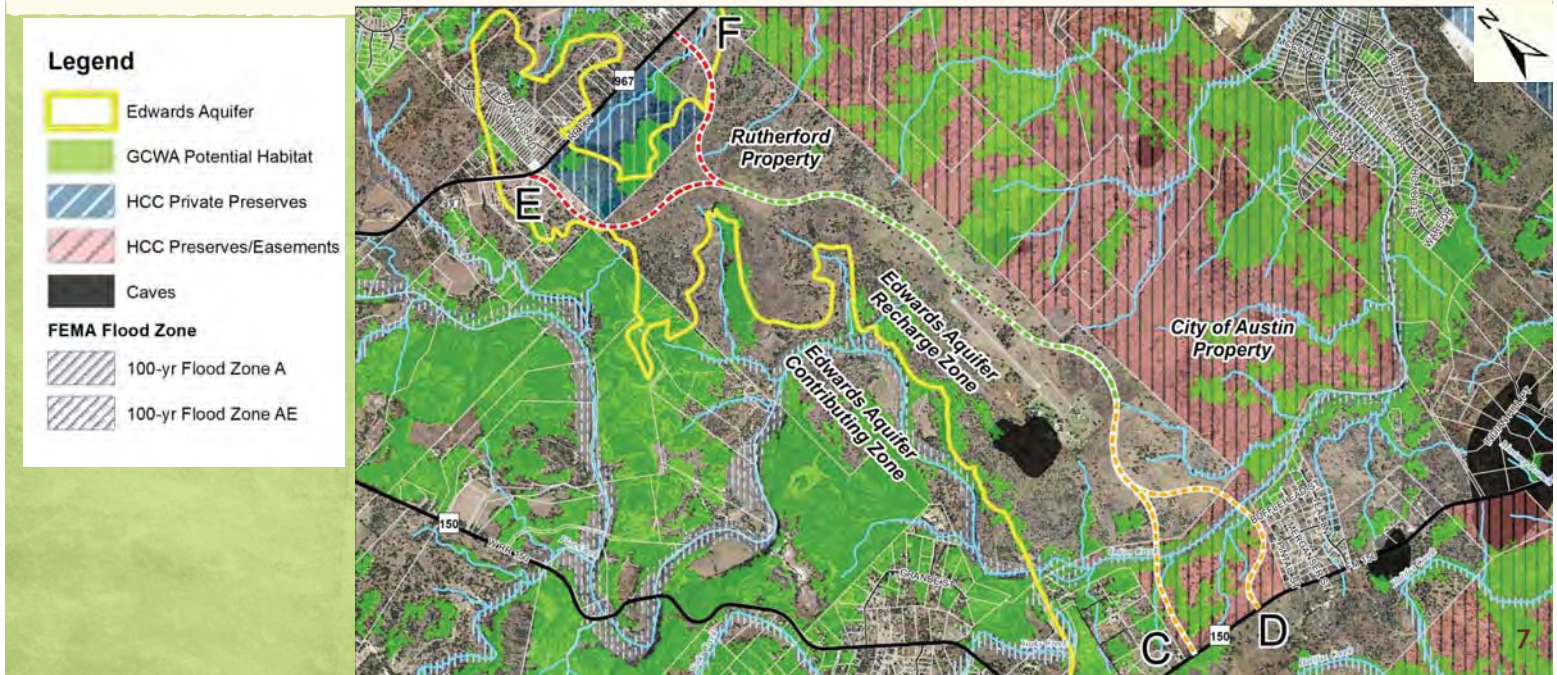


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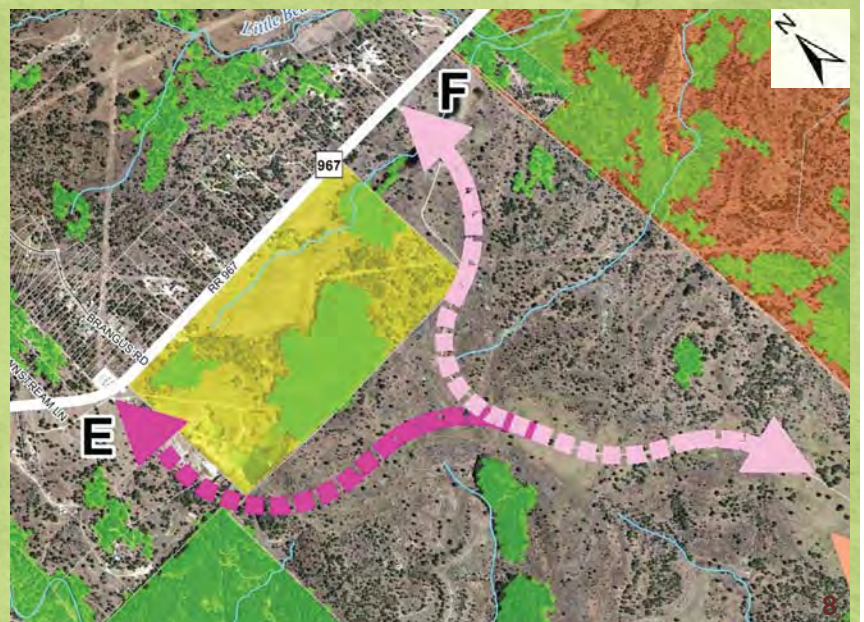
# BYPASS – COMPLETE ALIGNMENT



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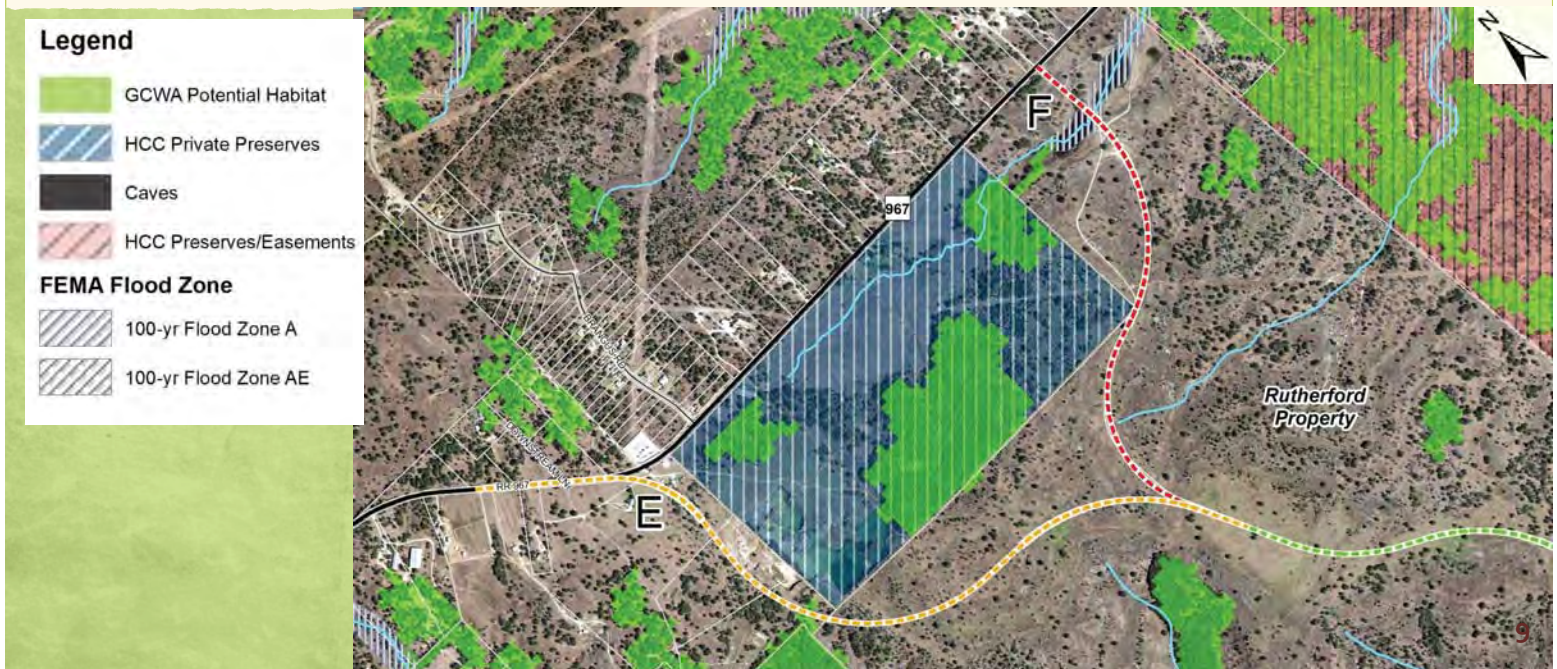
January discussion highlights:

- Preference for route E
- Discussion about quarry, potential alignment through site
- Any updates from CAP member on conservancy details?





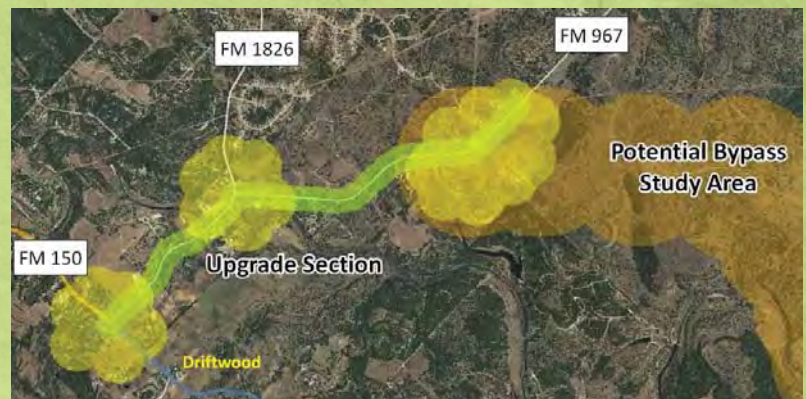
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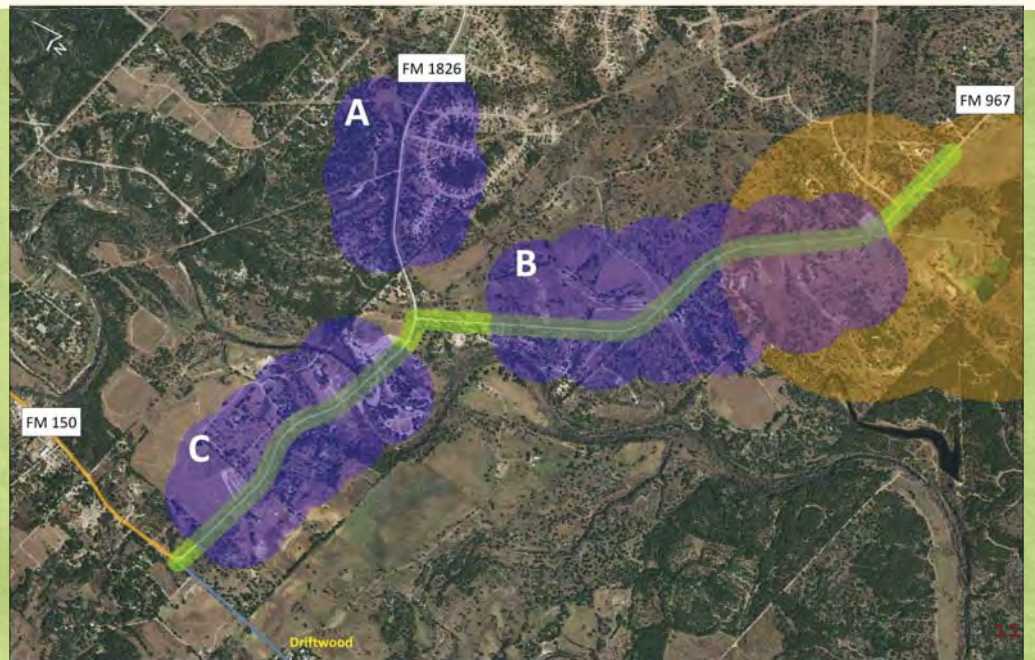
- Preference for separate multi-use path
- Support for turn-lanes where needed
- Desire to reduce curb and gutter and minimize urban look and feel





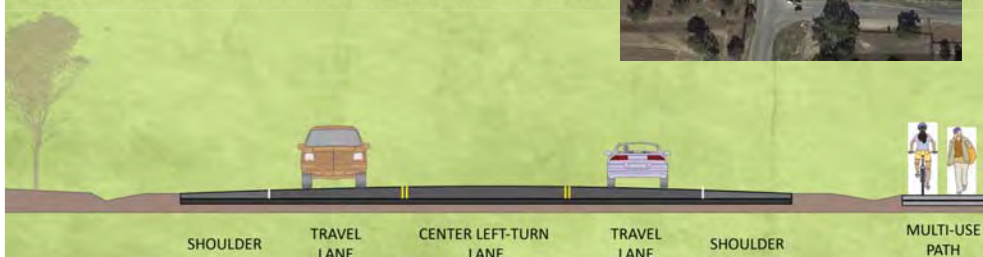
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- A and B: transition areas
- C: community zone



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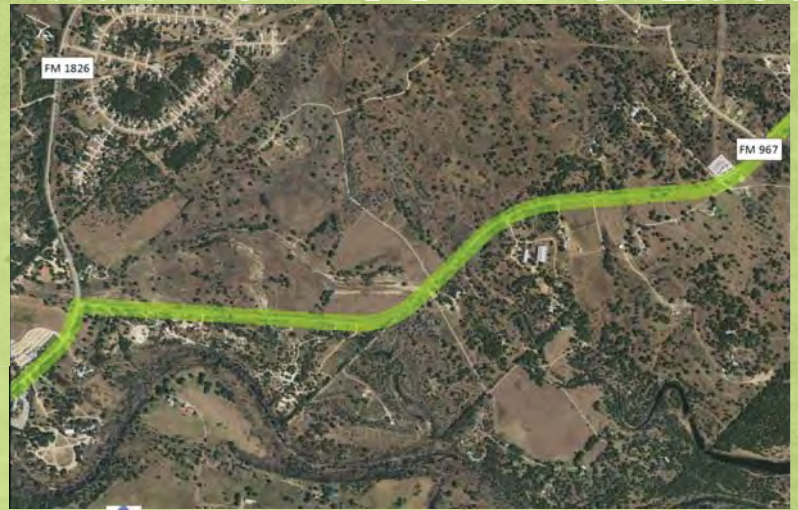
- Transition to community zone
- Potentially use a multi-use path





## UPGRADE SECTIONS – B (967)

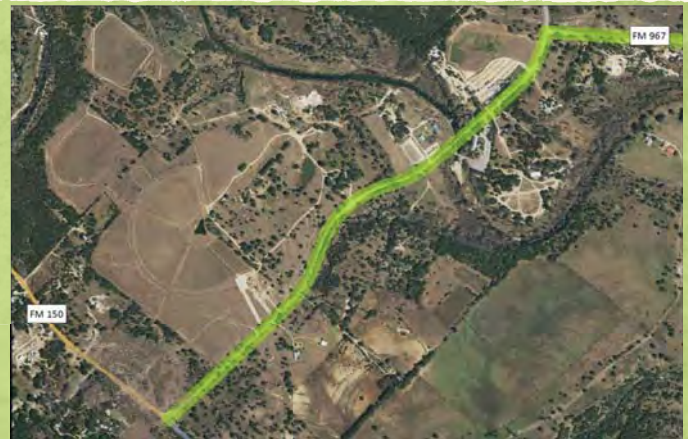
- Transition to community zone
- Introduce wider shoulders, multi-use path, potential center left-turn lane in future



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## UPGRADE SECTIONS – C (1826)

- Community zone
- Desire to minimize urban look and feel
- Introduce wider shoulders, multi-use path, center left-turn lane, right-turn lanes where needed, and potentially curb/gutter



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## HARD ISSUES

- **Questions/additional discussion**



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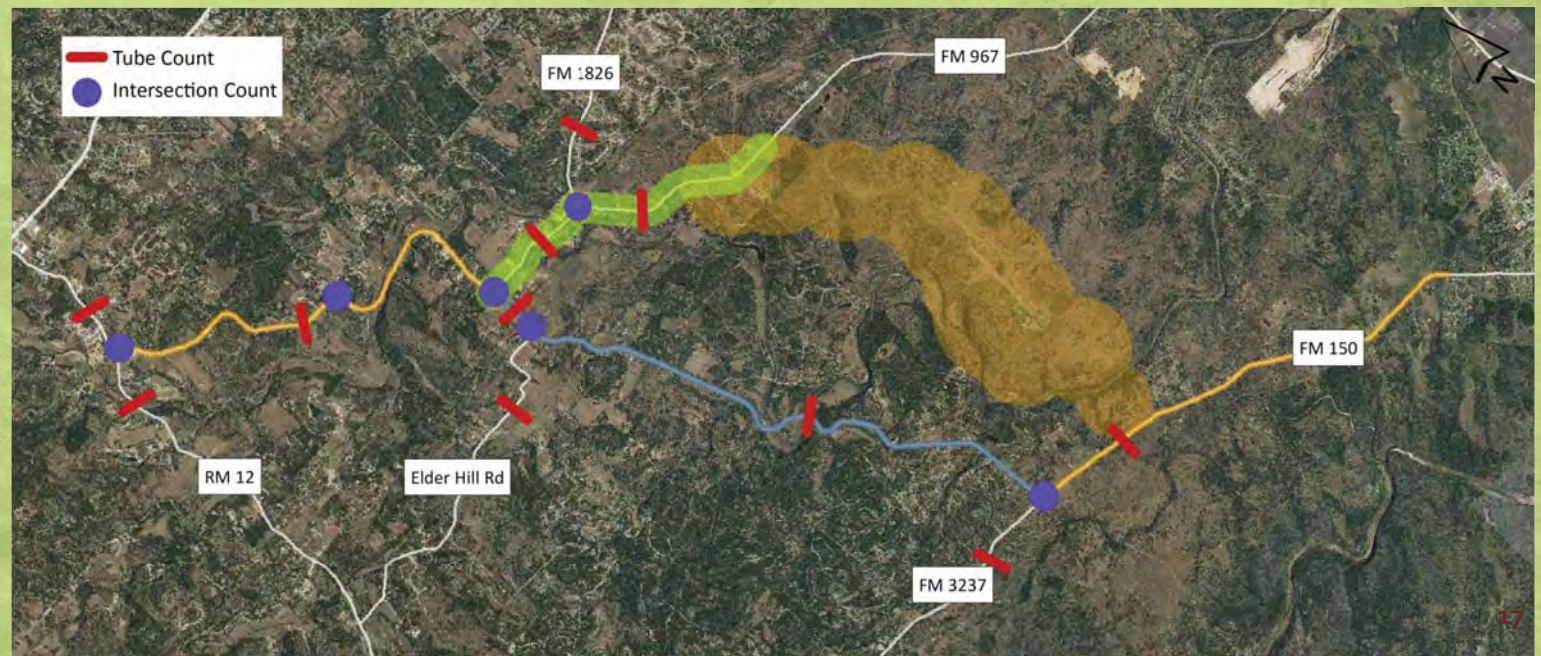
## DATA UPDATE

- **Tube Counts:** 24-hour roadway segment counts collected at 11 locations (4 previously counted)
- **Turning Movement Counts:** intersection turning movement counts collected at 8 locations (4 previously counted)
- Previous data collected in December 2014
- Updated data collected in late November 2016

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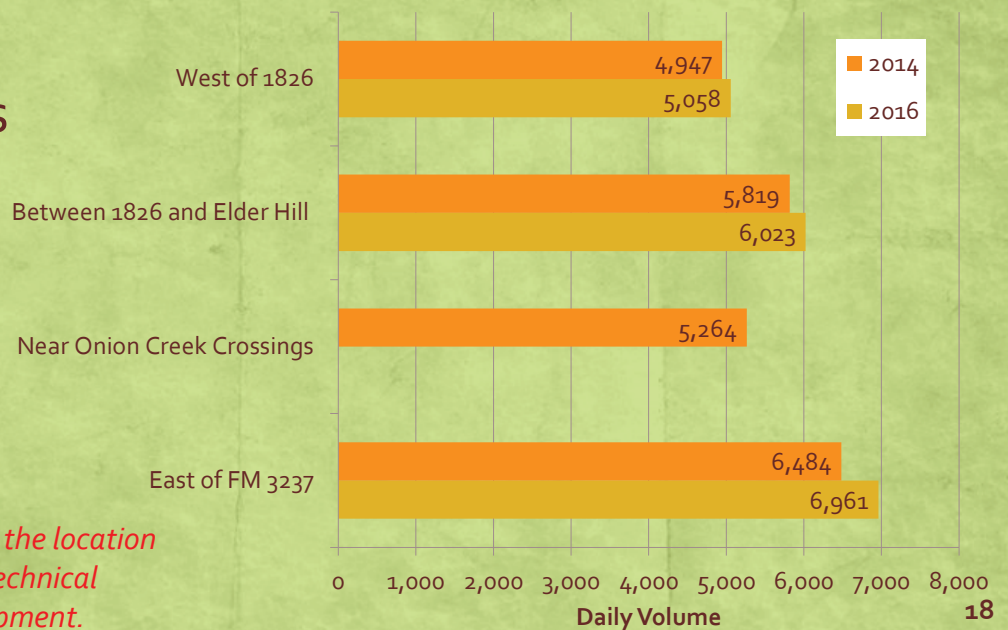
## DATA UPDATE – LOCATIONS



## DATA UPDATE – TUBE COUNTS

### Key trends:

- Growth in volumes from 2-7%
- Similar volume profiles over the day





## DATA UPDATE – TURNING MOVEMENT COUNTS

Intersections assessed based on:

- Delay
- Volume-to-capacity ratio
- Level of Service

Comparison from 2014 analysis:

- Total entering vehicles increased by an average of 26% per intersection
- Maximum average movement delay increased by about 7 seconds per intersection

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## DATA UPDATE – TURNING MOVEMENT COUNTS

Weekday AM peak hour:

- Maximum movement delay below 20 seconds

Weekday PM peak hour:

- Two intersections with a maximum delay greater than 45 seconds

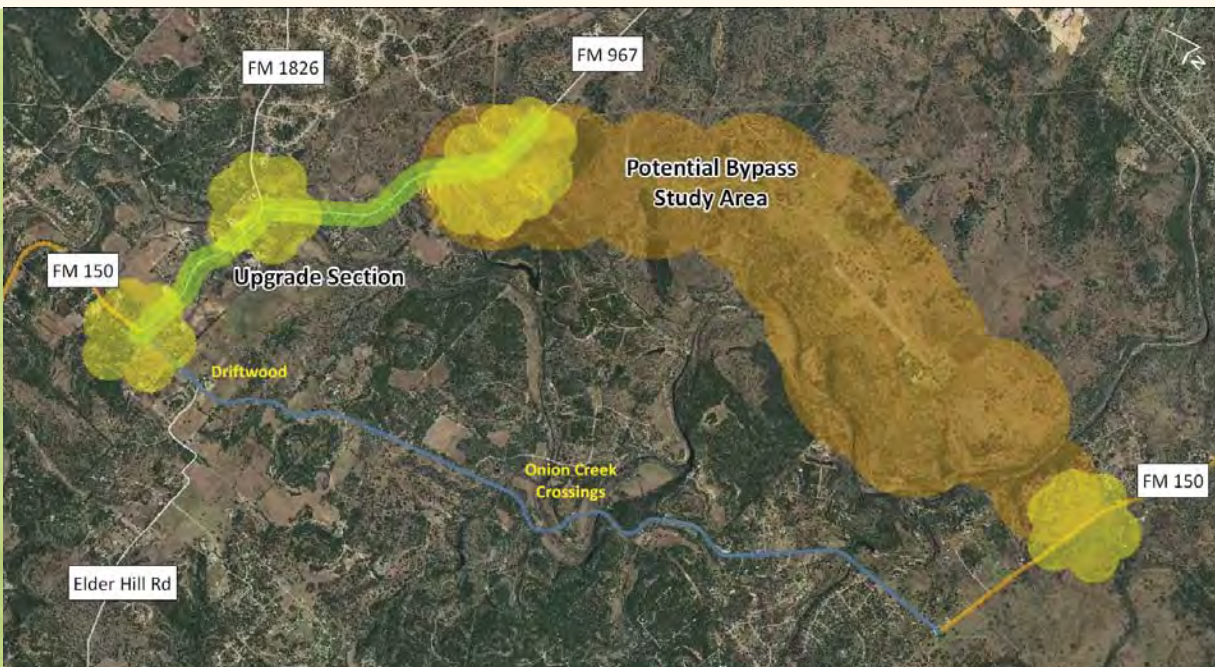
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## INTERSECTIONS ALONG BYPASS/UPGRADE SECTION



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- Consider alignment – which route is continuous?
- Consider form – stop control, signal, roundabout?
- Impacts: geometrics, operations, travel patterns
  - Smaller radius at roundabouts (lower speeds)
  - Potentially fewer turn-lanes at roundabouts

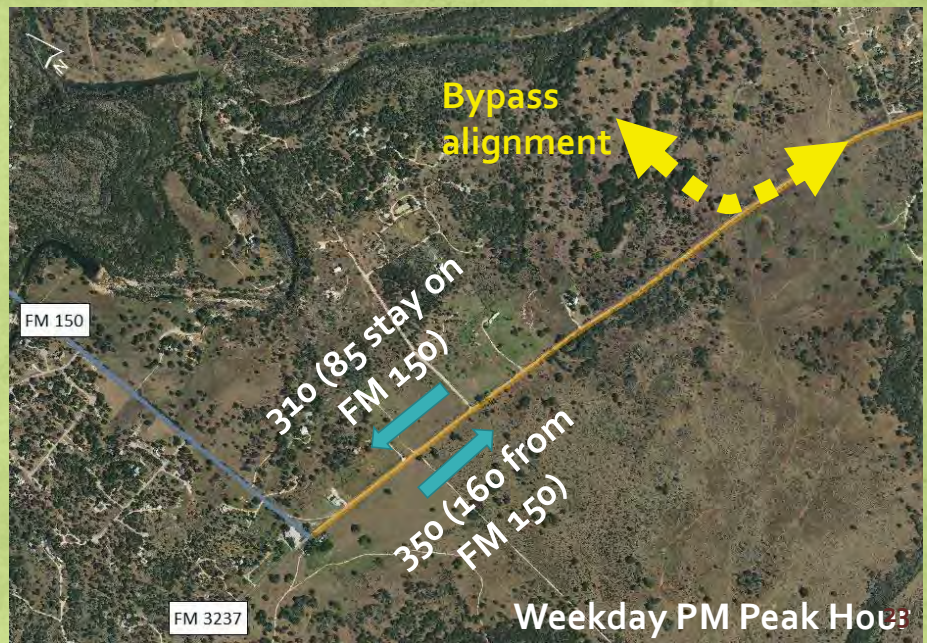


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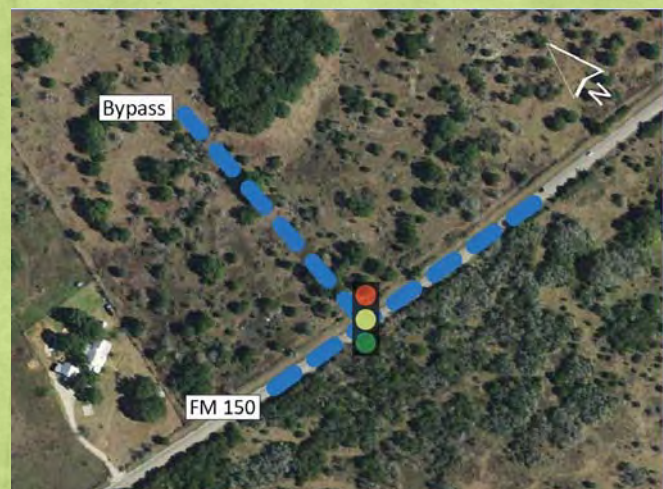
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- Existing volumes on FM 150
- Desire to make bypass route attractive
- Potential approximate location of bypass shown



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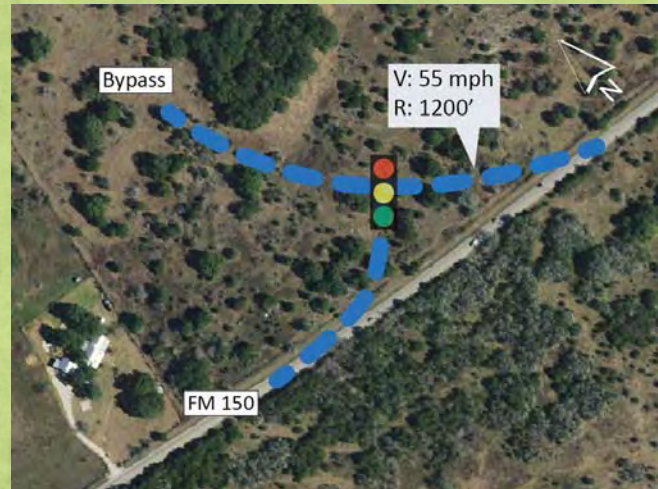
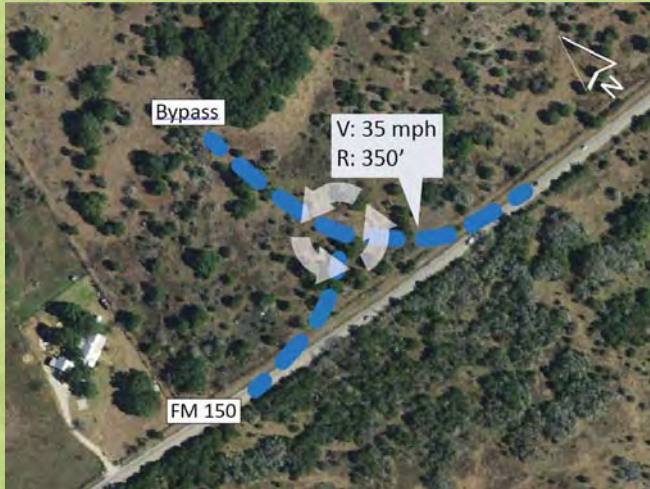
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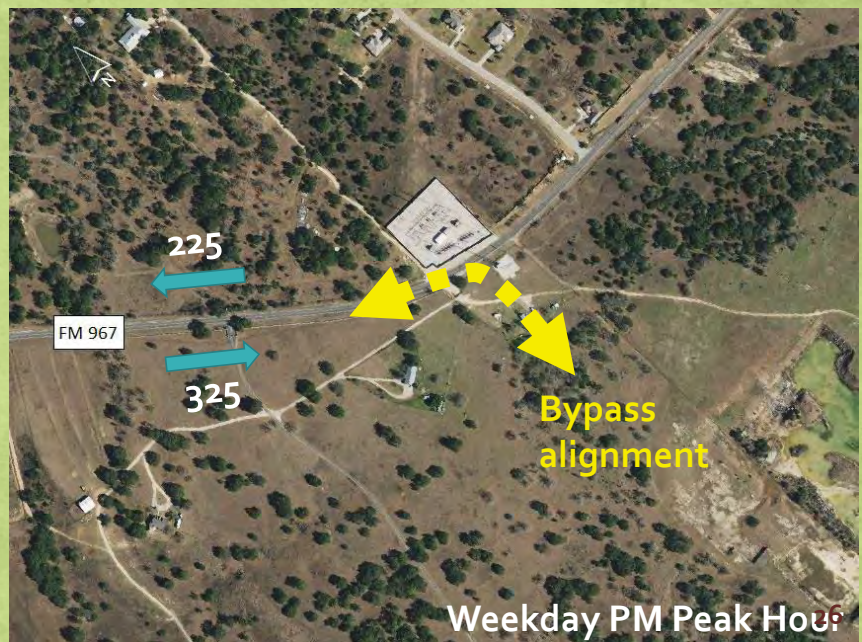
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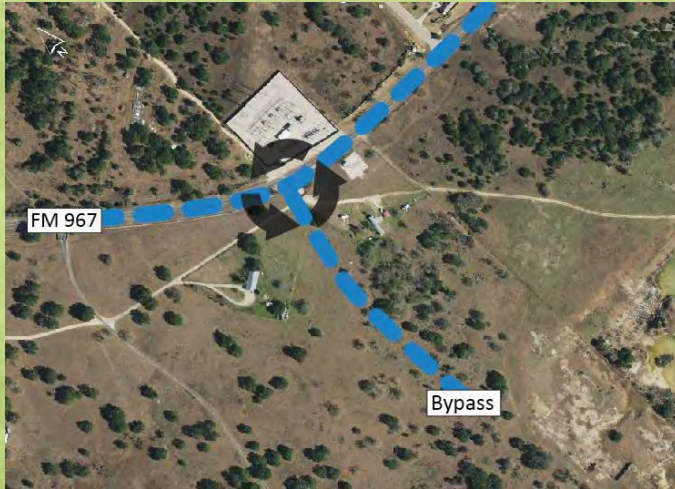
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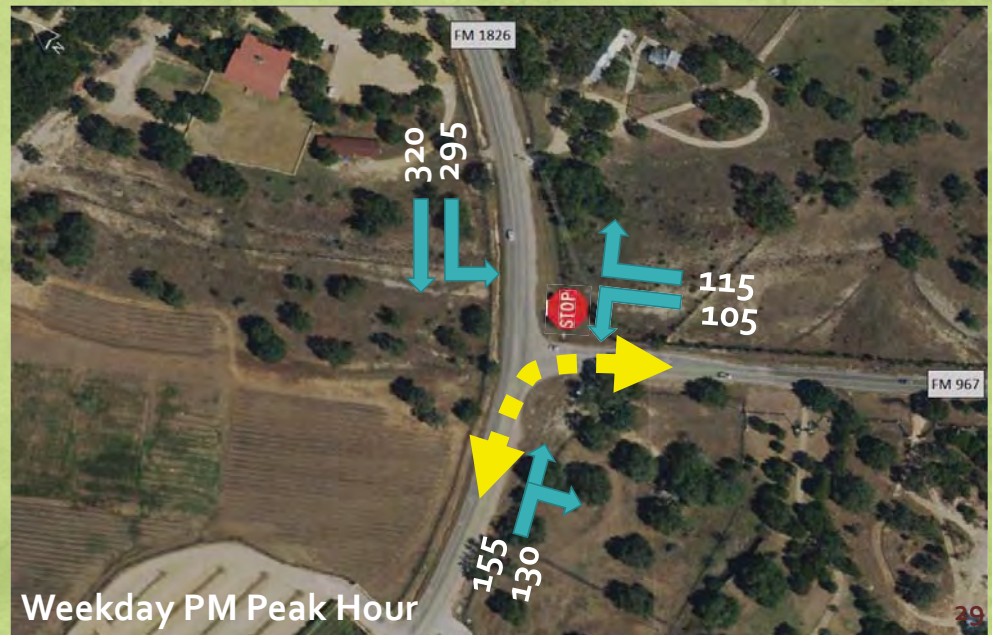


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## INTERSECTION: FM 967/FM 1826

- Existing form, alignment and operations
- Delay over 60 seconds for left-turn from FM 967



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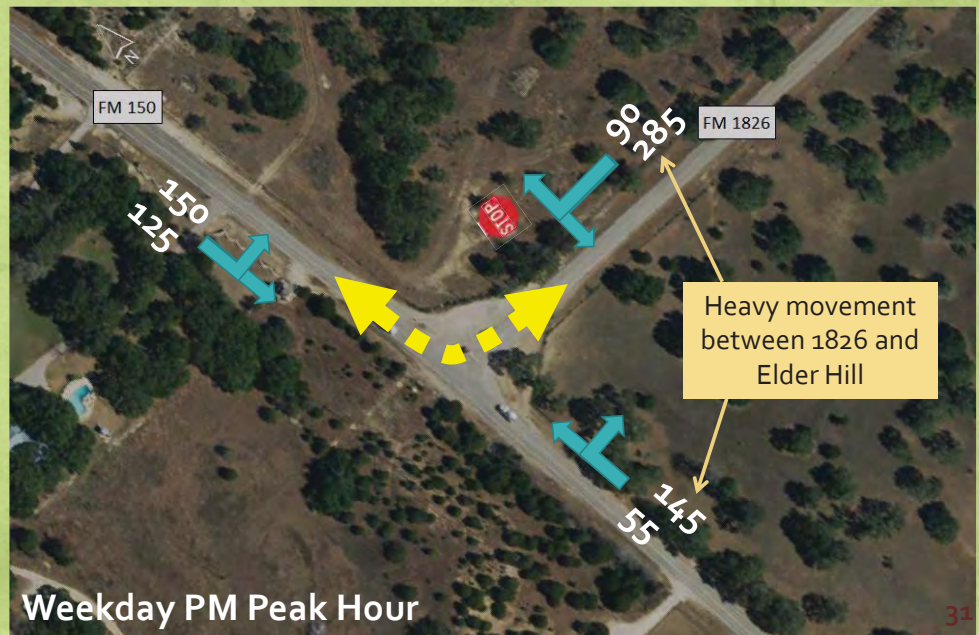
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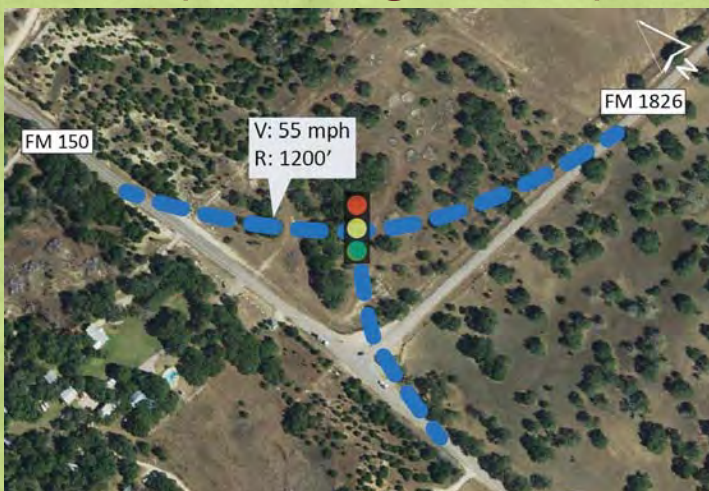
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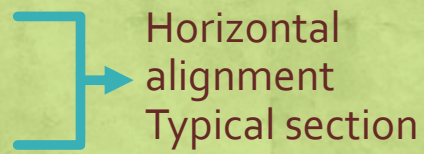
## NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, March 23
  - Present draft concepts for Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 and proposed bypass route
- Updating schedule

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## NEXT STEPS

- Refine concepts for:
  - Bypass connection to FM 150 and FM 967
  - Intersections along bypass/upgrade sections
  - Segment of FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237
  - Bypass segment – new roadway
- Introduce section of FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12



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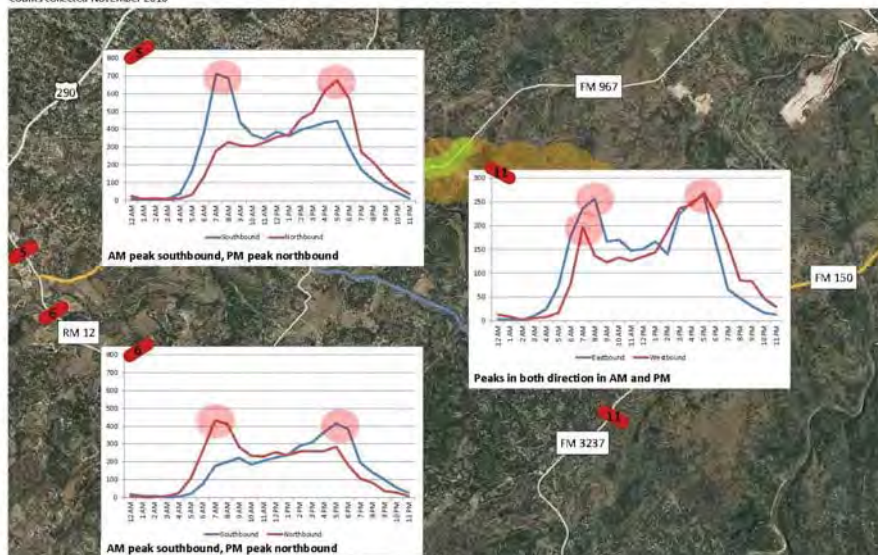


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## Volume Data

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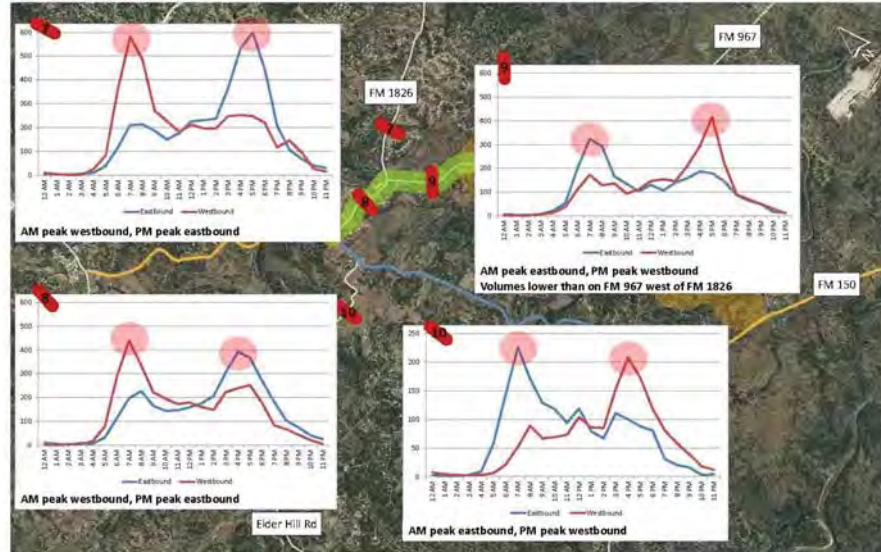


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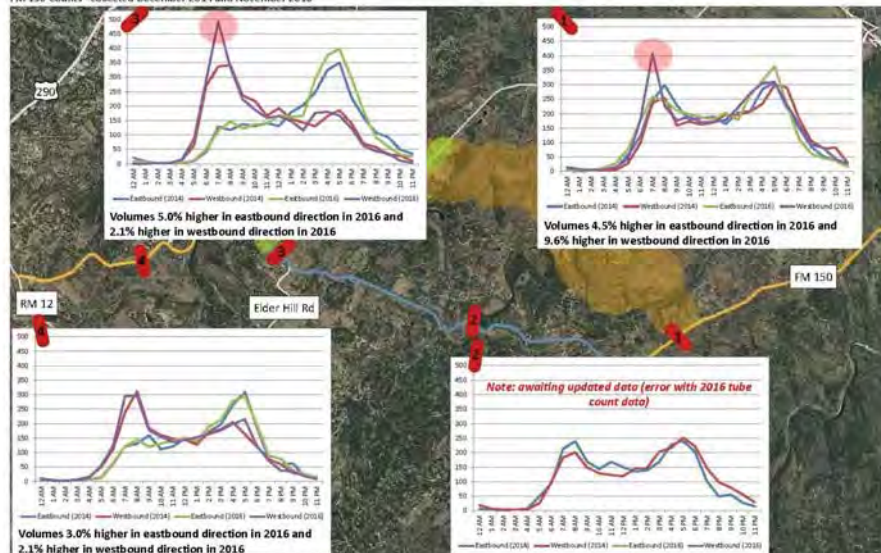
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FM 150 Counts - collected December 2014 and November 2016



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### Data Summary from CAP Meeting #3

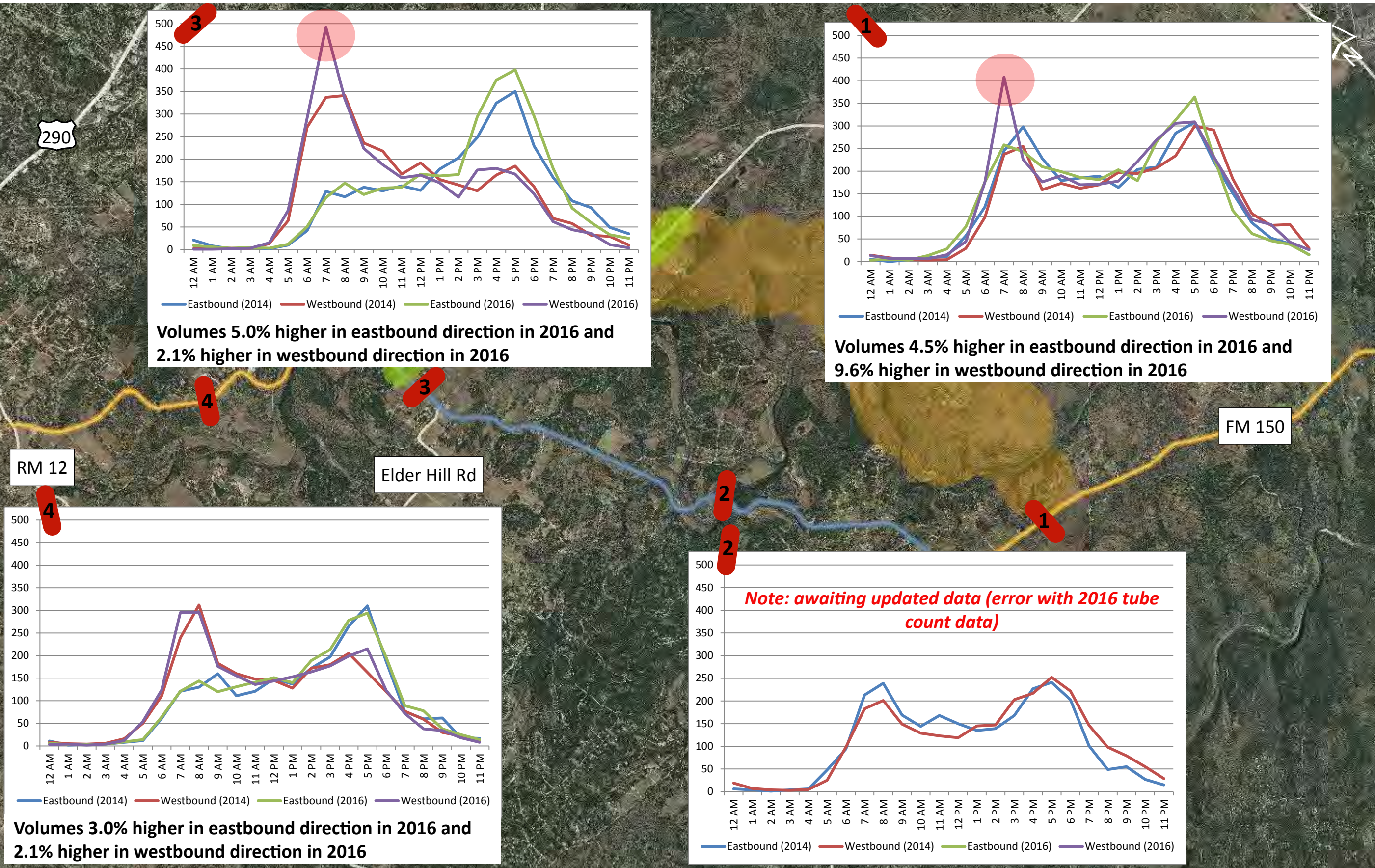
Counts were collected for 24-hours in November 2016 at 11 locations. The 4 locations on FM 150 were previously counted in December 2016. The counts are summarized in the table. Graphs showing the volume profile over the course of the day by direction follow.

Site #	Site Name	Daily Volume			Heavy Vehicle Percentage
		EB/SB	WB/NB	Total	
1	FM 150 - east of FM 3237	3,431	3,530	6,961	10.6%
2	FM 150 - near Onion Creek crossings*				
3	FM 150 - between FM 1826 and Elder Hill	2,995	3,028	6,023	7.8%
4	FM 150 - west of FM 1826	2,452	2,606	5,058	7.7%
5	RM 12 - north of FM 150	6,193	6,063	12,256	11.9%
6	RM 12 - south of FM 150	3,879	4,011	7,890	13.6%
7	FM 1826 - east of FM 150	3,364	3,361	6,725	11.2%
8	FM 1826 - east of Split with FM 967	4,211	4,200	8,411	7.7%
9	FM 967 - southeast of FM 1826	2,644	2,605	5,249	13.8%
10	Elder Hill Road - west of FM 150	1,674	1,533	3,207	7.6%
11	FM 3237 - west of FM 150	2,809	2,693	5,502	8.2%

\*Note: we are awaiting updated data for the location near the Onion Creek Crossings due to technical difficulties with the data collection equipment.

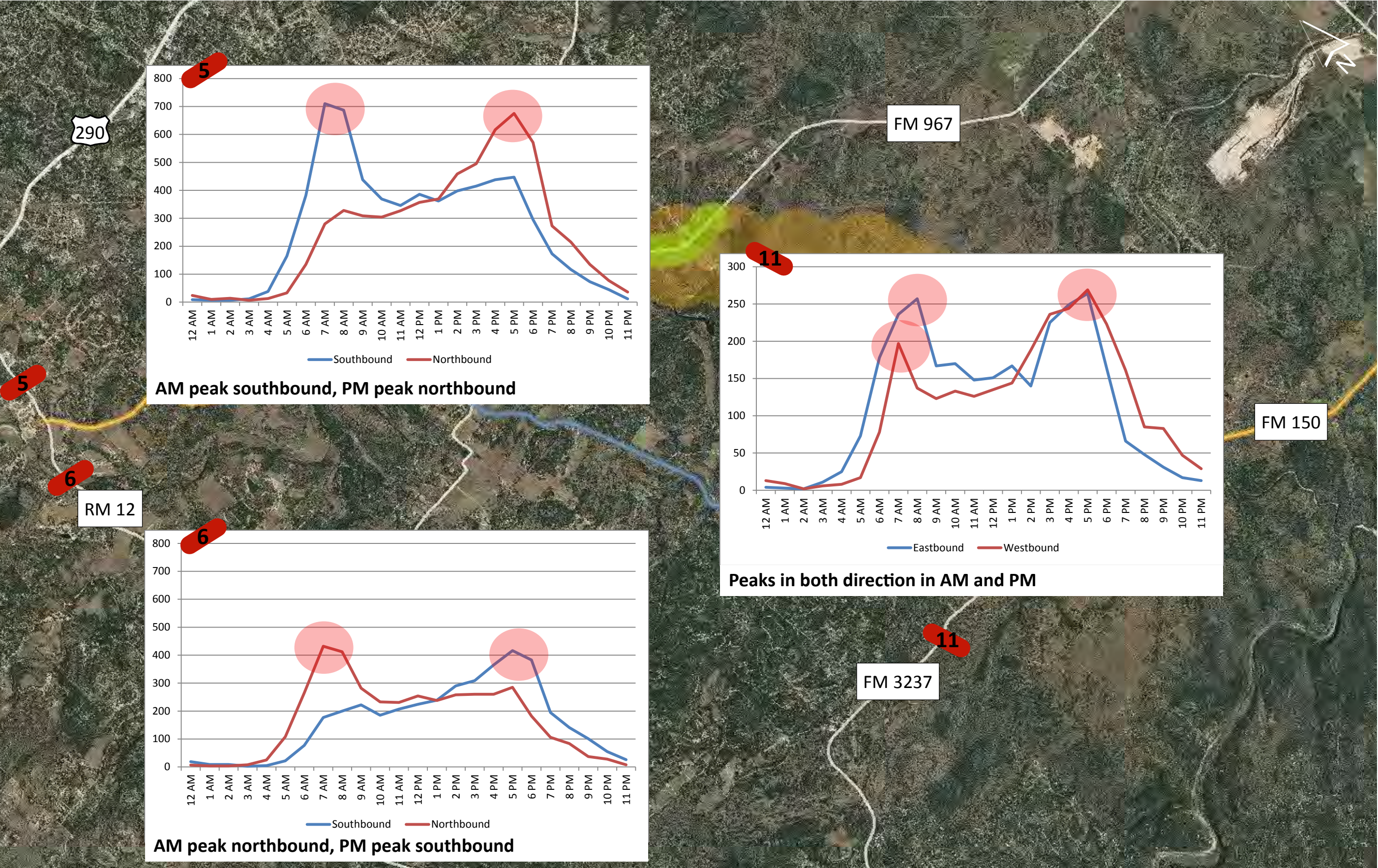


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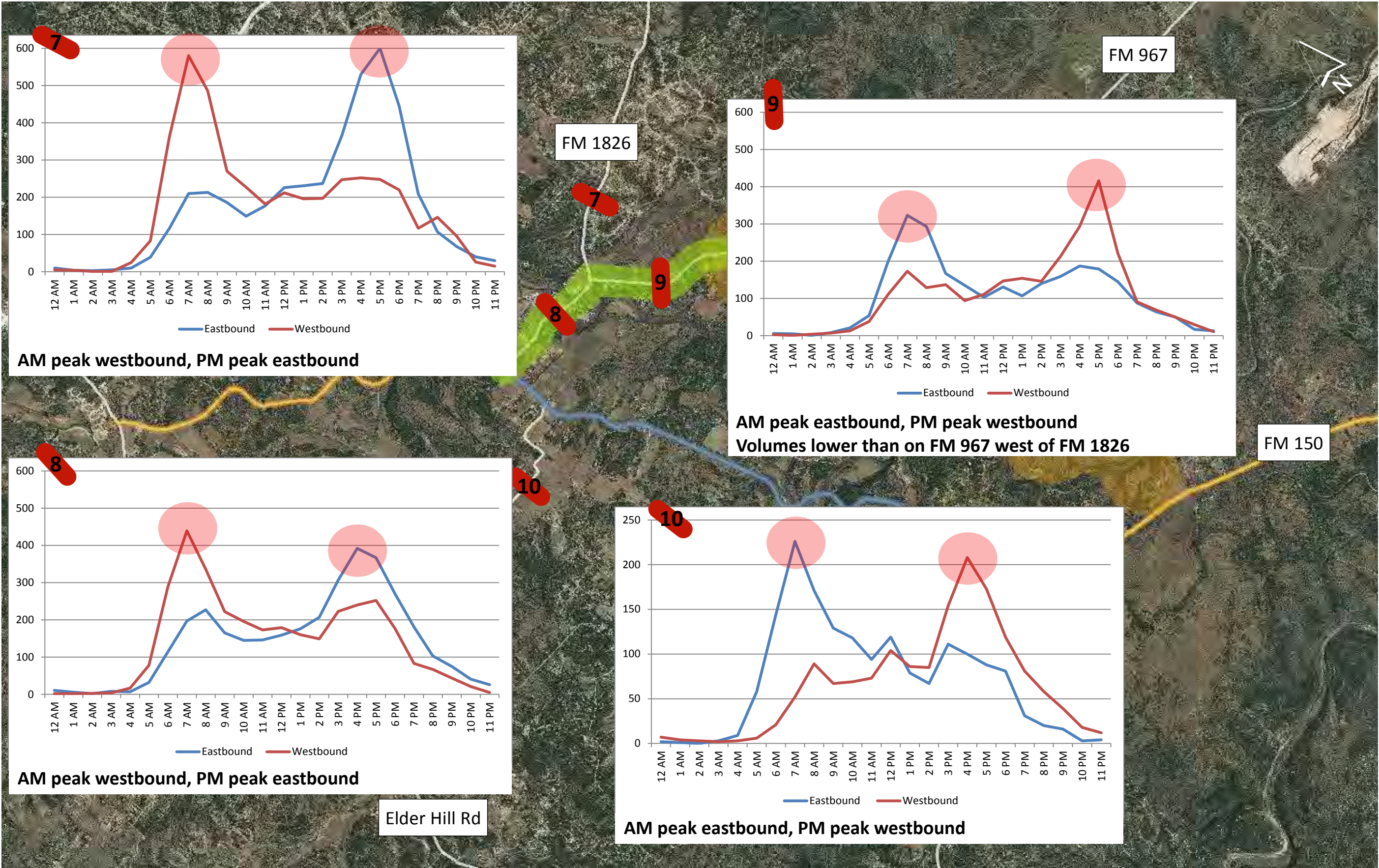


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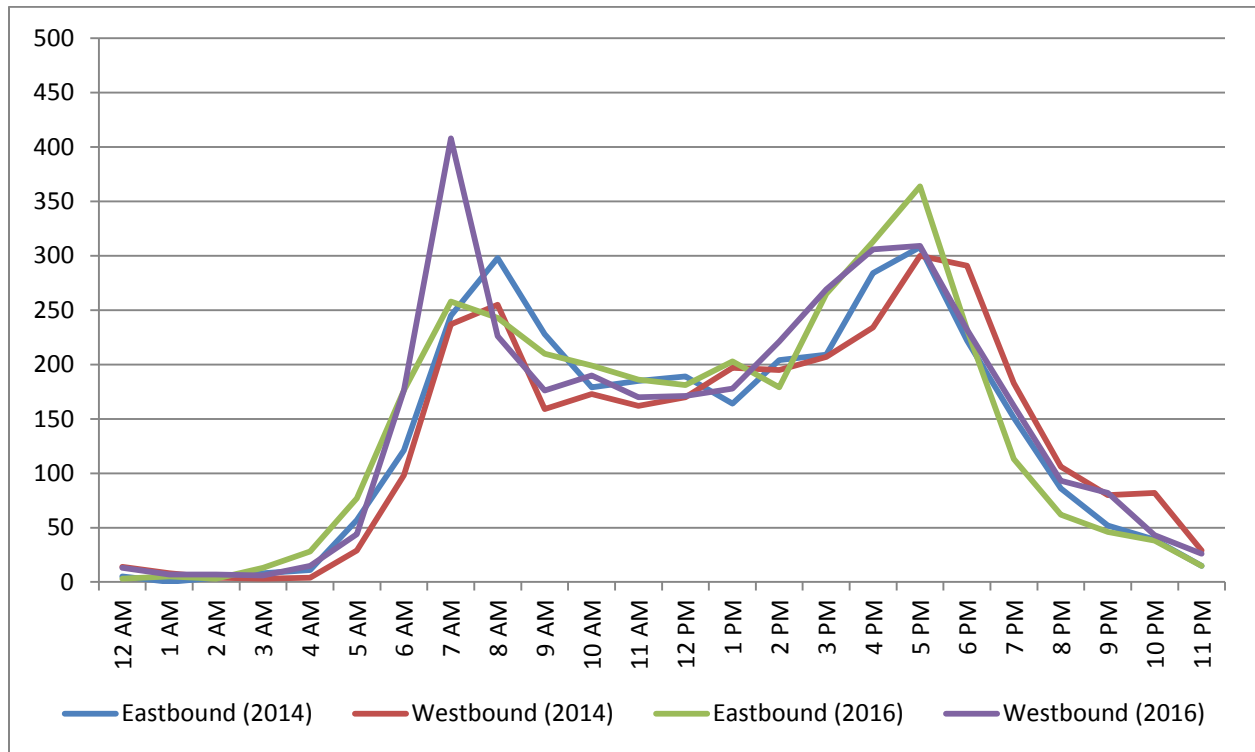


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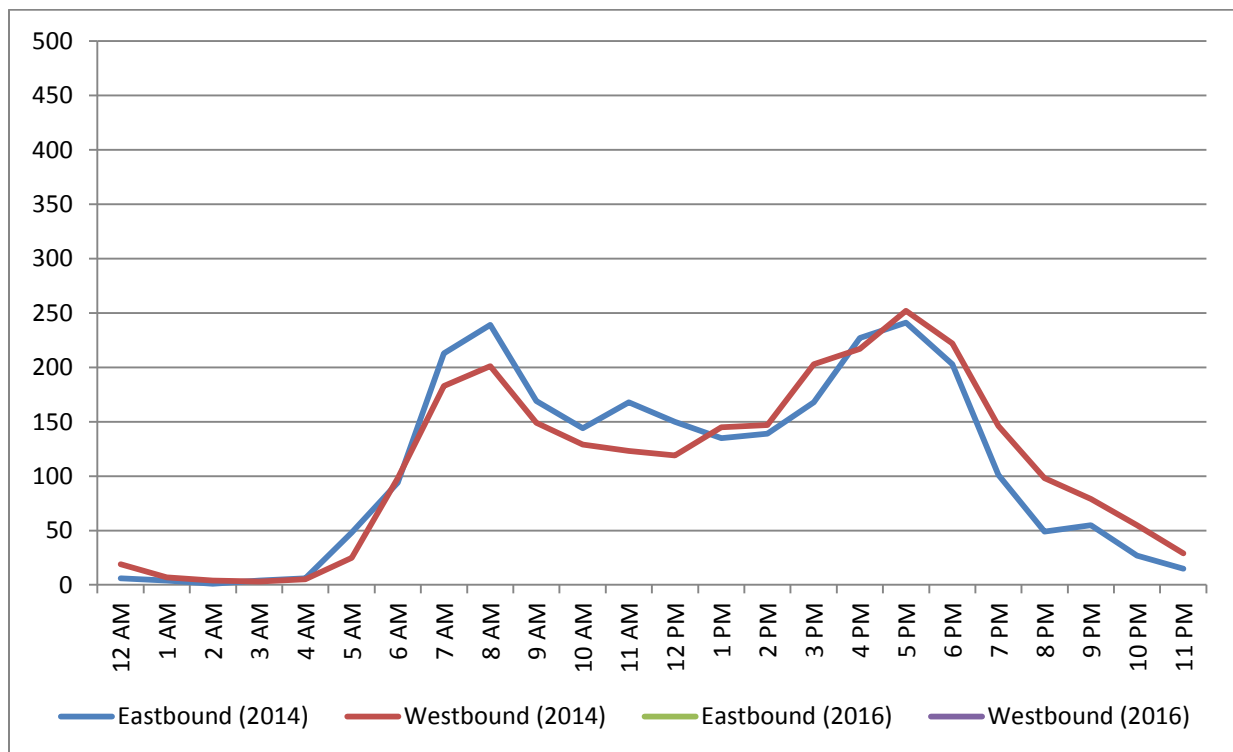




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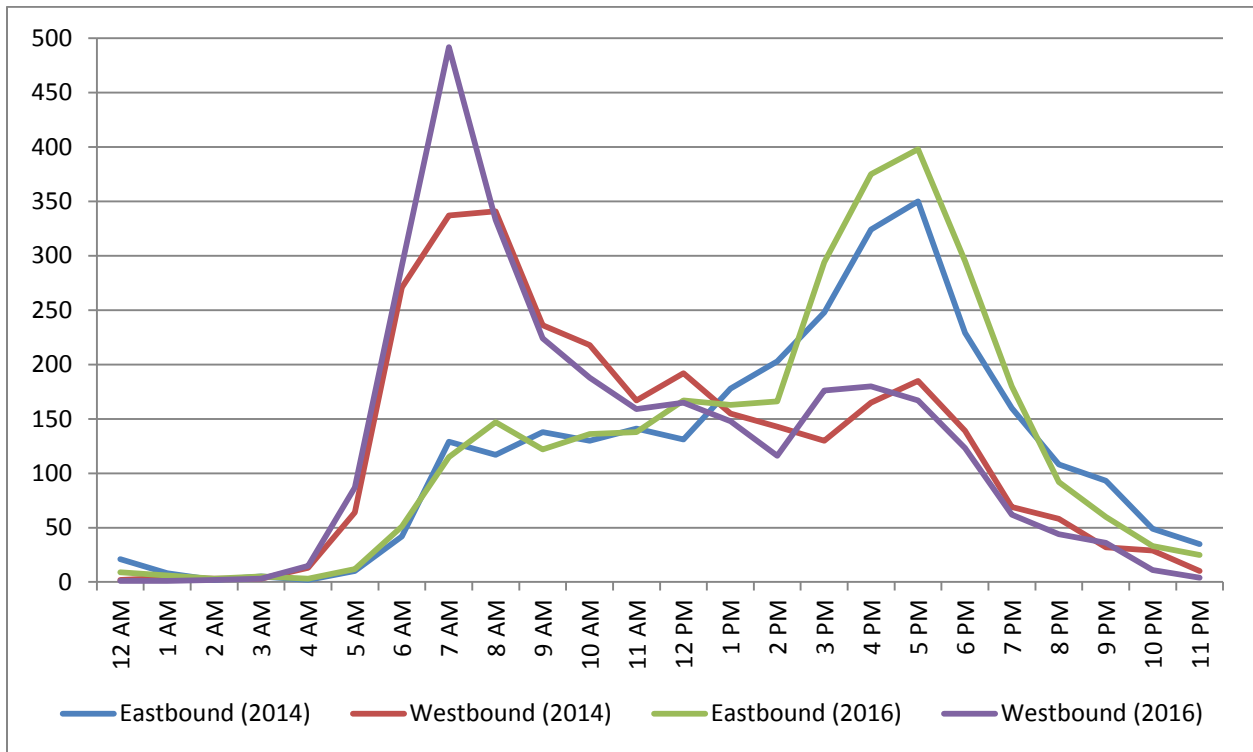


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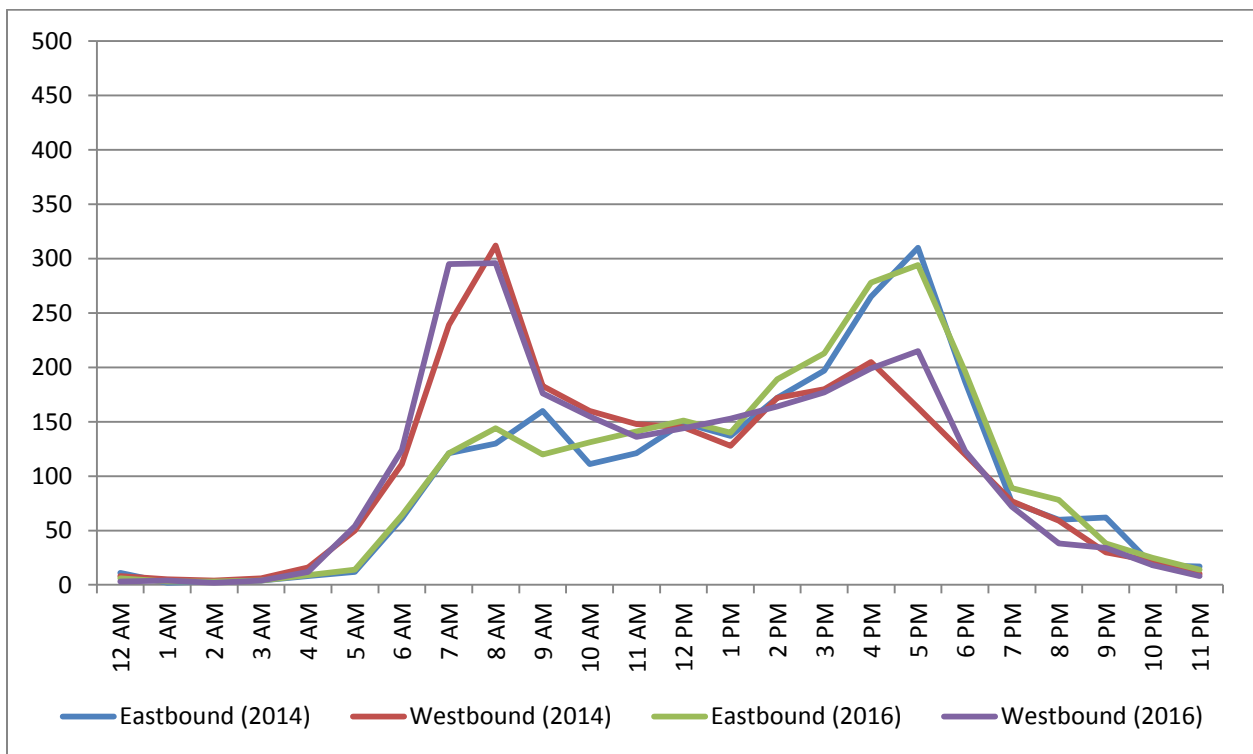




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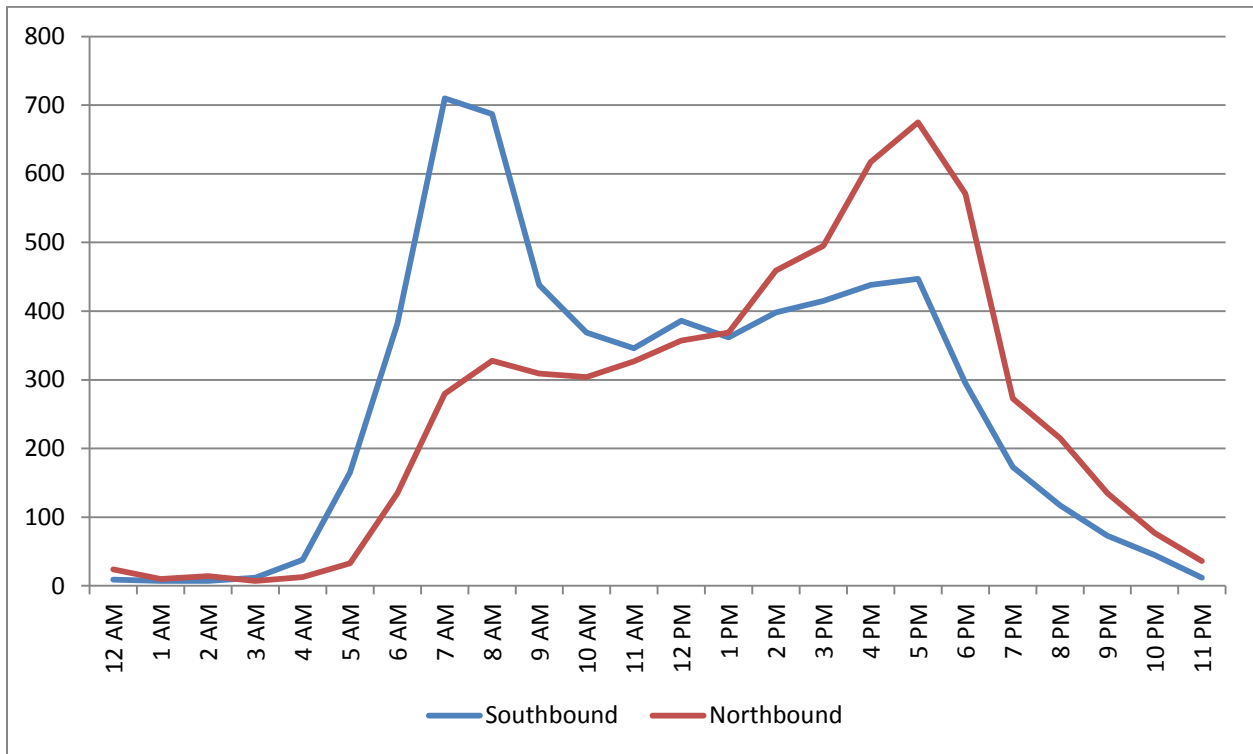


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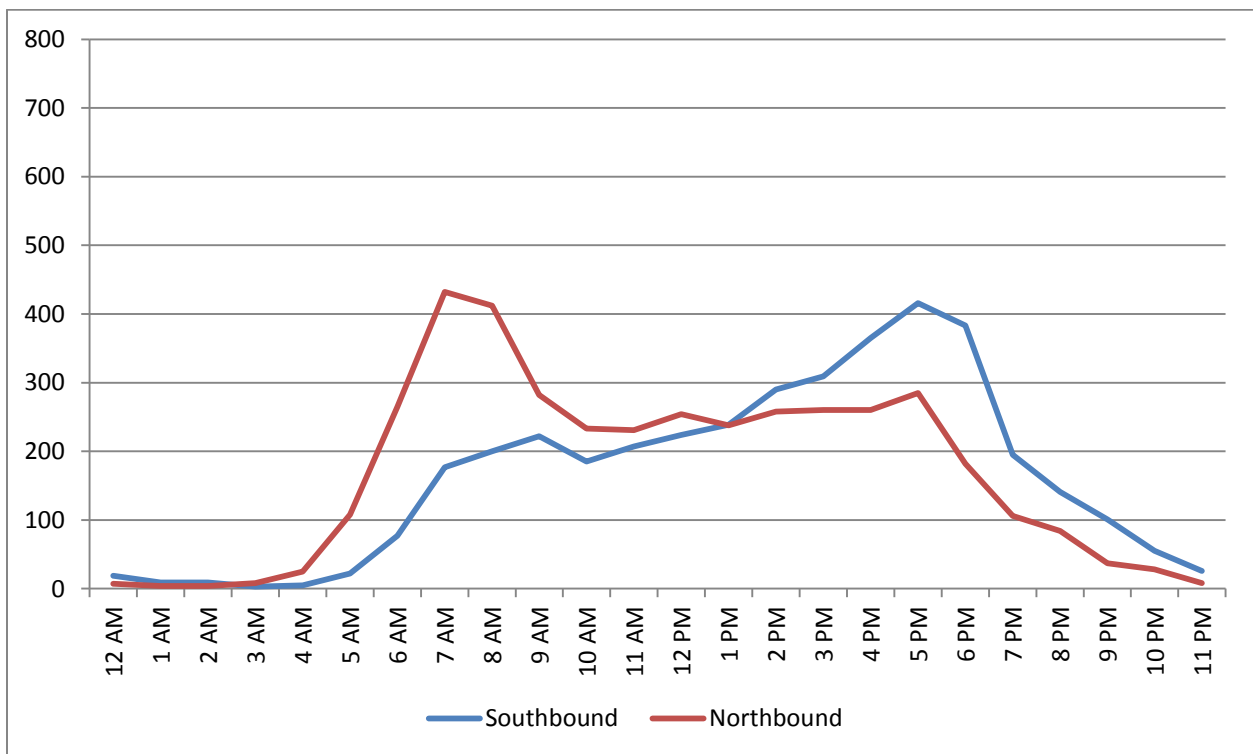




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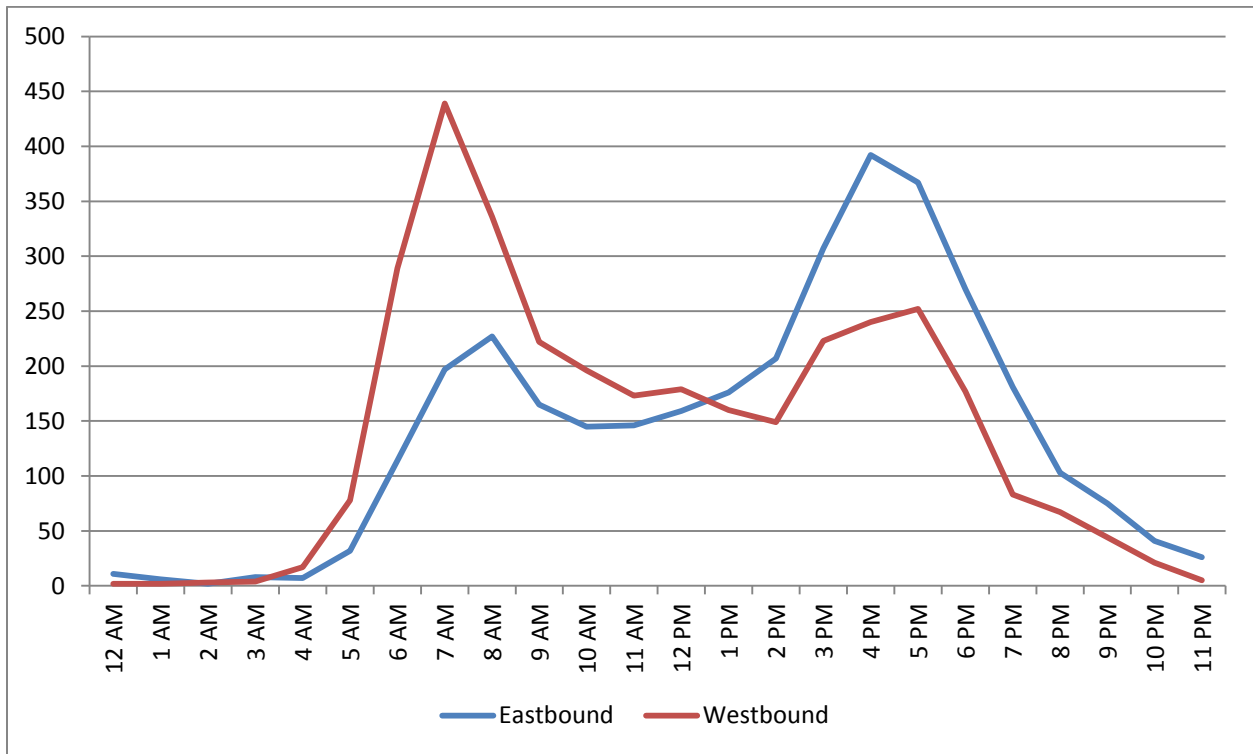


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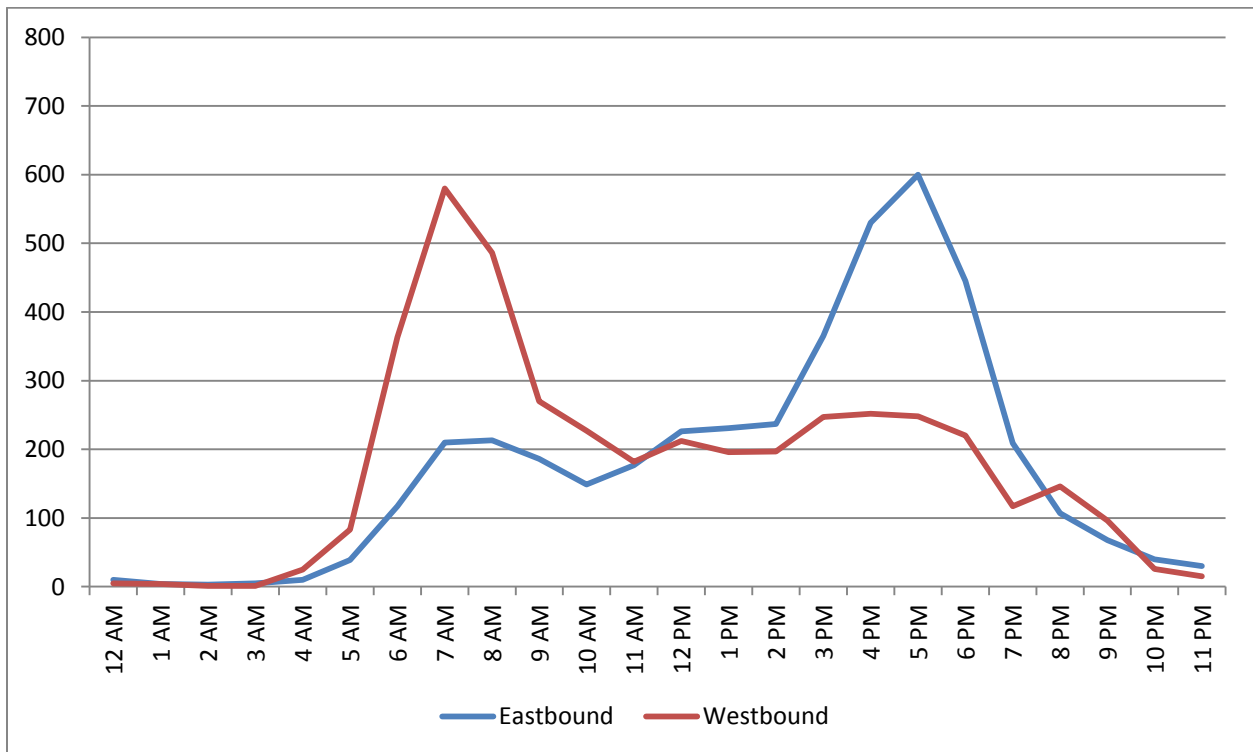




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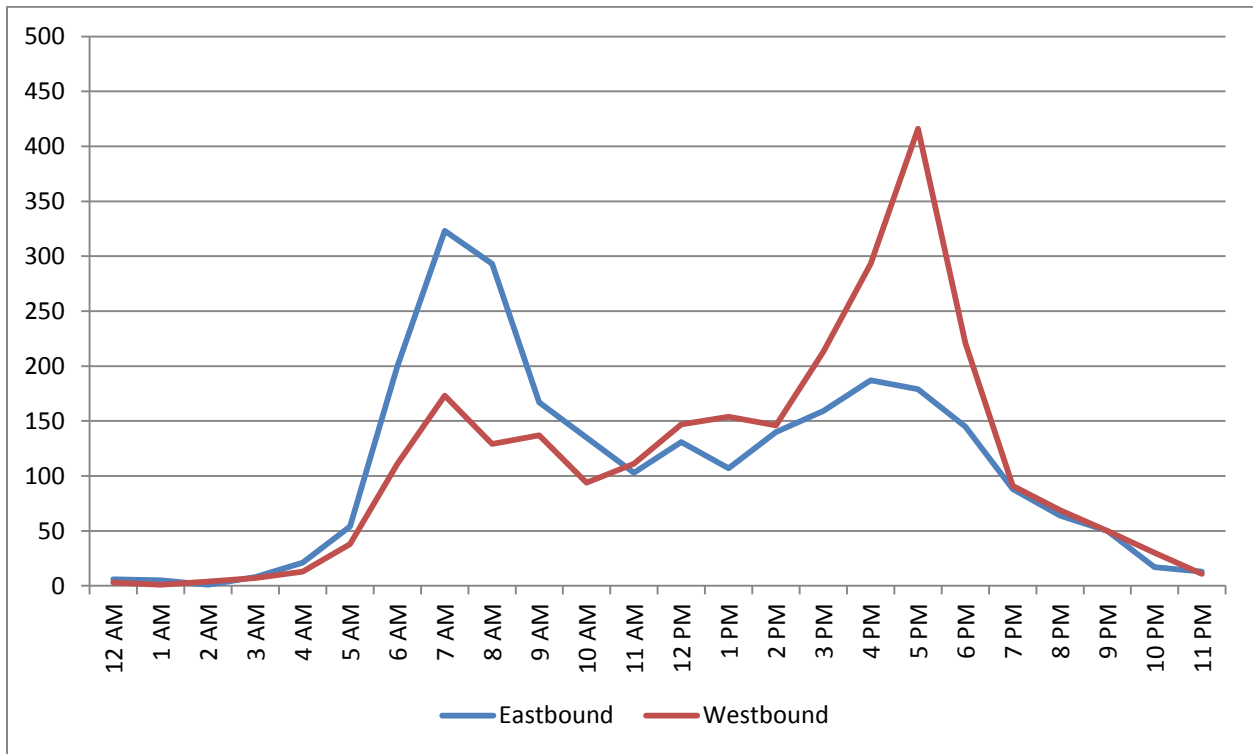


8. FM 1826 - east of Split with FM 967 (note different scale on graph)

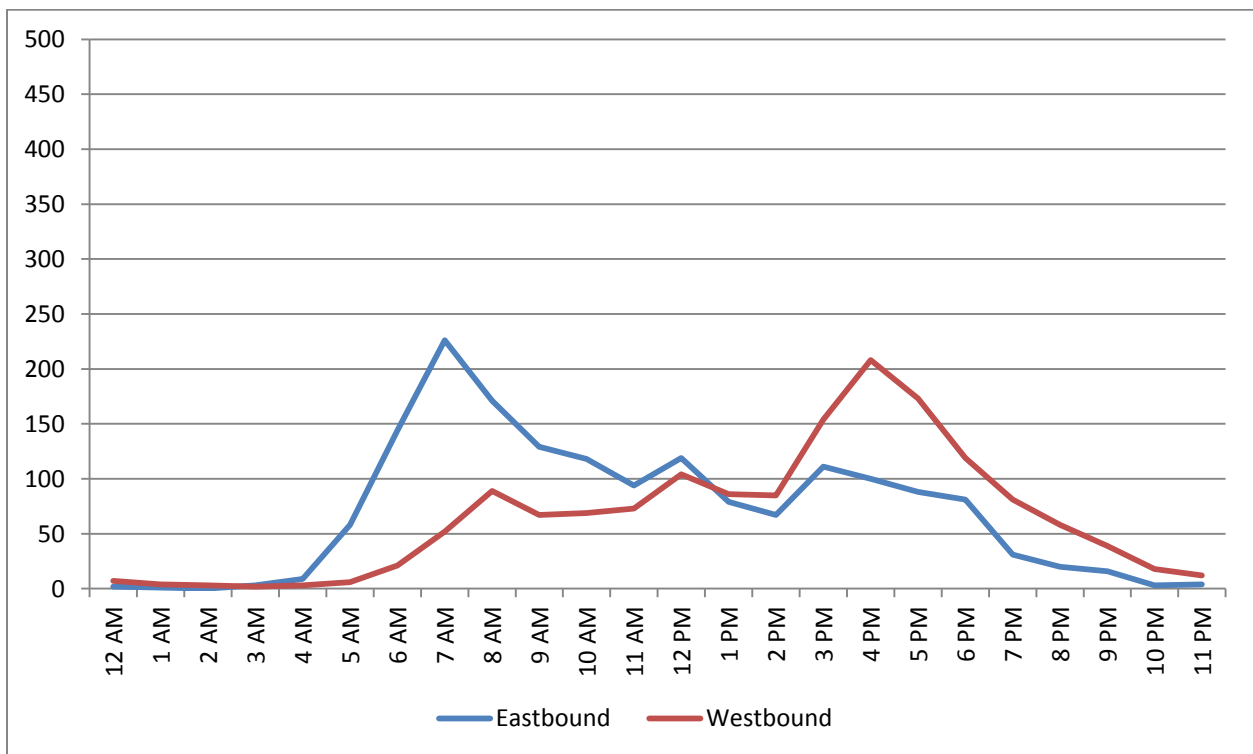




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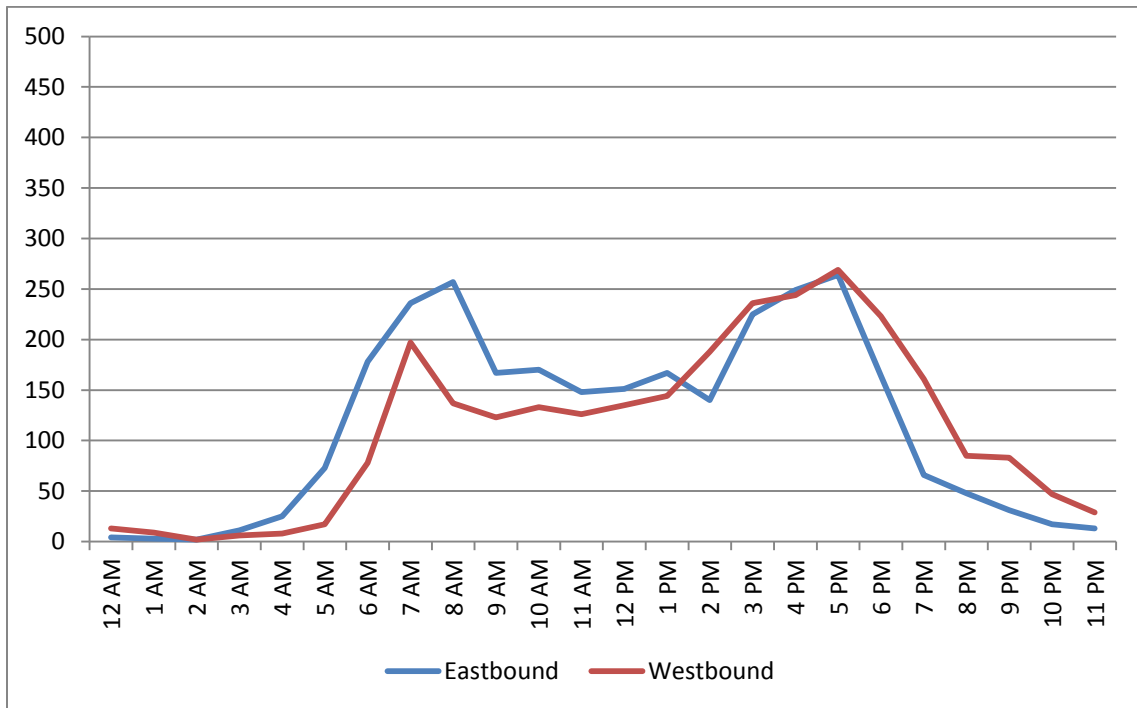


10. Elder Hill Road - west of FM 150





11. FM 3237 - west of FM 150





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## **FM 150 West Character Plan – Phase 2, Nature & Character Master Plan Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting Notes**

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Date: February 23, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Subject: CAP Meeting 3

Location: Dripping Springs High School, Lecture Hall

Present: Hays County: Commissioner Whisenant, Commissioner Conley

CAP Members: David Braun, Casey Cutler, Shelby Eckols, and Mike Pruitt

Project Team: Joe Cantalupo, Ryan Bell and Hillary Essig with K Friese & Associates; John Kuhl and Julie LeClair with Hicks & Company; Brian Ray and Kelly Laustsen with Kittelson & Associates; Albert Castro and Jacqie Wilson with CD&P; Laura Harris with HNTB; Paula Gruber with Prime Strategies

6 Public members signed in

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### **Meeting Summary**

Joe Cantalupo started the meeting with introductions, review of the meeting agenda, meeting purpose and “hard issues” to be addressed. Then Brian Ray reviewed more developed concepts for different sections that the CAP previously worked on including the bypass connection to FM 150, bypass connection to FM 967, and the upgrade section of FM 967 and FM 1826. Below are highlights of discussions and questions for each section.

#### **Bypass Connection to FM 150**

- Discussed and agreed that the C alignment was still preferred as it minimizes impacts and helps to enhance the attractiveness of the bypass route by creating a shorter route.
- Discussed that an alignment further east (G) was not attractive due to the number of stream crossings that would be required and potential impacts of existing conservation easements.
- Discussed that the alignment was developed to utilize the ridge area.

#### **Bypass Connection to FM 967**

- As previously discussed, the E alignment is preferred to minimize the length of the bypass route and use of FM 967. The F alignment crosses a flood zone.
- Noted that going through the quarry or private preserves would create engineering challenges.
- Noted that the project team received a report from David Braun regarding the potential to impact the conservation easement at the intersection of the bypass connection and FM 967.



Mr. Braun and Mr. Bosse indicated the parcel was purchased with federal funds and the Hill Country Conservancy believes this parcel should be avoided.

### **Upgrade Section of FM 967 and FM 1826**

- Confirmed preference for a separate multi-use path and support for turn lanes where needed.
- Discussed FM 967, which serves as a transition to the community zone. Cross-section elements could include the introduction of wider shoulders, a multi-use path, and potentially a center turn lane in the future.
- Discussed the intersection of FM 967/FM 1826 and intent not to address the location of the intersection through this project.
- Discussed the character of FM 1826 and desire to minimize the urban look and feel of this section. The community uses along this section contribute to the desire for a lower speed limit and different roadway character. Cross-sectional elements could include wider shoulders, a multi-use path, center left-turn lane, right-turn lanes where needed, and potentially curb/gutter.
- Mr. Cutler noted the realignment of the intersection of FM 967 and FM 1826 should veer more towards the north (away from Salt Lick Restaurant) to encourage drivers to use this route over FM 150.
  - Brian noted this would not be particularly effective as it is not aligned with the goal of emphasizing the bypass route and is outside the intent of this project.

Kelly Laustsen then gave an update on new traffic count data and reviewed the tube counts and turning movement counts collected. She noted there was an error with the tube counts collected on FM 150 near the Onion Creek crossings so new counts will be done.

- The tube counts collected on FM 150 show a growth in volumes over the course of the day of 2-7% from counts taken in December 2014 to counts taken in December 2016.
- The turning movement counts show more significant growths in traffic during the AM and PM peak hours.
- Two intersections have a movement with a delay greater than 45 seconds during the PM peak hour, including the westbound left-turn at FM 150/RM 12 and the westbound left-turn at FM 967/FM1826.
- Discussed the increase in traffic and what level of service and amount of delay is acceptable to the community.

Following the traffic count data update, Brian Ray reviewed the intersections along the bypass and upgrade section and potential alignments and forms. Below are highlights of discussions for the four intersections.

- FM 150/Bypass
  - Discussed existing volumes on FM 150 and the desire to make the bypass route attractive.
  - Reviewed high-level concepts for a roundabout or traffic signal at the intersection and option to change the alignment of the roadway to favor the bypass.



- Due to the slower speeds through roundabouts, a smaller radius can be used on the approach to a roundabout compared to a signal. Roundabouts slow traffic down while creating a gateway or transition.
- Commissioner Conley noted that the intersection of FM 150/FM 3237 should be considered as well, and requested team consider a design similar to the junction on RM 12.
- Overall, the CAP expressed preference for a roundabout at this location and for making the route from FM 150 to the bypass continuous.
- FM 967/Bypass
  - Discussed existing volumes on FM 967 and the desire to make the bypass route attractive.
  - Reviewed high-level concepts for a roundabout or traffic signal at the intersection and option to change the alignment of the roadway to favor the bypass.
  - Overall, the CAP expressed preference for a roundabout at this location and for making the route from FM 967 to the bypass continuous.
- FM 967/FM 1826
  - Discussed the existing form and traffic volumes at this intersection. The average delay for the left-turn from FM 967 is over 60 seconds during the PM peak hour, based on the team's analysis.
  - Reviewed high-level concepts for a roundabout or traffic signal at the intersection and option to change the alignment of the roadway to favor the route from FM 1826 (towards Driftwood) to FM 967.
  - It was noted that roundabouts can help with sight distance issues.
  - The group expressed the variety of travel patterns at the intersection.
  - Overall, the CAP expressed a preference for a roundabout and desire to keep the alignment of the intersection more neutral.
- FM 150/FM 1826
  - Discussed the existing form and traffic volumes at this intersection. The average delay for the left-turn from FM 1826 is approximately 40 seconds during the PM peak hour, based on the team's analysis. There is a heavy movement of traffic between Elder Hill Road and FM 1826.
  - Reviewed high-level concepts for a roundabout or traffic signal at the intersection and option to change the alignment of the roadway to favor the route from the north section of FM 150 to FM 1826.
  - The group discussed whether roundabouts would deter drivers from using the roadway – the general feeling was this would not happen.
  - The CAP expressed preference for a roundabout and interest in altering the roadway alignment.

In closing the meeting, Joe Cantalupo shared information about the upcoming steps to be addressed in the next meeting and a proposal to condense the schedule. The team felt the CAP should continue working through the last section of FM 150 (from FM 1826 to RM 12) and then all information could be presented at a single public meeting for the entire corridor. This schedule would also allow the County to take advantage of potential future funding for improvements on the corridor. It was noted



that there may be concern from the public regarding the condensed schedule. The CAP members offered to share schedule information with the public and bring any comments back.

The group ended the meeting by reviewing more details on the traffic count data. The CAP requested graphs of all the tube counts collected, and the team noted it would be posted on the website.



# Hays County FM 150 West Character Plan Nature & Character Master Plan

Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting #4  
March 23, 2017  
Dripping Springs High School

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## AGENDA

1. Meeting Purpose
2. Schedule Update
3. Intersection Concepts
4. ROW Preservation
5. Draft Layouts for South Section, Bypass, and upgrade section
6. Preview Next Section
7. Next Steps
8. Questions

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## MEETING PURPOSE

- **January:** introduce “hard issues,” associated considerations, and suggested approach
- **February:** present interim proposals for “hard issues” and remaining portions of corridor
- **March:** present draft concepts for FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237, proposed bypass route, and upgrade section. Introduce remaining section of FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12.

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## SCHEDULE UPDATE

Month	2016				2017											
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Project kick-off																
Focus: Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237 and proposed bypass route																
Focus: FM 1826 to RR 12																
Documentation, report, and project wrap-up																



Public Meeting



CAP Meeting

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# PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- Mailed Update:
  - March 16 to 554 property addresses
- E-mailed Update:
  - March 17 to 451 E-mail addresses
- Additional Outreach:
  - Set up and attend one-on-one meetings as needed
  - Provide additional flyers for CAP members to distribute



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**Meetings:** Attend the Citizens Advisory Panel and Public Meetings to learn more and share your feedback. Please reach out if you would like to meet with a member of our team or to schedule a presentation.

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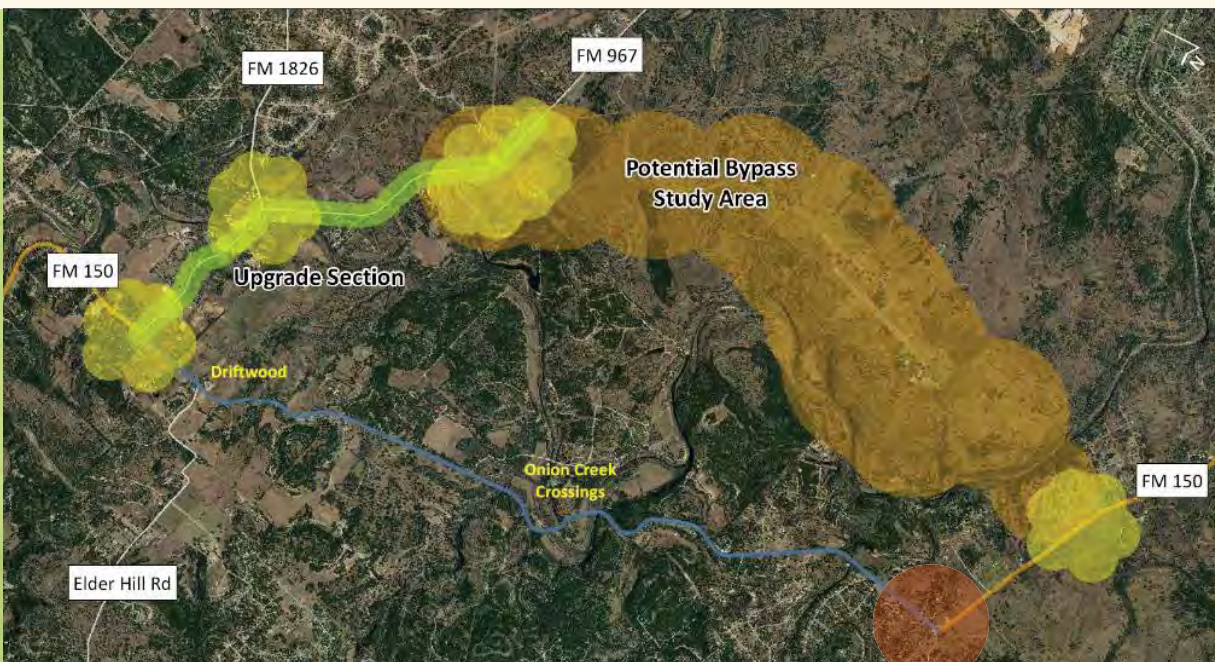
## Study Updates and Upcoming Meetings

Hays County **WANTS YOUR INPUT** while developing the FM 150 West Character Plan to prepare for anticipated growth and related transportation needs in the area.

### Contact Information

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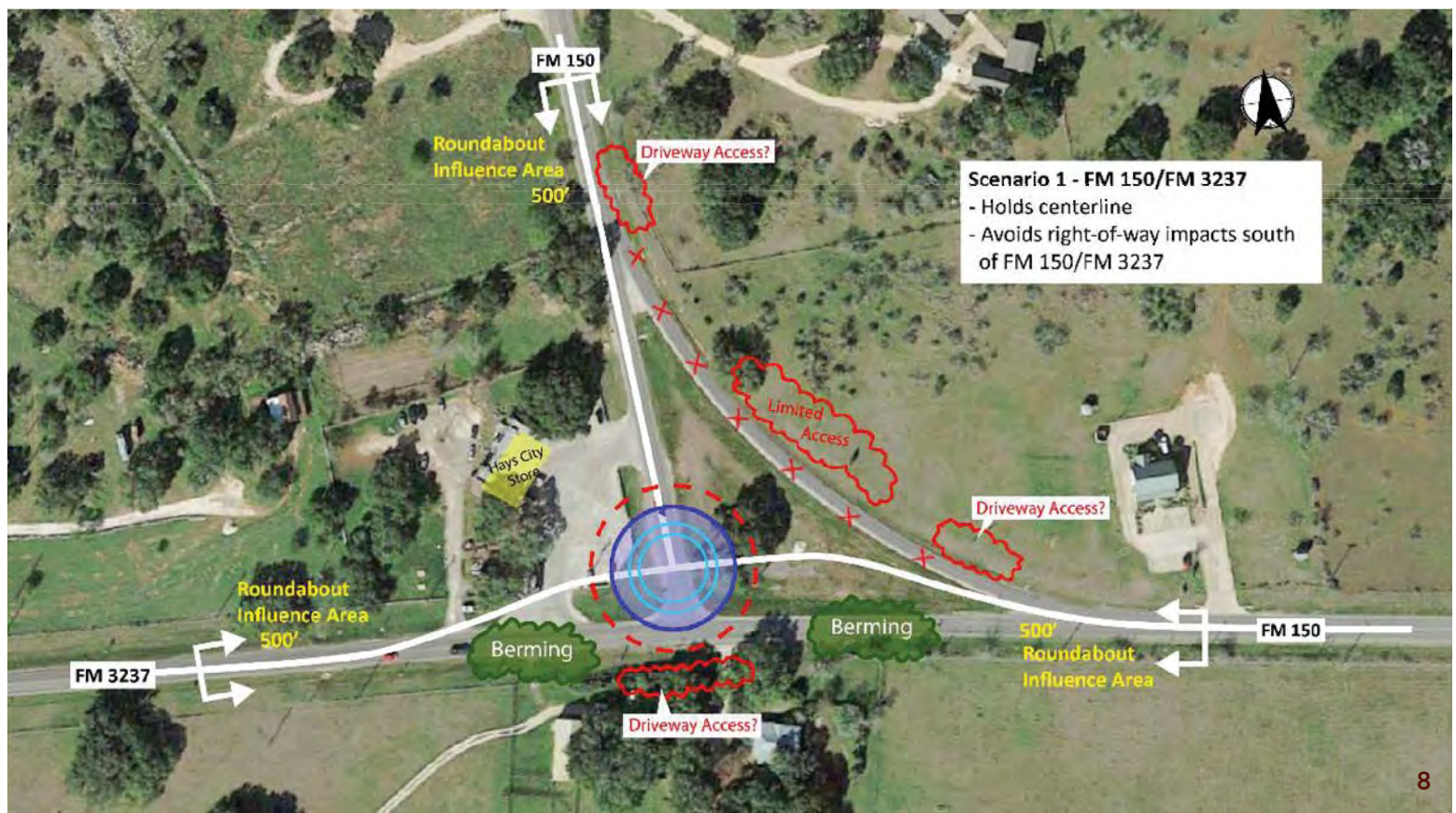
# INTERSECTION CONCEPTS





# INTERSECTION: FM 150/FM 3237

- Community zone
- Transition from south section to rural highway character
- Interest in realigning roadway
- Interest in a roundabout
  - Gateway treatment
  - Slow speeds





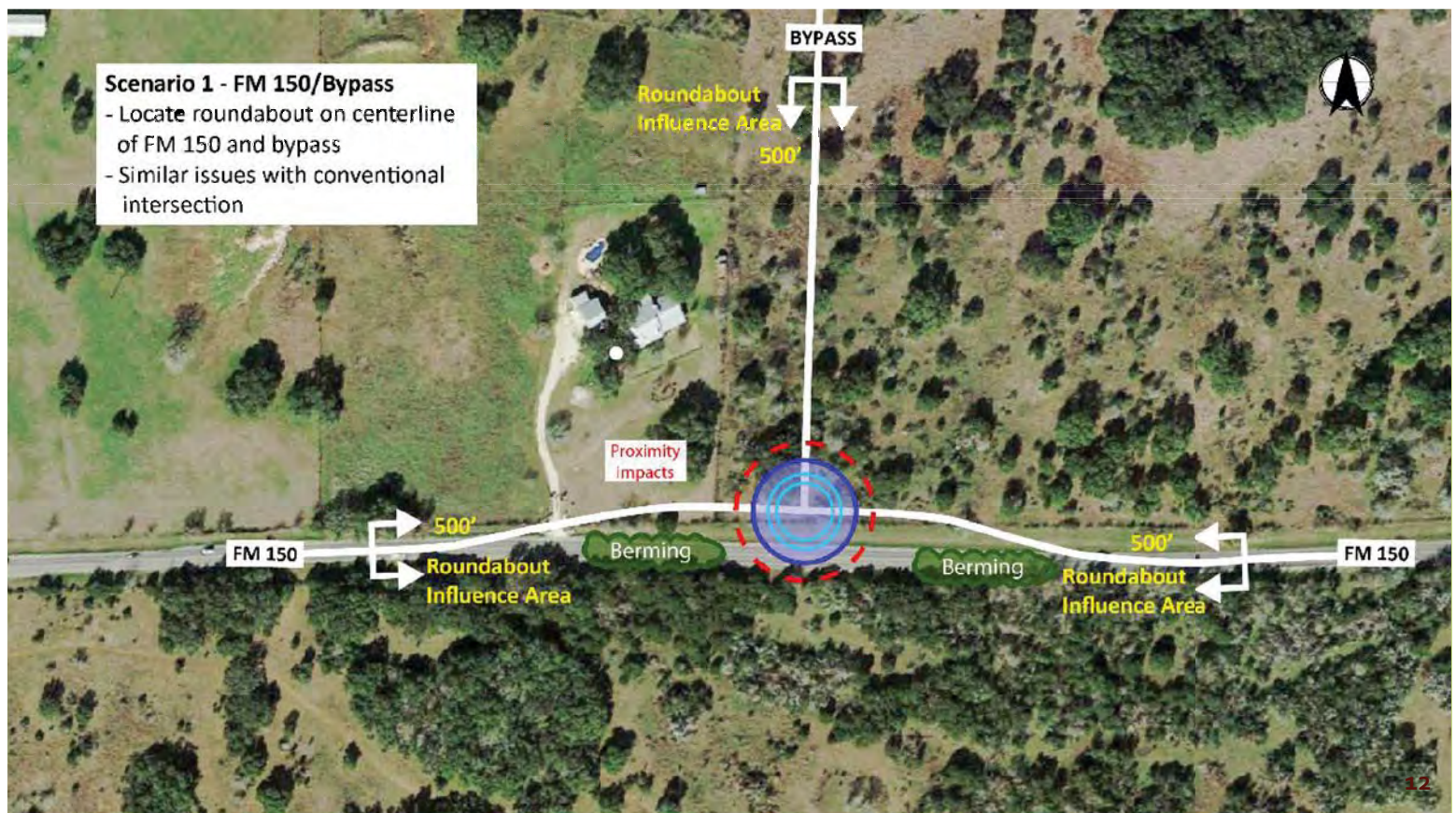
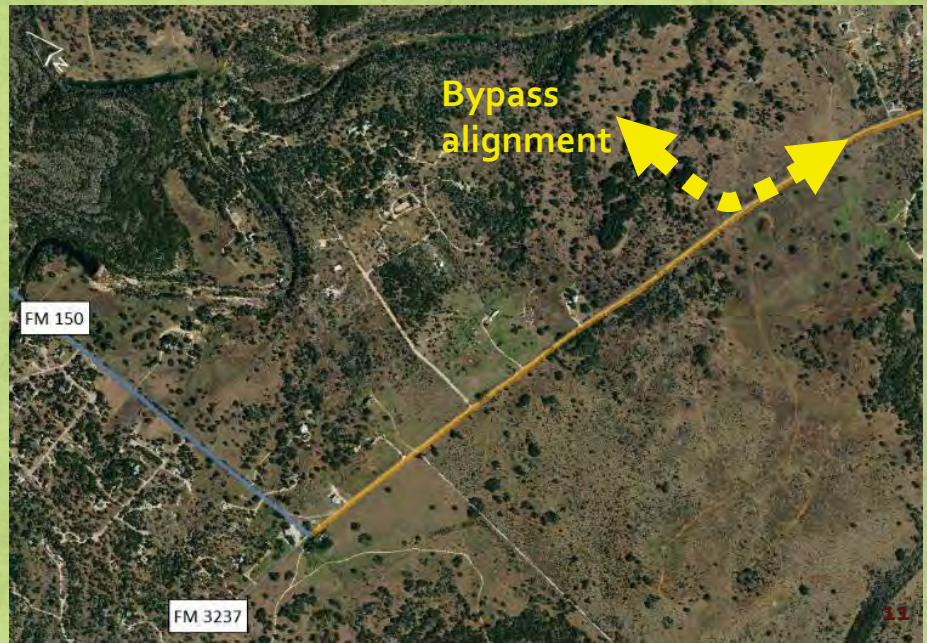




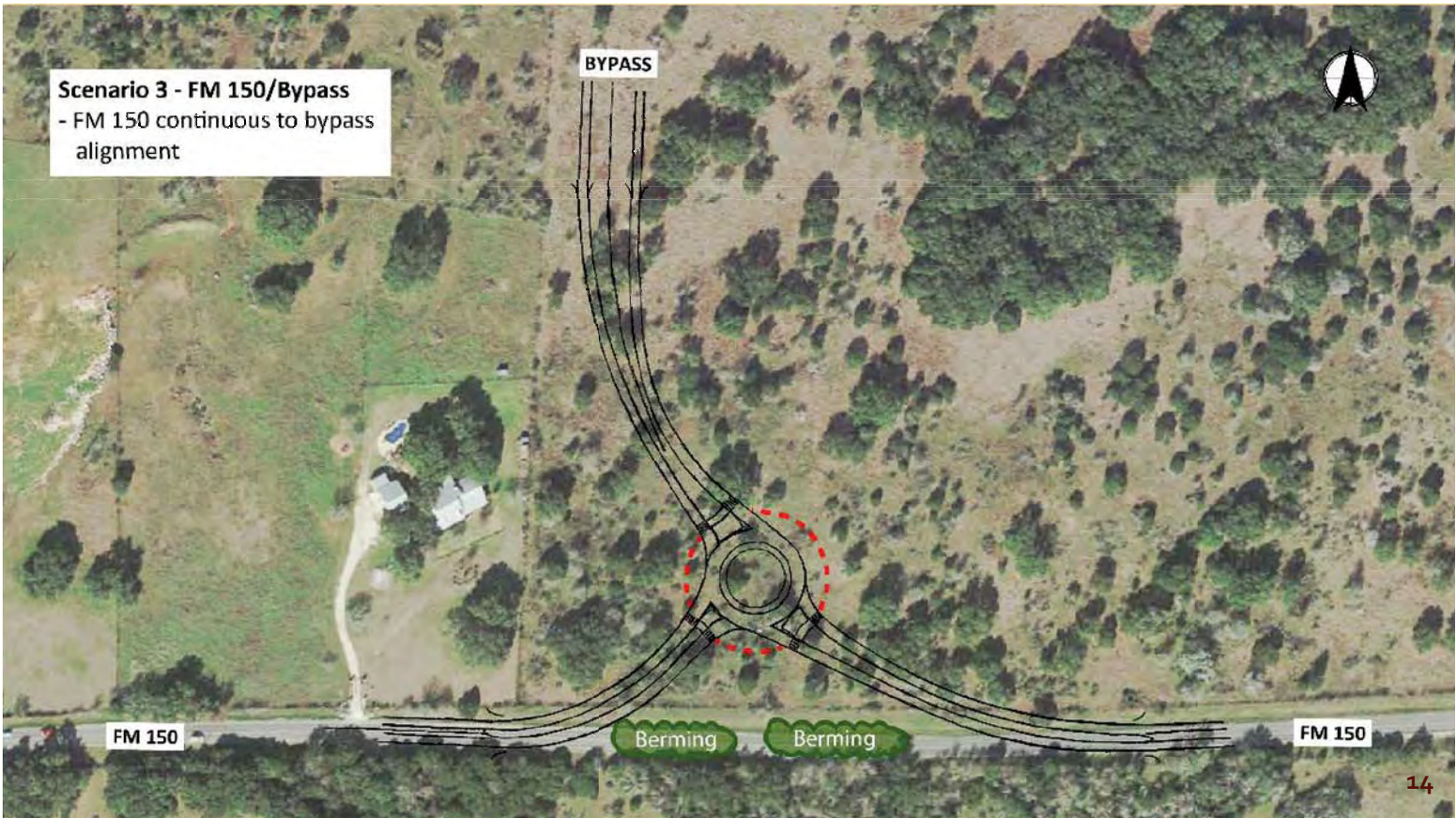
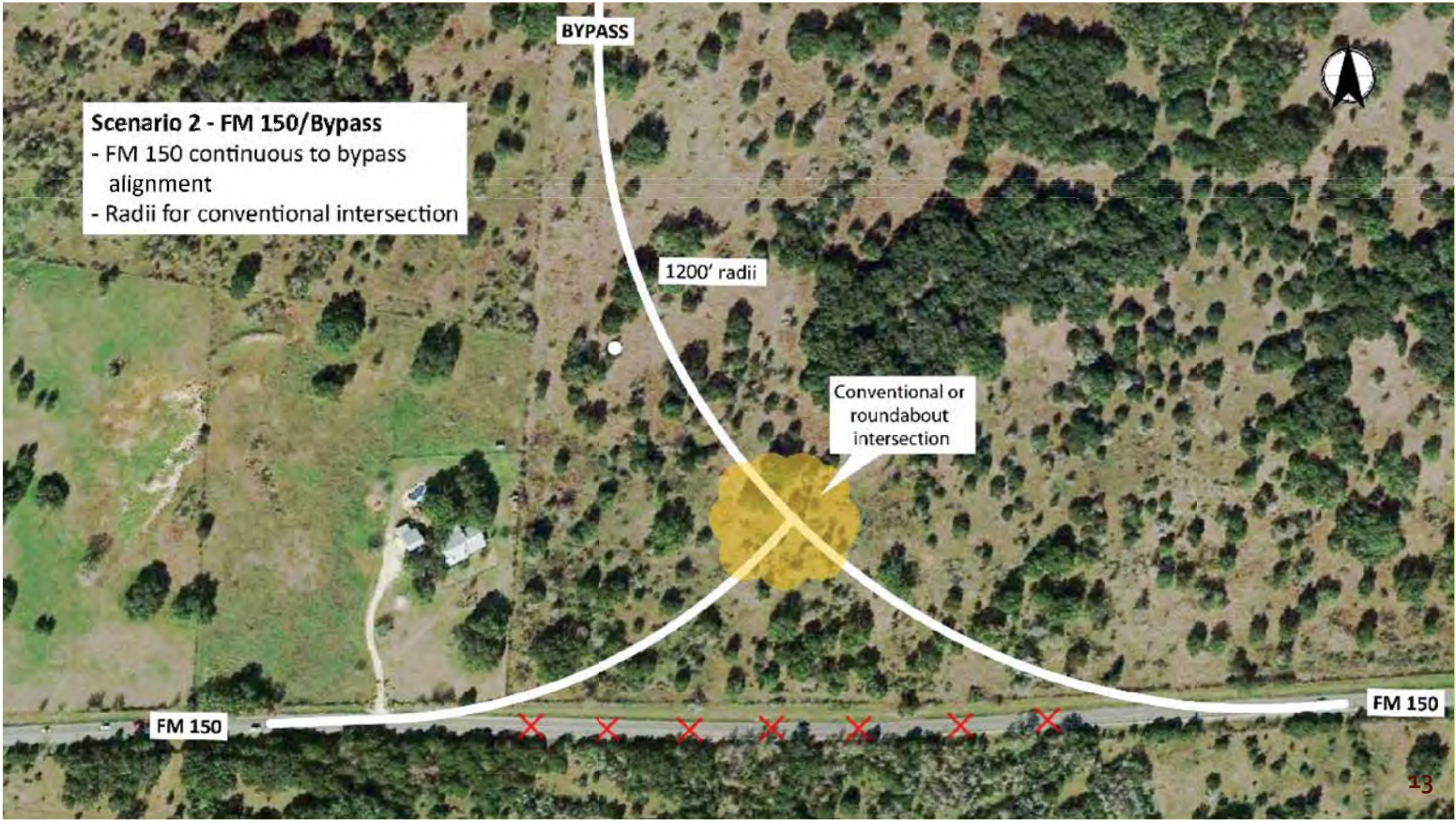
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February discussion highlights:

- Desire to use alignment to make bypass route attractive
- Interest in roundabout to slow travel speeds





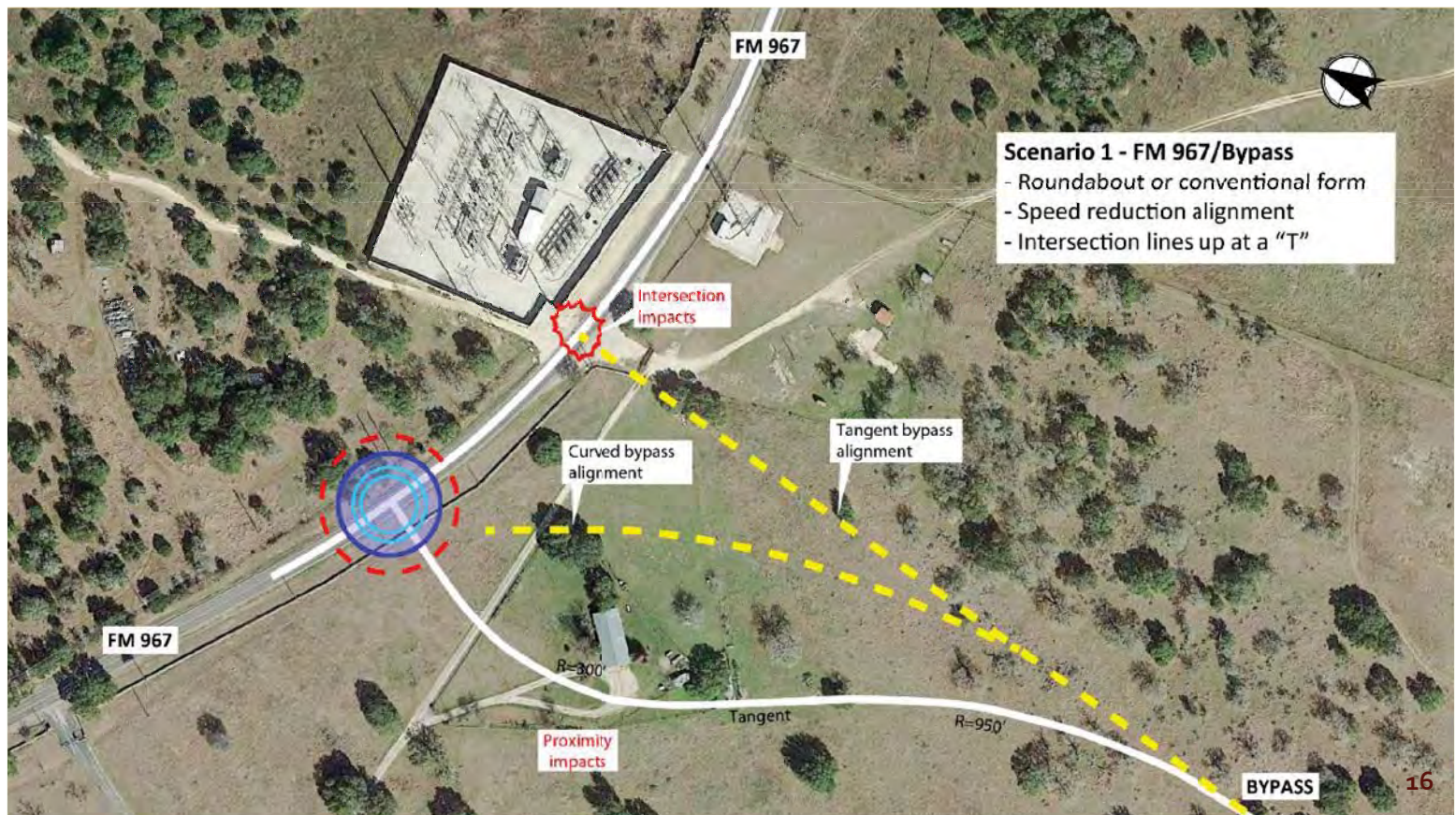




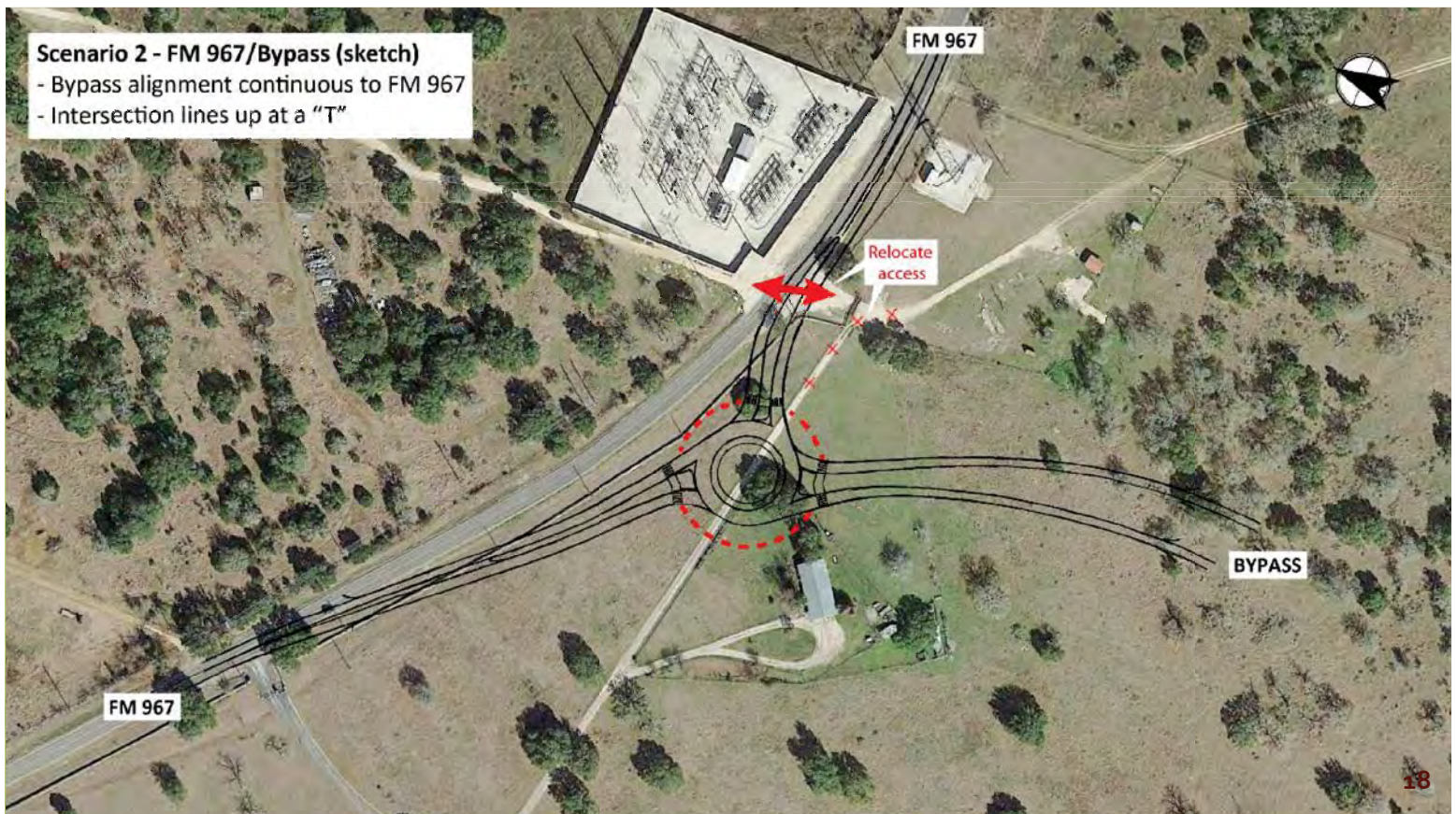
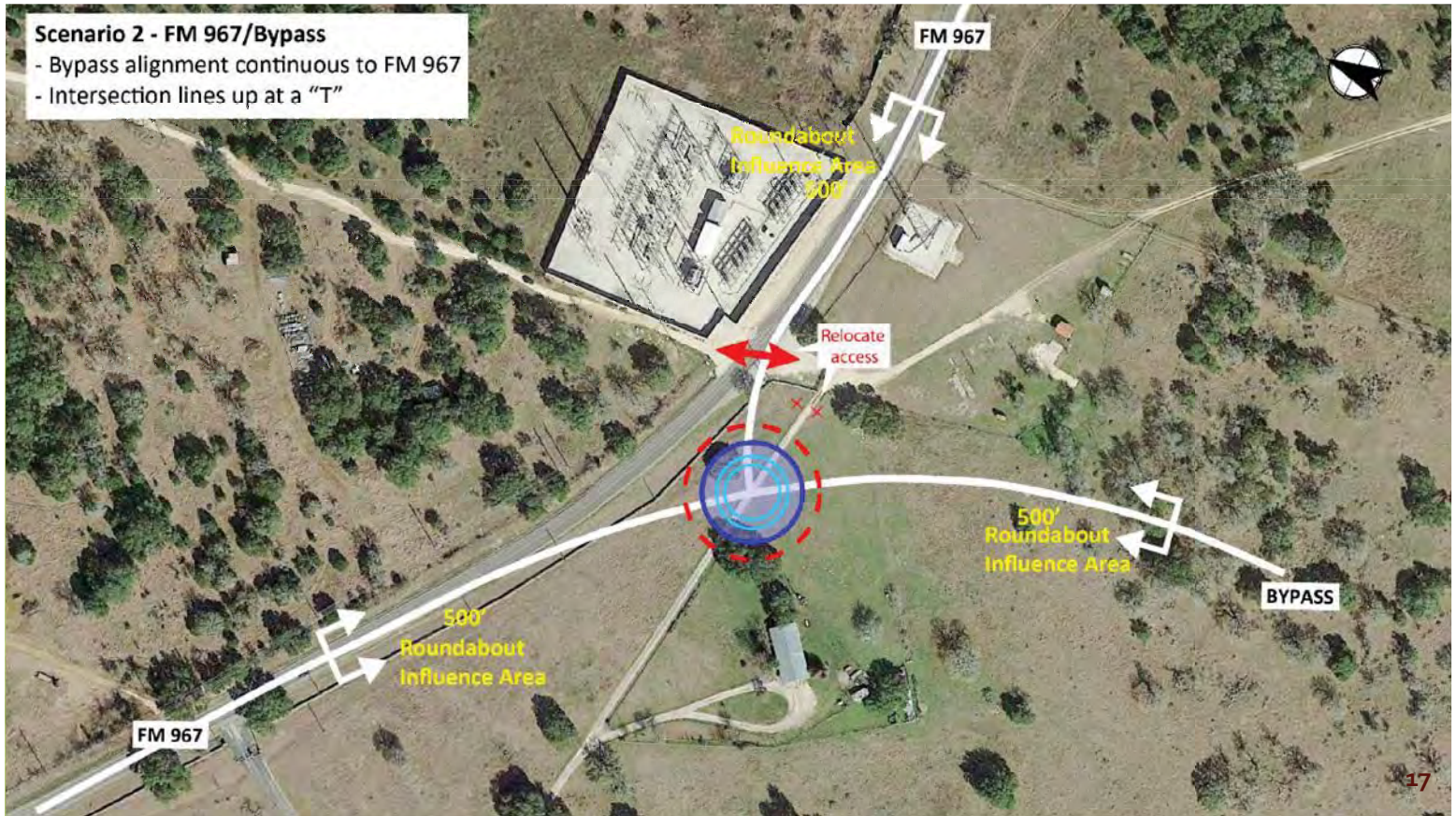
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February discussion highlights:

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# INTERSECTION: FM 967/FM 1826

February discussion highlights:

- Desire to serve variety of traffic patterns at intersection
- Interest in roundabout to slow travel speeds







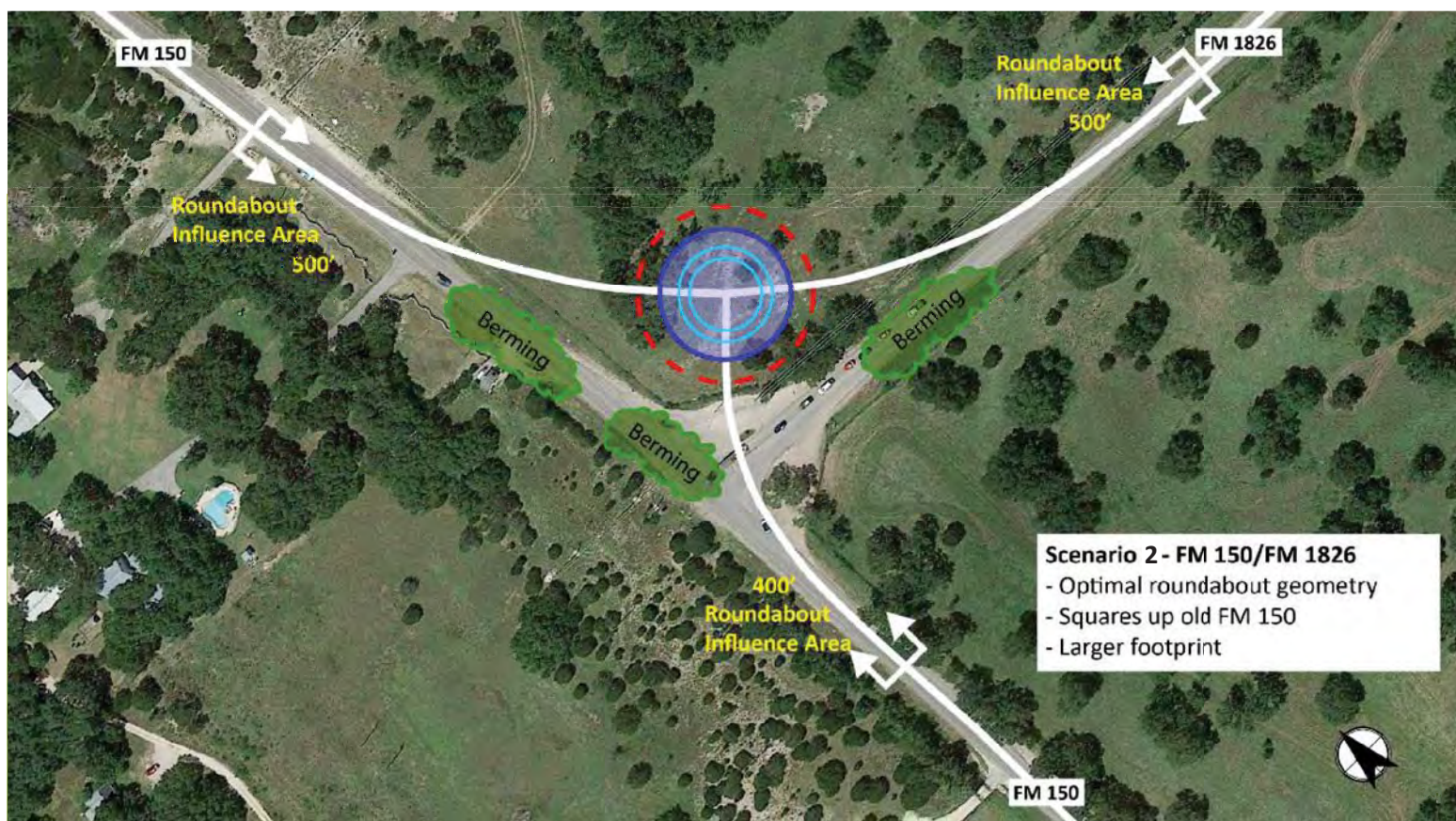
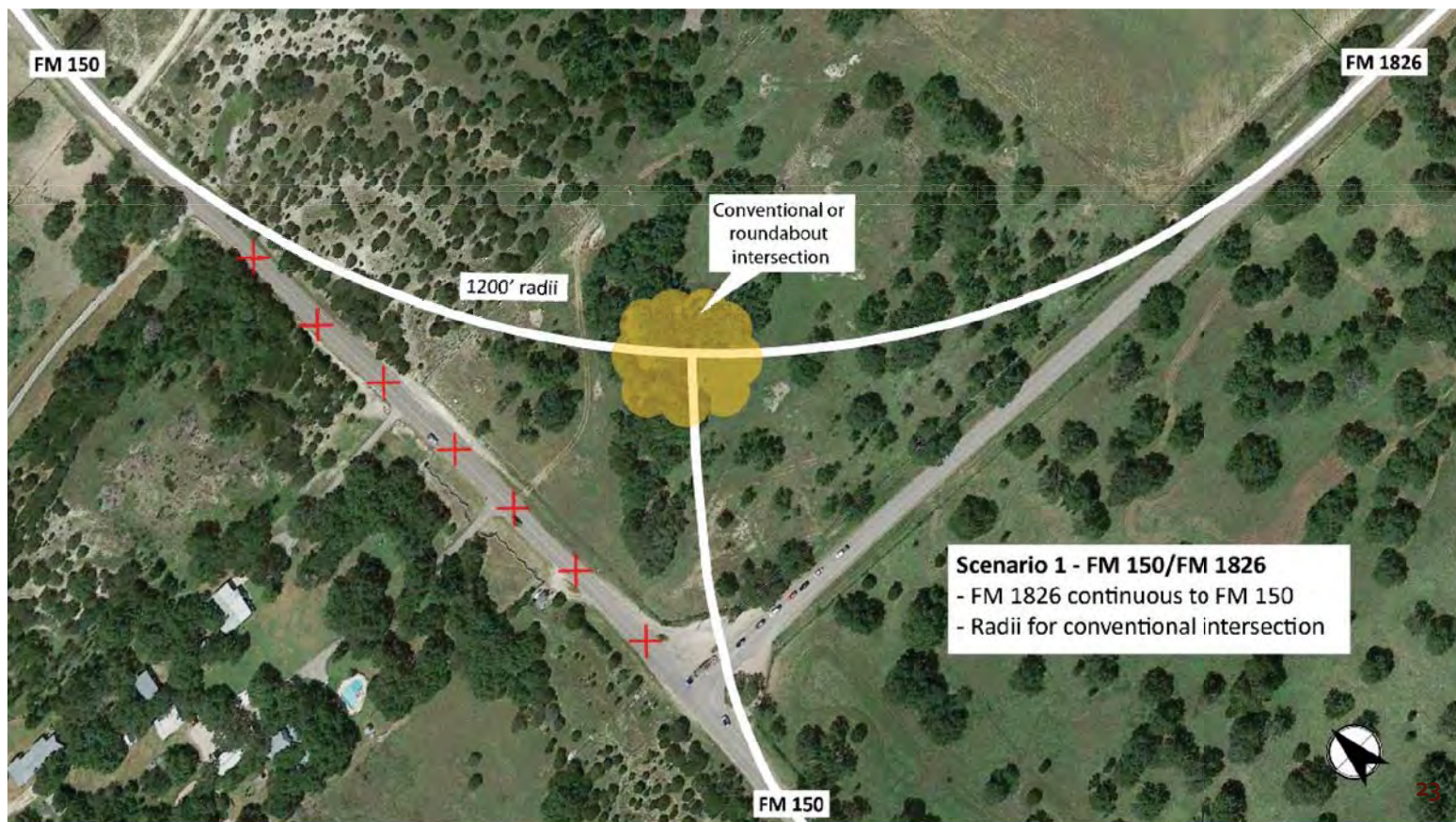
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February discussion highlights:

- Desire to use alignment to make bypass route attractive
- Interest in roundabout to slow travel speeds











## ROW PRESERVATION

- Intent of study to identify ROW preservation for long-term corridor needs
- Considerations include:
  - Flexibility with design
  - Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations
  - Requirements for landscaping, side slopes, water treatment
  - Opportunity for split plan/profile, raised landscaping median



## ROW PRESERVATION

- Ideal to provide 200 feet of ROW along FM 150, potential bypass, and FM 967 to maximize future flexibility and opportunities
- Provide 150 feet along FM 1826 to accommodate anticipated level of development and activity
- ROW preservation will be included in the near-term and mid-term improvements identified as part of Phase II findings

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## ARROYO RANCH – FM 150



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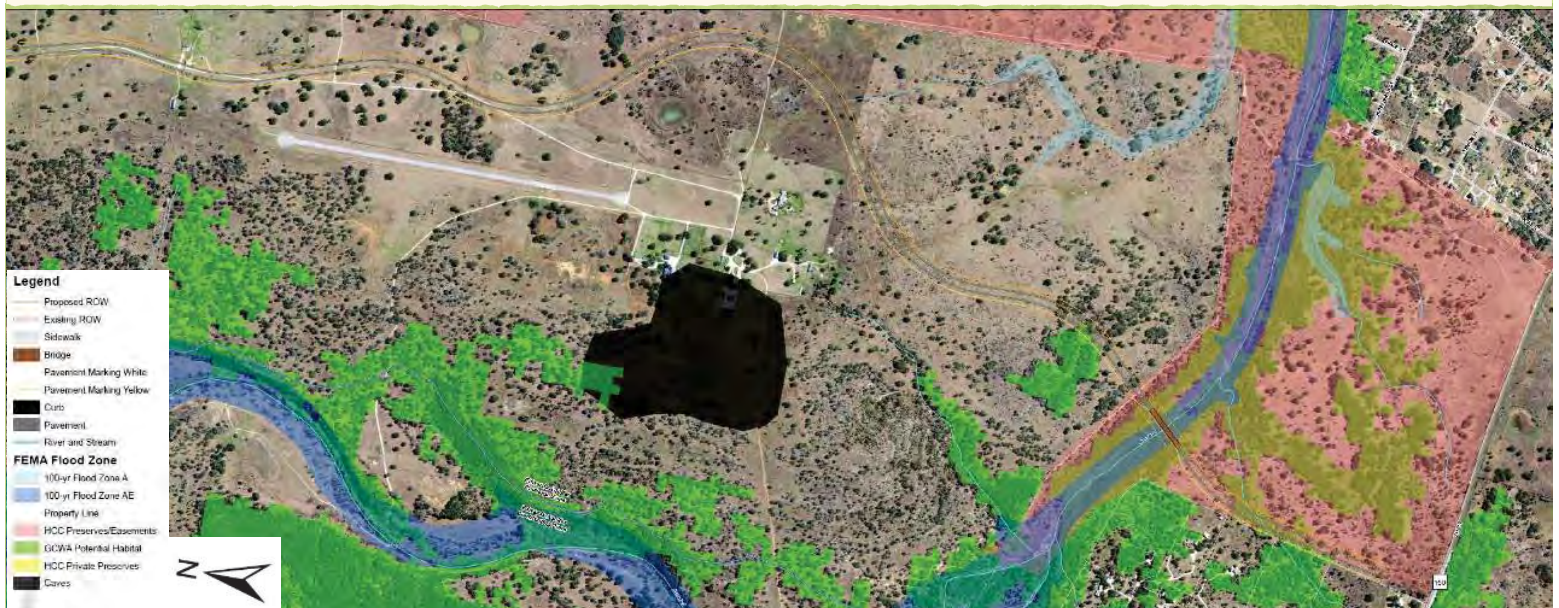


## FM 3237/FM 150



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## BYPASS AT FM 150



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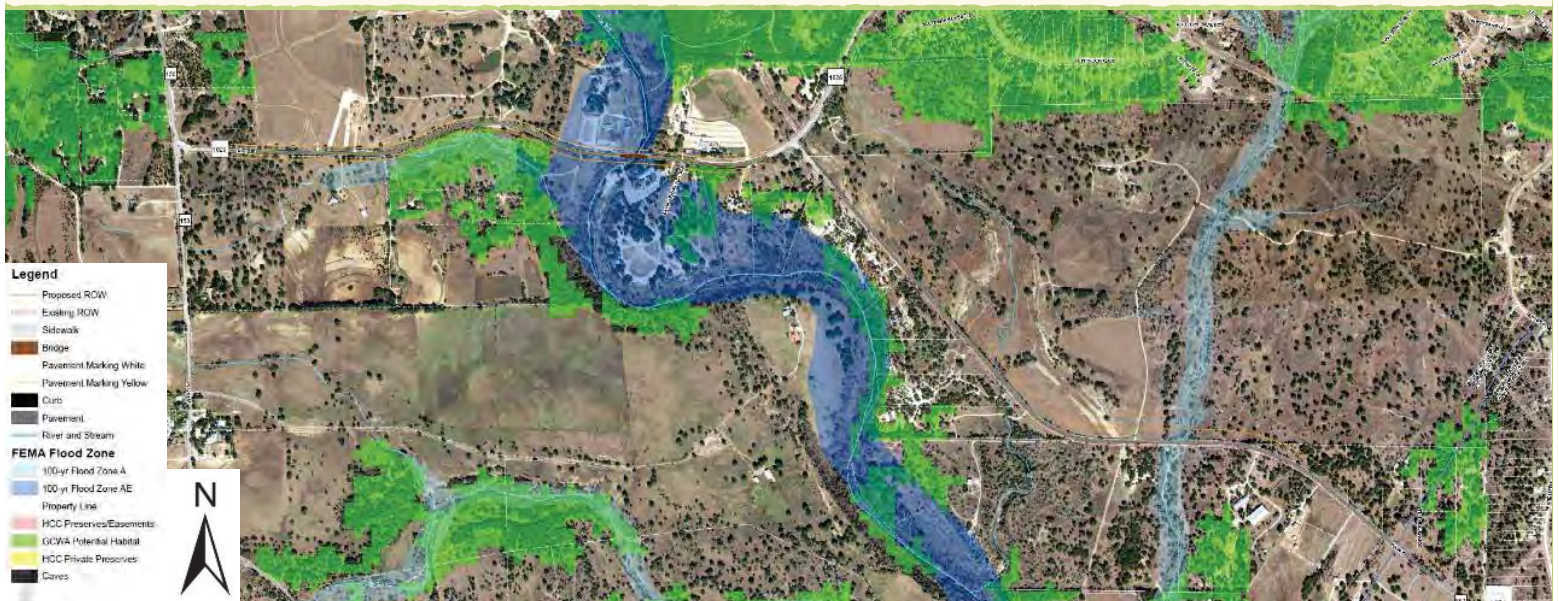


## BYPASS AT FM 967



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## FM 1826 AND FM 967



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## PREVIEW NEXT SECTION

Preview of section of FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12:

- Hard issues:
  - Curve smoothing
  - Cross-section
- Intersections:
  - FM 150/Darden Hill
  - FM 150/RM 12




## NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, April 27 in the DSHS Cafeteria
  - Present final draft concepts for FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237, proposed bypass route, and upgrade section
    - Cross-section
    - Segments
    - Intersections
  - Discuss initial concepts for FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12
    - Cross-section
    - Segments
    - Intersections



## NEXT MEETING



Date	Meeting Type	Location
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, January 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, February 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, March 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, April 27, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, May 18, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, June 22, 2017	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria

## QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



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**FM 150 West Character Plan – Phase 2, Nature & Character Master Plan  
Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting Notes**

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Date: March 23, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Subject: CAP Meeting 4

Location: Dripping Springs High School, Cafeteria

Present: Hays County: Commissioner Whisenant

CAP Members: David Braun, Casey Cutler, Shelby Eckols, Mike Pruitt, Bob Shannon

Project Team: Joe Cantalupo, Ryan Bell, and Eric Virag with K Frieese + Associates; John Kuhl and Julie LeClair with Hicks & Company; Brian Ray and Kelly Laustsen with Kittelson & Associates; Arin Gray, Haley Partin, and Jacqie Wilson with CD&P; Laura Harris with HNTB

17 Public members signed in

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**Meeting Summary**

Joe Cantalupo started the meeting with introductions, review of the meeting agenda, meeting purpose, the project schedule, and public notifications made over the previous month.

- A CAP member asked for a briefing on the funding possibilities from CAMPO in the last CAP Meeting and Joe provided a short summary.

Brian Ray began presenting intersection concepts for the intersections along the bypass/upgrade sections and the intersection of FM 150 at FM 3237. At each intersection, Brian began by summarizing the input received previously for each intersection. Below are highlights of discussions and questions for the intersections.

**FM 150 at FM 3237**

- Brian presented a diagram showing the footprint of a roundabout near the existing alignment of FM 3237 and FM 150 that keeps the FM 150 to FM 3237 as the emphasized alignment. This footprint results in impacts to the Hays City store and limited access for the property northeast of the intersection.
- Brian also presented two sketches for roundabout options that minimize impact to the Hays City Store and provide access to the northeast property. The two options both shift the intersection to the northeast and keep FM 150 as the emphasized alignment.



- CAP asked if the property owners near the intersection had seen the options
  - Noted the team has coordinated with the property owners but had not shown the updated concepts yet.
- Noted scenario 2 seemed like the best choice
  - Brian shared that it impacts the northeast property more, but it does allow for possible access to the Hays City Store from FM 150.
- Noted that scenario 2 didn't utilize the triangle that was already owned by the State
  - Brian noted this is feasible (as shown in scenario 3), but it is more tight from an engineering perspective
- Noted scenario 1 (using the existing roadway right of ways) doesn't provide access to the northeast property and has more impacts access to Hays City Store
- Felt that scenario 2 and 3 should be further explored and discussed with adjacent property owners
- Asked if the stubout to the NE in scenario 2 and 3 was for a road
  - This stubout is intended to show potential access to the property, not another roadway, but would be required to be configured the same as the other legs of the roundabout
- Asked if the live oak tree in the triangle could be saved
  - From an engineering perspective, we don't see how we could save it regardless of scenario chosen

### **FM 150 at Potential Bypass**

- Brian presented the scenario 1 sketch, similar to the scenario 1 presented at the FM 150 and FM 3237 intersection
- Brian also presented sketches for scenarios 2 and 3 similar to the scenarios 2 and 3 presented for the FM 3237 intersection which would make the FM 150 to Bypass the through alignment
- Noted CAP members preferred scenario 3 and still like the idea of a roundabout at this location

### **FM 967 at Potential Bypass**

- Brian presented diagrams for two scenarios, one that lines the intersection up at a "T" to the existing FM 967 and one that makes the bypass alignment continue to FM 967.
- Asked about the property south of FM 967
  - Public member noted it was a ranch from 1868 and the building was a house
  - Brian noted this would be important information to consider as we look at all alternatives
- Asked if the area shown is generally where we would connect to FM 967
  - This was the preferred alternative coming out of the last discussion with the CAP, but we also considered a connection to FM 967 further east
- CAP member noted preference for the roundabout and liked the location, but we need to consider and protect the history of the area.
- Asked if the electrical facility could be moved (noted it is the LCRA transforms and PEC owns the site)
  - Brian noted it would be very costly



- Asked how gravel trucks would get around roundabouts
  - Brian noted all roundabout designs would be adequate for gravel trucks and large trucks to travel through
- Noted a stoplight there might help slow down traffic
- CAP member asked Brian to explain the benefits of the roundabout and noted he felt the roundabouts slowed traffic down and preserved the character more than a traffic signal
  - Brian explained that a conventional intersection could also work at this location due to the flat curve.

#### **FM 967 and FM 1826**

- Brian presented two scenarios for the intersection, one that emphasizes the bypass route and one that keeps the roundabout at the existing intersection.
- Asked if FM 1826 was changing to a 4-lane section and how a roundabout would work there
  - Commissioner Whisenant noted TxDOT has scheduled improvements to move the guardrails back but not scheduled to add lanes
- CAP and other attendees preferred scenario 2 to maintain the existing roadway alignments and minimize impact
- Noted concern for gravel trucks that downshift at the roundabout intersections and potential to prohibit downshifting
- Asked if the County has the authority to regulate downshifting
  - County can regulate noise that crosses a property line at 85 decibels; most signs are posted as an ordinance from a municipality and neither the County nor the State has this authority.
- Asked if traffic coming from Buda on FM967 could turn left into property driveways before roundabout and noted this access would be important
  - Brian noted we could design the roundabout approaches to consider local access

#### **FM 150 at FM 1826**

- Brian presented three scenarios that all curve FM 150 to FM 1826, with varying levels of curvature.
- Noted scenario 3 was preferred as it has the smallest impact on neighboring properties
- Asked about roundabout etiquette and about what happens if someone does not know when to yield and crashes into another driver
  - Brian noted he could discuss this further after the presentation

Brian gave an overview of ROW preservation. The intent of the project is to identify ROW preservation for long-term corridor needs to preserve flexibility. Then Ryan Bell gave an overview of the different sections: FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch Rd. to FM 3237, potential bypass and the connections at FM 150 and FM 967 (he noted the team would be looking at adjusting the connection at FM 967), and FM 1826 and FM 967 upgrade sections.



- Asked if we were proposing 200 feet of ROW
  - Joe answered yes and noted we are planning for a 3 lane road for the foreseeable future on most sections. The pavement would not be 200 ft., but a larger ROW allows us to deal with drainage and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and provides more flexibility for the cross-section.
  - Joe also shared we are working to preserve ROW now to have more flexibility in the future
- Asked where the 200 feet of preservation would come from and what are we expanding from
  - The additional ROW comes from one or both sides of the existing ROW (which is typically around 80 feet on FM 150)
- Asked if the 200 feet would only be near intersections or throughout
  - Throughout except the FM 1826 section where 150 feet is proposed with curb and gutter

Then two different groups were formed to work around large plots of the different pre-schematic layouts for the roadway segments. The CAP was in one group and joined by a few members of the public, and the remaining members of the public were in another group.

### **CAP Working Group Comments and Discussions**

#### **Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237**

- Asked about the decision to go to the south
  - Noted there are fewer property owners impacted, and it avoids impacts to Michaelis Ranch
- CAP agreed that this was a good start
- A member of the public noted he has never heard of this Bypass
  - Team noted that the bypass was developed through the first phase and the project team would make sure he receives all information going forward
- Asked if the City of Austin agreed to this layout since it was purchased to be a preserve
  - We have met with them and are looking for ways to reduce impacts there
- Asked if they could have a version to share with community members
  - Yes, will provide access to KMZ files on the website

#### **Southern Section of Bypass at FM 150**

- Asked about the sensitive warbler habitat and if we could avoid it; noted the preference would be to shift this to avoid the potential habitat.
  - Noted the majority of warblers live near creeks and that there would be more research and evaluation for this
- Asked about the impact of the bridge



- Would design this to accommodate 100-year floodplain
- A member of the public asked when will this be built and whether it will be a bond issue
  - Noted probably a minimum of 10 years and it may be a bond or may be other funding, but we are working now to preserve ROW
- CAP member noted desire to avoid habitat northwest of onion creek

### **North Section of Bypass at FM 967**

- Member of the public noted the Texas Registered Historical Rogers Ranch and he preferred the bypass follow the Rutherford Ranch
  - Shared some of the history of Rogers Ranch and that 3 of the great grandchildren now live there
- Member of the public asked why we wouldn't widen existing FM 150
  - CAP member explained how the plan evolved from working meetings through Phase 1 work
- Asked if the connection to FM 967 could move to the east to preserve the Rogers Ranch
  - David noted the CAP thought this route would be a smoother connection but we can definitely look into this
- CAP members noted that the County has explained the roads would not be built before needed.
- CAP member suggested placing a roundabout east of 967 and north of HCC private preserves

### **1826 and FM 967 Upgrade Section**

- Asked about plans for the property that was just sold
  - Noted many different stories ranging from equestrian center to development, but the County did not have any information
- Noted the Old Wilhelm historical house and desire to avoid any impacts
- Noted concern for maintaining driveway access near 1826

## **Public Working Group Comments and Discussions**

### **General Questions and Comments**

- A member of the public expressed concern that roundabouts do not require a complete stop, might not slow traffic enough
- Expressed concern about education and signage for roundabouts so drivers understand how to use them properly
  - Team explained that signs would warn drivers that a roundabout is coming, and a yield sign would be included at the roundabout
  - Team noted that the roadway design can help signal to drivers that they are approaching a roundabout (splitter island, curbing, curvature)



### **Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237**

- Team noted that shoulders and crossings will be improved in this section
- Member of the public asked about the bypass location in relation to river crossings
  - Team noted that the river crossings and potential impacts to homeowners were both factors in choosing the location
- Members of the public expressed concern about transition from two-lane to three-lane sections and the effect this would have on traffic
- Some expressed difficulty using intersection of FM 3237 & FM 150, because the right-turn to stay on FM 150 is not intuitive
  - Some noted that crash data doesn't include the high number of near-misses in that area
- Team made the distinction that property owned by City of Austin is not conservation land in the area where the bypass is shown to connect to FM 150

### **Southern Section of Bypass at FM 150**

- Some members of the public noted confusion about concept of split level and a need to explain
- Members of public expressed desire to consider bird habitats

### **Northern Section of Bypass at FM 967**

- Members of the public asked about sections of FM 967 east of the bypass that do not have planned improvements
  - Team members noted that they are showing to retain existing conditions in some areas despite changes to other road sections

### **1826 and FM 967 Upgrade Section**

- A member of the public noted concern for maintaining driveway access southwest of 1826 & 967 intersection
- Team noted that this area is a center of community development and that the proposed improvements are intended to accommodate future growth and development
  - Public member noted that the area has a rural feel and prefers to retain this aesthetic
  - Public member noted that there are plans to build a vineyard on the southwest side of FM 1826 & FM 967 intersection
- A member of the public expressed a desire to include water utilities in 200 foot section of ROW
- A member of the public noted areas that might not accommodate 200 feet of ROW
  - Team explained that area near Salt Lick and Camp Ben McCullough ROW would be reduced to 150 feet through the use of curb and gutter

### **FM 3237 at FM 150 Intersection**



- A member of the public noted preference to keep area natural northwest of FM 150 & West Sierra Rd. intersection
- Noted desire to retain dark sky south of FM 3237

The meeting was wrapped up with a reminder of the next meeting and the team noted the KMZ files would be available on the project website.



# Hays County FM 150 West Character Plan Nature & Character Master Plan

Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting #5  
April 27, 2017  
Dripping Springs High School

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## AGENDA

1. Meeting Purpose
2. City of Austin Watershed Protection Presentation
3. Update on Bypass/FM 967 Connection
4. Intersection Concepts
5. Draft Segment Layout
6. Character Details
7. Next Steps
8. Questions

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## MEETING PURPOSE

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## CITY OF AUSTIN WATERSHED PRESENTATION

- **Presentation by City of Austin Watershed Protection**



# Restoring and Managing Land to Protect Water



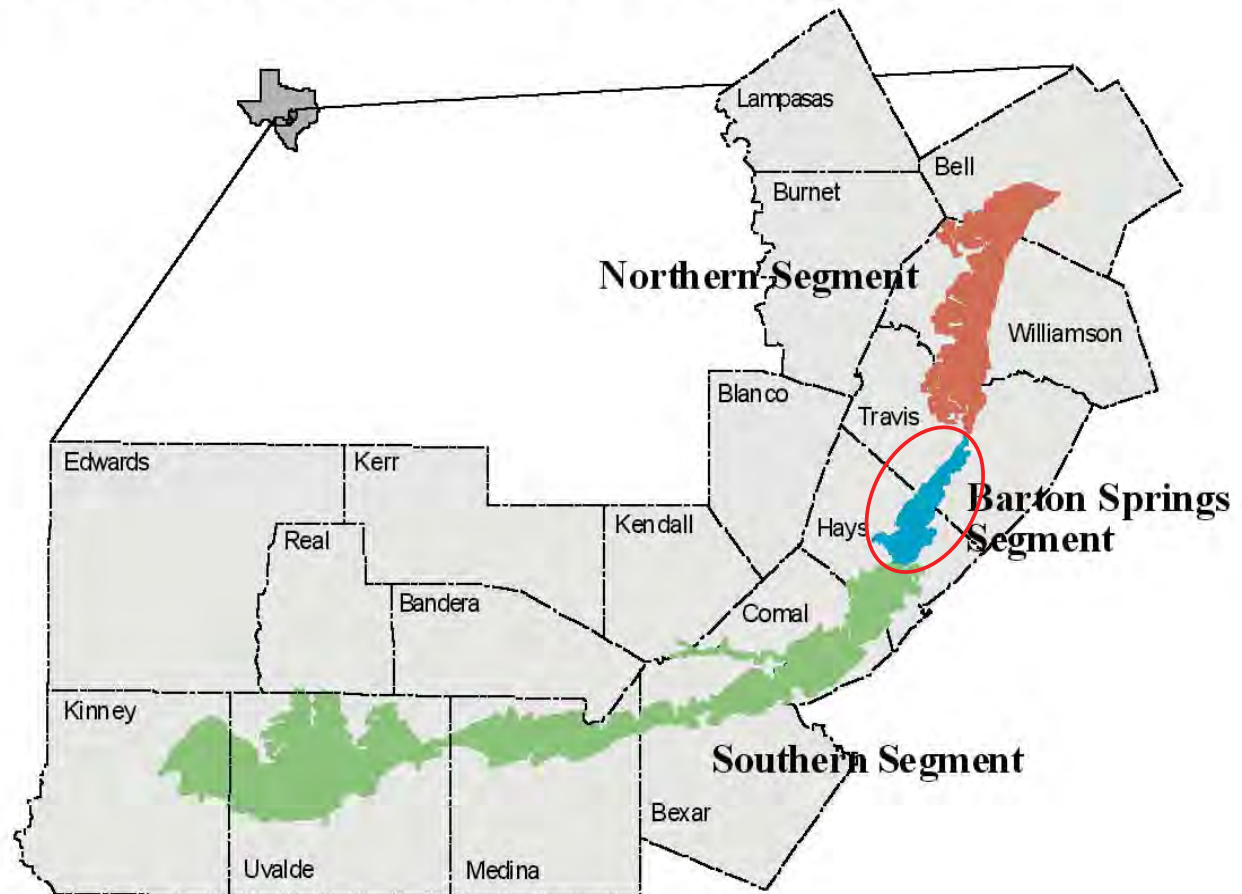
Kevin Thuesen, Ph.D.  
Wildland Conservation Division  
Water Quality Protection Lands

## What Do We Do on the Water Quality Protection Lands?

- Optimize quantity of high quality water recharging off of project lands into the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.



# The Three Segments of the Edwards Aquifer (BFZ)

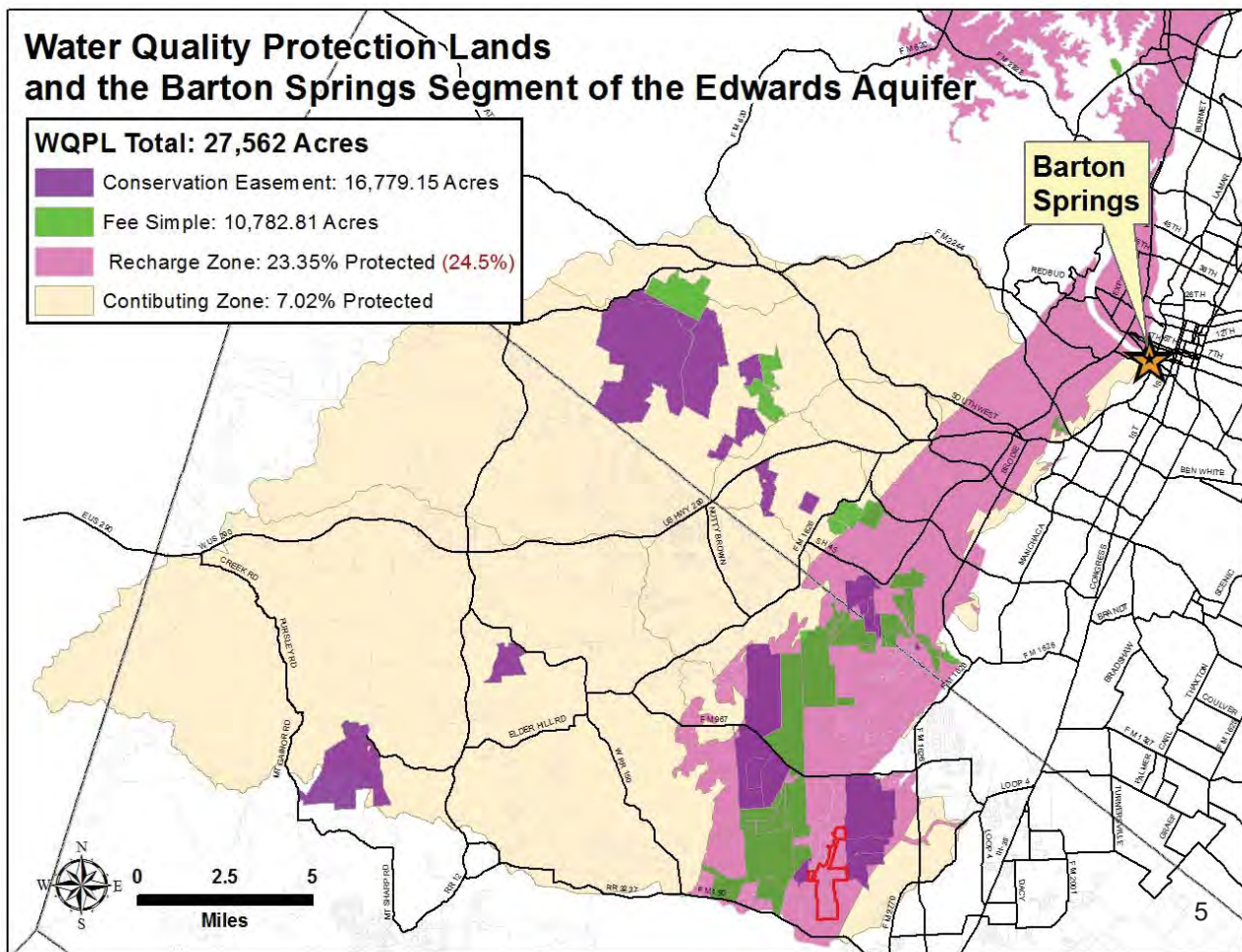




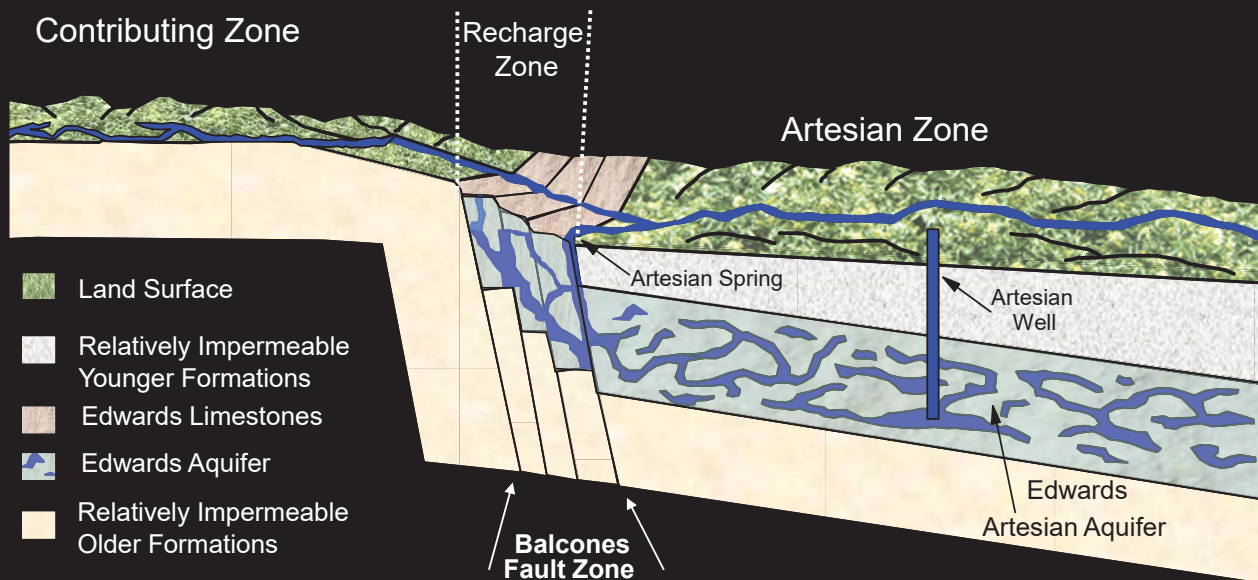
# Water Quality Protection Lands and the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer

**WQPL Total: 27,562 Acres**

- Conservation Easement: 16,779.15 Acres
- Fee Simple: 10,782.81 Acres
- Recharge Zone: 23.35% Protected (**24.5%**)
- Contributing Zone: 7.02% Protected



## Typical Cross-Section of the Edwards Aquifer Region

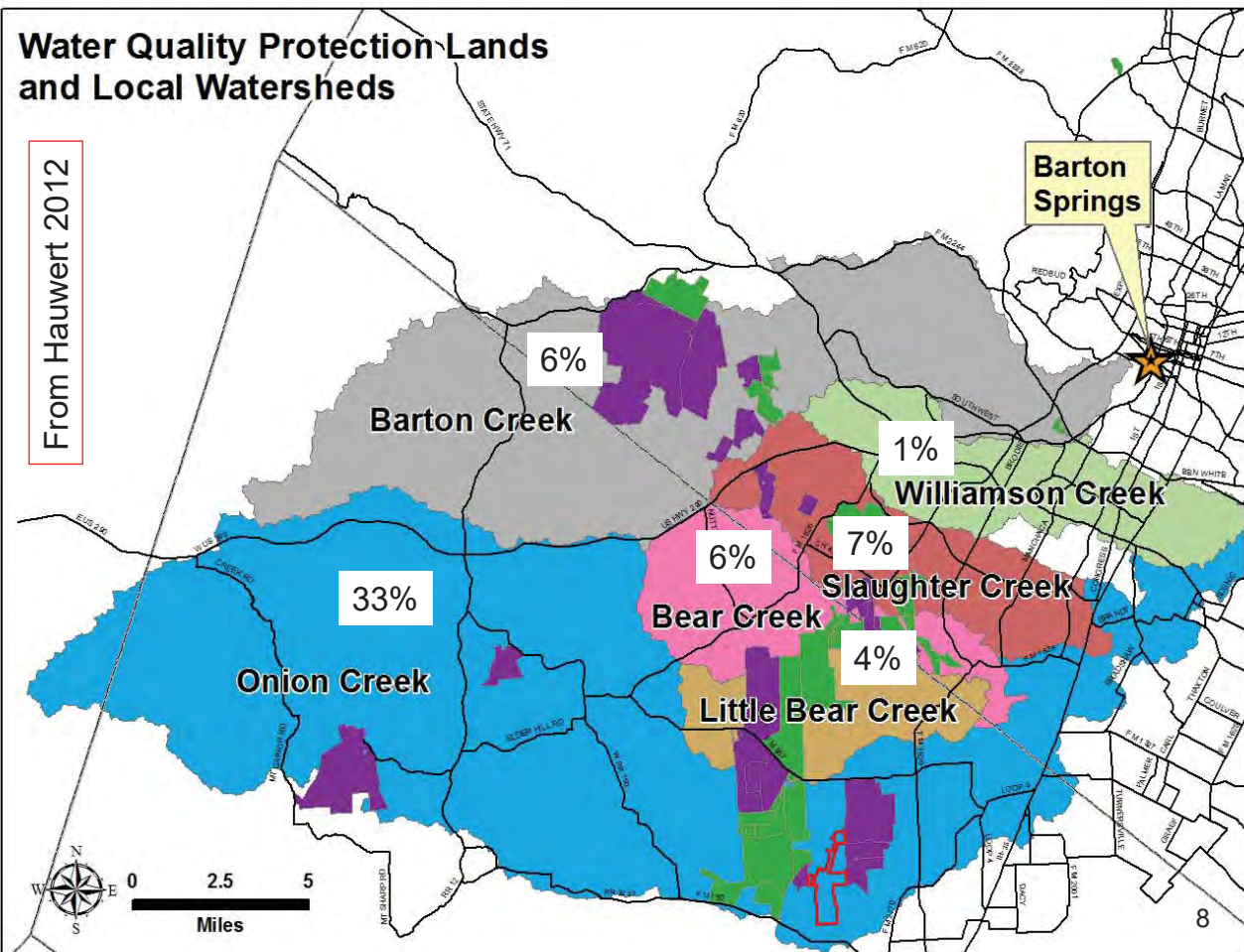


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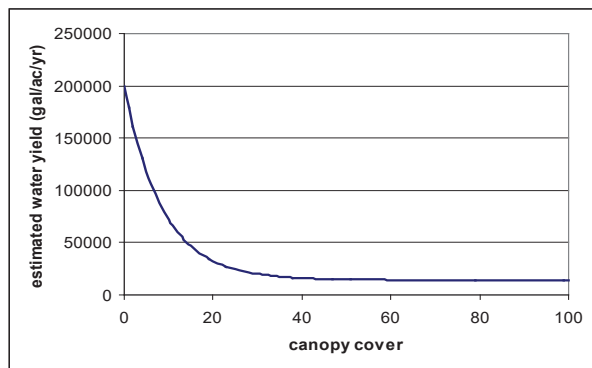


## Water Quality Protection Lands and Local Watersheds

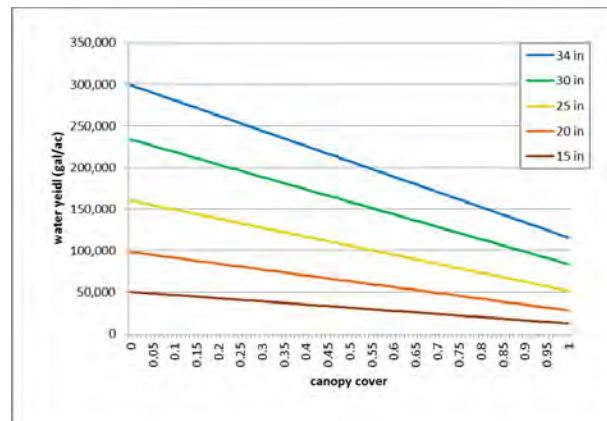
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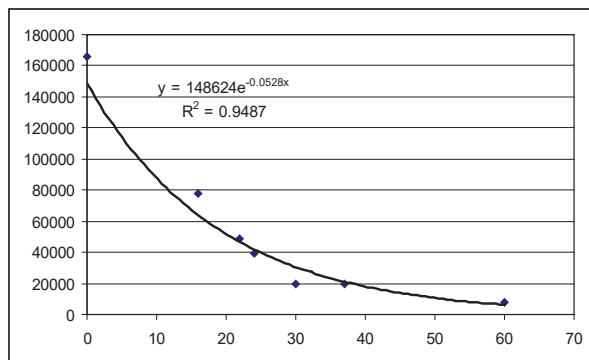




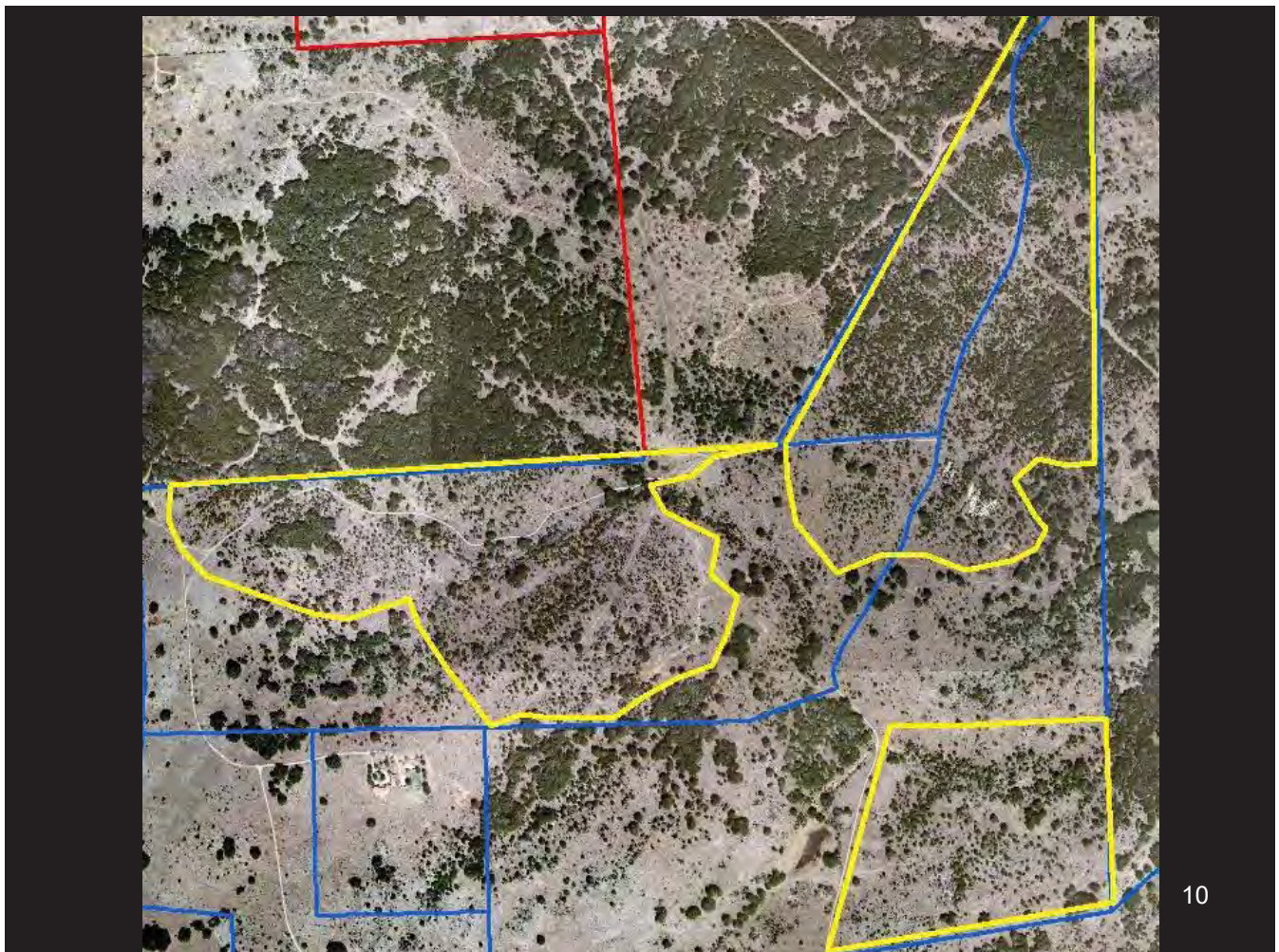
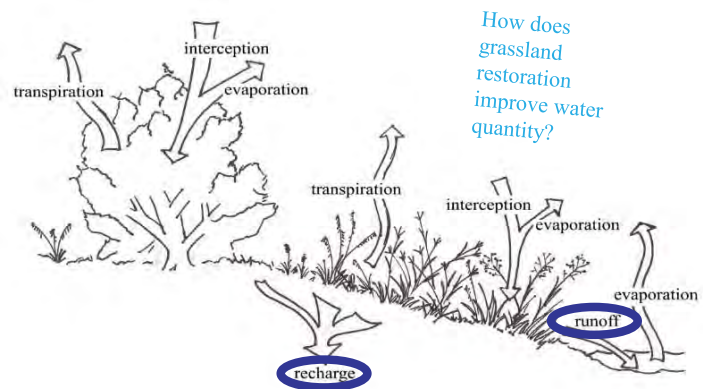
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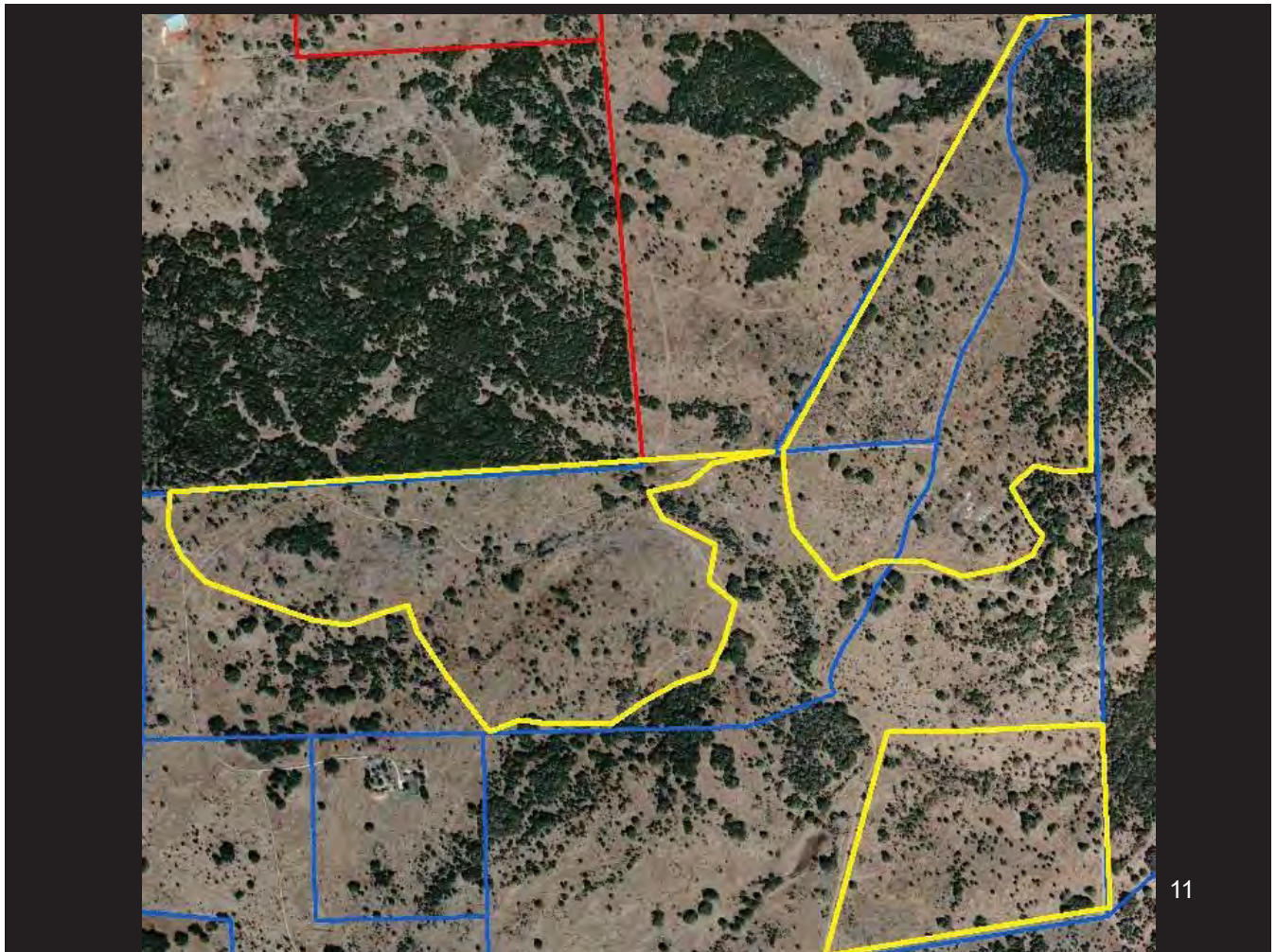
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Water yield (gal/ac/yr) as a function of canopy cover. Adapted from Thurow and Hester (1997) and Thurow (1998).







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Video of un-grated swallet, less flow

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# Thank You!



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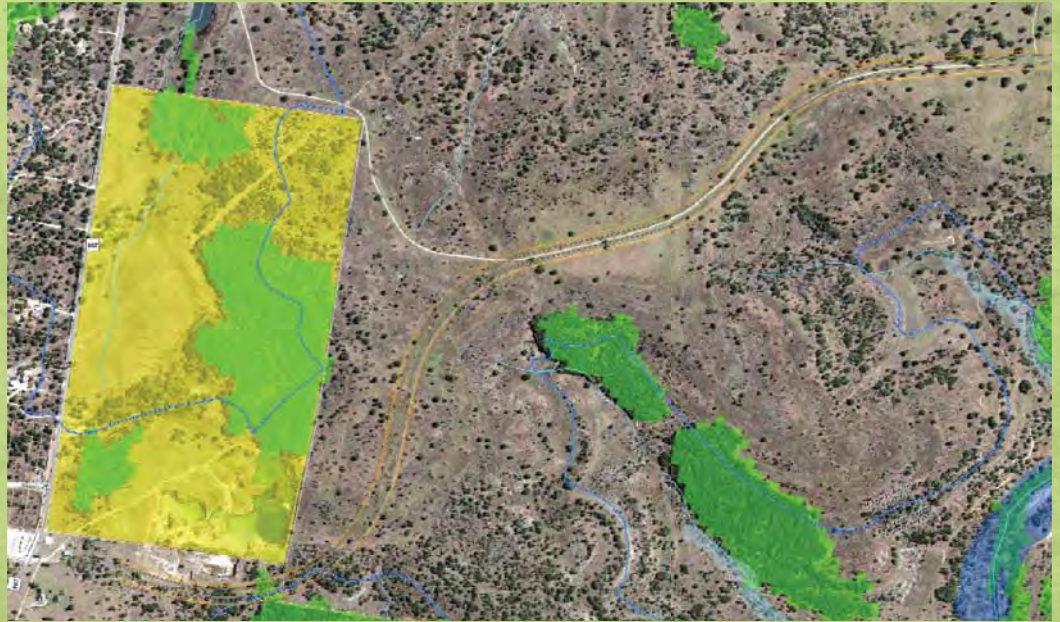


CAP Meeting



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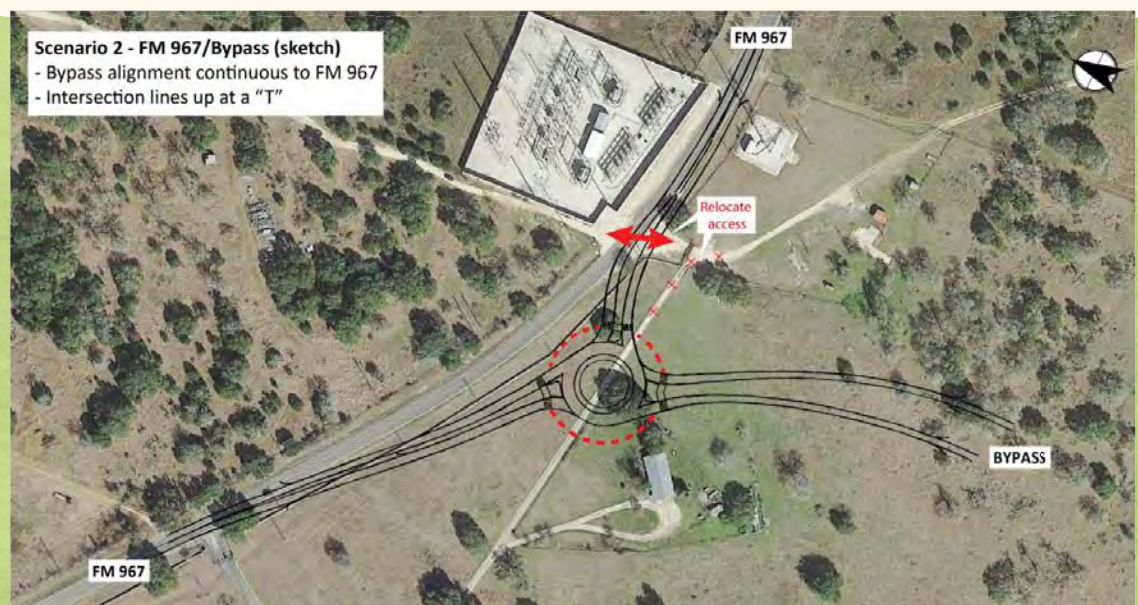
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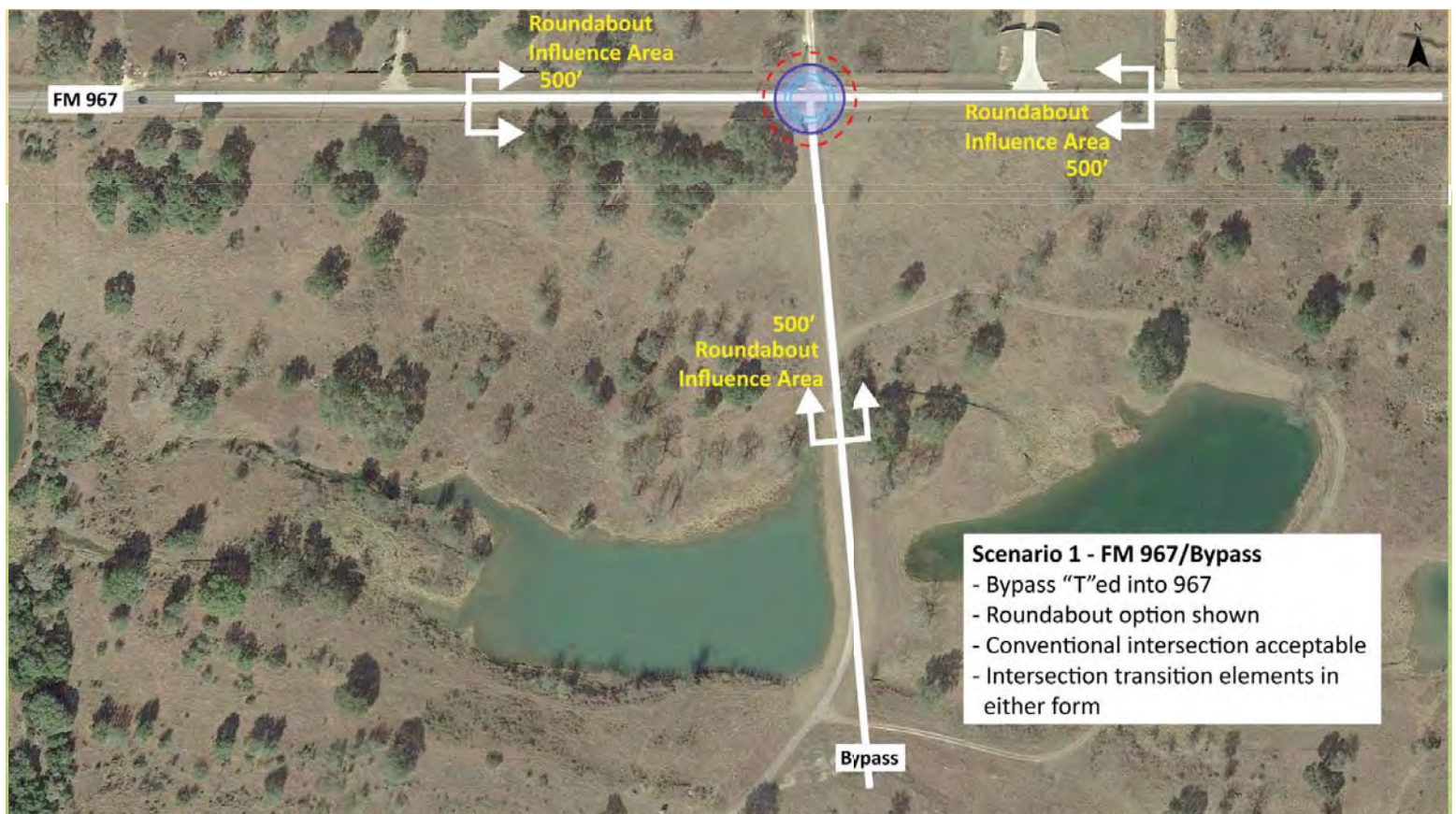
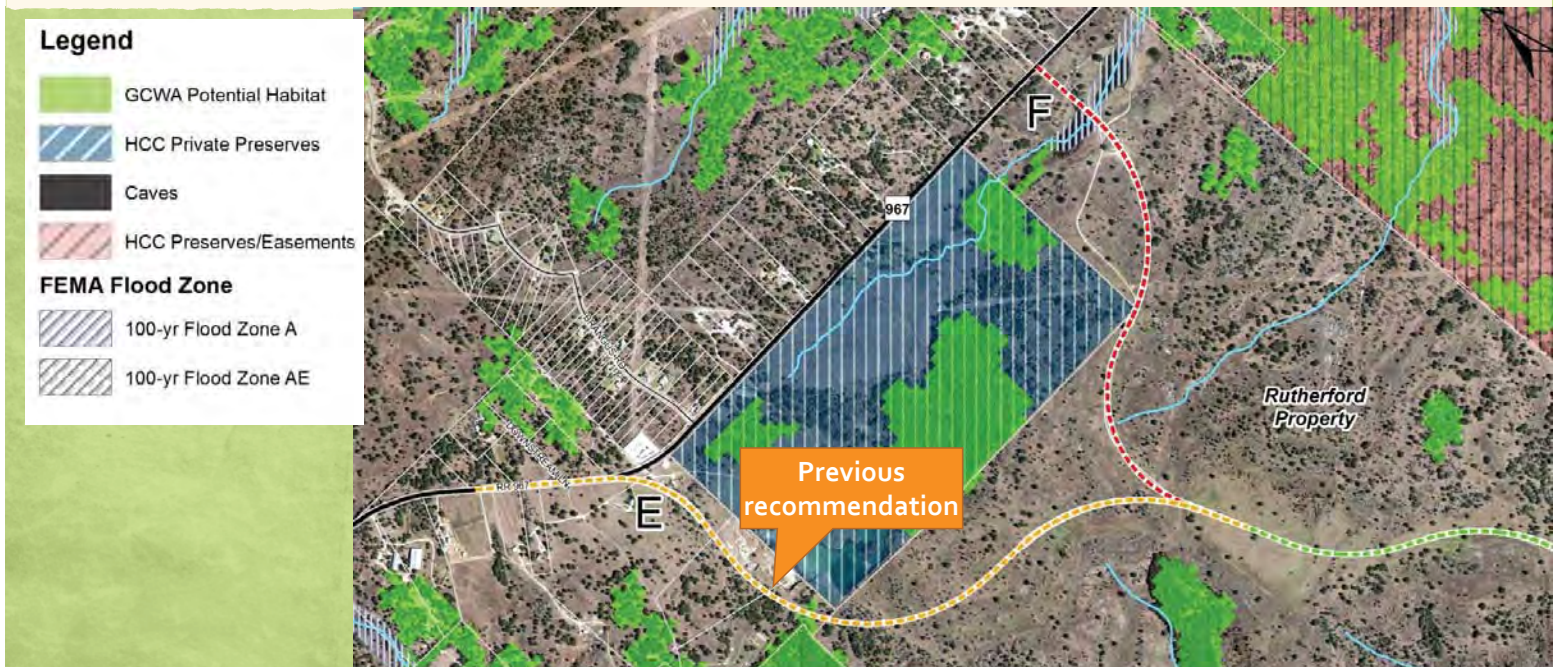
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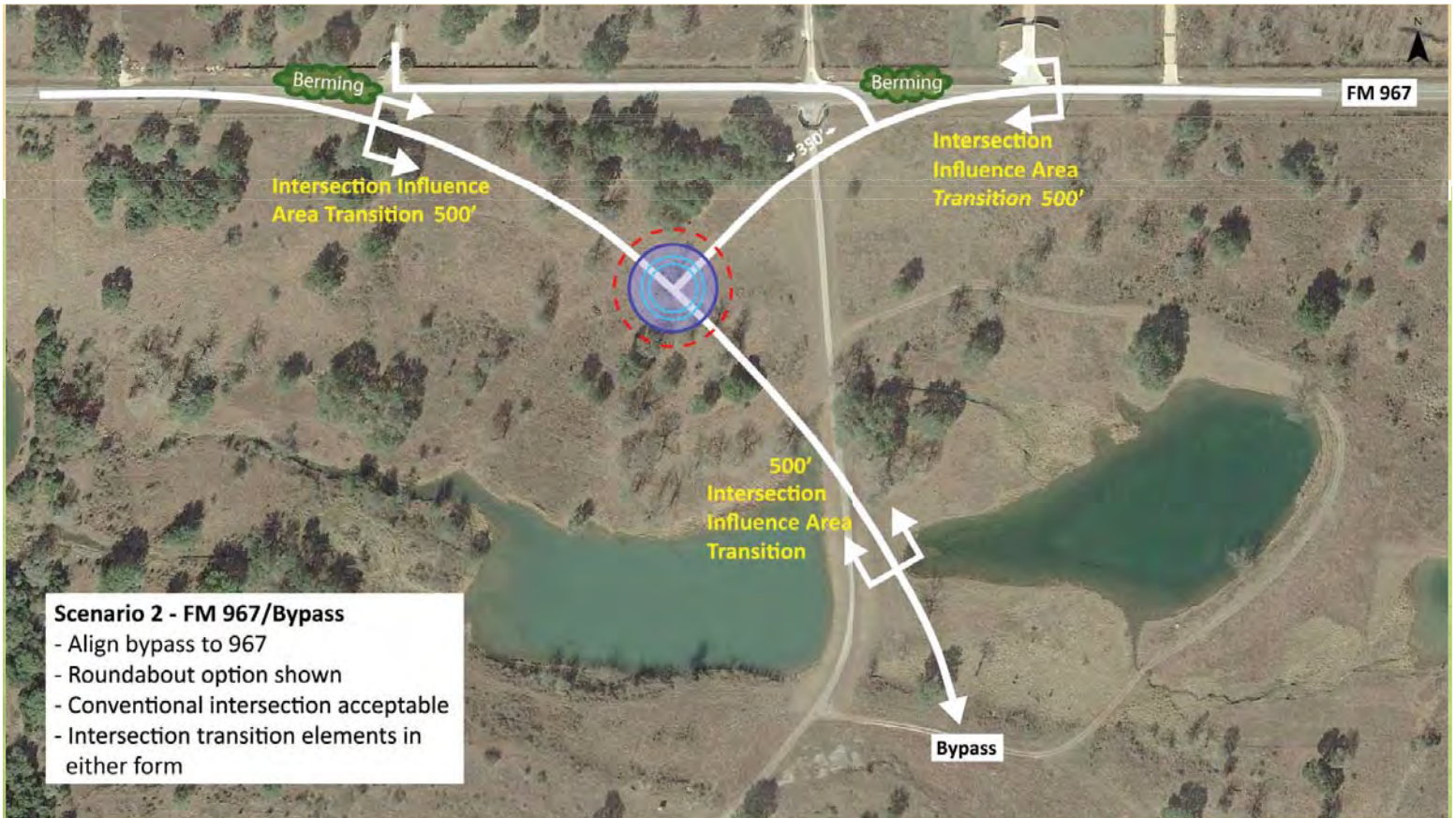
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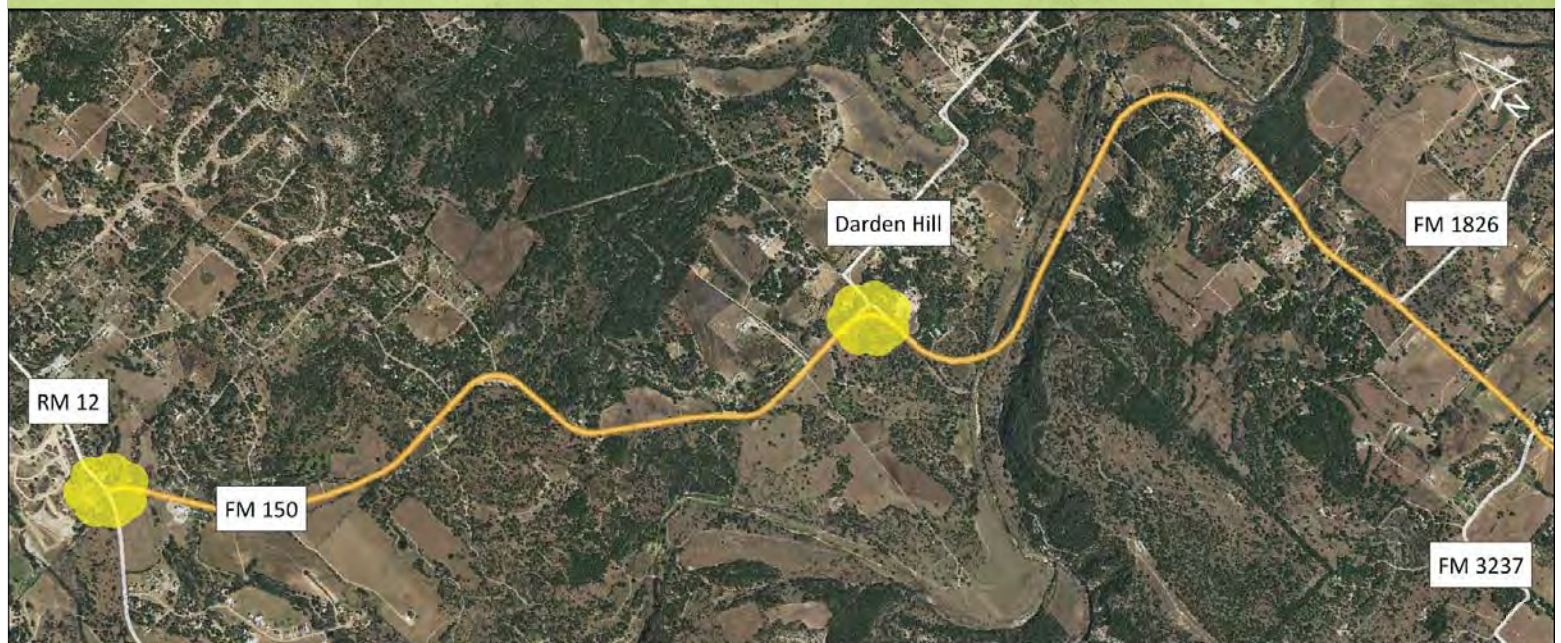








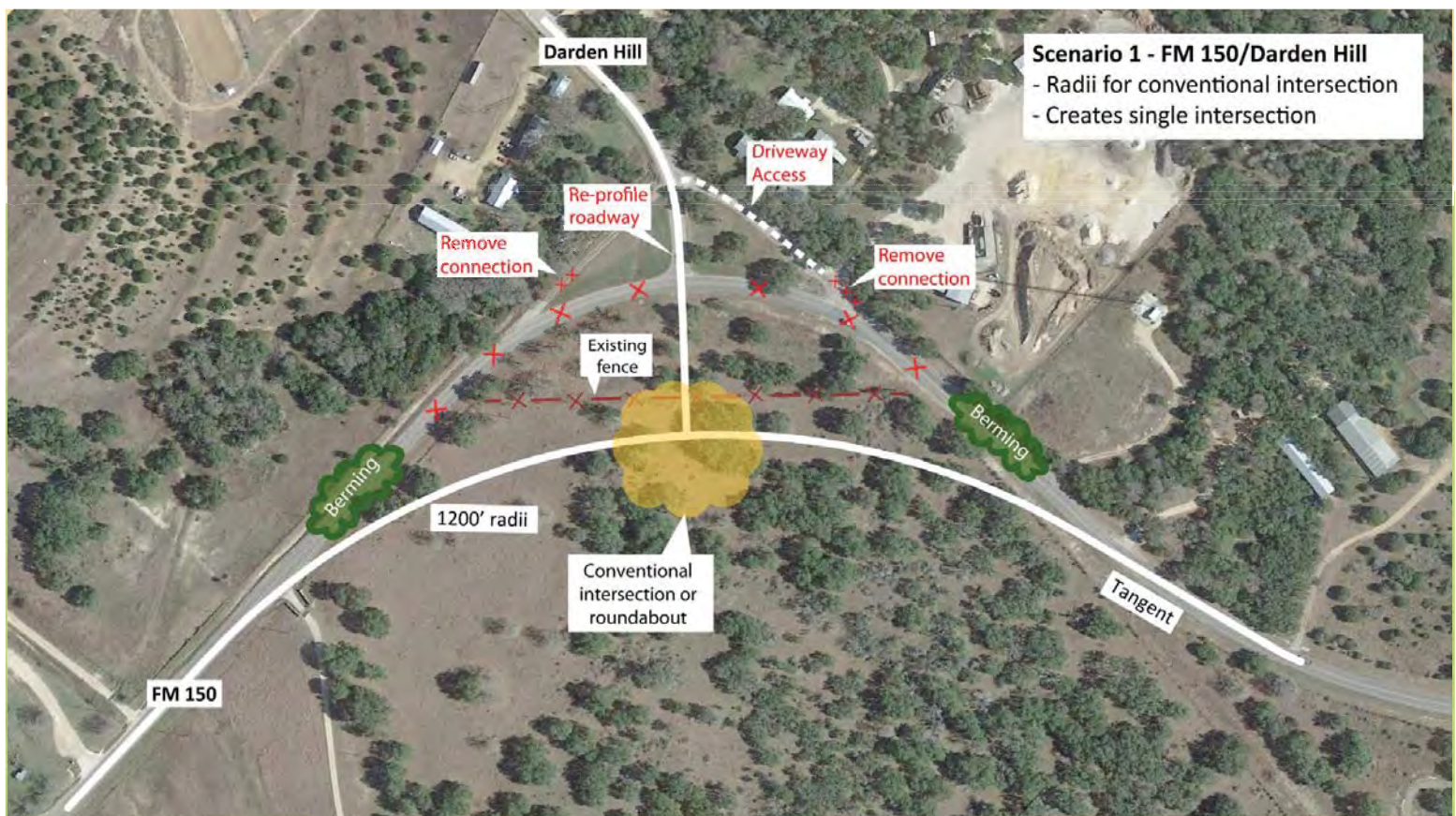
## INTERSECTION CONCEPTS





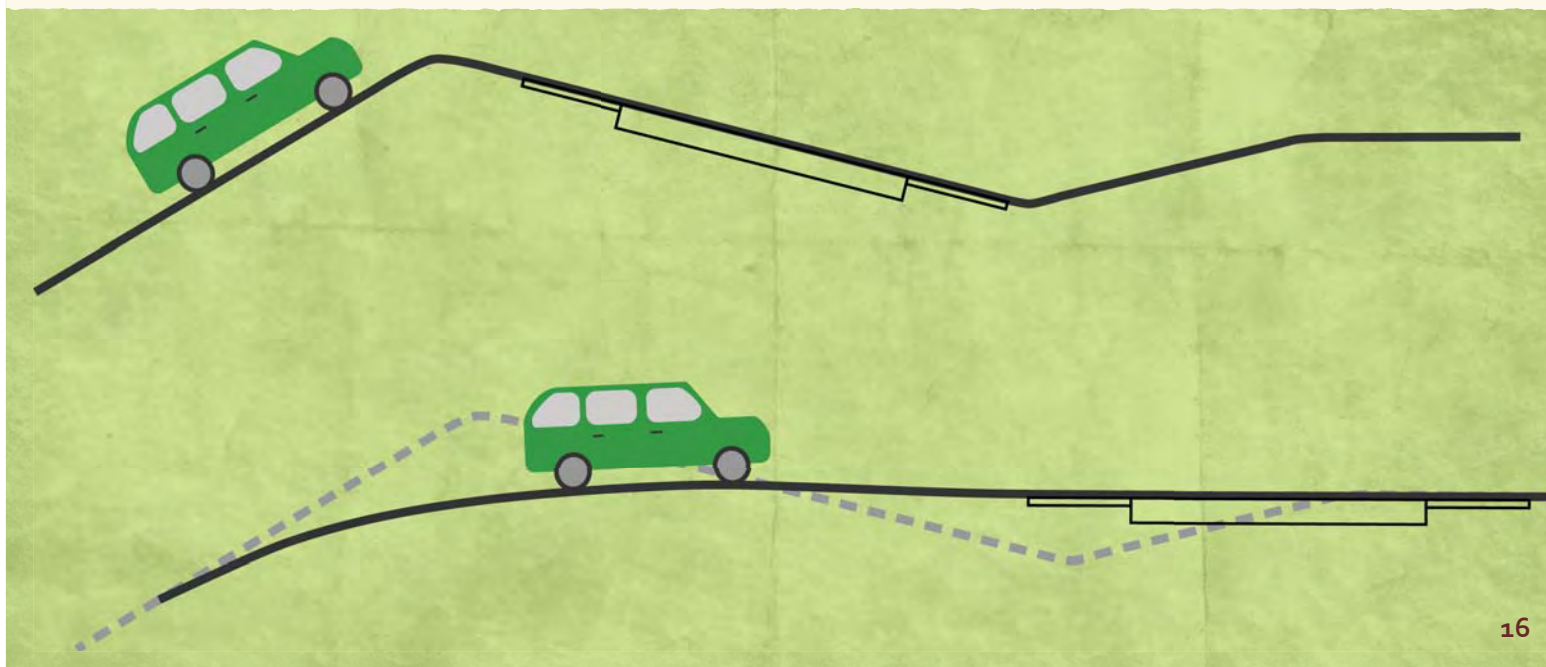
# INTERSECTION CONCEPTS – DARDEN HILL ROAD

- Currently two intersections on curve
- Superelevation and sight distance
- Identified for improvement as part of Phase I work
- Form
- Control

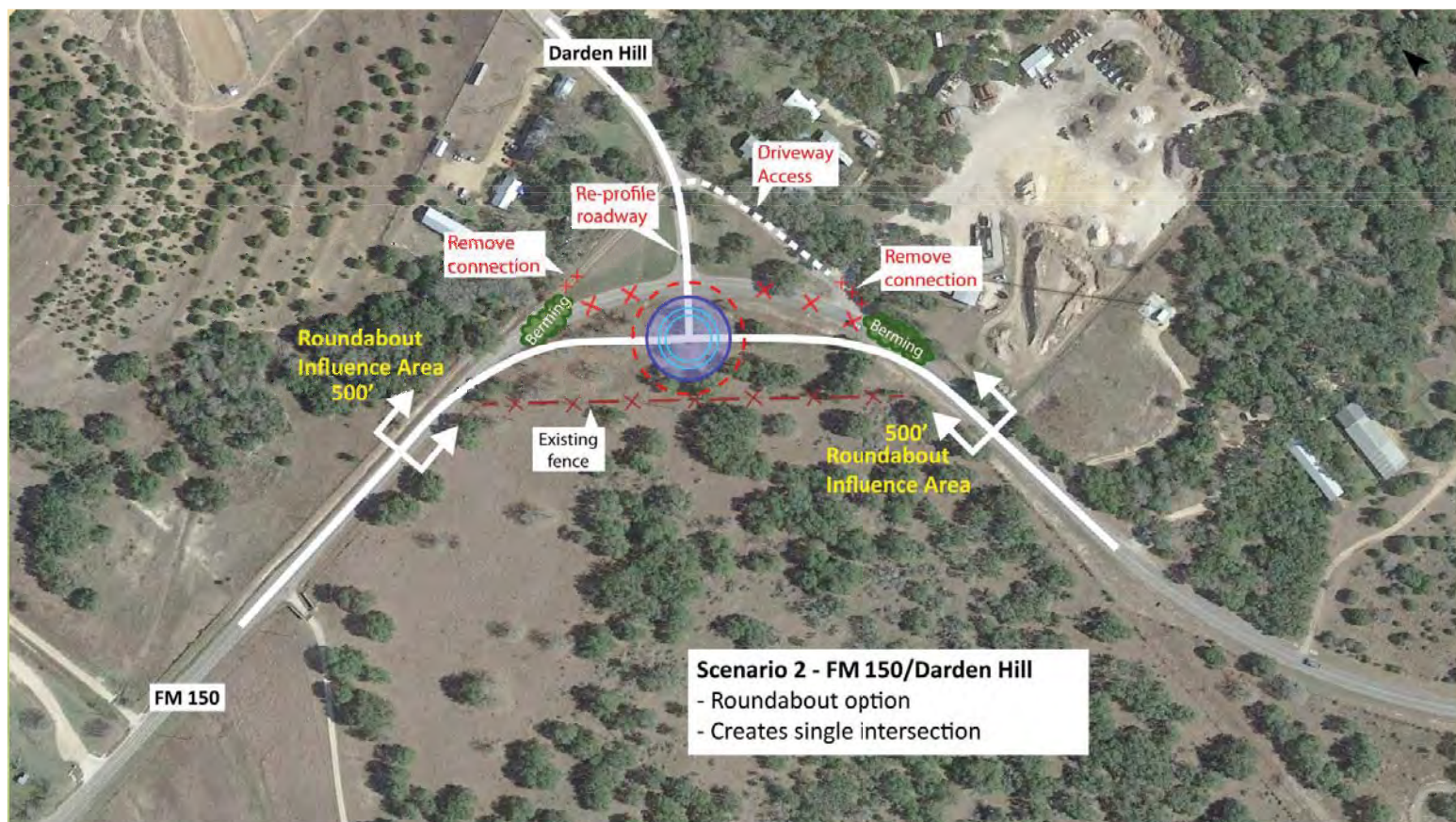




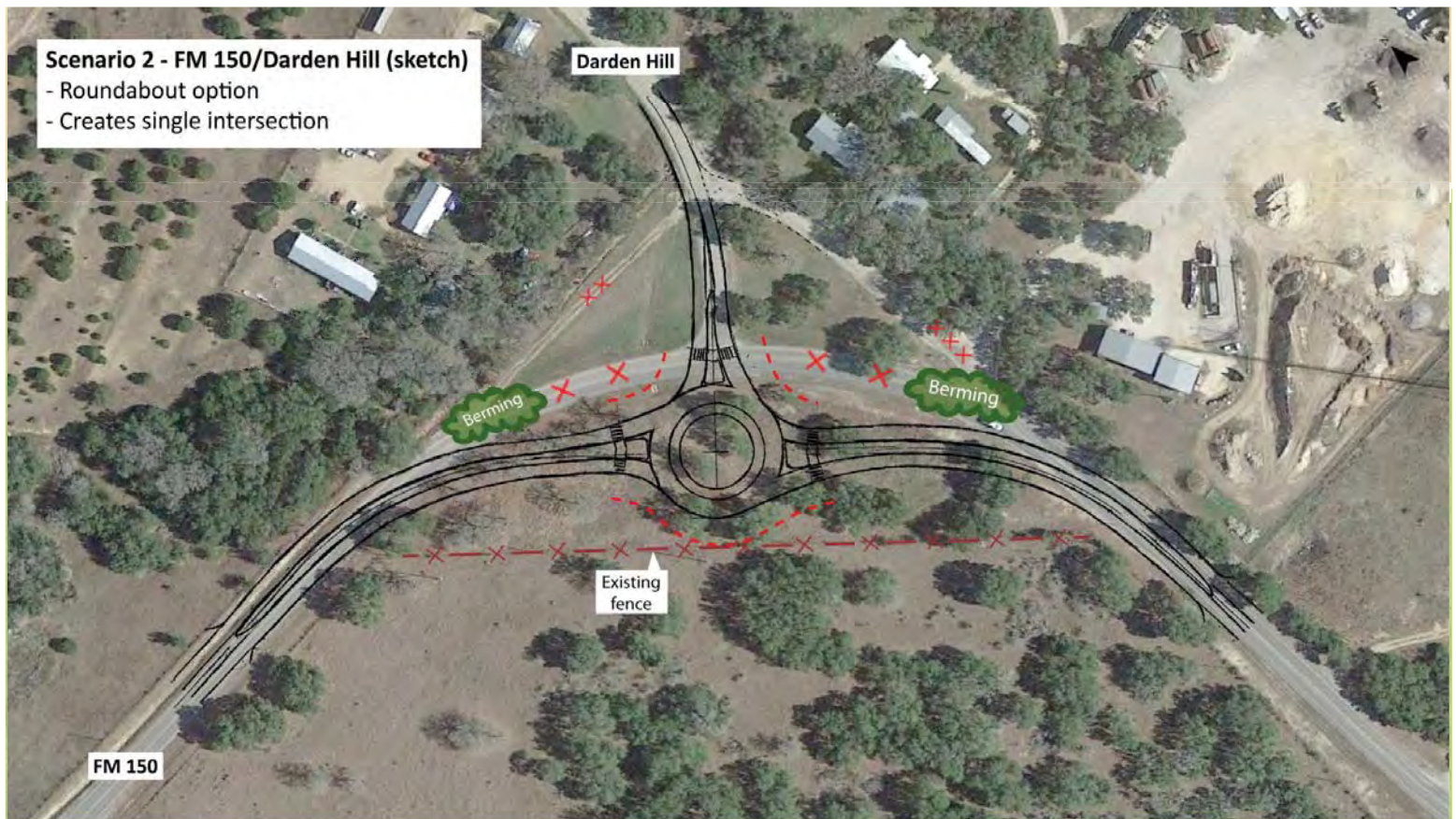
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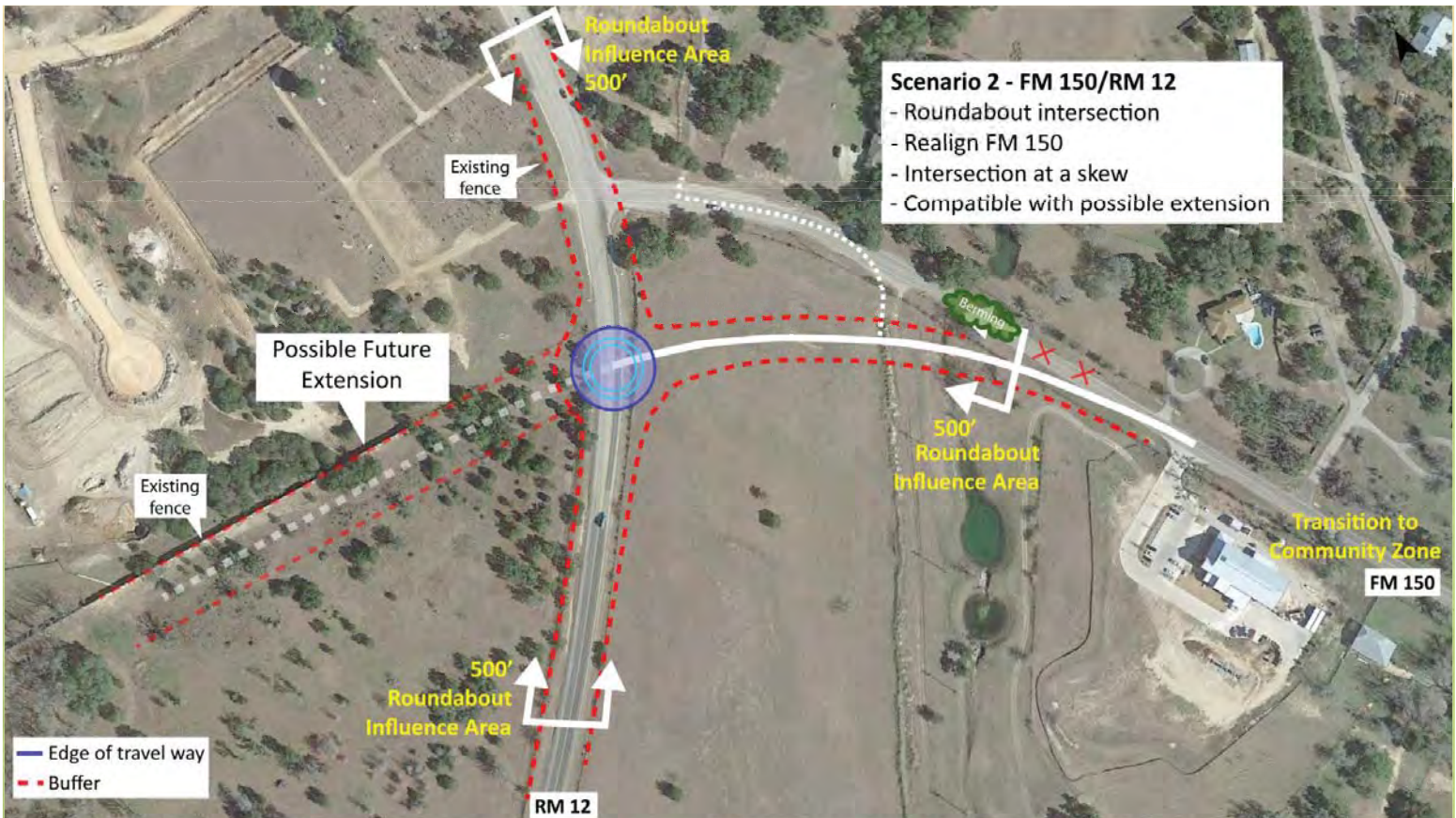
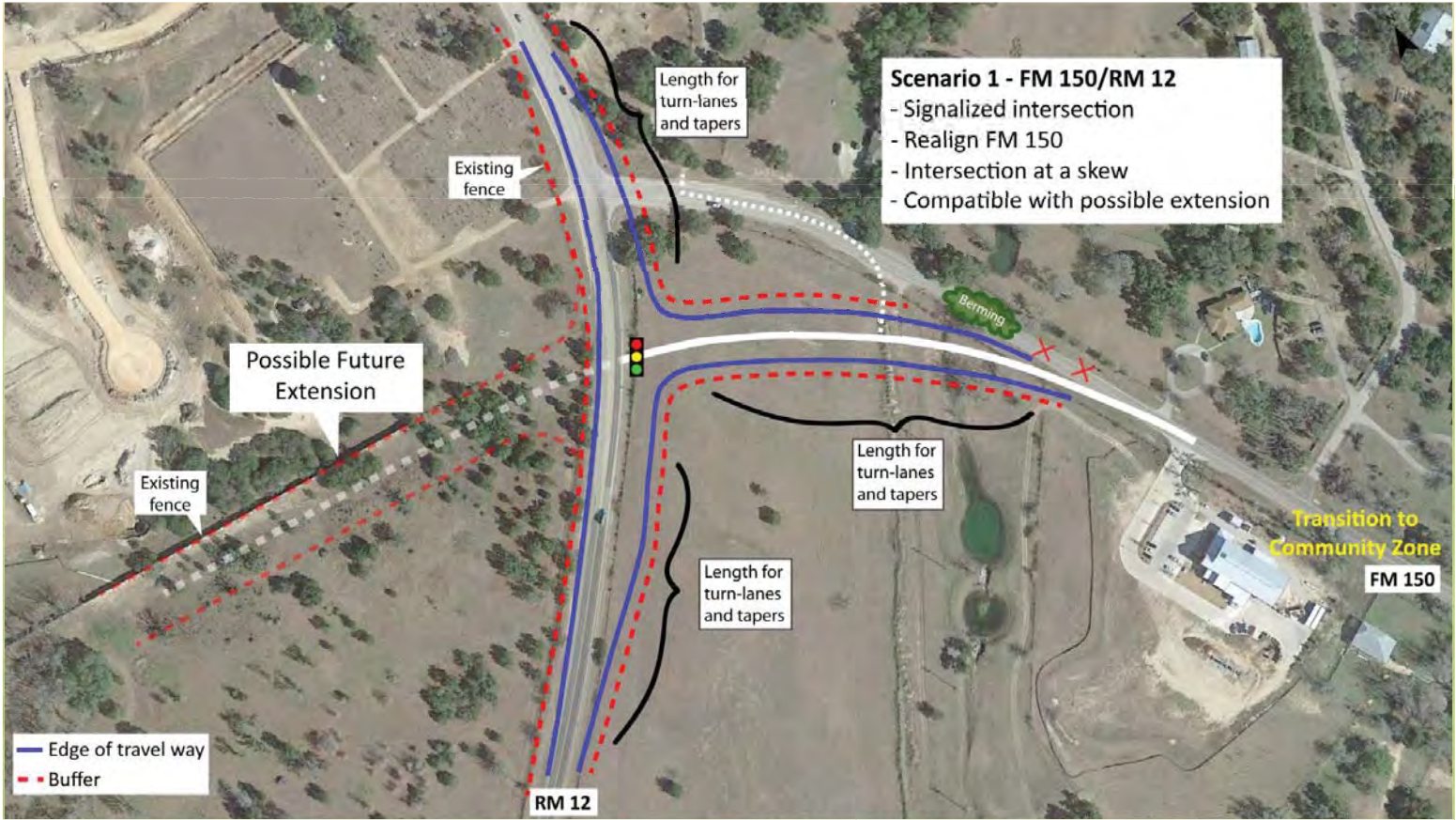


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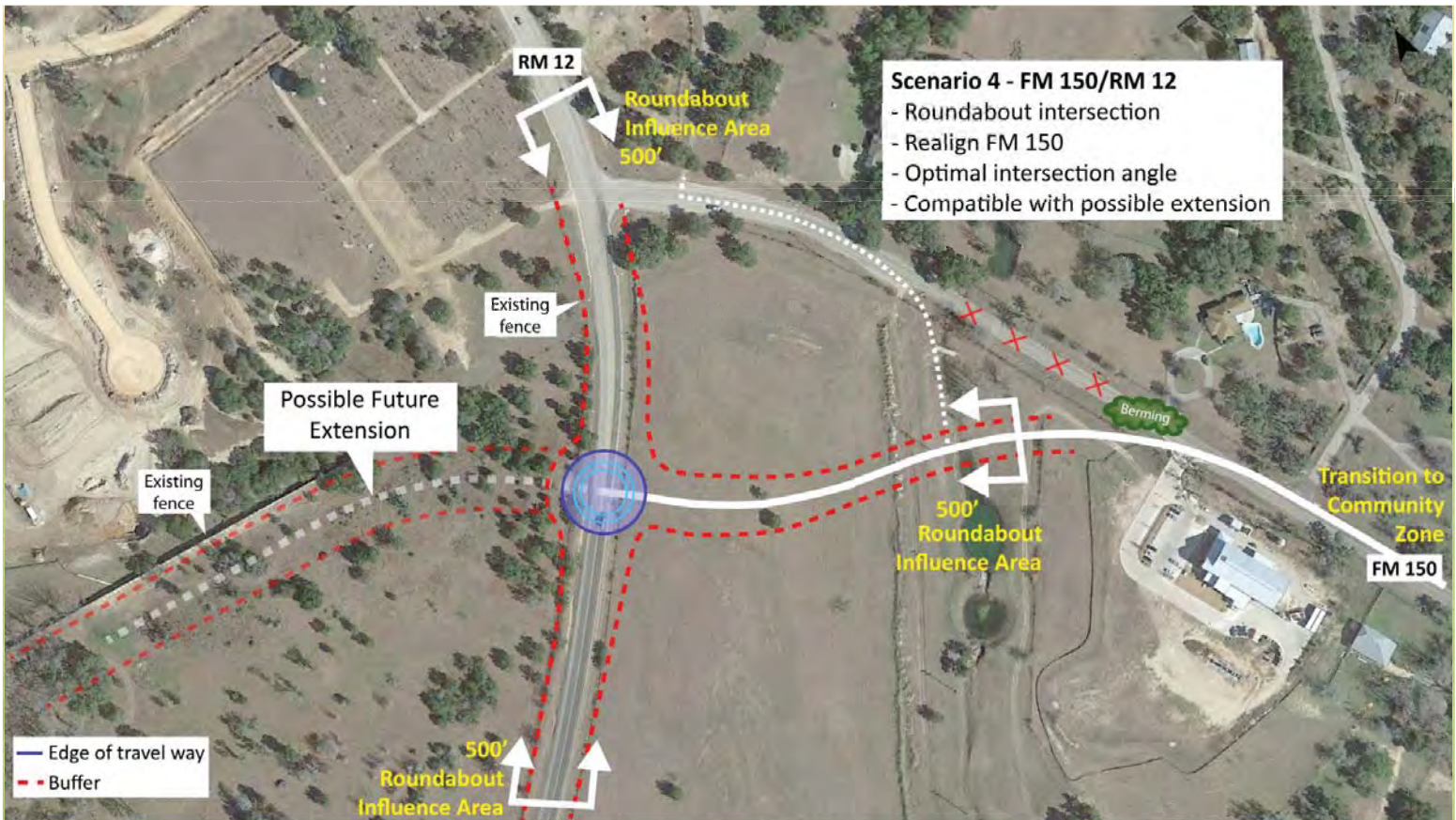
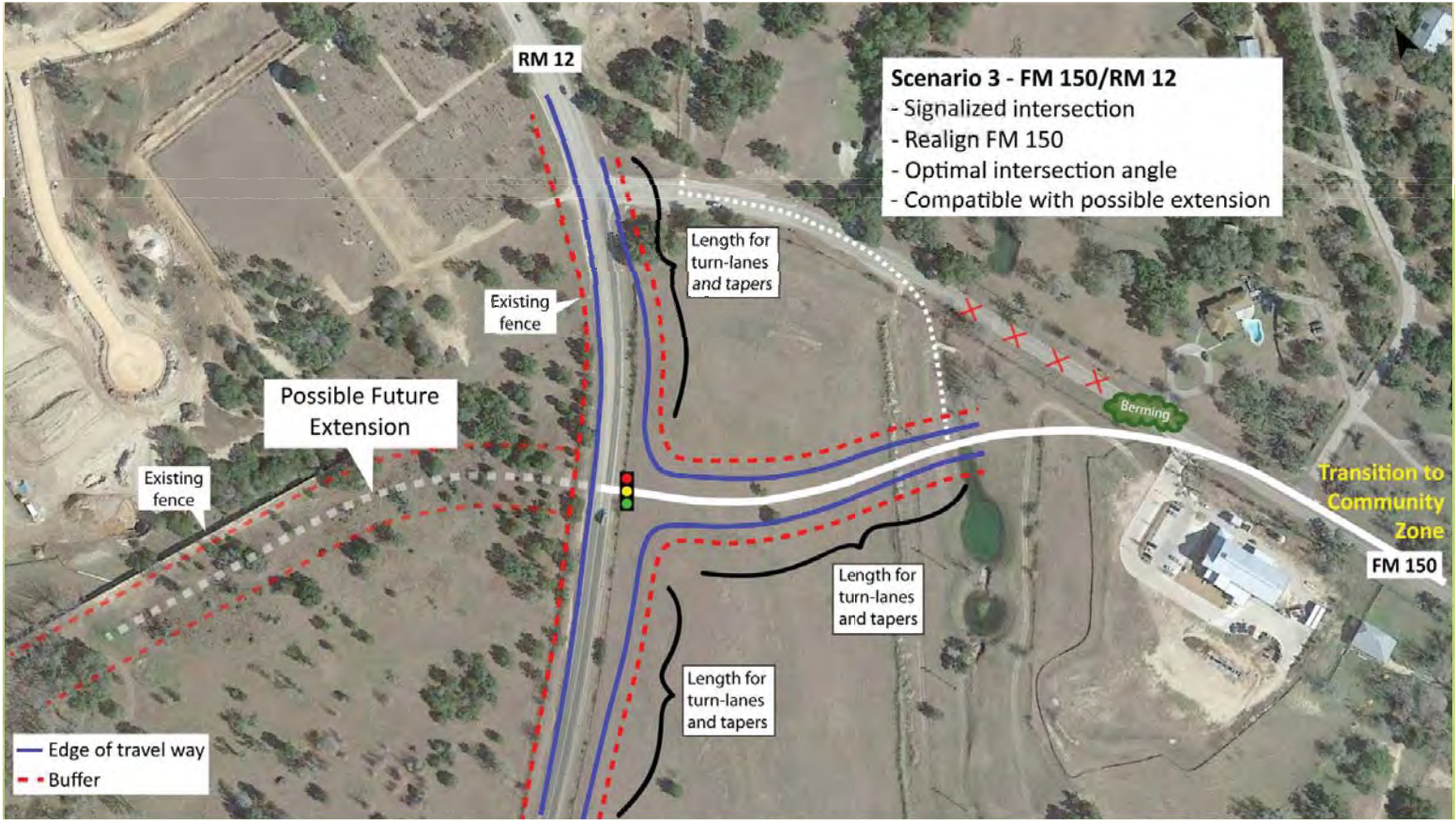
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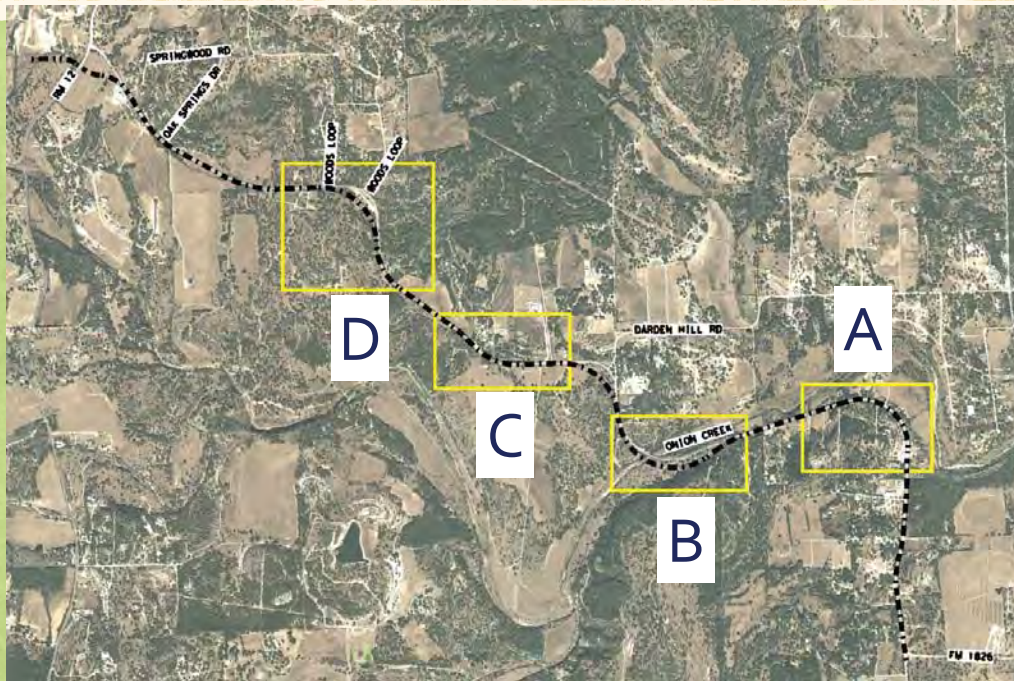








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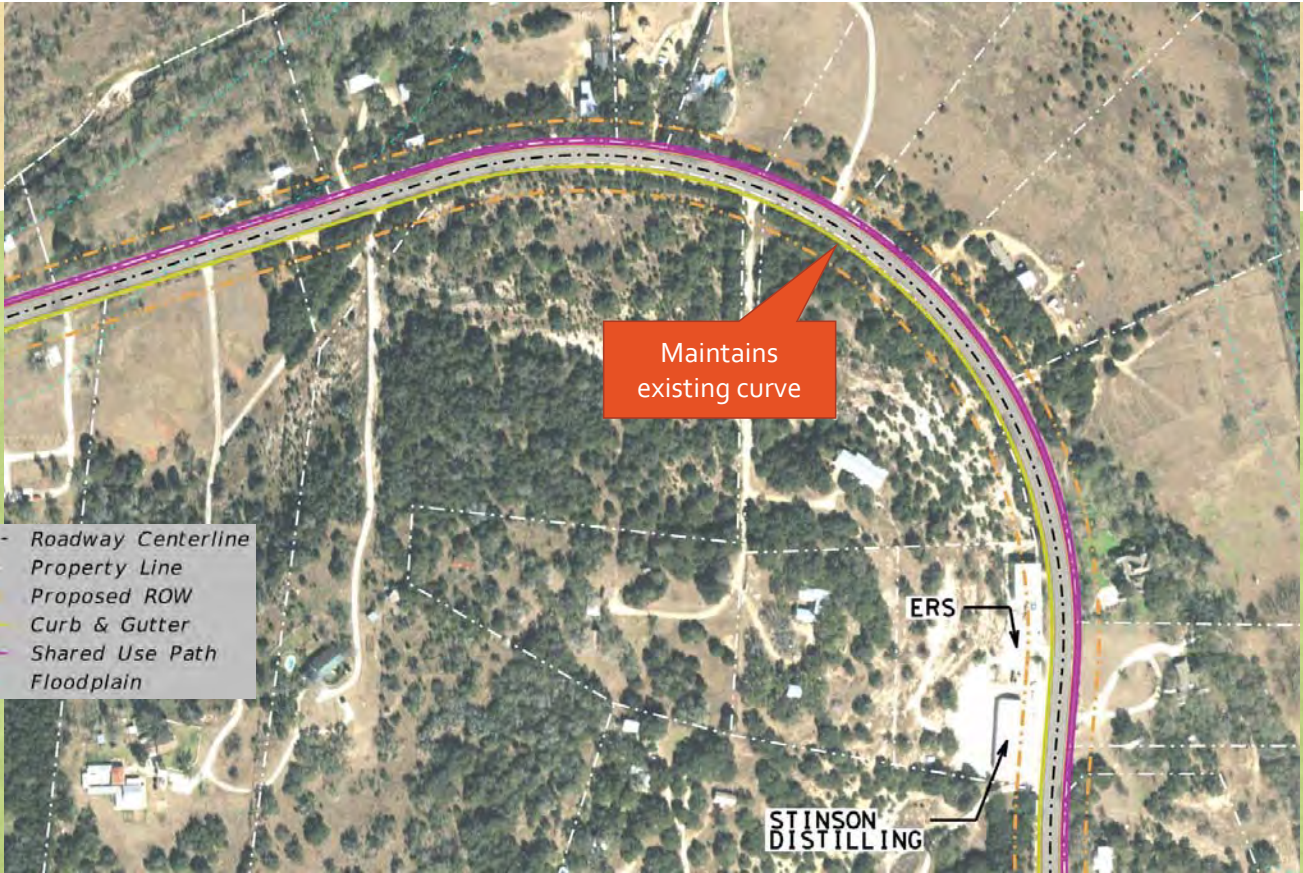
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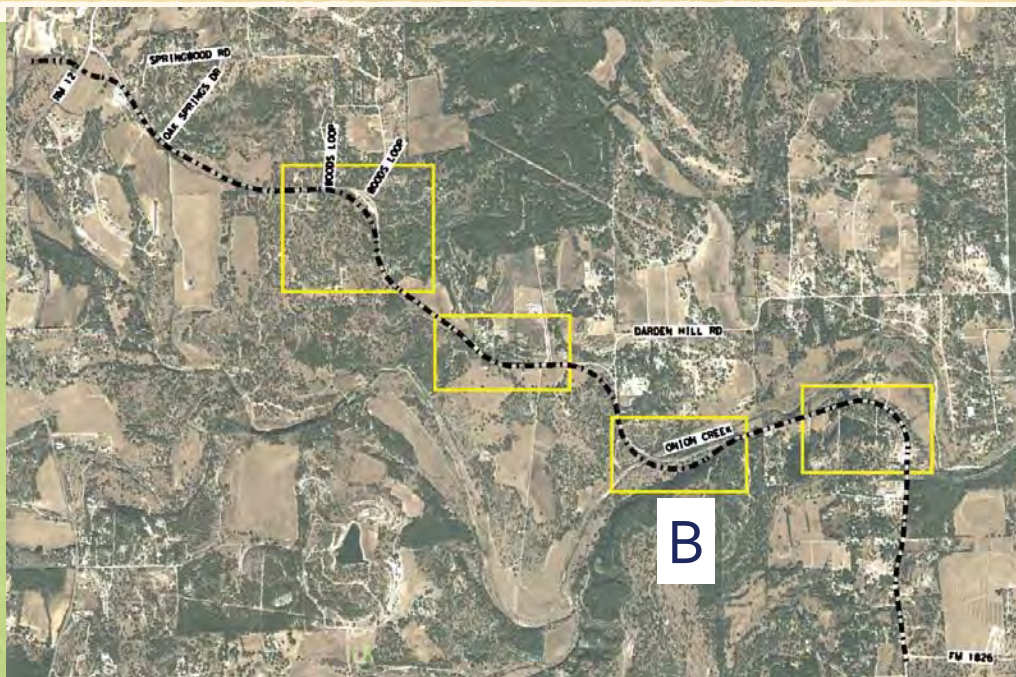


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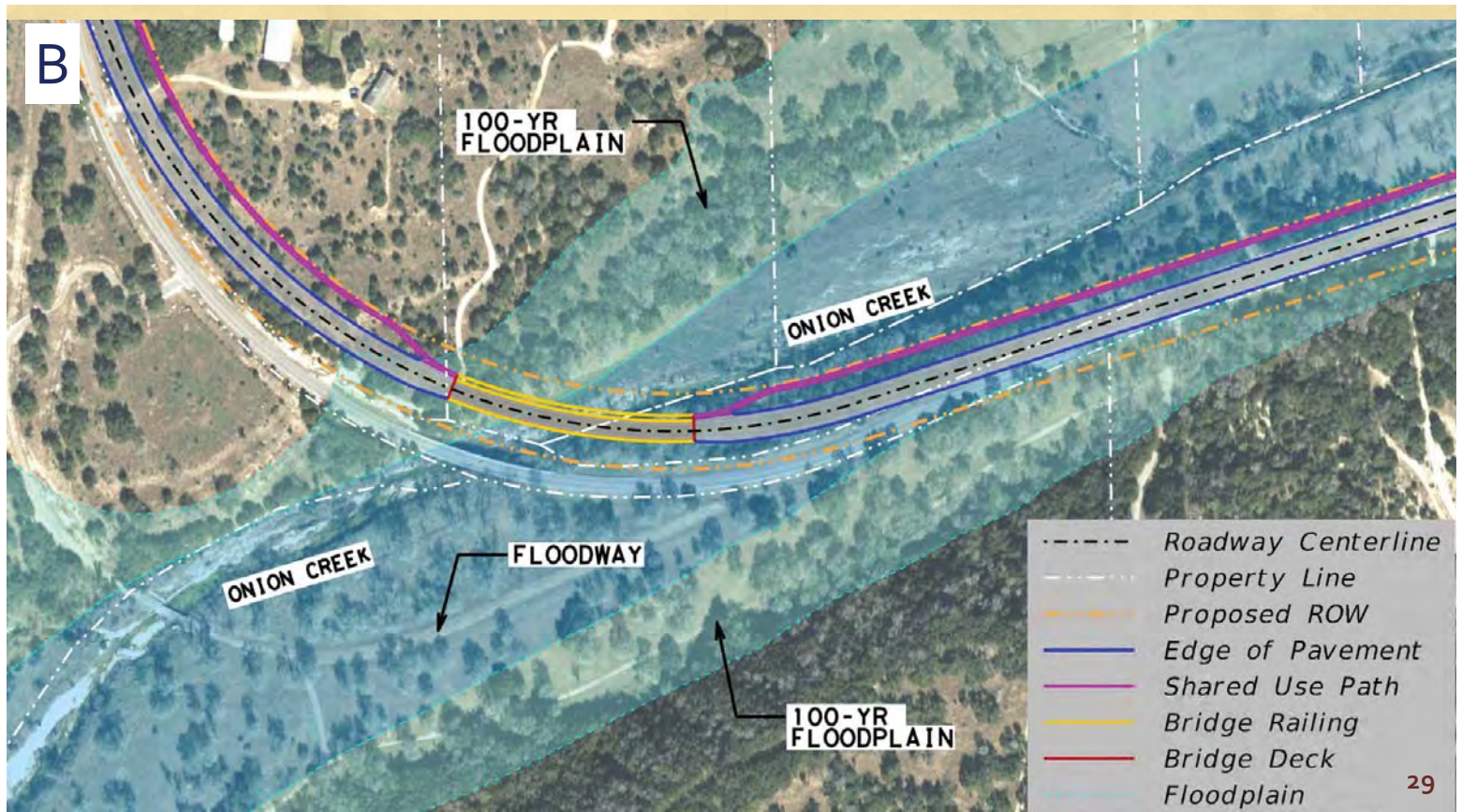
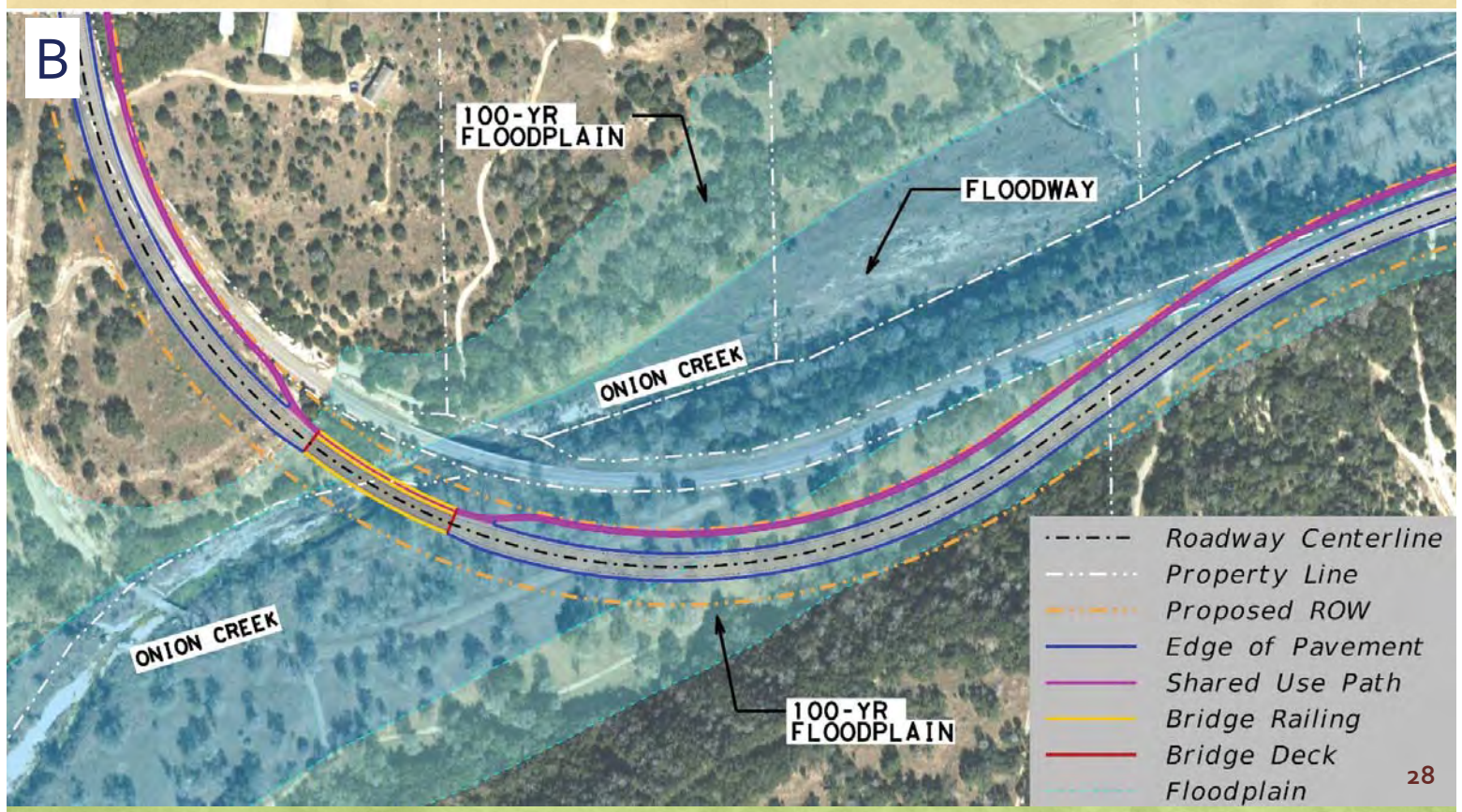
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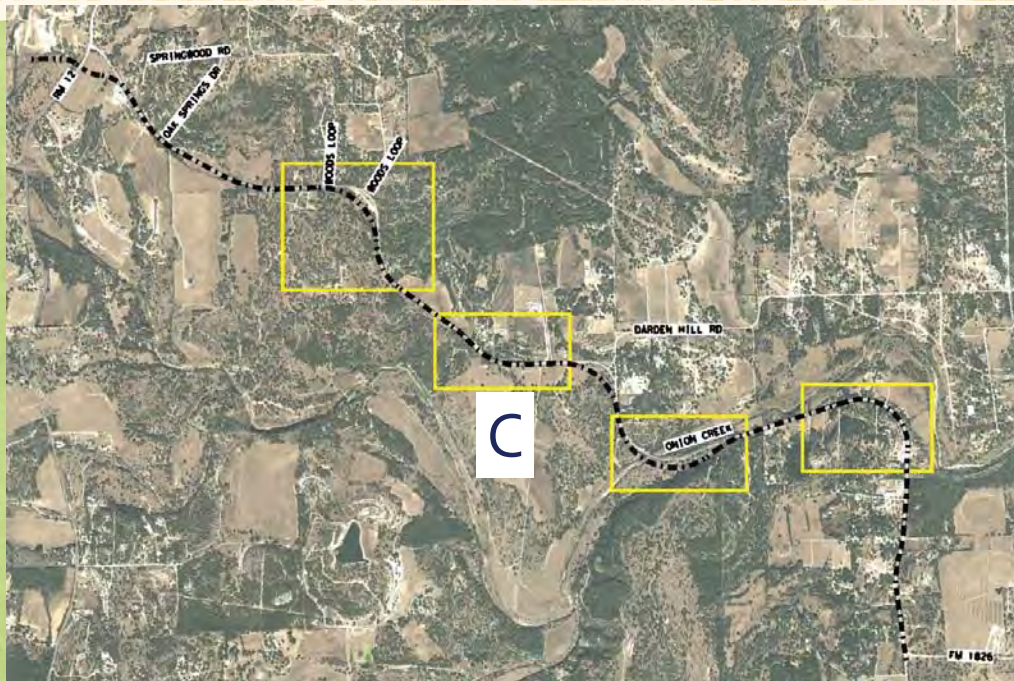
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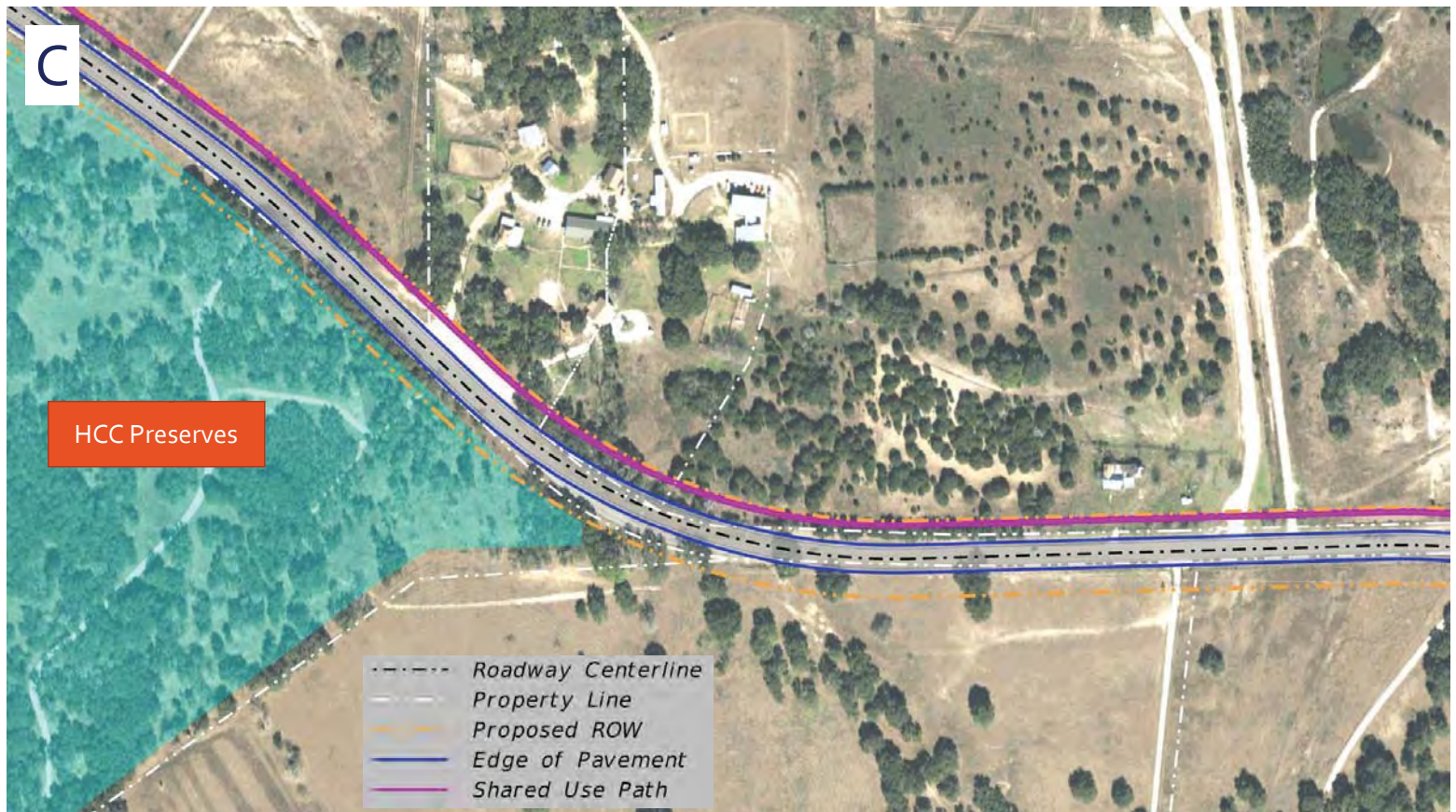




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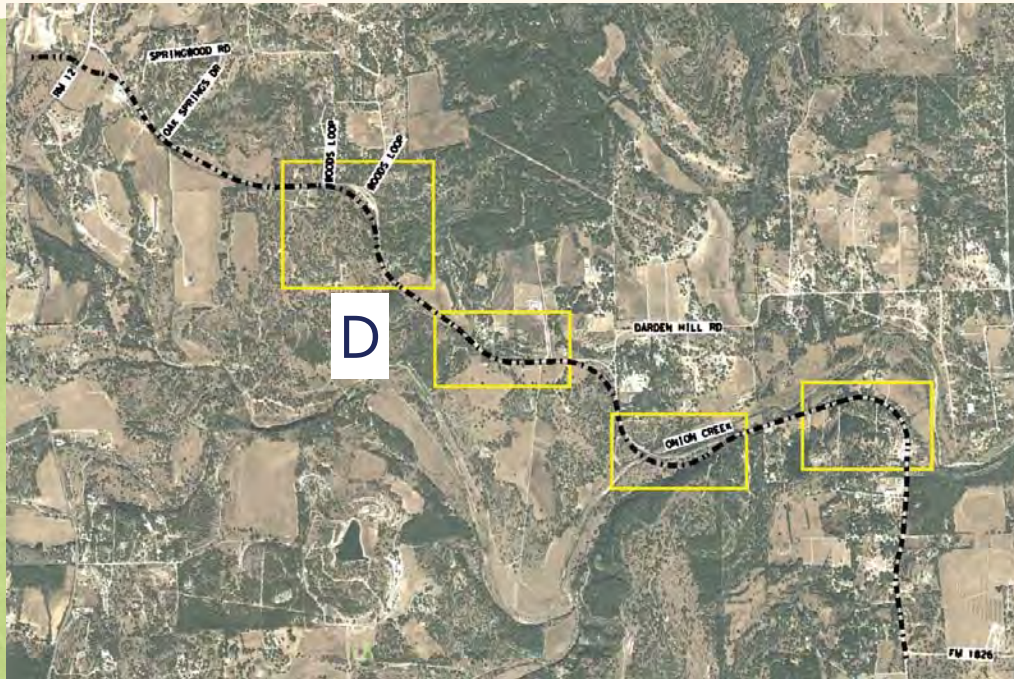


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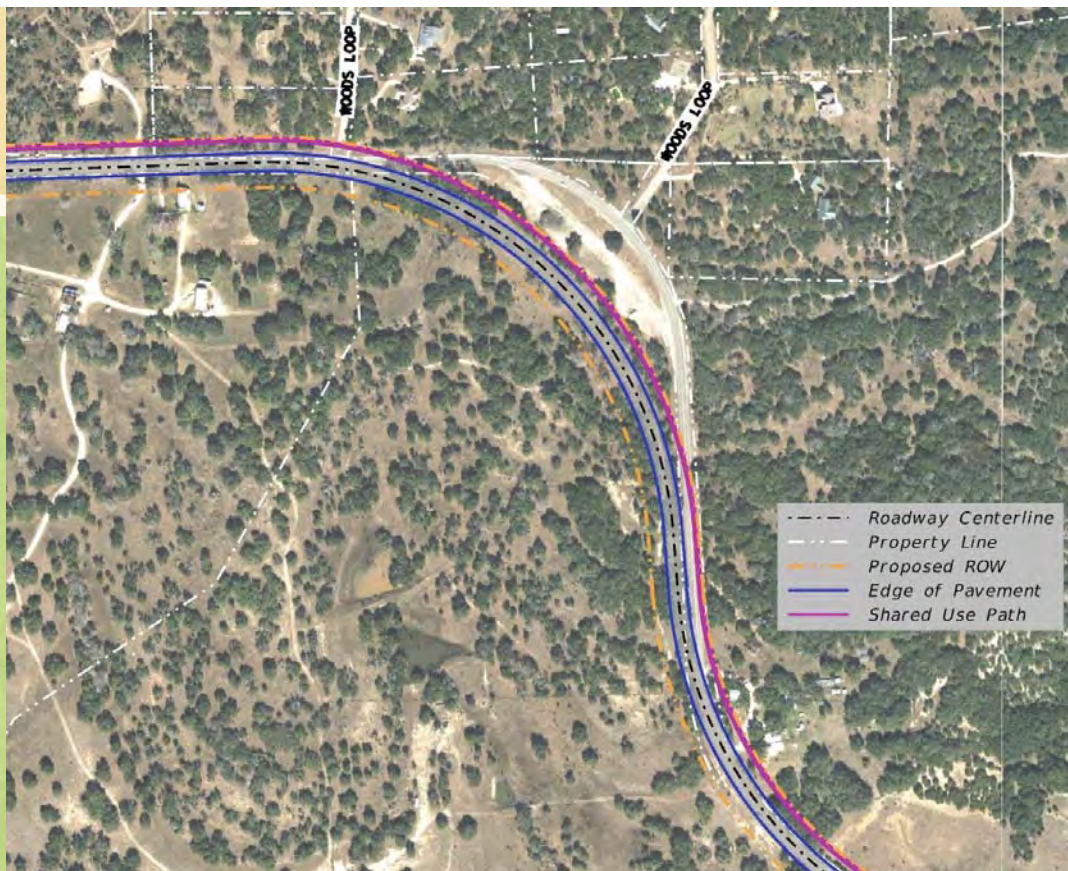




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## CHARACTER DETAILS

- Phase II report will include desired roadway character
  - Target speeds
  - Preferences on gateway treatments and signage
- **Next meeting:** review and confirm input from first Public Meeting



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## NEXT STEPS

### **CAP Meeting, Thursday, May 18**


- Present refined concepts for FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12
- Discuss character details for the corridor
  - Landscaping, gateway treatments, signage
- Preview plan for Public Meeting

### **Public Meeting, Thursday, June 22**

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## NEXT MEETING



Date	Meeting Type	Location
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, January 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, February 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, March 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, April 27, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, May 18, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, June 22, 2017	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
July 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria

## QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



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## FM 150 West Character Plan – Phase 2, Nature & Character Master Plan Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting Notes

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Date: April 27, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Subject: CAP Meeting 5

Location: Dripping Springs High School, Cafeteria

Present: Hays County: Commissioner Whisenant

CAP Members: David Braun, Don Bosse, Casey Cutler, Dennis Dement, Shelby Eckols, Mike Pruitt, Bob Shannon

Project Team: Joe Cantalupo, Ryan Bell, and Eric Virag with K Frieese + Associates; John Kuhl and Julie LeClair with Hicks & Company; Brian Ray and Kelly Laustsen with Kittelson & Associates; Arin Gray, Haley Partin, and Adhar Johnson with CD&P; Laura Harris with HNTB

17 Public members signed in

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### Meeting Summary

Commissioner Whisenant welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Joe Cantalupo started the meeting with introductions and a review of the meeting agenda, meeting purpose, and the project schedule.

- A CAP member asked if we would include recommendations for the section of FM 150 from FM 1826 to FM 3237 in the final report
  - Joe noted that as agreed in response to an agreement with the CAP and the community at the end of the first phase of work, the scope for the second phase of work did not include any effort to study this section in detail. He added that we would document what we heard about this section as a starting point for future work, but that there would not be specific improvements concepts or projects called out.

Joe then introduced Kevin Thuesen with the City of Austin Wildland Conservation Division. Kevin shared a presentation about The City of Austin's property in Hays County regarding Water Quality Protections Lands in the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer and the strategies they use to protect the recharge zone (including brush management, landscape control, management of the caves).

- A CAP member asked if the City of Austin is supportive of the bypass and noted there are protected species above this property



- Kevin replied he is just here to represent the program and cannot speak on what the City would support, but he did add that he did not support the bypass as it would encroach on the properties he is charged with managing for the City.
- A CAP member noted that we could mitigate environmental effects and use tools to protect and enhance; also noted that the CAP is working to protect the history and cultural values of the area while balancing the public's values
  - Kevin noted he appreciated this, but his job is working to protect these lands
- A CAP member asked if it would be possible that the City could work with Hays County to mitigate effects on water quality and be open to the bypass
- A CAP member noted that there are also generations of ranchers here that have been working to protect the water and land (not just the City's efforts) who feel there are ways to work with the bypass
  - Kevin noted he agreed with the work ranchers have done and that his department is working to continue this protection

Joe thanked Kevin for presenting on behalf of the City and noted that this dialogue is why the County asked the FM 150 team and CAP to take our time and be thoughtful about balancing and protecting values. Not doing anything to increase capacity of FM 150 is not an option. Joe then noted that a final CAP Meeting had been added to the schedule in July to wrap up any changes or feedback received from the final Public Meeting.

Brian Ray began by giving an update on the area where the bypass intersects with FM 967 based on input from the last CAP meeting. He started by showing the concepts presented at the previous meeting and then shared two different scenarios that move the intersection of the Bypass and FM 967 to the east side of the HCC private easement land. The first was a T-intersection with FM 967 as the primary through route and the second makes the primary route the bypass to RM 967 west. Both options require a roadway through the pond dams and would include permitting for mapped wetlands as an engineering consideration. Further west on FM 967, there is a pinch point for the ultimate ROW between the PEC substation and HCC private easements and cell tower. The early improvements can be performed within existing ROW. ROW preservation for the corridor could potentially require impacts to the HCC private easements, cell tower and / or PEC substation, while likely extending an impact into the previous property of concern on the east side of the HCC easement.

- A CAP member asked if we could verify if the previous version location was a historical site and how this would impact the road
  - Joe noted we think this is recognized by the state as a ranch owned by the same family, but it is not on the national registry and it doesn't have the same regulations or protections
- A CAP member noted that the ROW preservation for the south side solution would not work because we cannot use the HCC Private Preserve and that we might need to look at the northern side
  - Joe reminded all that the south side has less impacts and noted that we just have to recognize that this area will be tight when it needs to expand beyond the 3 lane section
- A CAP member noted that FM 967 may not develop as much as other areas due to the



preservation of surrounding land, and maybe it will not need further expansion

- Joe replied that expansion in the area immediately surrounding the section is only one factor in roadway capacity and that expansion in other areas of the County would still affect the traffic on this section
- A CAP member shared that the Rogers House was a special property built in 1869 and every effort should be made to not impact that property
  - Joe agreed and noted the impacts of all options
- A CAP member noted we should coordinate with PEC to see if there is a way to move the substation on the north side
- Commissioner Whisenant noted that the purpose of the study is to plan ahead and the County is working to preserve this while recognizing this area is special
- A member of the public noted the Rogers family would be more in favor of the option shared tonight
- A citizen noted that the PEC substation could be moved, it would just be a matter of money

Brian then presented different intersection concepts for the area of FM 150 from Darden Hill to RM 12. Below are highlights of discussions and questions for the intersections.

#### **FM 150 at Darden Hill**

- **Two** scenarios were presented: the first with a larger radius that encroaches on the property south of the existing fence line that could be either a roundabout or a t-intersection and the second which stays outside the existing south fence line with a roundabout
- Both scenarios create a single intersection with FM 110 and include transition zones
- Public member noted the Odell and Wilson families also own state documented historic ranches (meaning documented as being in the same family for 100 years) that would be impacted by all scenario shown

#### **FM 150 at RM 12**

- Four scenarios were presented: the first two bring FM 150 south, but leave a skewed intersection with FM 12; the second two bring FM 150 further south and have a more ideal perpendicular intersection angle.
- Between scenarios 1 and 2 and between 3 and 4, the roundabout would require slightly smaller ROW footprint due to the turn lanes required for a signalized intersection
- CAP member noted that there is a concern with 200 foot ROW here
  - Brian noted that they do need flexibility and the next steps would be considering future development plans
- CAP member noted that the property south of Calitera was sold and asked if we had any information on who acquired this property and what they plan to do with it
  - Commissioner Whisenant noted a developer did purchase this property
- Public member asked about the future extension of FM 150
  - Commissioner Whisenant explained developers plans and an idea to connect back to US 290
- Public member asked if this extension could be made a priority



After the intersection discussion was concluded, Ryan Bell shared an overview of initial segment layouts from FM 1826 to RM 12 where there were opportunities to smooth curves. He noted these were very preliminary GIS layouts.

#### **Area A – Near FM 1826**

- Reviewed two options: one softened the curve and one maintained the existing curve
- All seemed to agree that shifting the context zone to include this area in the community zone where a change to lower speeds was preferred

#### **Area B - Onion Creek Crossing**

- Reviewed two options: one shifting to the south of the existing curve to cross Onion Creek at a smaller skew angle and one shifting to the north with a longer bridge
- A few commented that they preferred the north version as it had less of an impact
  - Ryan noted that this would be investigated
- CAP member asked why the bridge would be moved
  - Ryan shared that the existing bridge would not allow for pedestrian crossings or shoulders
- Member of the public asked what the plan was on the other sides of the bridges and if existing ROW would be used
  - Joe explained that existing ROW would be used where possible

#### **Area C – West of Darden Hill**

- Reviewed one option of softening the curve with only minor impacts
- CAP members asked about Darden Hill
  - Noted that Darden Hill is not part of this project outside of the intersection
- CAP member noted the HCC Preserve was under the same constraints
- Public members noted that on the south side of the curve there are people driving off road and hitting fences at least once a month and they are in favor of smoothing the curve

#### **Area D – Near Woods Loop**

- Reviewed one option of softening the curve with impact to undeveloped property
- CAP member asked if we are trying to slow traffic and whether it was necessary to smooth this curve, noting that the citizens would prefer that we avoid purchasing ROW if it isn't completely necessary
  - Noted that slowing traffic wasn't the only goal here, but also improving the corridor to achieve a consistent speed for safety and reduce the straight areas going into the sharp curves with large changes in speed
- Public member noted that Charro Ranch park is on the north side of the road to the east of Woods Loop and that this was donated as an area for the community to enjoy
- Some expressed concern that introducing a curve to the entrance of Woods Loop would make the entrance and exit more difficult
  - Joe noted this is good input and we will get into this level of detail as we progress



Joe wrapped up the meeting with a reminder of the next meeting and what would be discussed. The additional CAP meeting will be scheduled soon.

- A CAP member suggested that we change the public meeting date as it is the Camp Middleton celebration. Joe noted we will work on this, and this may also mean we need to adjust the final CAP meeting.
- A CAP member noted that he had taken a site visit and thought we may need to reevaluate the FM 3237 intersection and shared that they have a great resource there with the tree.



# Hays County FM 150 West Character Plan Nature & Character Master Plan

Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting #6  
May 18, 2017  
Dripping Springs High School

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## AGENDA

1. Meeting Purpose
2. Character Details
3. Updates
4. Next Steps
5. Public Meeting Preview
6. Questions

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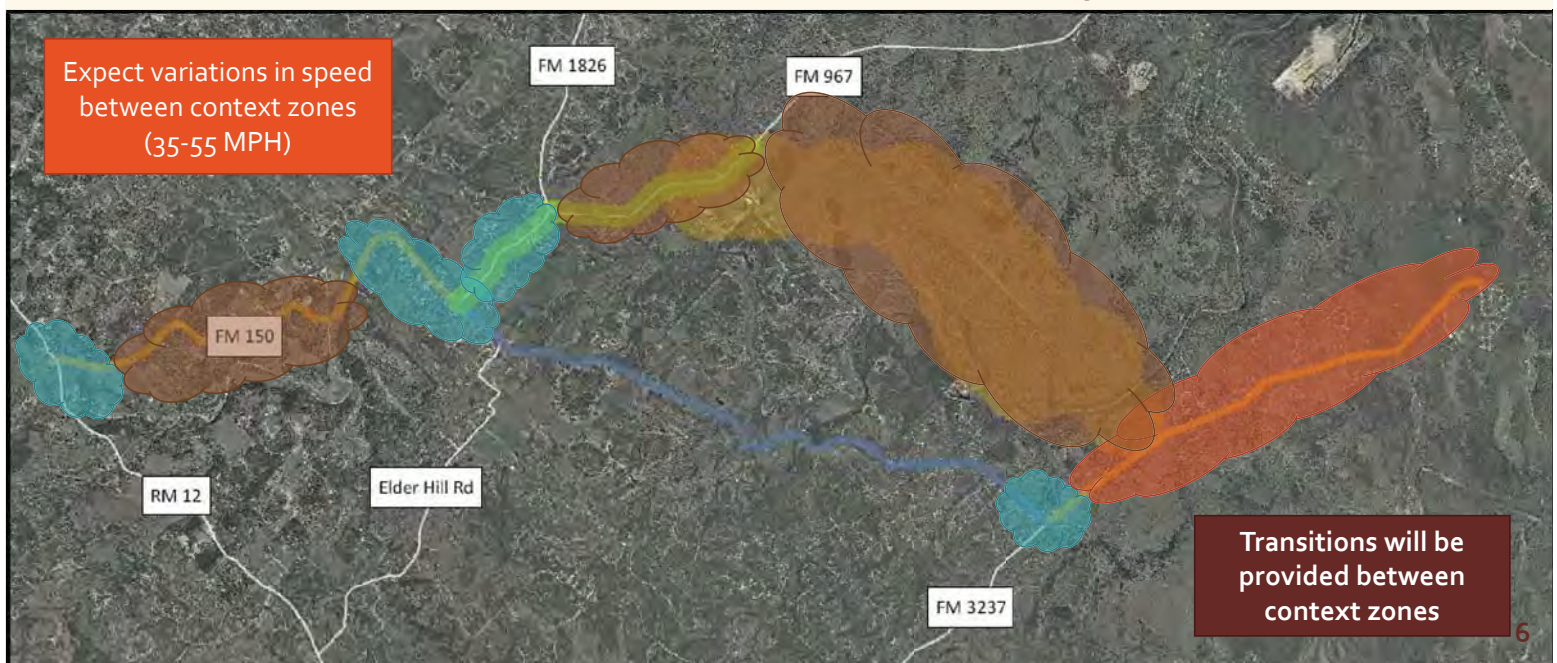
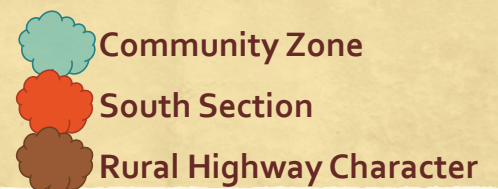
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## CHARACTER DETAILS



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- Preserve the area's rural qualities
- Minimize impacts to community resources and character
- Maintain a rural feel and use curb and gutter sparingly
- When using lighting, follow Dark Sky principles



## CHARACTER DETAILS

- Interest in serving bicycle and pedestrians along corridor
- Interest in signs indicating historical locations and businesses, but mindful of avoiding visual clutter
- Interest in further warnings to alert drivers to curves in roadway



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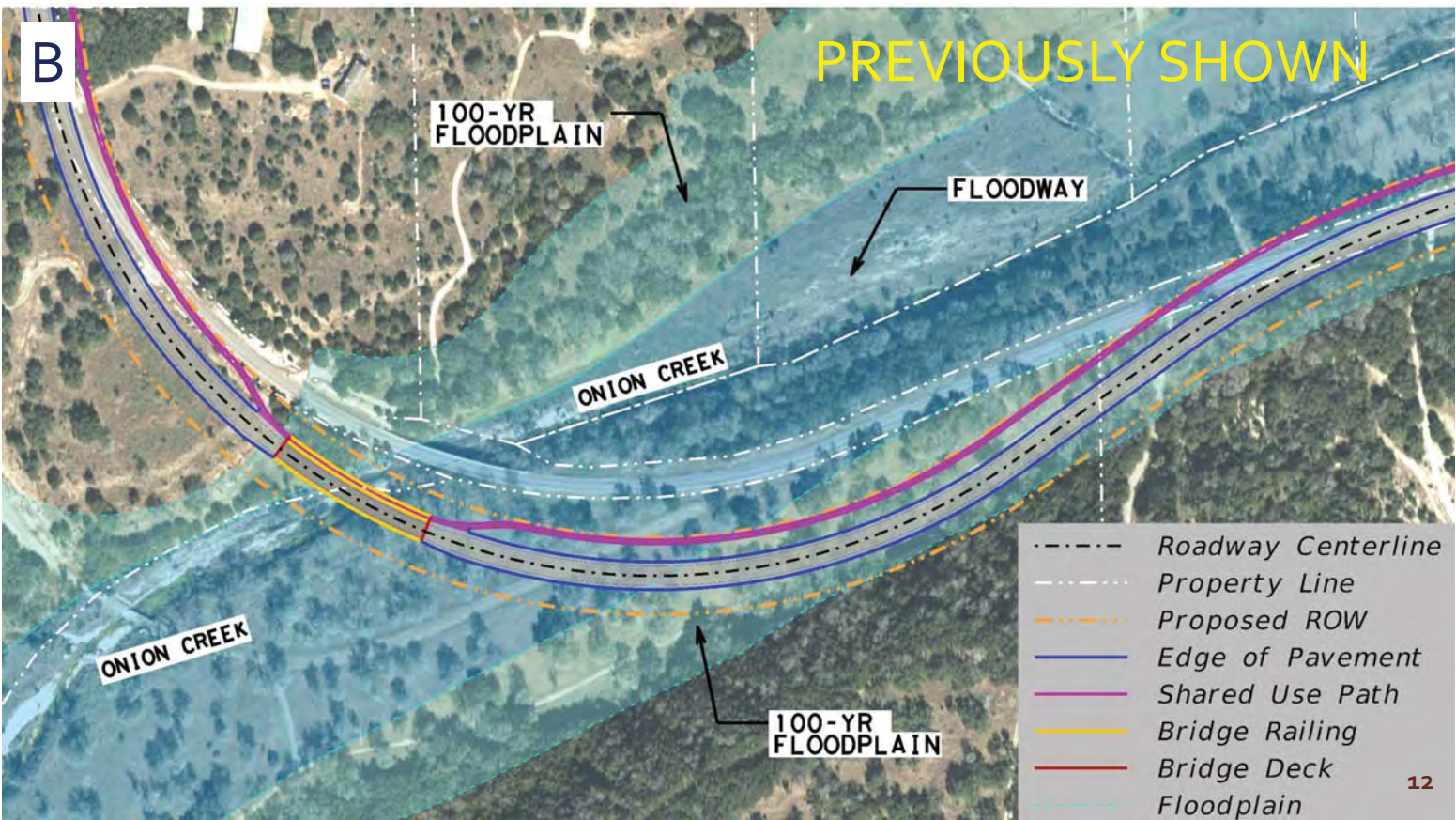
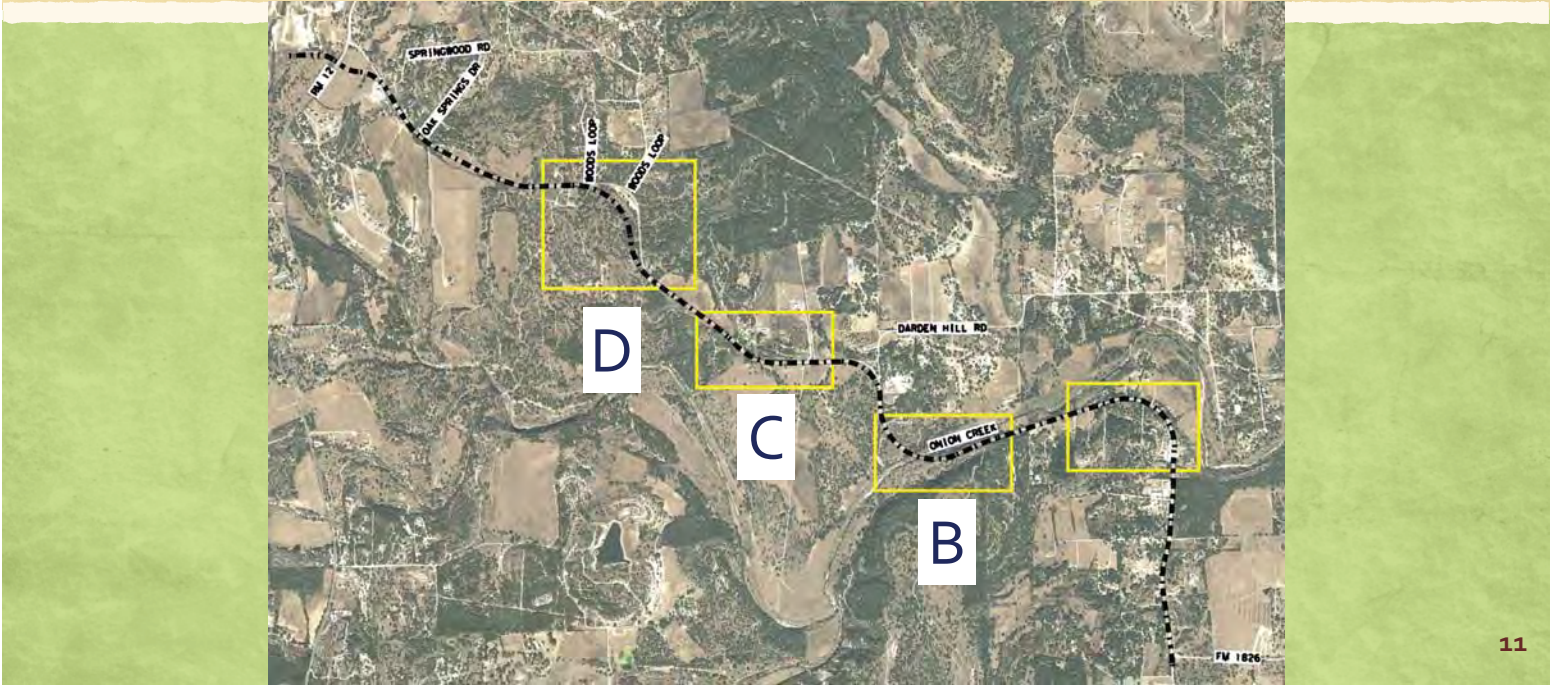


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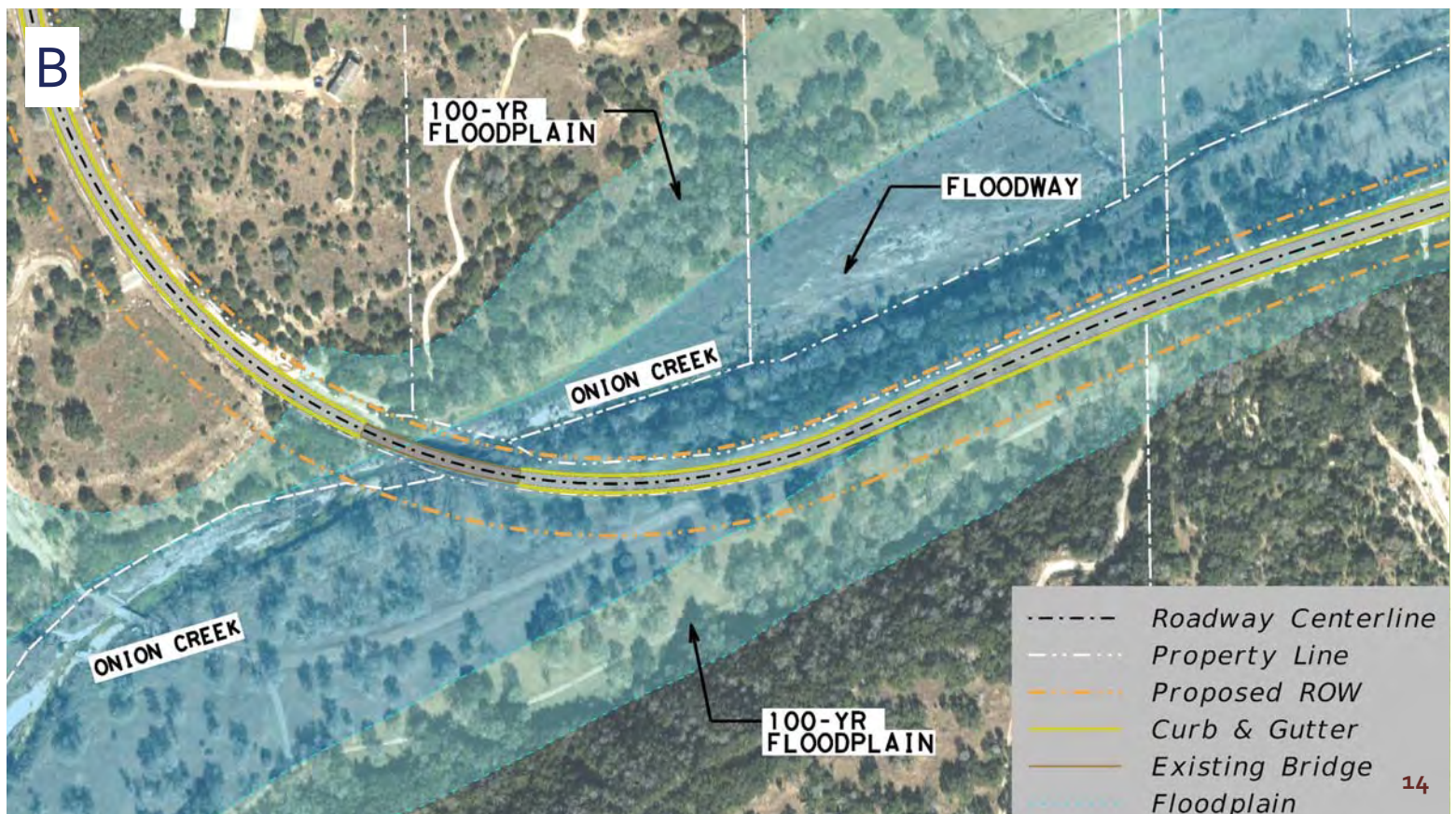
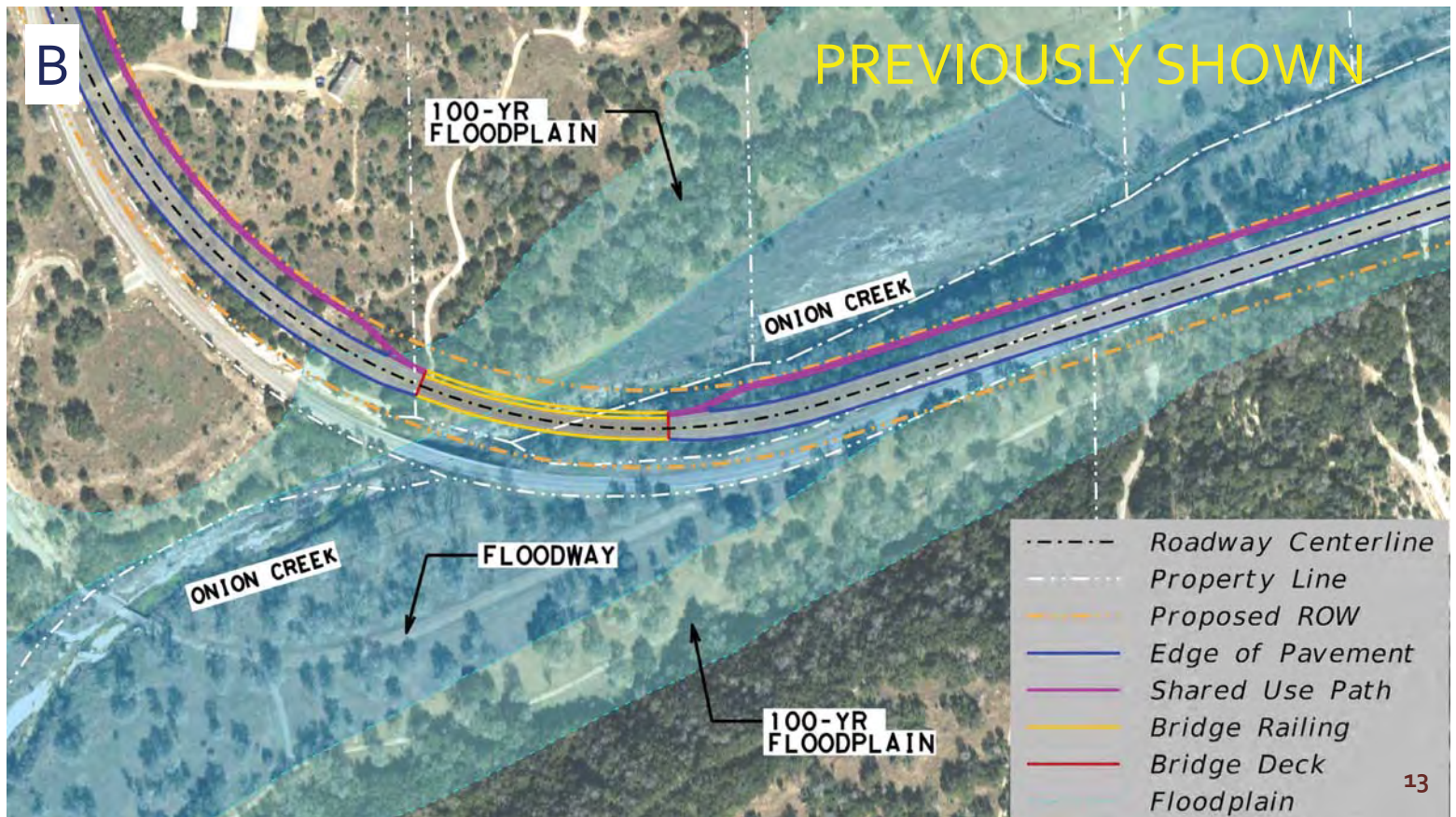




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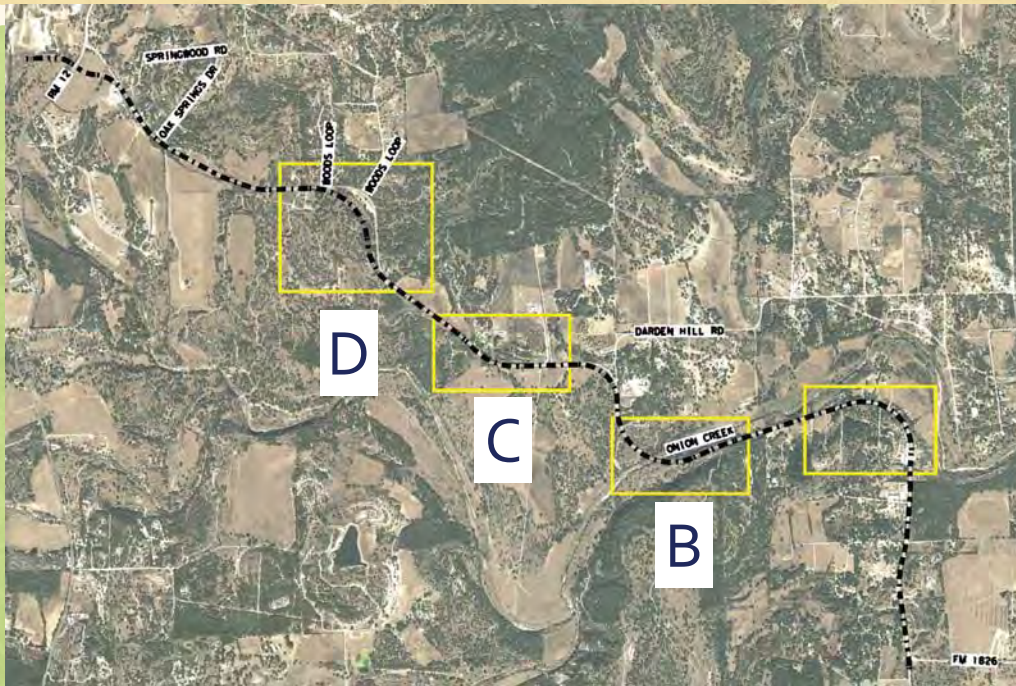




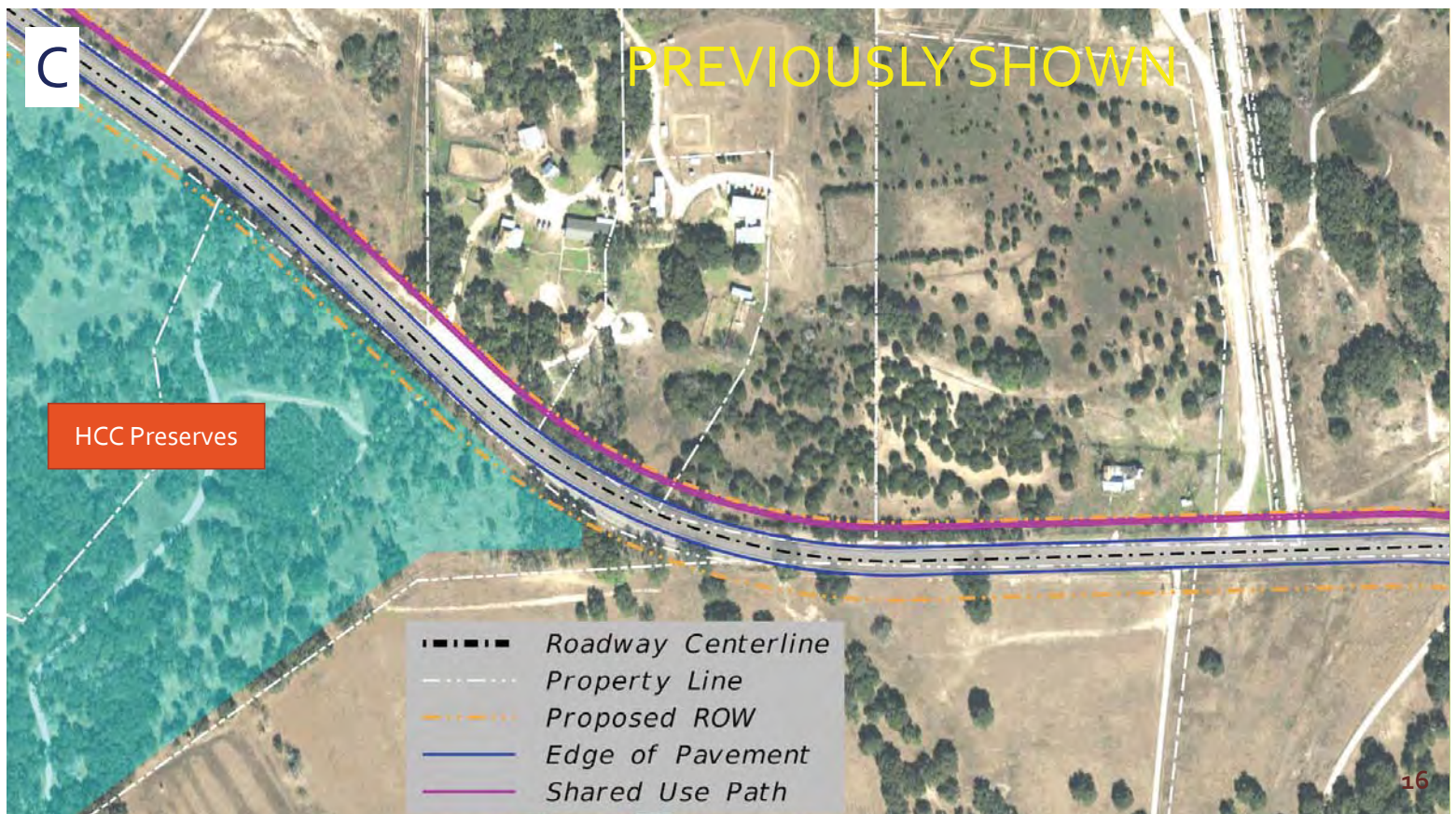




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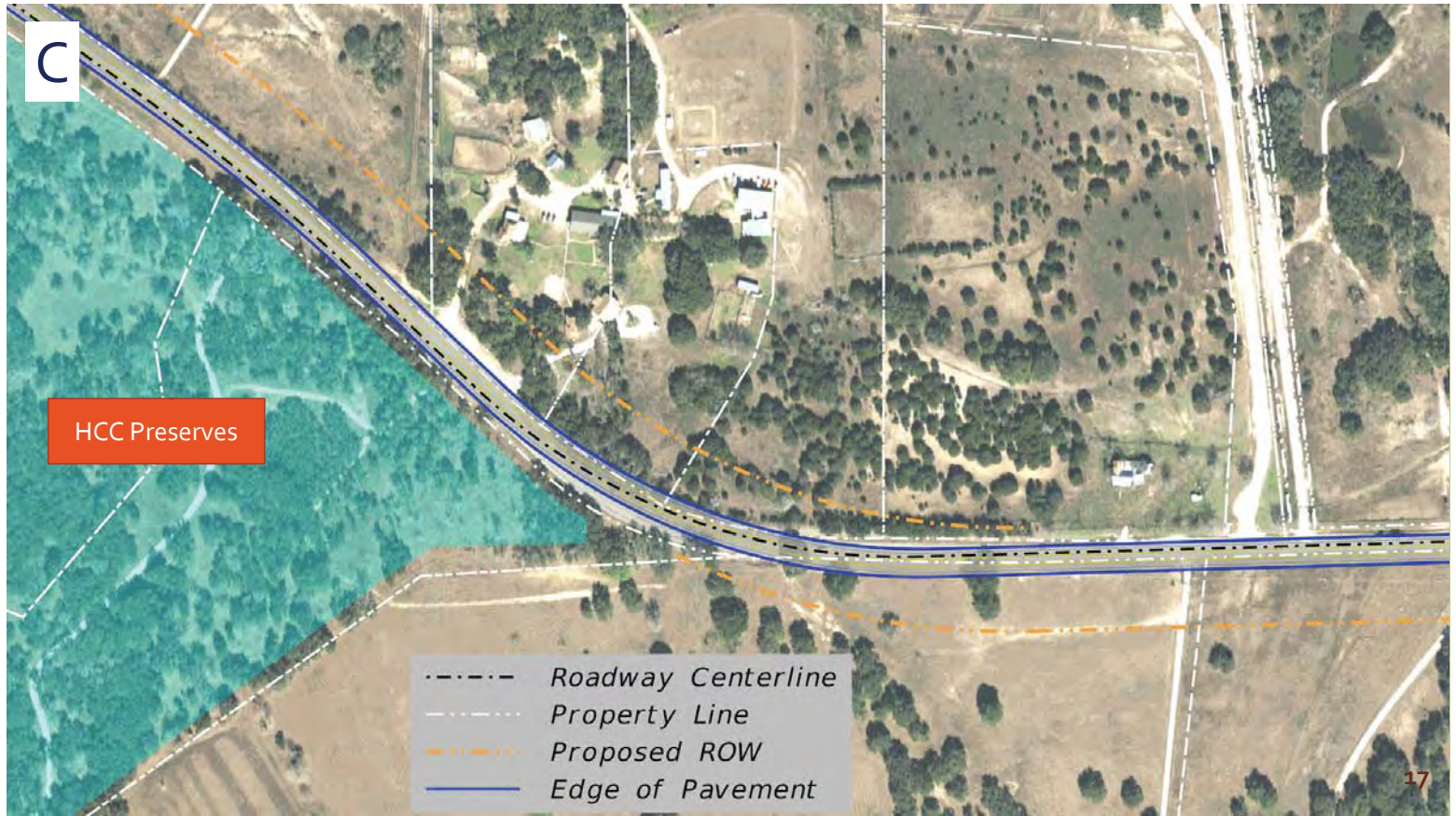


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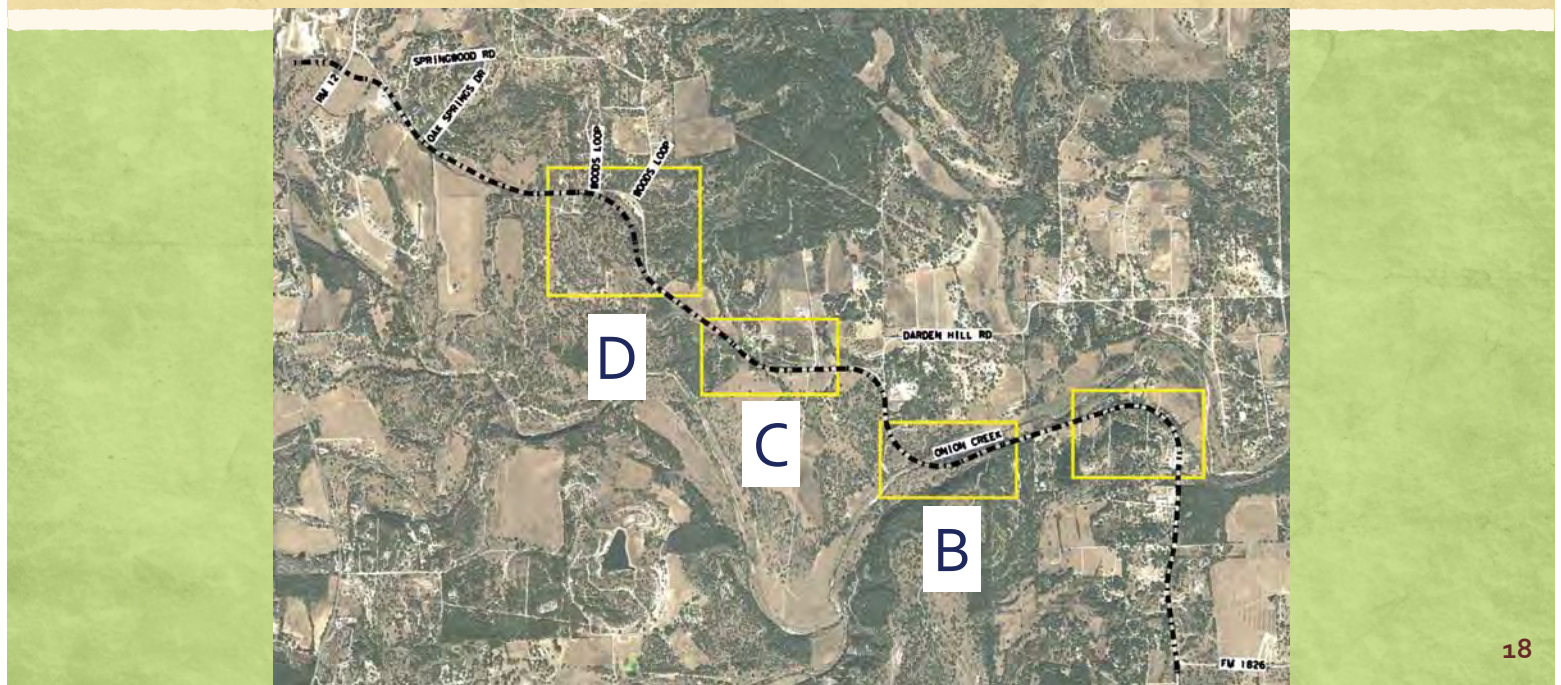


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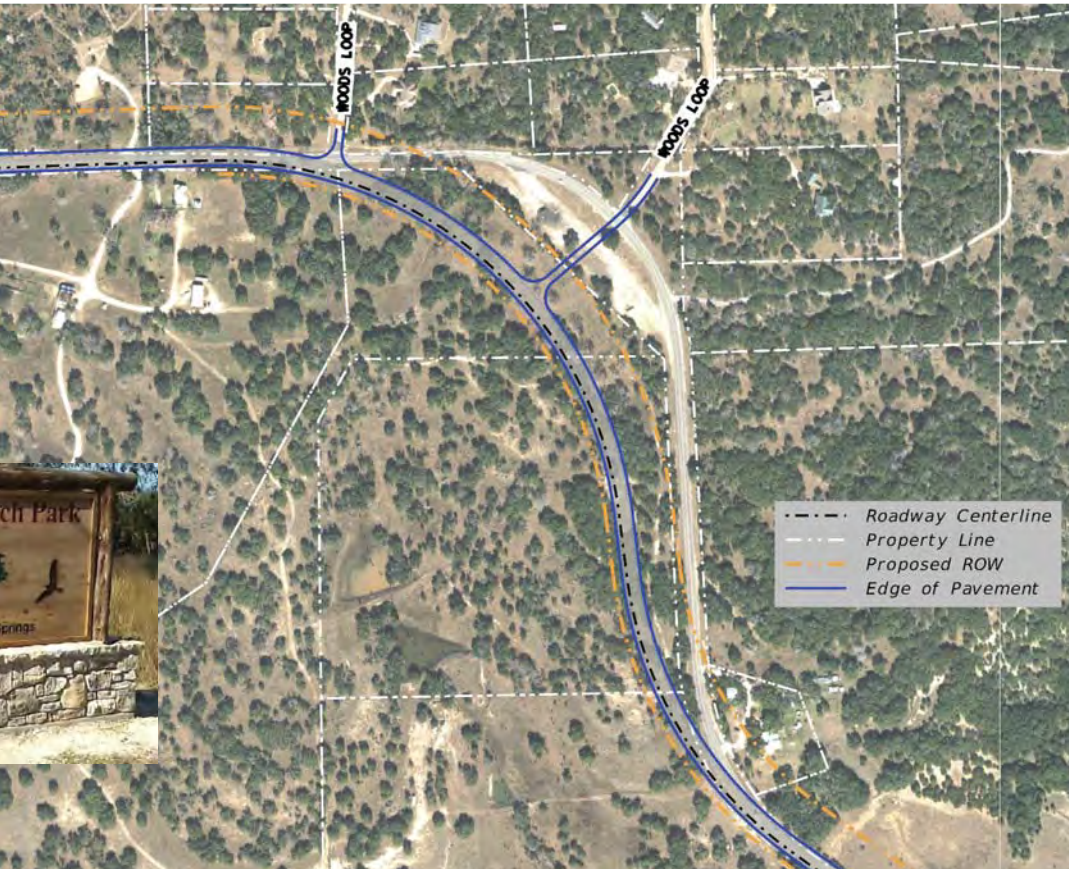
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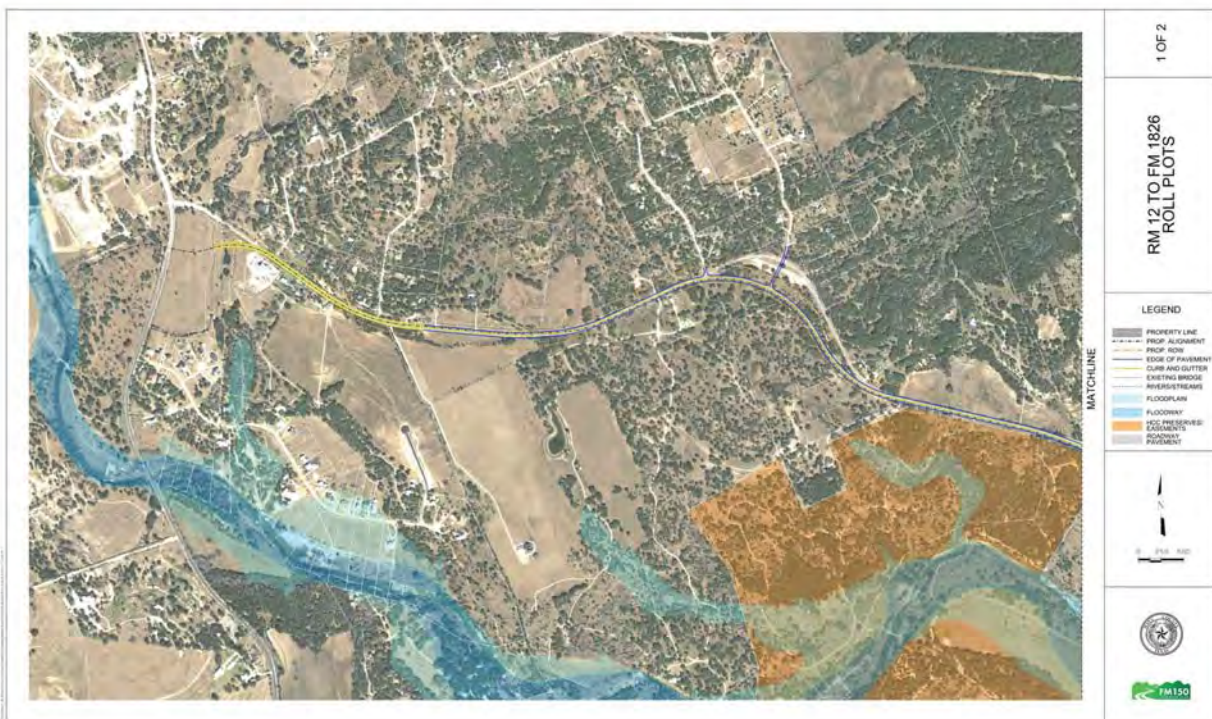


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## SEGMENT LAYOUT: FM 150 FROM FM 1826 TO RM 12



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## NEXT STEPS

### Public Meeting, Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

- Present CAD concepts for corridor, bypass, and upgrade sections
- Present character details for the corridor


### Final CAP Meeting, Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

- Present feedback from Public Meeting
- Preview final report outline, key materials

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## NEXT MEETING



Date	Meeting Type	Location
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, January 19, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, February 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Lecture Hall
Thursday, March 23, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, April 27, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Thursday, May 18, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, July 11, 2017	Public Meeting	Dripping Springs High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, August 8, 2017	Citizens Advisory Panel	Thurman's Mansion

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## PUBLIC MEETING PREVIEW

- Welcome and introduction
- Stations for review and input
  - CAD plans by section:
    - FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch Road to FM 3237
    - Bypass route and upgrade sections FM 967 and FM 1826
    - FM 150 from FM 1826 to RM 12
  - Board at each station noting applicable character details

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## PUBLIC MEETING PREVIEW

- Please share public meeting information with your friends and neighbors

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Dripping High School Cafeteria

6:00 – 8:00 PM

## QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION





PREPARED FOR:  
CAP MEETING  
05/18/2017

MATCHLINE

LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- PROP. ALIGNMENT
- PROP. ROW
- EDGE OF PAVEMENT
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**FM 150 West Character Plan – Phase 2, Nature & Character Master Plan  
Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting Notes**

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Date: May 18, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Subject: CAP Meeting 6

Location: Dripping Springs High School, Cafeteria

Present: Hays County: Commissioner Whisenant and Commissioner Conley

CAP Members: David Braun, Dennis Dement, and Mike Pruitt

Project Team: Joe Cantalupo, Ryan Bell, and Eric Virag with K Friese + Associates; John Kuhl and Julie LeClair with Hicks & Company; Arin Gray and Jacqie Wilson with CD&P; Laura Harris with HNTB

14 Public members signed in

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**Meeting Summary**

Commissioner Whisenant welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Commissioner Conley shared an update on CAMPO.

Joe Cantalupo started the meeting with introductions, review of the meeting agenda, meeting purpose, and the updated meeting and project schedule. He then reviewed the highlights of the character details and treatment preferences and noted the team would continue to define potential treatments.

- A member of the public asked about bicycle and pedestrian access and why accommodations are included in the FM 150 plan
- Another public member noted there would be a fair amount of resistance to bike lanes because of traffic
  - Joe shared that we have received input from the public on the need to consider bicycle and pedestrian facilities; these are ideas that are not yet defined in detail and we are including them in some of the concepts
- A CAP member noted interest in signage and asked if we could include that
  - Joe confirmed we would provide examples of transition and community signage

Ryan Bell began the update on the roadway sections revised due to comments received from the CAP and public at the last meeting and additional information gathered by the team. He shared



information on an alternative to the previous FM 967 section layout between the PEC substation near the Hill Country Conservancy (HCC) preserve. The updated section that could be considered does not impact the preserve by pushing the corridor north into the PEC substation and the first two lots of the Rutherford West subdivision along FM 967. This section update also largely avoids the Roger Ranch properties.

Ryan also shared the concepts previously shown of the Onion Creek crossing area south of Darden Hill. He explained the team further reviewed the existing bridge conditions and determined that the existing bridge could remain in place to carry two lanes but would likely not be able to be modified to provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the bridge. The updated section more closely overlays the existing ROW within the new corridor.

Ryan shared the updated section of FM 150 south of Woods Loop near another HCC preserve which shifted the corridor ROW north off the preserve property.

- Public member asked what is the purpose of widening the road so much here
  - Ryan noted that the county is planning for the ultimate ROW corridor section
- Another public member asked how many lanes are included and why 200 feet of ROW is needed
  - Ryan noted that while we are planning for immediate improvements such as intersection improvements and turn lanes, we are also planning for the future when more capacity is needed, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and drainage
- A public member asked if the 200 feet of ROW is where the water pipe will go
  - Commissioner Whisenant noted that he is not aware of any water line or plans for water lines along the corridor, but shared that public easements are usually used for utilities
  - Commissioner Conley added that ROW needs to consider water quality measures and the larger ROW provides the ability to do this more naturally than a curb and gutter
  - Member of the public noted the wider ROW provides for safer travel
  - Joe noted that this also means we could treat the water running off the roadway within the ROW
- A member of the public noted the people who already live on the road think it is hard to give up property for bicyclist and wants us to consider this
  - Joe noted we are trying to think through what we would need to preserve all possibilities for the future

Ryan shared the previous concept for Area D near Woods Loop and a new alternative that flattens the curve and provides better sight distance. This section is shifted due to the previous section shift to avoid HCC Preserve property and that the CAP had shared previously that sight distance was a concern.

- A public member asked where the community zone extension was that was shared at the last meeting
  - Joe shared that it is through the river crossing south of Darden Hill

Before the group went to work sessions around the maps Joe shared a few housekeeping items. He



reminded the public and CAP members of the upcoming meeting dates and locations. Joe then gave an overview of the upcoming public meeting structure and content that would be available for the community to review.

The meeting closed with work groups around the FM 150 preliminary exhibits from FM 1826 to RM 12.

## **Work Session**

There were two different areas set up to view large plotted maps. One area was for CAP members and the second area for members of the public. Below are notes from each area.

### **CAP Session Notes**

#### **Darden Hill Area**

- Noted we should make the ROW lines brighter and to show up easier
- Public member noted the Odell and Wilson families own a state documented historic ranch (meaning documented as being in the same family for 100 years) that would be impacted here

#### **FM 150 from RM 12 to FM 1826**

- CAP member noted that there is a concern with 200 feet of ROW
  - Noted that they need flexibility and the next steps would be considering what development plans are
- CAP member noted the property south of Caliterra was sold and asked for information
  - Commissioner Whisenant noted a developer did purchase this property
- Public member asked about the future extension of FM 150
  - Commissioner Whisenant explained the developers plans and an idea to connect back to US 290
  - Public member asked if this connection could be a priority

### **Public Session Notes**

#### **Darden Hill Area**

- Public member asked why so much ROW is needed
  - The County is working to plan for immediate and future safety and capacity needs and ROW preservation is for ultimate needs with open drainage
  - Noted growth and growth projections
- Public members noted the new school being built
  - Discussed traffic will use Darden Hill and shift away from Dripping Springs

#### **FM 150 from RM 12 to FM 1826**

- Public member noted concerns for ROW encroaching on people's homes and not the businesses, feels like businesses hold all the power in the County
  - The team explained planners are evaluating how to make the roadway safer



- Public member noted some ROW is shown on a preserve
  - Ryan noted that they can re-evaluate and consider widening from the center
- Public member shared they have seen bridge under water four times since 2002
  - Ryan noted bridge may need to be rebuilt before these plans are implemented and that any improvements will be tricky since in flood zone
- Discussed design for roundabouts and noted some preference for signals
  - Noted the roundabouts slow traffic and preserve the character of area and can accommodate large trucks
- Discussed a desire for beautification in areas with larger roundabouts

### **General Discussion**

- Public member asked why we couldn't utilize existing County land or other roads
  - Noted that the team was tasked to study FM 150 though there are other areas roads and areas that also need transportation improvements
  - Discussed that the County has very little say in how land is developed
- Discussed how curves are the character of county
  - Noted the County is trying to keep the character while giving the driver a consistent experience for improved safety
- Public member noted that the curve near creek has multiple crashes (one time per month) and needs safety improvements

The meeting was ended with a reminder of the upcoming public meeting date and that materials from the CAP meeting would be available on the project website the following day.



# Hays County FM 150 West Character Plan Nature & Character Master Plan

Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting #7  
August 8, 2017  
Thurman's Mansion

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## WELCOME AND THANKS

- Commissioner Conley
- Commissioner Whisenant

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# AGENDA

- Results from the Public Meeting
- Corridor character details
- Final report preview
- Next steps
- Informal review of sections

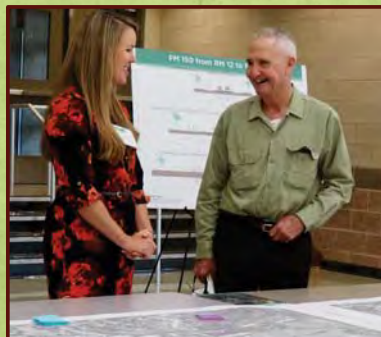
## PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

July 11, 2017

6 – 8 p.m.

Dripping Springs HS – Cafeteria

71 Attendees Signed In





## PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

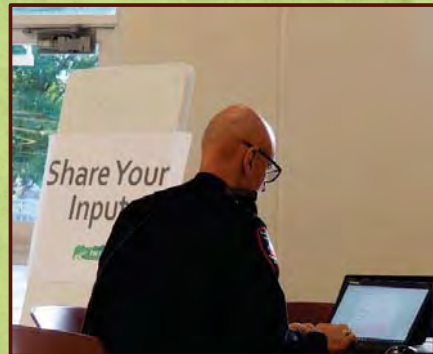
### Comments Received

At the meeting, attendees were able to leave comments on maps or fill out a comment card.

The comment card was available online until Thursday, July 27, 2017.

#### Comments Received

- 20 Written Comments
- 59 Mapped Comments



## PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

### Comments Received – Written

#### North Section – FM 1826 to RM 12

Common Themes	Number
Preserving character of community	3
Landscaping and signage	2
Desire for bike lanes	2
Desire for turn lanes and shoulders	2
Left turn on FM 150 at Darden Hill	1
Concern for increase in property and other taxes	1
Concern sidewalks will not be used	1
Concern for increase in crime	1
Support for round-a-bouts	1
Belief that some improvements can be completed within current ROW	1

#### South Section – Arroyo Ranch Rd. FM 3237

Common Themes	Number
Improving safety and preserving character	1

#### Bypass & Upgrade Sections – FM 967 to FM 1826

Common Themes	Number
Improving safety and preserving character	1
Opposition to FM 967 upgrade	1
Desire for less shared use paths	1
Desire to extend FM 1826	1



## PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

### Comments Received – Written

#### General Comment for Entire Corridor

Common Themes	Number
Concerns over losing oak trees	3
Improving safety and preserving character	2
Desire for signals over round-a-bouts	1
Desire for more information on tie-in locations and sections C&G	1
Support for PI process	1
Improving safety	1
Concern over water usage	1
Concern for insufficient environmental studies	1



## PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

### Comments Received - Mapped Comments

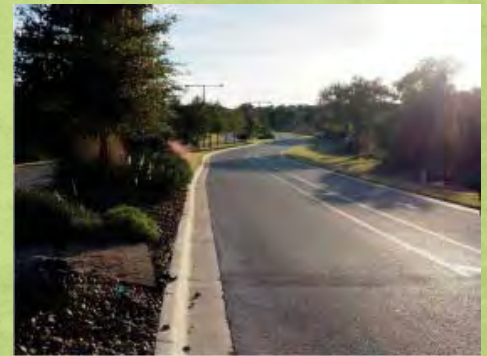
#### Mapped Comment Themes

Common Themes	Referenced Section(s)
Desire for reduced speeds	North – FM 1826 to RM 12
Reconfigure ROW	North – FM 1862 to RM 12
Support for bypass	Bypass & Upgrade – FM 967 to FM 1826
Concern for saving trees	North – FM 1826 to RM 12
	South – Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237
Preservation of character and environment	North – FM 1826 to RM 12
	South – Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237
	Bypass & Upgrade – FM 967 to FM 1826
Support for roundabouts	North – FM 1826 to RM 12
	South – Arroyo Ranch to FM 3237
	Bypass & Upgrade – FM 967 to FM 1826



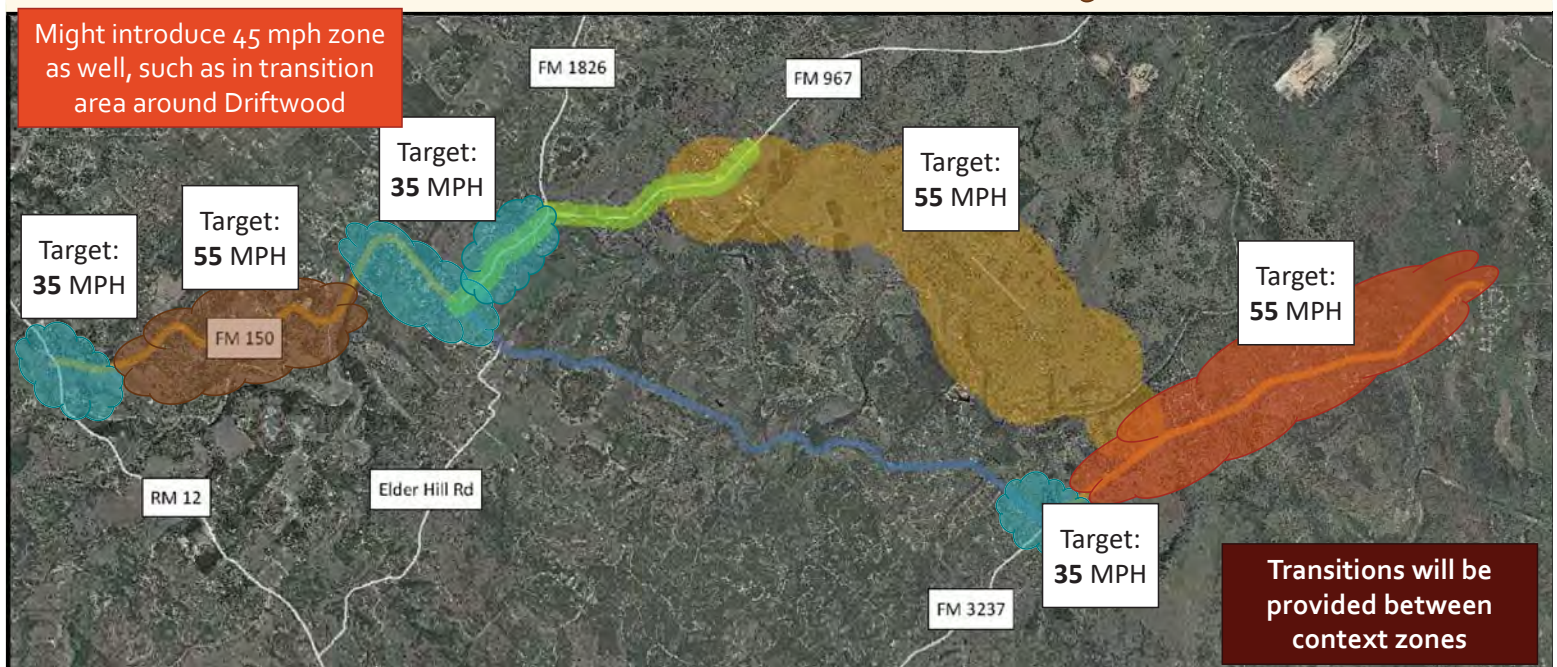
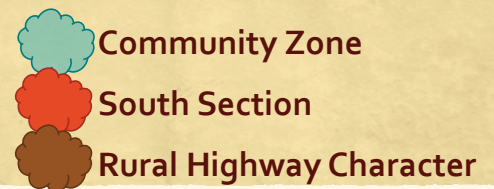
## CHARACTER DETAILS

- Phase II (Final) Report will include desired roadway character
  - Target speeds
  - Preferences for gateway treatments and signage
  - Input gathered from Public Meeting process
- Goal tonight to review and confirm



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## CHARACTER ZONES





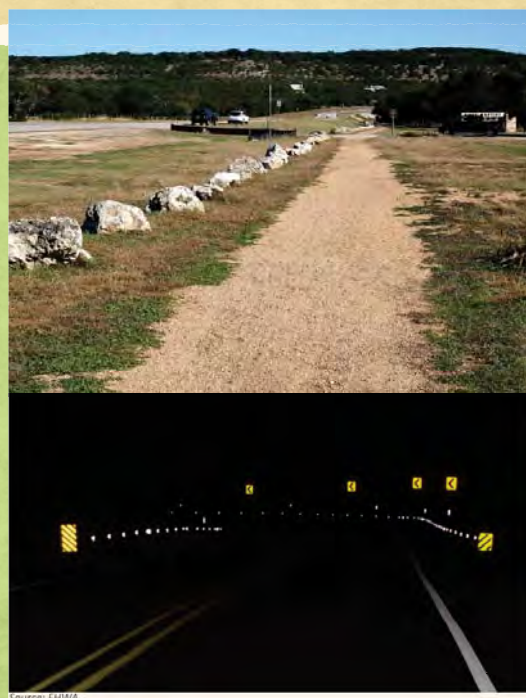
## CHARACTER DETAILS—Guiding Principles

- Preserve the area's rural qualities
- Minimize impacts to community resources and character
- Maintain a rural feel and use curb and gutter sparingly
- When using lighting, follow Dark Sky principles



## CHARACTER DETAILS

- Preference for:
  - Serving bicycle and pedestrians along corridor
  - Signs indicating historical locations and businesses, but mindful of avoiding visual clutter
  - Signing and marking warnings to alert drivers to curves in roadway

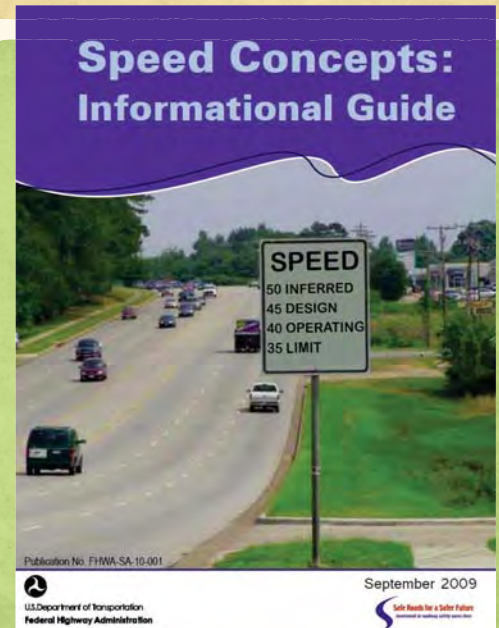


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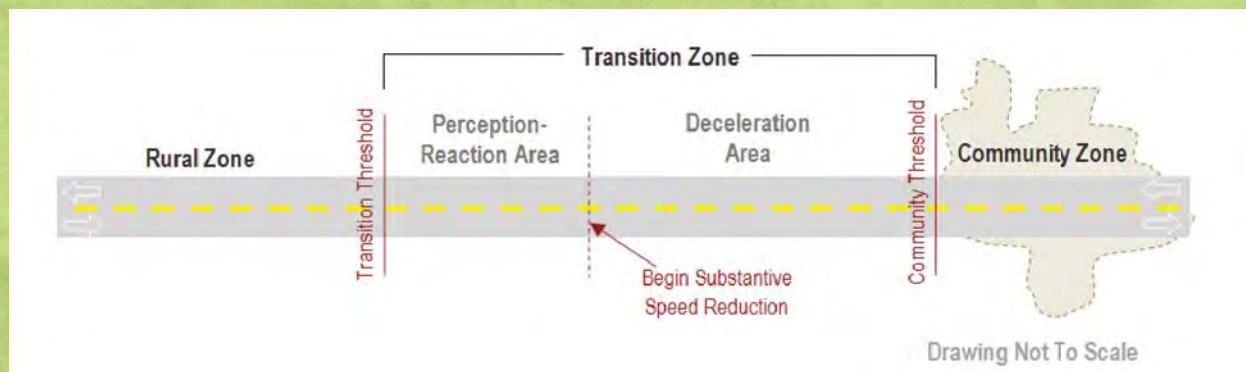
- **Target speed:** used to guide design while preserving flexibility
- Desire for **low differences** in speeds along the corridor and **smooth transitions**
- Reduced target speed in **community zones with transitions** to alert drivers to change



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## TRANSITIONING TO COMMUNITY ZONES

- **Approach Zones (Perception)** Advanced signing, colored pavement, optical bars
- **Transition Zone (Deceleration)** roadway narrowing, raised medians, stepped-down speeds

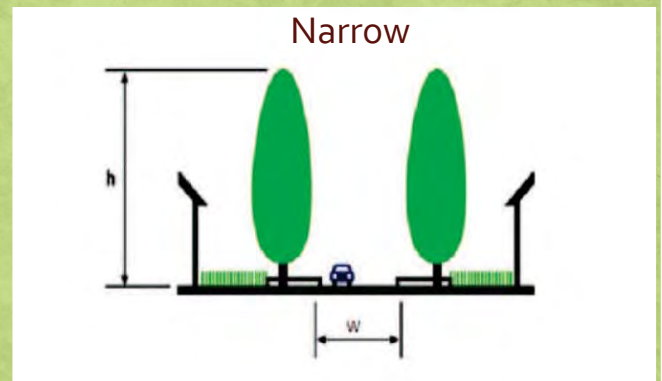
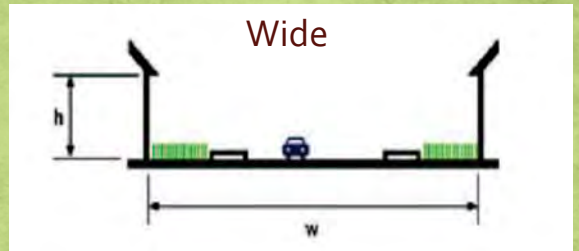


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## TRANSITIONING TO COMMUNITY ZONES

- **Transition Zone (Physical)**
  - roadway narrowing,
  - raised medians,
  - stepped-down speeds
- **Wide and fast...or**
- **Narrow and slow**



## TRANSITIONING TO COMMUNITY ZONES

### ▪ Transition Zone Concept

*Many **options** on how this could be accomplished based on **community input***





## CHARACTER EXAMPLES– Bike/Pedestrian & Equestrian



Pittsford, New York



Portland, Oregon



Petaluma, California



Oregon



Portland, Oregon



Flowermound, Texas

## CHARACTER EXAMPLES– Wayfinding and Alternate Routes



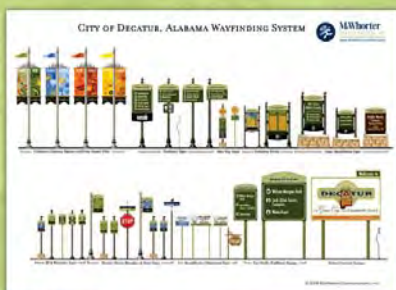
Washington, Ohio



TxDOT



Texas Hill Country



Decatur, Alabama



Missouri



## CHARACTER EXAMPLES– Business and Historical Signs



Hays County, Texas



City of Renton, Washington



Kansas Historical Society



Lake Oswego, Oregon



Lake Oswego, Oregon



Washington Department of Transportation

## CHARACTER EXAMPLES – Landscaping & Gateways



Pacific Beach, California



Gwinnett, Georgia



Redwood City, California



Monterey County, California



Floral City, Florida



Northampton, Massachusetts



## CHARACTER EXAMPLES – Lighting



Indiana



Kettering, Ohio



Virginia Beach, Virginia

*Adhere to **Dark Sky** principles where lighting is needed*

## CHARACTER DETAILS – Summary

- Unique zones along FM 150
- Transition zones promote target speeds
- Character details will follow guiding principles
- Actual details and features can be tailored during each project's development





## PHASE II (FINAL) REPORT PREVIEW

- Summarizes Phase II work and key outcomes
- Documents stakeholder outreach
  - CAP Activities
  - Public Workshops
  - Additional Meetings

1. Executive Summary

2. Overview and Purpose

3. Public Involvement

4. Existing Conditions

5. Proposed Master Plan

## PHASE II (FINAL) REPORT PREVIEW

- Summarize Phase II intersection volumes and operations
- Highlight changes from counts collected for Phase I
- Update crash history and assessment

1. Executive Summary

2. Overview and Purpose

3. Public Involvement

4. Existing Conditions

5. Proposed Master Plan



## PHASE II (FINAL) REPORT PREVIEW

- Describe corridor character and context zone-specific guidance
- Summarize proposed target speeds
- Highlight proposed intersection and segments concepts

1. Executive Summary

2. Overview and Purpose

3. Public Involvement

4. Existing Conditions

5. Proposed Master Plan

## PHASE II (FINAL) REPORT PREVIEW

- Present preliminary planning alignments for north, south, bypass and upgrade sections
- Present proposed typical cross-sections
- Identify proposed improvements and related cost estimates

1. Executive Summary

2. Overview and Purpose

3. Public Involvement

4. Existing Conditions

5. Proposed Master Plan



## CONCLUDING EFFORT

- Complete Phase II (Final) Report
  - Late August – mid-September
- Present Phase II Report to County for consideration in future planning and project development
  - Early October



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**FM 150 West Character Plan – Phase 2, Nature & Character Master Plan  
Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting Notes**

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Date: August 8, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Subject: CAP Meeting 7

Location: Thurman's Mansion

Present: Hays County: Commissioner Whisenant and Commissioner Conley

CAP Members: David Braun, Don Bosse, Casey Cutler, Dennis Dement, and Shelby Echols

Project Team: Joe Cantalupo, Ryan Bell, and Eric Virag with K Frieese + Associates; John Kuhl and Julie LeClair with Hicks & Company; Paula Gruber with Prime Strategies; Brian Ray and Kelly Lausten with Kittelson & Associates; Arin Gray, Albert Castro, Haley Partin, and Jacqie Wilson with CD&P; Laura Harris with HNTB

32 Public members signed in.

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**Meeting Summary**

Commissioner Whisenant welcomed and thanked everyone for being involved and noted how important it is to involve citizens as we plan for the future. To provide safe, reasonable mobility will require change, and we work to preserve the lifestyle that is enjoyed here.

Commissioner Conley also thanked everyone and discussed how this process has given us a shot at having a large level of consensus on the best direction for safety and preserving our way of life as we plan for the future. He noted that this process is being observed by other counties and agencies as a positive process to work through potential changes in their communities.

Joe Cantalupo thanked everyone for attending and commented that it has been an honor to work on this project. He then introduced the project team K Frieese, Kittelson, Hicks, and CD&P and the county's consultants Prime Strategies and HNTB. He then reviewed the agenda and began the presentation.

**Results from the Public Meeting**

Joe shared an overview of the public meeting, noting that there were over 71 attendees. He shared a high-level summary of the comments received.



- Most of the community arrived at the same time and stayed to visit with us before leaving.
- Comments were divided by section:
  - North – various comments, including questions as to why improvements can't be made within existing ROW; reconfigure ROW from 1926 to 12. ROW adjustments were shown to address comments from the previous CAP meeting; desire for reduced speed – speed does not have to be the same throughout the corridor
  - South – only comments related to improving safety and character
  - Bypass & Upgrade – some opposition to upgrading 967, extend 1826 (very late in phase 1 we toyed with the idea of extending parallel to Elder Hill, but removed so it could have its own process)
  - Overall – general concern about oak trees; don't want to do more than we have to. Until the full design is completed, we cannot know which trees can be preserved. Currently at 10% engineering to be able to talk to people about ROW and impacts and prove that the improvements can be done.
  - Still some folks that prefer signals over roundabouts. Roundabouts are generally better operationally and safety-wise with less maintenance costs.
- David Braun asked where the discussions of roundabouts by the CAP were tallied.
  - Joe explained this would be included in the final report, along with different opportunities for character details, and that TxDOT is not averse to roundabouts on FM 150.
- A member of the public noted support for the Public Involvement process
  - Joe noted people have expressed appreciation for the County's process which allowed the team to take time to learn about what people value and how to balance those values with the needs of the County.
- A member of the public noted concerns about insufficient environmental studies
  - Joe shared a reminder that the plan is at the conceptual level. We collected available data but have not completed any field work. More formal environmental studies will take place with the final design.
- David Braun asked if the maps would be updated based on comments suggesting the ROW should be reconfigured.
  - Joe noted the mapped and written comments were reviewed and that none warranted any changes to the concepts. Therefore, the maps would not be updated, but all input would be included in the final reports to be considered in the design process.
- A member of the public asked whether there had been discussions with property owners before lines were drawn, as he had not heard from the project team relative to the roundabout at Howard Ranch and FM 150.
  - Joe shared that the team worked with the City of Dripping Springs on future plans for the FM 150 and RM 12 intersection, near Howard Ranch, and that there is a conflict



between the plans. He noted there would be many future discussions to resolve this conflict.

- Commissioner Whisenant noted that there are three affected property owners as well as a cemetery in this area, and this process starts with the best transportation solution for the community. The team evaluated safety in addition to character options. The Commissioner felt this configuration should still be considered conceptually.
- The member of the public replied that there are 150 property owners that should also be considered, and this design would destroy the character of their subdivision.
- Commissioner Whisenant noted that this is a preliminary conceptual design that would be adjusted. He also pointed out that there was a CAP member from this subdivision who had been involved in discussions of this concept.
- Joe added that this intersection needs more work, but the team did not want to hold up the report and process as the preliminary design only represents a concept.
- Commissioner Whisenant noted it is very important to continue working with property owners.
- The member of the public shared details on the concept plan for the subdivision, noting that it is based on a historical cottage town square. He felt that the preliminary design for the intersection leads to the type of intersection that one would see in South Austin, which invites commercial development.
- Joe shared that there were several considerations in refining these concepts, including impacts to property owners and the overall mobility and safety of the configurations.
- Commissioner Whisenant committed to meeting with the property owners and the City.
- A member of the public noted that the comments summary shows two people wanted bike lanes, but she remembers that most members of the public were opposed to bike lanes. She asked why those comments were not depicted.
  - Joe noted that all comments from throughout the public engagement process have been considered and documented. He noted that this is not a vote, and that all comments received would be included in the final report for consideration by the design team.
  - Commissioner Conley asked for clarification from the property owners as to why they were not supportive of bike lanes.
  - The member of the public noted that this is a busy road and no one would use bike facilities. Another member of the public noted that bike facilities would require more ROW to be used, which would be wasteful if the facilities were not in use.
  - John Kuhl explained that TxDOT and/or shared TxDOT/County NEPA projects require bicycle and pedestrian accommodations to be considered; however, dedicated bike lanes are typically not constructed in rural areas such as this. The assumption is often that a sufficiently wide shoulder would allow for such uses.



- Joe added that it is a good idea to consider these facilities when planning, and that we will document where people had preferences.

### **Corridor Character Details**

Brian Ray reviewed the character zones and discussed that the overall goal was not to increase speed, but to reduce variation between high and low speeds along FM 150 to provide consistency. He reviewed the guiding principles on the variance in speeds along the corridor with an overall slowing down in community zones, and the preferences we heard from the CAP and the public. He then shared information on speed concepts and considerations for roundabouts that had a reduced footprint.

He then shared information on transitioning between rural and community zones and that different design elements, such as narrowing roadways and raised medians, could be included to signal upcoming changes for decreased speeds. Brian noted that there were many options to signal these changes, such as signage, landscaping, gateway treatments, and lighting. He recommended that a “theme” be chosen for these types of transitioning features, so that the overall character is maintained throughout.

- A CAP member asked how we planned to share these details with TxDOT.
  - Brian noted that the feature and themes report would describe input in as much detail as possible.
  - Joe answered that this project could be completed by TxDOT, the County, or through partnerships between different entities. He reminded the group there have been initial discussions for TxDOT to pick up the Bypass, and the County retain FM 150.
  - We have documented what the community felt was important and what should be considered going forward.

Joe shared that in this process the community showed a preference for remaining heavily involved in the piece of road through Driftwood. This section of the road was removed from the Phase 2 planning process once the bypass was included, but the final report would still document community preferences for the area.

As an example of aesthetic character elements that signal transition zones, CAP member Casey Cutler and Driftwood Historical Conservation Society (DHCS) member Mark Rutledge shared the history of developing the Driftwood Community Sign (pictured below). Mark noted that several property owners have committed to posting the sign on their properties. He also shared examples of lighting choices that use dark sky principles. Casey shared additional details that there are 7 roadways that come into the area, and the community group hopes these signs can be placed there to help create transition zones and share details of the community.

- A public member asked how far down FM 150 these signs would be.



- DHCS would prefer to take it to the western edge of RM 12.
- A public member asked if Charro Ranch was considered.
  - Mark noted there were two different maps.
- Casey Cutler complimented the process for educating the public and teaching them how to take things into their own hands.

### **Final Report Process**

Joe shared that the final report would document the public and CAP input, conceptual schematics, data collected (such as traffic and crash data), character context zones, and intersection concepts. The preliminary planning alignments would be included with the proposed cross sections and cost estimates. He noted that the report would be completed in mid September and presented to the Court in October.

- A public member asked when the final report would be public.
  - Joe noted it would be available after the presentation to the Commissioners Court.
- A public member asked when the crash data was updated for the Hays City Store intersection.
  - Joe explained that the data was originally pulled at the beginning of Phase 1, then updated again at the beginning of Phase 2 in late 2016. He noted that the data pointed to traffic increases and similar crashes, and he expected the figures to be updated before the design phase.
- Don Bosse complimented the process and recommended anyone interested to visit the project website and review the KMZ files online.

Joe closed by thanking everyone for their participation.





**Driftwood Historical Conservation Society - Community Sign Rendering**



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