



# *Precinct 1 Task Force Report*

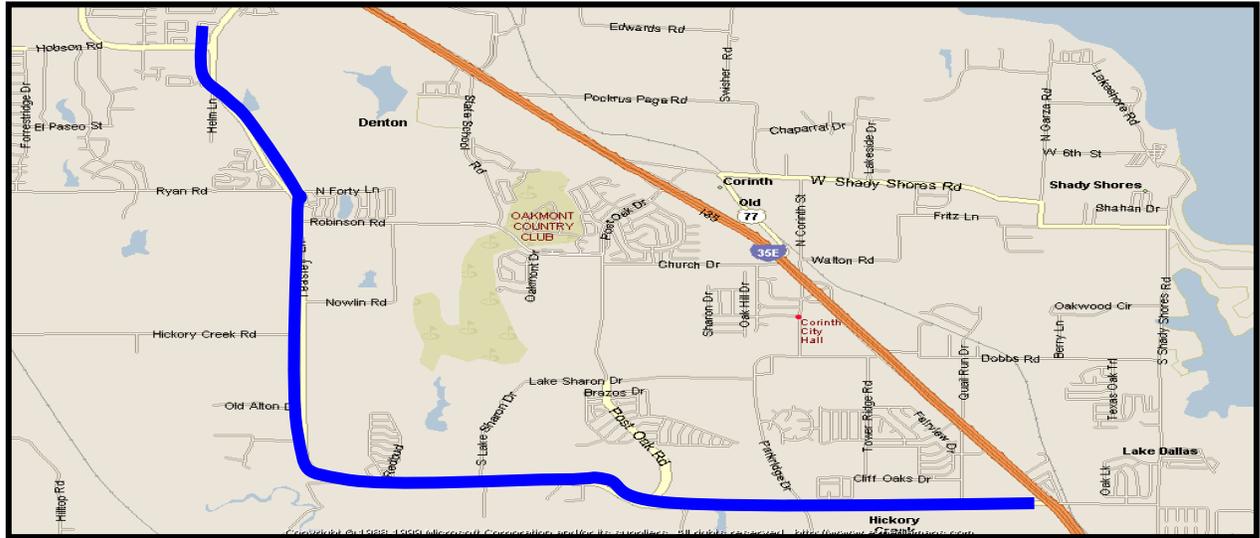
*April 19, 2010*

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## FM 2181

<b>C-S-J:</b>	2054-02-015	2054-02-015	2054-02-016
<b>Limits (From):</b>	Lillian Miller	Lillian Miller	Hickory Creek
<b>(To):</b>	IH 35E	Hickory Creek	IH 35E
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Denton, Corinth	Denton	Corinth
<b>Project Description:</b>	Widen from 2-lanes to 6-lane divided roadway		
<b>Consultant</b>	Huitt Zollars	Huitt Zollars	Huitt Zollars



## SCHEDULE

(approximate dates, subject to change without notice)

Submit EA to TxDOT AO for initial review	June 2002	
Submit Schematic to Denton AO for review	December 2002	
Notice to Proceed on PSE	January 2003	
Schematic modification continues	January 2003 thru Fall of 2003	
Schematic Approved	December 15, 2005	
Clearance for Public Hearing	August 2006	
Plans Adequate	August 2006	
Public Hearing	November 2006	
FONSI	January 28, 2008	
100% Plans Submission	December 2008	
ROW Acquisition Begins E/W Section- N/S Section	November 2009	May 2010
Utility Relocation	*	*
DCIS Let Date E/W Section – N/S Section	Dec 2011	May 2012

# FM 2181

## History

- TxDOT originally scheduled to fund 4-foot shoulders from Hobson Lane to Lake Sharon Road for approx. \$1.3 million. County requested a partnership be established to add capacity to FM 2181. TxDOT agreed and the County was to conduct the advanced planning for the improvements (EA and PS&E).
- Original plan was to do PS&E in Corinth/Hickory Creek from IH 35E to Parkridge. Ultimately Corinth did not choose to pursue participation in the PS&E due to the timeline projected for the roadway completion. Subsequently, the City of Denton agreed to pay \$450,000 of the \$999,913 Huitt Zollars contract for the portion of the EA and PS&E located within the City of Denton.
- FM 2181 (entire project limits) has received \$23.4 million from the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Strategic Program Initiative call for projects. This project received the highest funding of all projects.

## Milestones

- ✓ Denton County met with TxDOT and HZ regarding the PS&E and adding sidewalks on July 2, 2007. HZ will be reviewing plans to identify areas that will require retaining walls or additional ROW.
- ✓ FM 2181 received environmental clearance on January 28, 2008.
- ✓ An additional \$18.52 million for FM 2181 was approved by the RTC at its January 24, 2008 meeting. ROW: TxDOT Dallas has both ROW LPAs for FM 2181 as of February 12, 2009. TxDOT anticipates obtaining release for acquisition by mid-April, 2009.
- ✓ Denton County executed the ROW LPA for the Denton portion of FM 2181 on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Current Activities

- **ROW:** TxDOT has retained three firms to acquire the E/W portion of FM 2181. They are: American Acquisition Group (AAG) for parcels 1-51, 122 (29A & 29B will be acquired by TXDOT). Associated Right of Way Services (ARWS) for parcels 52-100, and Property Acquisition Services (PAS) for parcels 101-148. Status Reports will be provided to key stakeholders.
- **PS&E:** Vertical profiles, plans, general notes and specifications have been modified to incorporate sidewalks into the project. HZ addressed TxDOT's comments on the 65% plans and resubmitted them to TxDOT Denton on February 9, 2010. TxDOT-Dallas District received 65% plans April 9, 2010. District has cleared plans to be distributed to the cities along the corridor and to affected utility providers for utility relocation coordination.
- Additional coordination for utility relocations along the entire FM 2181 corridor can now begin. TxDOT – Dallas is investigating the best method to provide utility coordination on this project.
- **Other:** Modifications to the Regional Toll Revenue Initiative are being made to allow TxDOT to retain ROW services for the N/S section of FM 2181
- The current cost estimate for both sections of FM 2181 is \$40,495,770. That is a reduction of approximately \$5.64 million from the previous estimate.
- See HZ status Report Attached.

***PROGRESS REPORT***  
**FM 2181**  
**DENTON COUNTY**  
**March 2010**

**ROUTE STUDIES**

Revised Schematic was approved by TxDOT on July 27, 2006.

Outstanding Issues: None

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The FONSI was issued on January 28, 2008 and delivered to the TxDOT Denton area office the week of February 10, 2008.

Outstanding Issues: None

**RIGHT OF WAY MAPPING**

Outstanding Issues: Right of Way Appraisal Process.

**FIELD SURVEYING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY**

Outstanding Issues: None

**ROADWAY, DRAINAGE, SIGNING, MARKING, SIGNAL, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DESIGN**

Huitt-Zollars has coordinated with TxDOT and site developers on existing and proposed drainage conditions and concerns.

Huitt-Zollars and TxDOT have met with the City of Corinth to discuss detention requirements and future development plans for specific areas of concern.

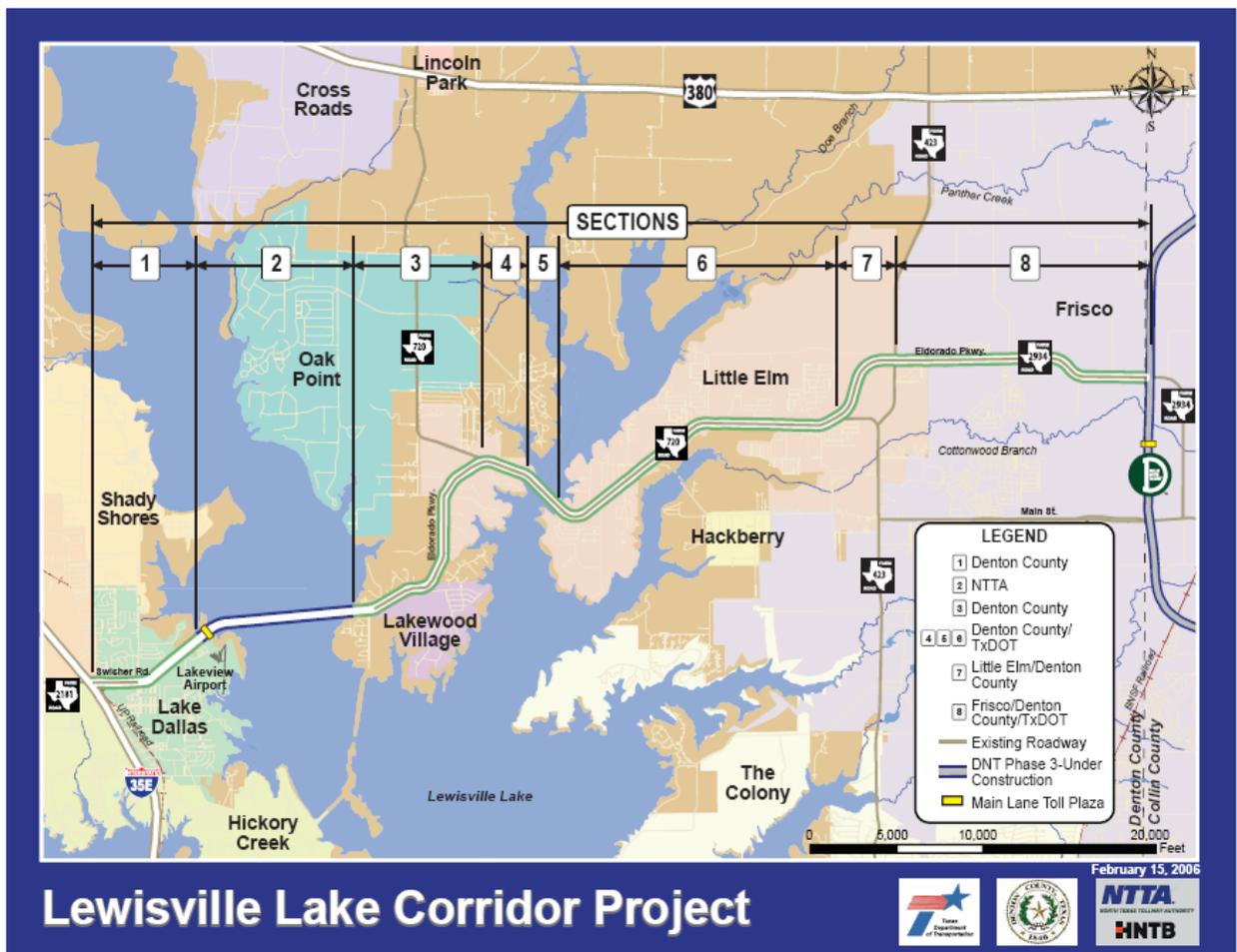
Huitt-Zollars has verified that the FM 2181 improvements are in accordance with the city of Corinth's current master drainage plan.

Huitt-Zollars has coordinated with the town of Hickory Creek's engineers to confirm their current drainage and detention requirements.

Outstanding Issues: TxDOT has the letting scheduled for Dec 2011

## Lake Lewisville Bridge & FM 720

<b>C-S-J:</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Limits (From):</b>	IH 35E	Garza Lane
<b>(To):</b>	Garza Lane	FM 423
<b>Est. Const. Cost:</b>		\$5,600,000
<b>Project Description:</b>	Construct a 4-lane divided urban roadway from IH 35E to FM 423, which will ultimately connect to the Dallas North Tollway. Part of the roadway will be 4-lane undivided due to restricted ROW.	Originally the BSRP anticipated these funds to re-align FM 720 over the Old Garza Little Elm Bridge (currently washed out) and along King Road to tie into FM 423 at the Four-Corners.



### Current Activities

- o See attached last month's report.

**Lewisville Lake Corridor Project Monthly Work Group Meeting**  
**Meeting # 92**  
**9 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at HNTB Office**

**Attendees:**

NTTA: Lori Shelton  
Denton Co: Hugh Coleman, Steve Rollins, John Polster  
TxDOT: David Hensley  
Corps of Engineers (USACE):  
NCTCOG:  
Town of Little Elm: Ivan Langford  
City of Frisco:  
HNTB Corp.: Bo Cung, Amanda Lehde  
Other Consultants:

**Summary of Discussion:**

**Section 1:**

Construction is complete.

**Section 2**

Construction is complete.

**Section 3**

Construction is complete. Ivan Langford requested a speed study to validate the speed limit for this Section. John Polster will submit a scope and fee proposal to Commissioner Coleman for approval prior to conducting the study. The study should be completed in May.

**Sections 4-6**

Final signed and sealed construction documents for FM 720 will need to be submitted to TxDOT by 4/15/2010 to meet the letting date.

TxDOT District is using CAI to clear the Environmental Assessment re-evaluation. An email from TxDOT's Kelly Selman received after the meeting indicates that CAI will be able to complete its work in time for the July letting.

TxDOT and Little Elm continue working on an agreement for the additional improvements on Sections 4-6. David Hensley will send Little Elm a cost proposal for the work after the meeting. If Little Elm concurs with the proposal, the cost for the work will be fixed and independent of the actual bid.

The right-of-way acquisition is substantially complete and the current critical path activity is the utility relocation.

The Cardno TBE contract with TxDOT was expiring and there was no representative at the meeting to provide a status update on utility relocation. Mr. Selman's email, received after the meeting, indicates that Cardno TBE will be back working on the project soon.

David Hensley stated that the project is on track to be let in July. TxDOT is scheduled to advertise the project on June 17, 2010 and bids are schedule to be opened on either July 8th or 9th, 2010.

#### **Section 7**

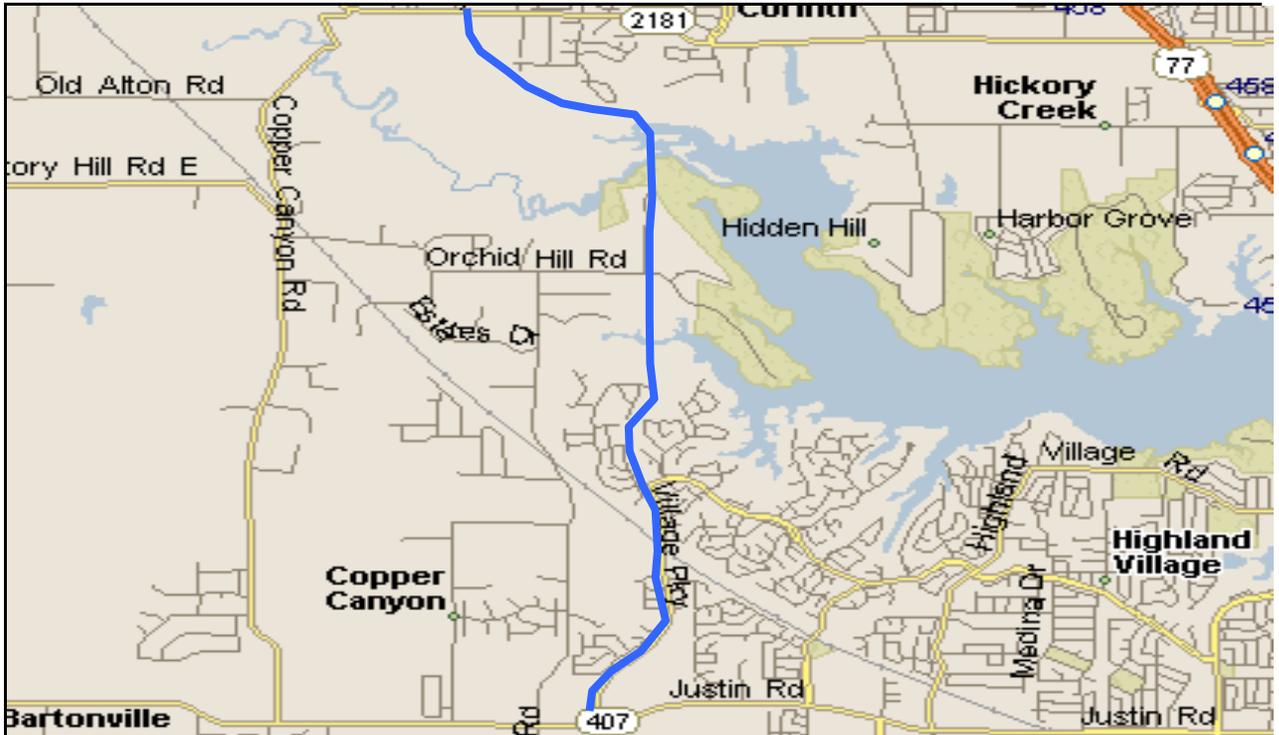
Construction is complete.

#### **Section 8**

This section is substantially complete and all traffic lanes are open as of 11/15/2009; and the contractor is finalizing punch-list items.

## FM 2499 Section 4

<b>C-S-J:</b>	2681-01-009
<b>Limits (From):</b>	FM 407
<b>(To):</b>	FM 2181
<b>Length:</b>	4.7 miles
<b>Est. Const. Cost:</b>	\$45 million
<b>Description of Project:</b>	Construct to 4-lane divided urban roadway.



### Schedule - EA

Receive Federal Clearance for Public Involvement	April 2003
First EA Public Hearing	July 31, 2003
Second EA Public Hearing	October 4, 2003
FONSI (Finding Of No Significant Impact)	June, 2005
<b>Schedule – PS&amp;E</b>	
30% Plans submitted	July 2001
65% Plans submitted	Sept 2001
95% Plans	July 2006
Plans 100% complete	Nov 2006
Anticipated Let Date/ DCIS Let Date	November 2007
Anticipated Construction begins	October 2008
Anticipated Construction complete	April 2011

# FM 2499 Section 4

## Milestones

- ✓ Halff Associates delivered the Final EA, Public Hearing comments and Controlled Schematic to TxDOT and FHWA July 30, 2004. Halff has built and run a new noise model with the latest TxDOT traffic numbers. Results indicate that a sound wall is warranted and feasible within the Kensington Estates development. The EA has been modified to include all additional sound walls.
- ✓ Corps of Engineers provide letter regarding mitigation which should answer DOI's concerns
- ✓ Additional comments were received from TxDOT Austin regarding sound walls. All sound walls except Kensington Estates have been deemed not feasible and reasonable and have been removed from the EA.
- ✓ Halff Associates received additional comments from FHWA. Halff addressed and resubmitted January 4, 2005. FHWA executed its portion of FONSI on June 6, 2005.
- ✓ US Army Corps of Engineers executed FONSI August 5, 2005. (See attached notice.)
- ✓ Denton County acquired last remaining ROW for FM 2499-4
- ✓ Denton County executed contract with HNTB for additional services on design.
- ✓ Re-mobilization meeting with HNTB, ITS, Halff Assoc. on design and landscape additions held October 12, 2005
- ✓ A Sound Wall workshop with Kensington Estates was held June 27, 2006. Sufficient number of votes were tallied to warrant a sound wall. Steps will be taken to get input on type and color.
- ✓ HNTB delivered 95% plans to all stake holders July 18, 2006.
- ✓ TxDOT has funded FM 2499-4 in its current Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan.
- ✓ TxDOT, Denton County and HNTB met January 24, 2007 to finalization of designs and ROW issues.
- ✓ TxDOT completed re-evaluation of EA for FM 2499-4.
- ✓ Final Plan Mylars signed and submitted to TxDOT by April 25, 2007.
- ✓ Project was awarded to Ed Bell Construction at a cost of \$45,831,630.44. That is 4.29% below the estimate. The Contract calls for 619 days or approximately 36 months.
- ✓ Parents Group filed a Lawsuit on FM 2499-4 in Federal Court on December 14, 2007.
- ✓ January 17, 2008, FHWA filed response to lawsuit.
- ✓ February 1, 2008, Plaintiff filed rebuttal.
- ✓ FHWA rebuttal due February 22, 2008.
- ✓ Project implementation has been placed on hold until the end of February pending outcome of hearing.
- ✓ January 28, 2008, Denton County authorized payment to Corps of Engineers to obtain Easement for project.
- ✓ TxDOT filed a motion for expedited review May 9, 2008.
- ✓ TxDOT expects to give notice to proceed to Ed Bell May 30, 2008.
- ✓ Federal Judge Richard Schell Dismissed Plaintiffs Case with prejudice on June 13, 2008.
- ✓ Contract issues have been resolved. Ed Bell's time will begin in October 2008.

## Current Activities

- Denton County is assisting Ed Bell Construction with the modification to their construction easement from the Corps of Engineers. This modification could significantly expedite the opening of traffic across Lewisville Lake.
- See Attached Construction Status Report from TxDOT.

# TxDOT Monthly Project Report for Precinct 1 Task Force

Date of report: April 14, 2010

Report prepared by: Mark Ross

Project: **NH2008(040)**

Control: **2681-01-009**

Highway: **FM 2499**

Limits: From: FM 407

To: FM 2181

Contractor: **Ed Bell Construction Company**

TxDOT Project Manager: Mark Ross

Phone: (940) 465-4532

Date Work Began: 6-16-2008

Anticipated Completion Date: 4-18-2011

**Current Activities:** Continue embankment from FM 2181 to Hickory Creek. Hot mix should begin on north end embankment April 15. Placing texture on bridge decks at Hickory and Poindexter Creek. Performing final cleanup of pedestrian tunnel. Pedestrian tunnel is to be inspected by TDLR on April 15. Constructing driveways south and east of Railroad. Placing sod on south end of Hickory Creek Bridge.

**Narrative Description of last month's activities:** MSE walls, embankment on north end of project. **The south end of project to Highland Shores was opened to traffic**

**Narrative Description of activities planned for next month:**

**Begin placing hot mix on north end of project from FM 2181 to Hickory Creek Bridge.** Complete miscellaneous work from Highland Shores to south end of project. Place mow strips and flumes along walls throughout project.

**Traffic issues:** Castlewood/Northwood is closed for construction. Detours are in place. City of Highland Village, TXDOT, and citizens have been notified.

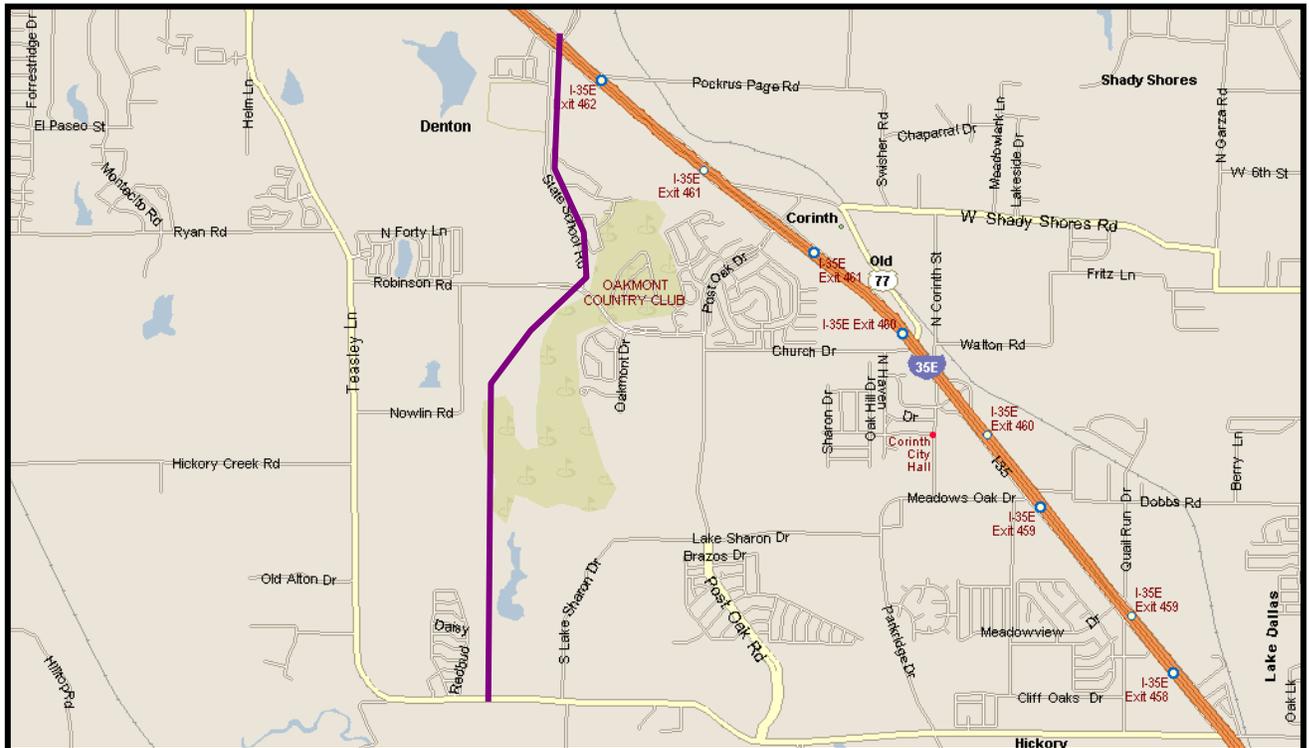
**Plans for changes in traffic patterns:** N/A

**Item(s) of work currently controlling project completion:** Embankment and hot mix.

**Other items of significance:** Grade issues at Northwood and Highland Shores. Designer is working to resolve these issues.

## FM 2499 Section 5

<b>C-S-J:</b>	2681-01-012
<b>Limits (From):</b>	FM 2181
<b>(To):</b>	IH 35E
<b>Length:</b>	2.974 miles
<b>Est. Const. Cost:</b>	\$23.3 million
<b>Description:</b>	Construct 6-lane divided



## SCHEDULE

(approximate dates, subject to change without notice)

<b>EA complete for TxDOT Review</b>	March 2004	
<b>EA and Schematic Submitted to TxDOT Austin/FHWA</b>	June 2004	
<b>Anticipate Clearance for Public Involvement</b>	October 16, 2007	
<b>Public Hearing</b>	Jan 17, 2008	
<b>FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact)</b>	**	
<b>100% PS&amp;E</b>	**	
<b>ROW complete</b>	**	
<b>Utilities Relocated</b>	**	
<b>Anticipated Let Date/DCIS Let Date</b>	**	**
<b>Construction Complete</b>	**	**

# FM 2499 Section 5

## Milestones

- ✓ Denton County Better Safer Roads Program has committed \$2.0 million. \$100,000 was issued in 1<sup>st</sup> issue, \$1.0 million in second issue. \$900,000 remains not issued.
- ✓ Programming Assessment not necessary for CSJ.
- ✓ LPAFA has been drafted is being reviewed by TxDOT Dallas District.
- ✓ 10/17/01 - Halff received comments on EA.
- ✓ 10/17/01 - Halff received comments on Design Exception for FM 2499 at IH 35E. The comments require minor changes. Halff plans on revising and resubmit within 1 week (first part of November).
- ✓ 11/30/01 - Halff resubmitted EA based upon TxDOT's comments

## Previous Meetings

- October 6, 2004 FHWA approved FM 2499-5 Schematic.
- November TxDOT approved the TMMP fully funding FM 2499-5 January 4, 2005 project was cleared for public involvement.
- June 9, 2005, Public Hearing was held. Approximately 50 residents attended. Five spoke. Two were opposed to the road and three were neutral.
- Halff Associates to submit Final EA and comments from Public Hearing to TxDOT Aug 26, 2005.
- TxDOT Dallas summated Summary and Analysis of Public Meeting to Austin September 16, 2005.
- Denton County selected Halff Assoc. as most qualified October 11, 2005 for PS&E on Section 5 of FM 2499.
- A decision has been made regarding the EA on FM 2499-5. FHWA will require TxDOT to conduct a second public hearing for the construction of 6 lane divided urban roadway.
- The clearance for public involvement was granted October 16, 2007.
- The Public Hearing for FM 2499-5 was held January 17, 2008 at Guyer High School. Approximately 200 individuals attended the hearing. Approximately nine folks spoke (5 were against-3 were for-1 was neutral).

## Current Activity

- **ENV:** Denton County has worked with TxDOT for the past year to get FHWA to clear the environmental document of this project with little success. With the funding of FM 2499-5 using SH 121 Toll Revenue, no federal funding will be used on this project. Therefore, Denton County has requested and TxDOT has agreed to notify FHWA via formal letter of the retraction of FM 2499-5 from any further FHWA EA/FONSI/139L review. Attached is a copy of that notice. TxDOT is currently having the AG's office review the document for "legal sufficiency" and is anticipated to execute the Record of Decision on FM 2499-5 in 60 days.
- **PS&E:** Denton County is working with TxDOT and Halff Associates to determine scope of final designs for FM 2499-5.
- TxDOT Austin is currently reorganizing its current projects letting schedules. Once that is complete Denton County will work with TxDOT Dallas on the letting dates for FM 2499-5.



April 7, 2010

C 2681-1-12  
Environmental Assessment  
Denton County  
CSJ: 2681-01-012

FM 2499 (Section 5): From FM 2181 to IH 35E

Ms. Janice W. Brown  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division  
300 East 8th Street, Suite 826  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 2, 2010 we sent you copies of the EA document for the above referenced project. The funding for the project has changed and is now 100% state funded. The project will now move forward as a State EA. The Dallas District will notify the public of the change in funding with a STIP revision through the MPO's public meetings and a notice of availability publication in the newspapers.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Lindsey Kimmitt at (512) 416-2547.

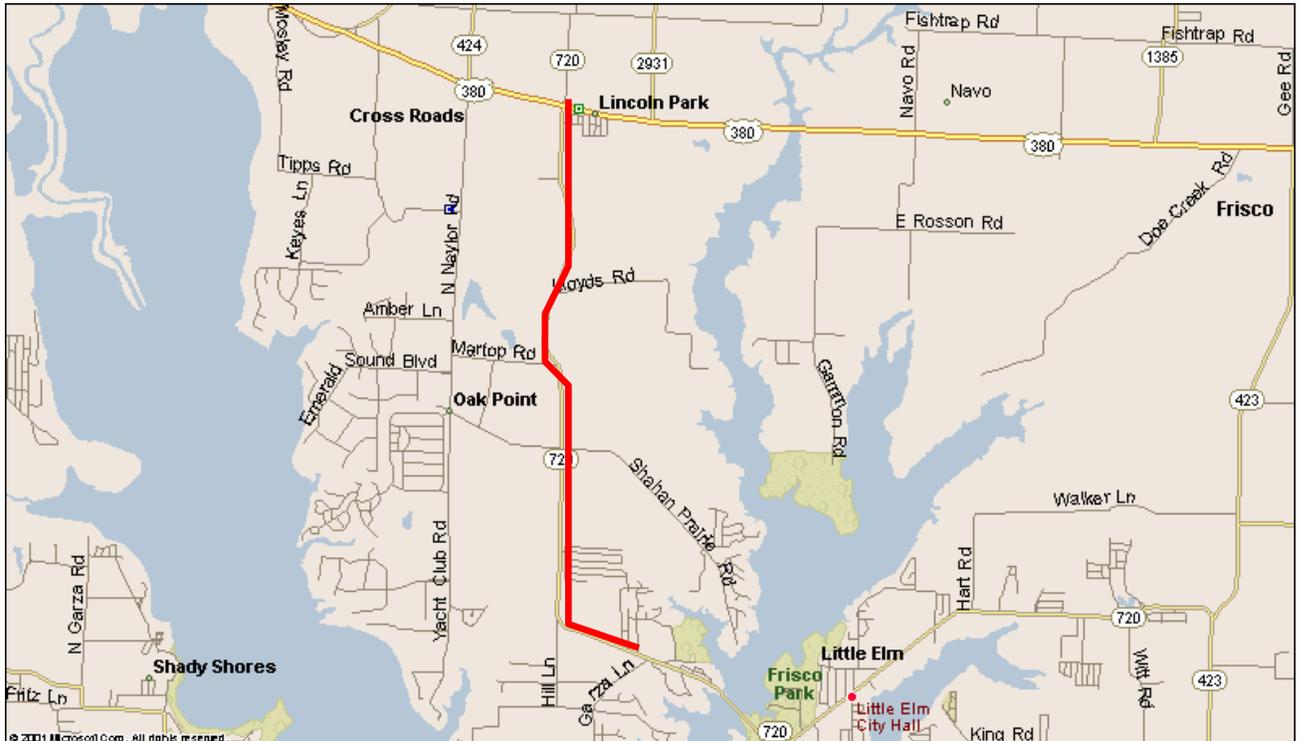
Sincerely,

Melissa Neeley  
Interim Director of Project Delivery  
Environmental Affairs Division

LVK  
bc: Dallas District - Stan Hall  
Reference: ENV 850

## FM 720 North/South

<b>C-S-J:</b>	1567-01-025
<b>Limits (From):</b>	US 380
<b>(To):</b>	Garza Lane
<b>Length:</b>	
<b>Est. Const. Cost:</b>	\$19,000,000
<b>Description:</b>	Widen 2 Lane Rural Roadway to 4 lane divided urban (Ult 6 In)



## SCHEDULE

(approximate dates, subject to change without notice)

<b>Complete Draft Categorical Exclusion</b>	March 2006
<b>Schematic Approved</b>	October 2007
<b>Clearance for Public Involvement</b>	September 2009
<b>Public Hearing</b>	November 2009
<b>FONSI</b>	<b>June 2010</b>
<b>ROW Acquisition Begins</b>	July 2010
<b>Utility Relocation Completed</b>	*
<b>Anticipated Let Date in DCIS</b>	*

## **Overview**

Control: 1567-01-025

FM 720: From Eldorado Parkway to US 380

Denton County

Widen 2 Lane Rural to 6 Lane Urban Divided Estimated Construction Cost:

\$34,543,000 Authorized Funding: \$4,000,000 (Cat 1)

\$1,155,000 (Local)

PS&E: 10% Complete

Anticipated Letting Date: April 2010

## **History**

- Committee has short listed engineers and anticipates forwarding that information for action by the Commissioners Court the week of July 25, 2005.
- August 2, 2005, Denton County approved engineering list for TRIP-04.
- Denton County, TxDOT Denton, TxDOT Dallas, Oak Point and Little Elm met on September 23, 2005 to discuss the schedule and various programming issues.
- Schematic was approved October 2007.
- RTC approved this project as a part of the SH 121RTR initiative at their August 21, 2008 meeting.

## **Current Activities**

- See attached TxDOT status report

## PROJECT STATUS AS OF **March 12, 2010**:

### COMPLETED MILESTONES

- Schematic Approved [August 8, 2007](#)
- Completed 30% PS&E – [April 29, 2009](#)

**DESIGN**- Four designers currently working on project. **PS&E: est 55% Complete**

- Estimated 60% PS&E (Plans Adequate) due June 1, 2010 in Project Tracker
- Current Status [May 15, 2010 or Earlier](#)

Completed **ALL** of the following for 60%

- Project Layout Sheets
- Typical Sections
- Plan & Profile sheets
- Removal Sheets
- Horizontal Data Sheets
- Drainage Removal Sheets
- 10 culvert designs including culvert layout sheets
- Proposed Earthwork Cross Sections
- 71 Driveway plan & profiles sheets
- Preliminary Traffic Control Plan Concept
- 60% Summaries

Current Status for the following needed to complete for 60%:

- 1) Newly added RT turn lane on EB US 380 to FM 720- No flight available so requesting survey. Should take up to 2-weeks to get the data and 1 week to design, create design cross sections and have plan & profile ready.  
**(0% Complete)**
- 2) Designing 12 storm sewer networks **(60% Complete)**
- 3) Designing 12 Street profiles **(30% Complete)**

## Environmental

- Estimated Environmental Clearance (EA)- [June 30, 2010](#)

## ROW

- ROW Mapping and Acquisition– Mapping complete and delivered to District on [March 31, 2010](#). Estimated Approval by ROW Div by [May 28, 2010](#). ROW acquisition complete by [December 2011](#) based on June 30, 2010 Env clearance.

## UTILITIES

- Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) – estimate that consultant Work Authorization signed by [March 31, 2010](#). Estimate SUE deliverable to District by [May 19, 2010](#)
- Utility Relocations – [Beginning Summer 2011](#)

## FUTURE MILESTONES

- Estimated 100% PS&E complete by [October 4, 2010](#)
- Proposed Letting Date: [Dependent on acceptable utility clearance](#)

<b>FM 423 North</b>	
<b>C-S-J:</b>	
<b>Limits (From):</b>	Stewart Creek Road
<b>(To):</b>	US 380
<b>Length:</b>	6.91
<b>Est. Const. Cost:</b>	To be determined
<b>Description:</b>	Construct 4 to 6 lane divided urban roadway

**Previous Activity**

- TxDOT , Denton County, Frisco and The Colony has established a task force to discuss funding possibilities for FM 423.
- Commissioner White included \$3.5 million in the county's 2004 Transportation Road Bond Program.

**Current Activity**

- See status report from Jacobs.

Efforts to Date:

- Performed quality review of North Section 100% review plans.
- North Section 100% review plans were submitted on February 19,.

Outstanding Issues:

- Comments on North Section right of way map and documents were received from TxDOT on February 12, 2010. Currently addressing comments and updating documents.

Schedule:

Description	North Project	Middle Project
Public Meeting	February 04	
Determine Locally Preferred Alternative	March 04	
Develop Schematic	May 04	
Develop Env. Assessment (EA)	May 04	
Receive Prel. Agency Approval of Schematic and EA	Nov 05	
Public Hearing	February 06	
Review Public Comment and Complete EA	Spring 06	
Receive Final Approval of Schematic and EA	Summer 06	
Final Construction Plans	Jan 2010	May 2009
Letting Date	Aug 2010	Aug 2009

# IH 35E Ultimate Status Report

- Funding status of \$2.8 B and that approx \$535 MM came from 121 RTRFI and the remaining will come through a private development agreement.
- April 16, 2008, NTTA voted to waive Market Valuation and its Primacy rights to IH 35 E Managed Lanes. There were certain clauses that will need to be removed before TxDOT will move forward on the IH 35E Project. Denton County is working with its Board members to make that happen.
- June 18, 2008 NTTA modified its existing resolution to state that it would act to make a determination to waive on IH 35E within 30 days of receipt of the sketch level traffic and revenue analysis being conducted by TxDOT. TxDOT indicated that delivery would occur no later than August 30, 2008. Therefore NTTA has committed to make a determination by September 30, 2008.
- August 6, 2008, TxDOT held first Technical Stakeholders meeting for IH 35E.
- August 13, 2008, TxDOT Tech. Stakeholders received COG traffic lane configuration comments. Information was provided to stakeholder cities.
- A series of meetings were held between August 27 and September 3, 2008 with stakeholders along the IH 35E corridor. Changes were proposed and will be incorporated.
- September 17, 2008, NTTA voted to waive its right to market valuation and to develop IH 35E.
- Public Meetings were held corridor wide for public input on the proposed IH 35E improvements. November 10, 2008 at UNT's Gateway Center at 5 p.m.  
November 13, 2008 at Lewisville Community Room, Municipal Annex at 5 p.m.
- The 90% draft schematic has been review by TxDOT Dallas District and sent to Austin (TxDOT Design Division).
- TxDOT has distribute the revised 90% schematic to all the cities and counties at the last Stakeholder Work Group meeting on Feb. 4 at Lewisville City Hall. Pdf's have also be posted to the web site.
- Bob Brown presented concepts for phasing of construction.
- Environmental assessment work is on-going. The Middle Section EA first draft has been sent to TxDOT DAL. It is anticipated that the EA will be ready to go to Austin late March.
- The Stake Holders meeting was held May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Lewisville City Hall.
- Additional Stakeholders meetings were held the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- TxDOT held workshops the first week of July to investigate various alternatives to increase revenue, decrease costs or both. Current analysis has focused primarily on the Middle Section from FM 2181 to PGBT.
- Additionally, the Legislature failed to reauthorize Comprehensive Development Agreements (CDA's) either in the regular session or the special session. A meeting is scheduled for Monday July 27 between TxDOT, Denton County and Michael Morris with NCTCOG to discuss funding alternatives for all three sections of IH 35E from US 380 to IH 635 and how best to move forward under existing law.

- TxDOT, NCTCOG and Denton County met with TxDOT-Austin on September 2 regarding the continued timely development of IH 35E. Two delivery methods were identified: 1.) Modified Pass through tolling and 2.) NTTA-CDA process. TxDOT Austin staff is investigating the pros and cons of each alternative. A follow up meeting was set for October 7, 2009.
- TxDOT Dallas, TxDOT Austin, COG, Denton County's NTTA representative and Denton County met October 7, 2009 to discuss delivery method alternatives. TxDOT Austin informed the group that it did not see any way that the state could continue to develop the project under current legislation. NTTA was asked to consider the viability of developing IH 35E as a Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) project.
- TxDOT Dallas, COG and Denton County met with selected NTTA Board members and staff to discuss the potential of NTTA developing IH 35E as a CDA on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2009.
- Denton County, COG and NTTA staff will develop a position paper to be considered by the NTTA Board at its December 2009 Board meeting.
- TxDOT Commission has directed staff to analyze the potential of using "pass through tolling" on IH 35E. Denton County will be meeting with TxDOT Dallas and TxDOT HQ to discuss details possibly in December 2009.
- Denton County, Michael Morris and TxDOT Austin met January 6, 2010 to discuss IH 35E Pass Through Tolling alternatives. TxDOT expects to receive the investment grade traffic and revenue report by the first week of February. That study will show the shortfall, if any, that exists between the managed lanes revenue and the construction cost of the facility.
- TxDOT Austin has firmly committed to providing the resources necessary to ensure that IH 35E's public hearing is held in June, 2010 with a Finding of No Significant Impacts by Fall of 2010.
- January 28, 2010, Texas Transportation Commission directed staff to hold public hearings on rule changes for Pass Through Financing.
- Denton County met with its legislative delegation to brief them on IH 35E and Pass Through Financing issues.
- ITS met with Bill Hale, Bob Brown and Michael Morris on January 29, 2010. Semi-monthly meetings will be established with key stakeholders to develop the strategies for the Pass Through Financing implementation program.
- Denton County met with TxDOT Austin related to Pass Through Tolling issues. The following schedule was agreed upon:
  - **October 28, 2009:** Received Federal Highway Administration's satisfactory for further processing (SFP) on the schematic for all three segments of IH 35E
  - **April – May 2010:** Received Federal Highway Administration's satisfactory for further processing on the EA (Middle by April 30 2010 and South/ North by May 30, 2010)

- **June – July 2010** – Conduct Public Hearing (Tentative, Subject to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) review and approval of Environmental Assessment for conducting Public Hearing by April 30, 2010 for the Middle and May 30, 2010 for South and North)
- **August - September 2010** – Anticipating Environmental Clearance from FHWA.
- **Fall 2010 / 2011** – Right of Way (ROW) Acquisition (To Begin after FONSI is obtained).
- **2011 / 2012** – Early Project Construction may begin (Tentative, PTF – 2011, DBB – 2011/2012)
- Denton County met with David Castille and the North Region related to early right-of-way acquisitions and development of the Middle Section. TxDOT-Austin has agreed to develop a procurement process that identifies a cost to develop the entire Middle Section. TxDOT North Region has agreed to continue to use Options for early acquisition of row parcels within the Middle Section.
- The Texas Transportation Commission has pushed back any action on changing its rules on Pass Through Tolling because they received very negative comments from key legislative officials including Sen. Nichols and Rep. Dunham out of Waco, the new chair of the subcommittee on tolling. He is very anti-toll.
- Denton County met with NTTA to coordinate legislative agendas related to tolling issues and public/private partnerships. It appears the two organizations are on the same page.
- Denton County met with DCTA staff to discuss IH 35E/Rail corridor issues.
- TTI in conjunction with TxDOT Austin's Segment 1 Corridor committee held a listening session at NCTCOG on April 14, 2010 to get information from businesses on what they want to see in to corridor. Attendance was very light. Major comments were to get it built as quickly as possible.
- The actual construction cost that TxDOT is using on the Middle Section is \$2.25 billion,