

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE 24 April 2015

TO Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee Members: Vonciel Jones Hill (Chair), Lee Kleinman (Vice Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo, Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, Sandy Greyson, and Sheffie Kadane

SUBJECT S.M. Wright Project Status Update

On Monday, 27 April 2015, you will be briefed on the S.M. Wright Project Status Update. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill Jordan'.

Jill A. Jordan, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

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S.M. WRIGHT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
- JOBS PROGRAM

TRANSPORTATION AND TRINITY RIVER PROJECT COMMITTEE

27 April 2015



S.M. Wright Project



Purpose and Need:

- Improves the connection between US 175 Freeway and IH 45 Freeway
- Improves safety by eliminating sharp curve at US 175 Freeway and S.M. Wright Freeway
- Converts S.M. Wright Freeway to low speed city thoroughfare

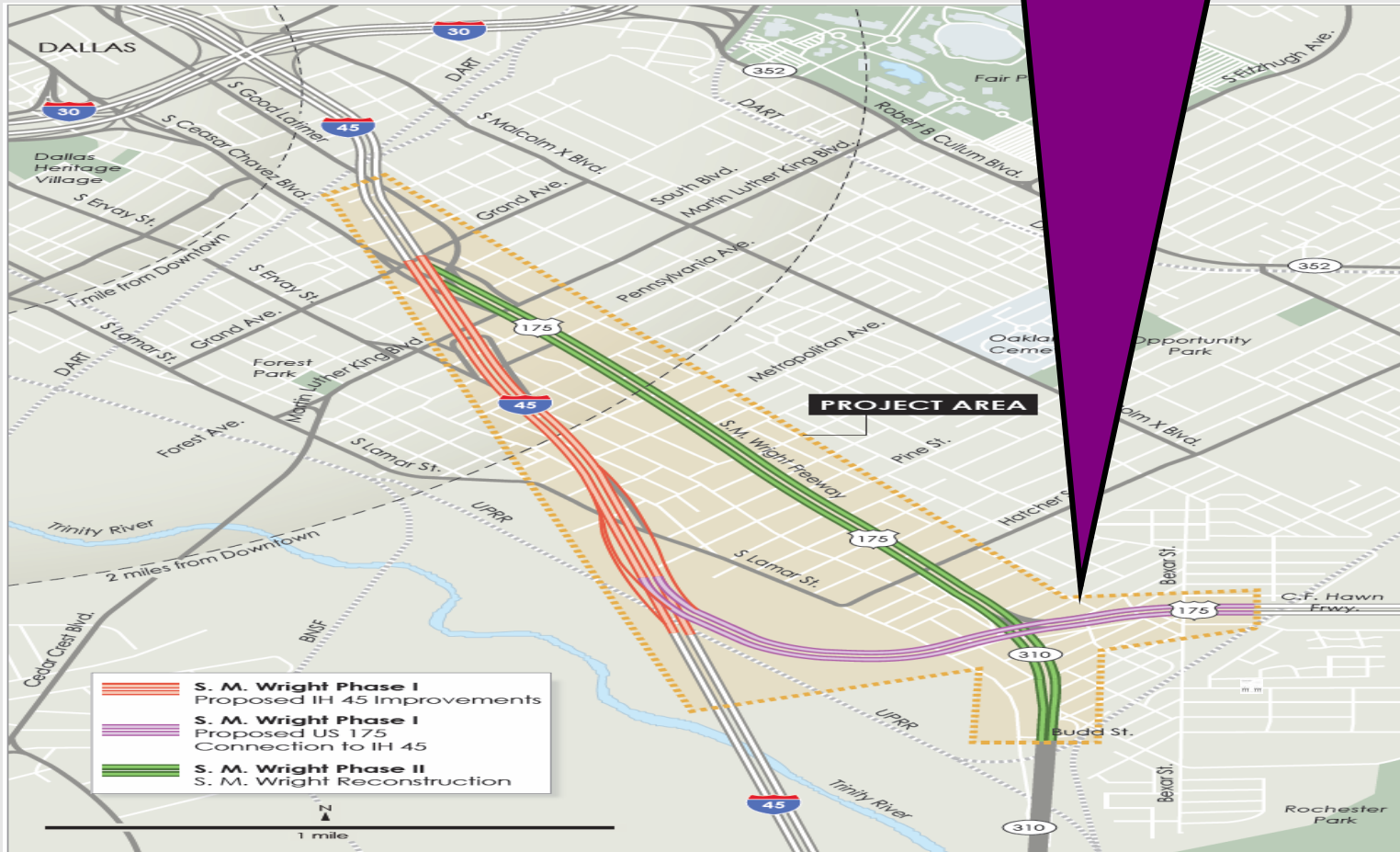
S.M. Wright Project Phase I

- Provide lane balance on IH 45 Freeway to facilitate new direct connecting ramps to US 175 Freeway
- Add direct connecting ramps between US 175 Freeway and IH 45 Freeway.



S.M. Wright Project-Phase I

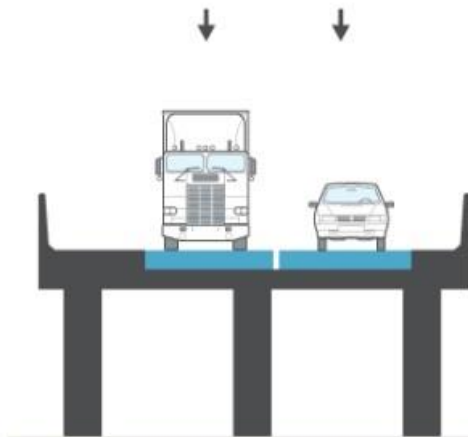
Phase I: US 175 Freeway to IH 45 Freeway Connection



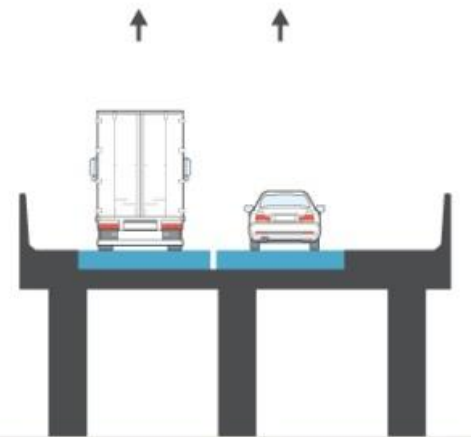
Phase I: US 175 Freeway to IH 45 Freeway Connectors

PROPOSED DIRECT CONNECTORS

NB Direct Connect Ramp

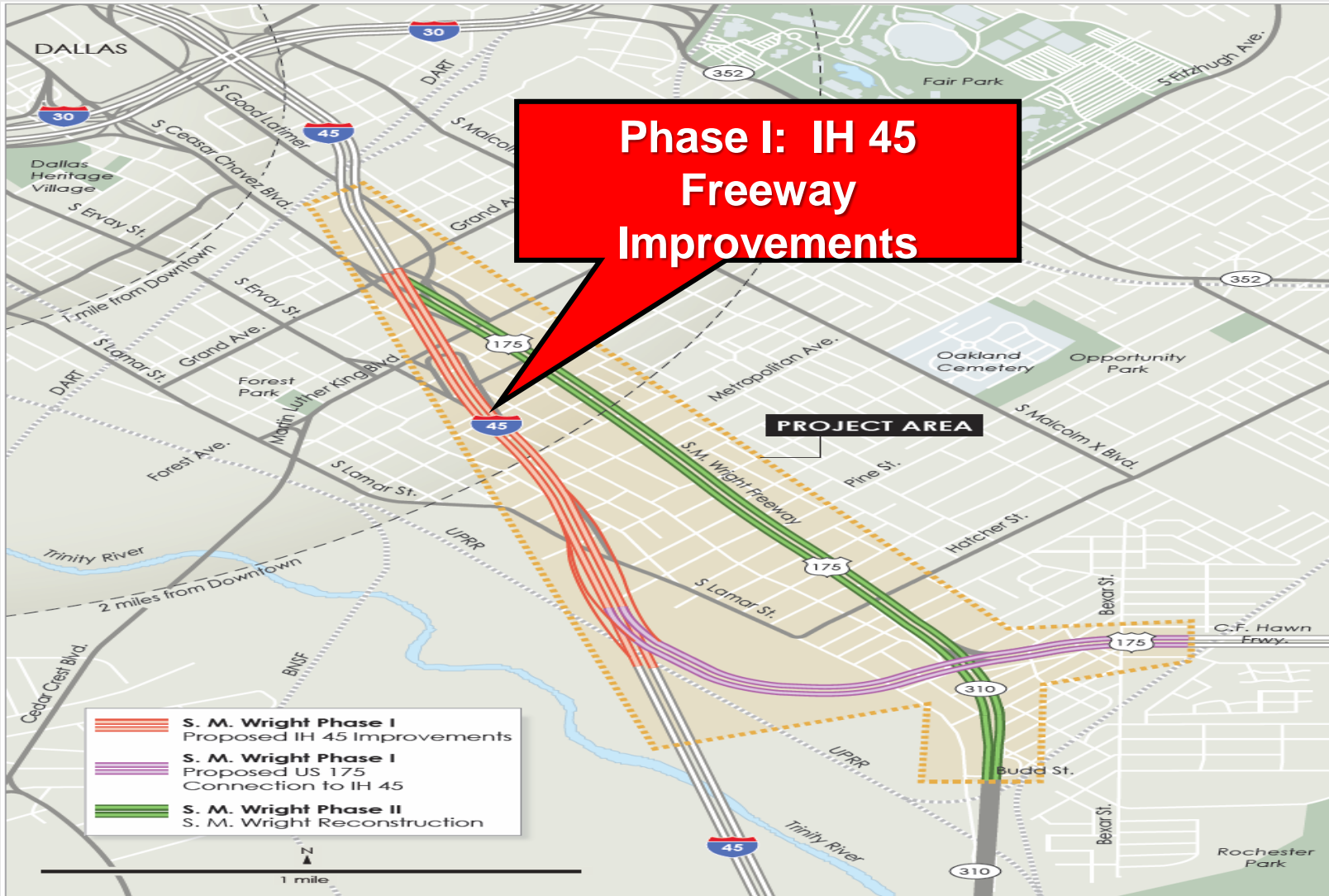


SB Direct Connect Ramp



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Phase I: IH 45 Freeway Improvements

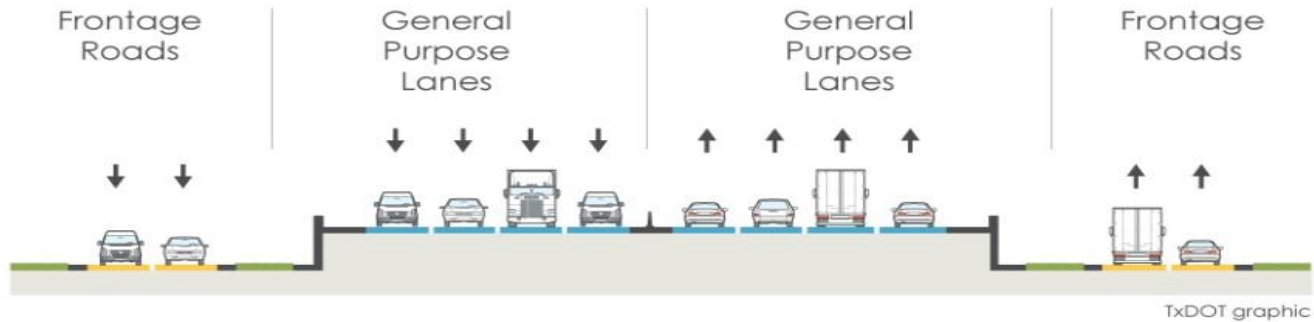


Typical Sections – IH 45 Freeway Existing and Proposed

EXISTING TYPICAL



PROPOSED TYPICAL



Summary of S.M. Wright Project Phase I - Construction

- Awarded the contract on 11 September 2014 to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc.
- Project is funded
- Construction Cost: \$96.4 M
- Disadvantage Business Enterprise [“DBE”] Goal: 13.3%
- Construction Start: Estimated December 2015
- Construction Completion: 903 Calendar Days from beginning of construction
- Environmental Assessment: Phase I: Completed
- Environmental Clearance Phase I: Completed
- Design Phase I: Completed

Phase II - Reconstruct S.M. Wright Freeway from IH 45 Freeway to Budd St.



S.M. Wright Freeway

Hatcher St

Colonial Ave

S.M. Wright Thoroughfare Master Plan

A low speed, signalized, pedestrian-friendly, landscaped city thoroughfare.

South Segment

Central Segment

North Segment



Overall Concept Rendering

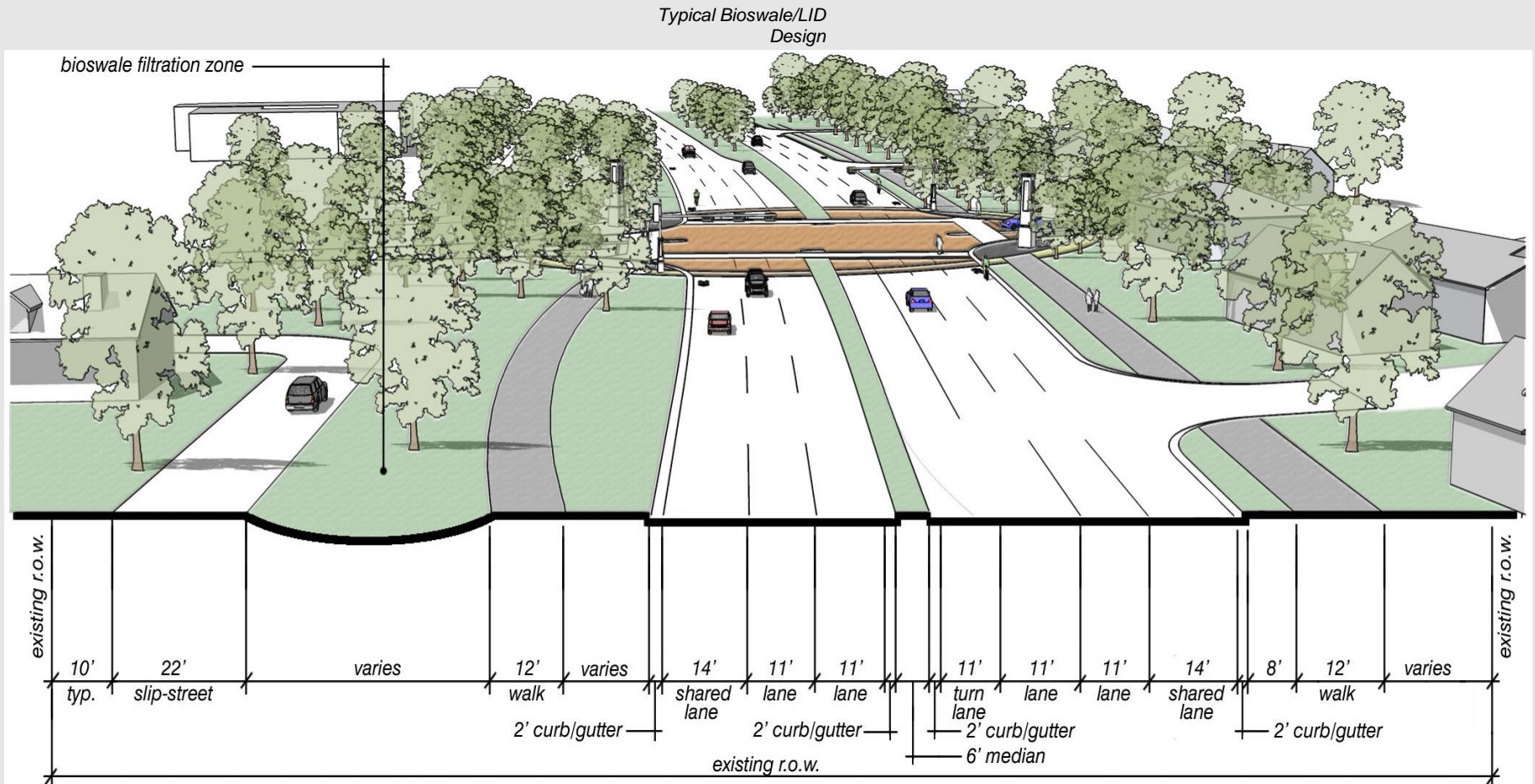
Some Key Project Elements:

1. Additional cross-streets at:
 - Lowery St. / Haven St.
 - Marburg St.
 - Hickman St. / Driskell St.
 - Warren Ave.
2. Iconic gateway features:
 - **Corridor gateways** at MLK Blvd. & CF Hawn Frwy.
 - **Neighborhood gateways** at Hatcher, Metropolitan, and Pennsylvania Streets
 - **Trail gateways** at major intersections
3. Incorporates a **12' hike/bike trail** on both sides of the roadway
4. Reduces noise levels
5. Utilizes low maintenance plantings
6. Preserves existing tree canopies

S.M. Wright Thoroughfare Project

Typical Section – One-Sided Alignment

- Allows for expanded park/open space on one side of the roadway



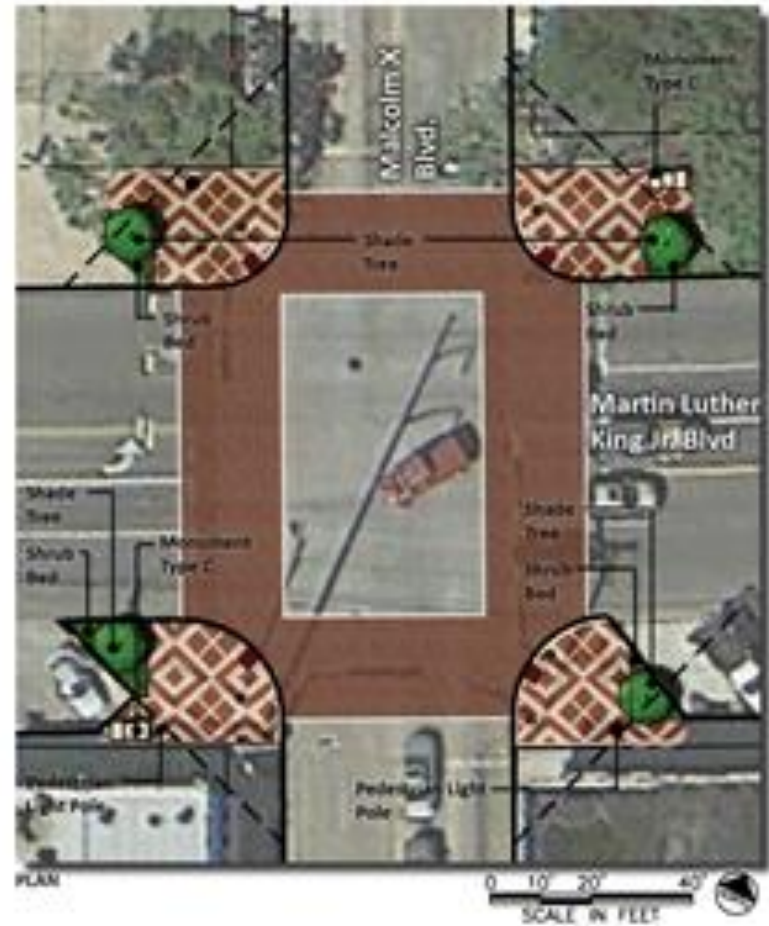
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Will incorporate the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., [MLK] aesthetic theme into the design

MLK @ MALCOLM X INTERSECTION



LOCATION OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (Map by Google)

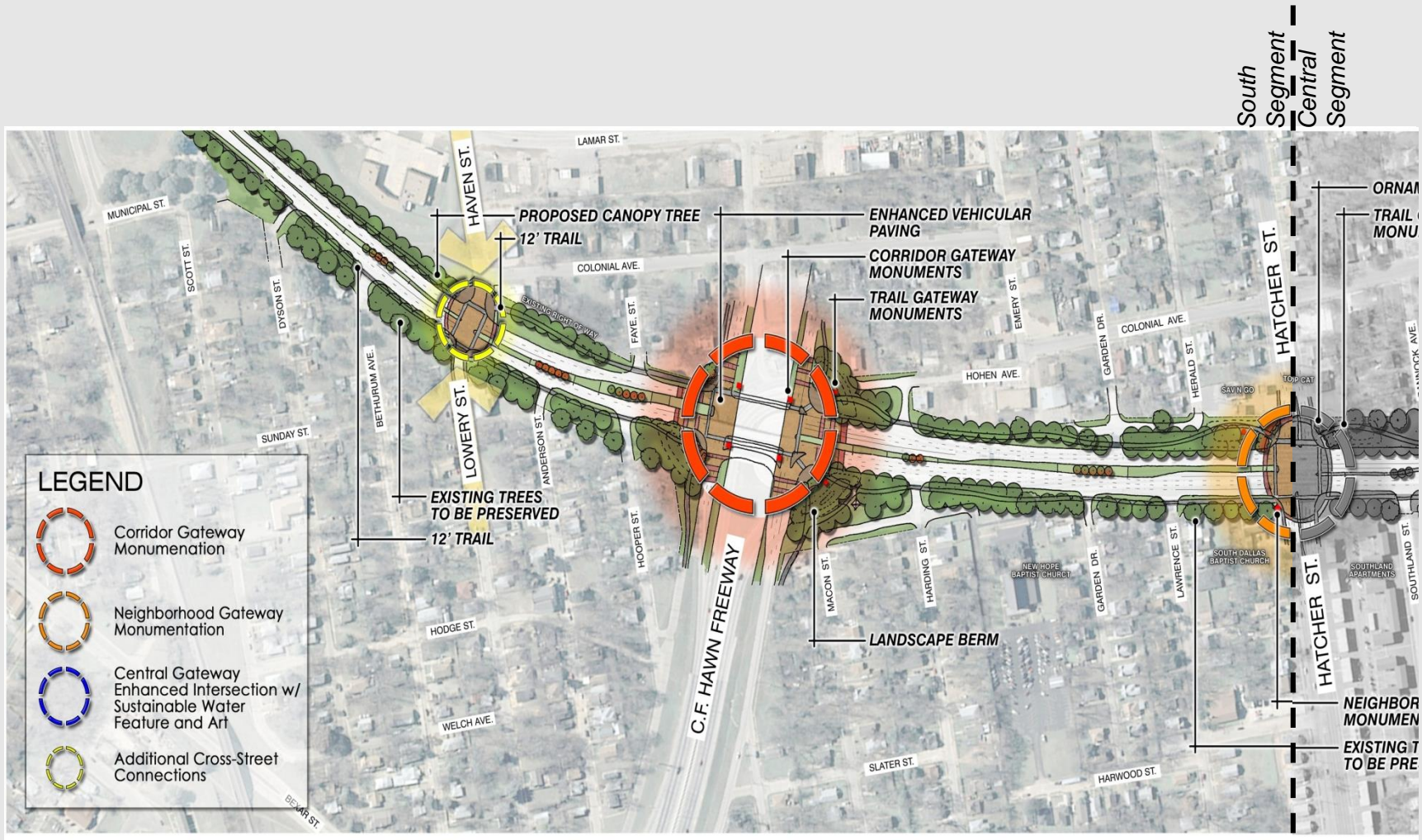


MLK @ Malcolm X Intersection



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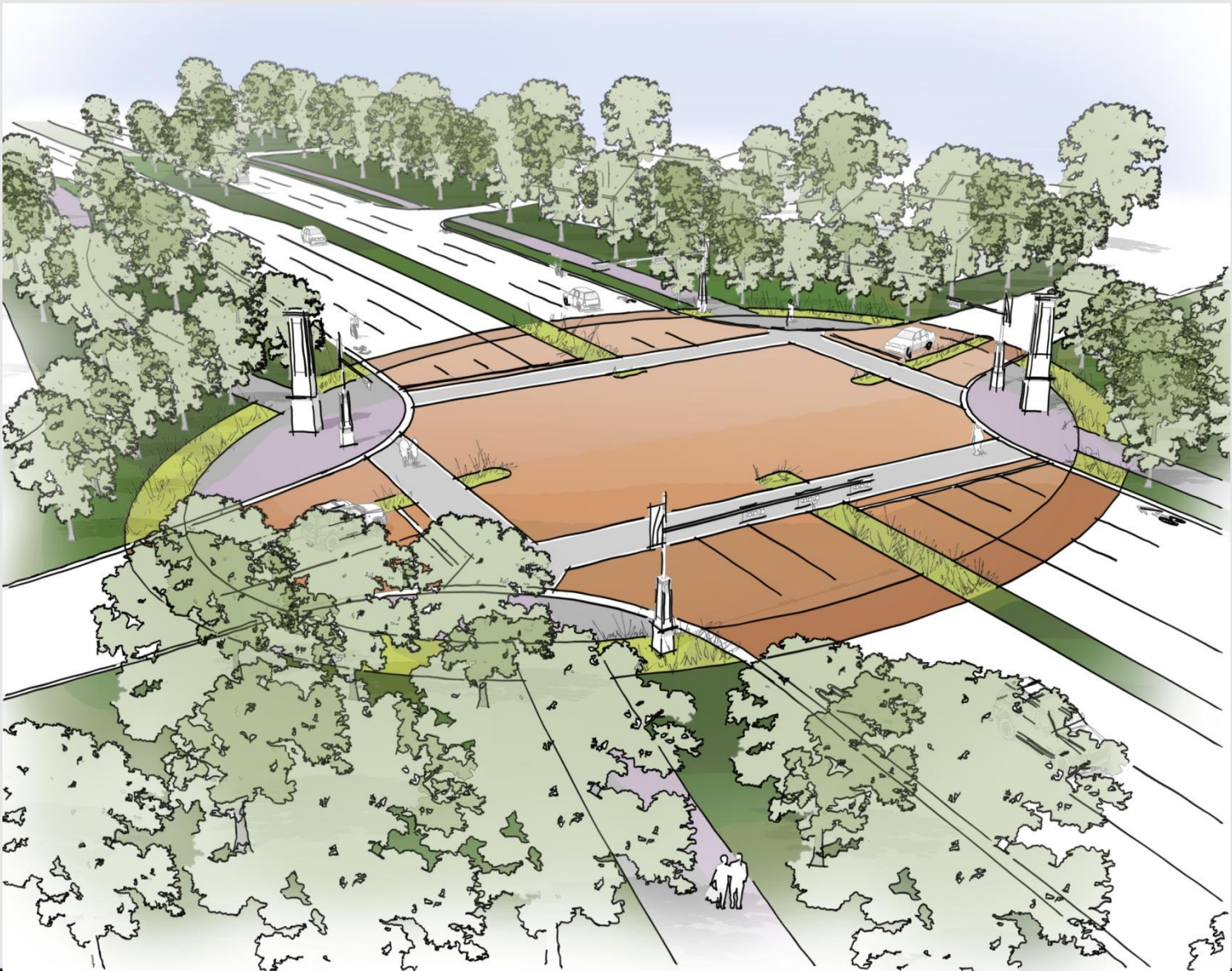
Aesthetic Layout



Detailed Layout – South Segment

S.M. Wright Thoroughfare Project

Typical Intersection Perspective



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Aesthetic Layout



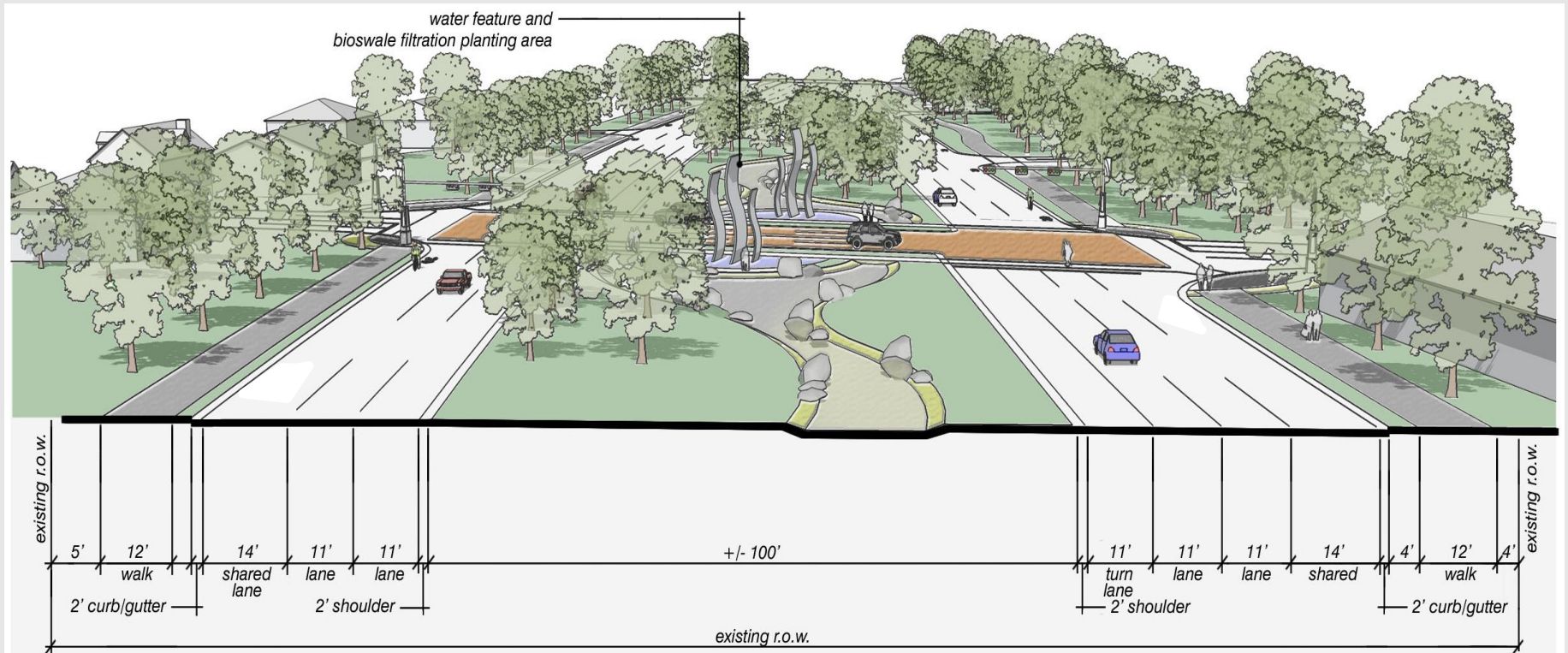
Detailed Layout – Central Segment



S.M. Wright Thoroughfare Project

Typical Section – Split Alignment

- Allows for expanded park/open space in the median



S.M. Wright Project - Phase II

Phase II: S.M. Wright Redevelopment



Typical Sections S.M. Wright Thoroughfare: Existing and Proposed

EXISTING TYPICAL



PROPOSED TYPICAL



TxDOT graphic

Summary of S.M. Wright Project Phase II

- Estimated Construction Cost: \$36 million
- Project is funded
- Construction Start: Fall 2017
- Construction Complete: Fall 2019
- Environmental Assessment: Completed
- Environmental Clearance: Completed
- Design: Consultant Contract for Designing Phase II Plans is scheduled to be awarded Fall 2015

Phase IIB:

Phase IIB: S.M. Wright Redevelopment



PHASE IIB ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS



SM Wright Project Summary of IIB

- Estimated Construction Cost: \$26 million
- Phase IIB is not funded at this time
- Construction Start: Fall 2017
- Construction Completion: Fall 2019
- Environmental Assessment: Underway
- Environmental Clearance: Expected in January 2016
- Design: Consultant Contract for Design Plans to be awarded Fall 2015

- 5 Stakeholder Work Group Meetings
 - 20 Briefing Meetings
 - 3 Public Meetings
 - 2 Public Hearings

Public Involvement Meetings

- Dallas Council Trinity River Committee Briefing – 5 February 2008
- S.M. Wright Project 1st Stakeholder Work Group Meeting – 31 March 2008
- S.M. Wright Project 2nd Stakeholder Work Group Meeting – 9 September 2008
- City of Dallas Public Meeting hosted by Councilmember Davis – 14 October 2008
- S.M. Wright Project 3rd Stakeholder Work Group Meeting – 9 December 2008
- S.M. Wright Project 4th Stakeholder Work Group Meeting – 13 January 2009
- Dallas Council Trinity River Committee Briefing – 21 April 2009
- S.M. Wright Project Public Meeting - April 28, 2009
- S.M. Wright Project Elected Officials Briefing – 8 March 2010
- S.M. Wright TxDOT Public Meeting – 30 March 2010
- S.M. Wright Project Dallas Elected Officials Briefing – May 2011, 13 July 2011, 12 September 2011, and 12 December 2011; 25 June 2012
- S.M. Wright Project 5th Stakeholder Work Group meeting – 30 July 2012
- S.M. Wright Project TxDOT Public Meeting – 7 August 2012
- S.M. Wright Project Dallas Elected Officials Briefings – 7 September 2012, 19 October 2012, and 7 November 2012
- S.M. Wright Project Meeting with South Dallas Representatives – 13 November 2012
- S.M. Wright Project TxDOT Public Hearing – 31 January 2013

Stakeholder Work Group-Invited Participants

Adjacent Neighborhood Associations

South Boulevard/Park Row Historic District
Wendelkin/Driscoll Neighborhood Association
Ideal Neighborhood Association
Queen City Neighborhood Association
Forest Heights Neighborhood Association
Exline Neighborhood Association

Nonprofit Organizations

SouthFair Community Development Corporation
Clean South Dallas
Inner-city Community Development Corp.
Forest Heights Neighborhood Development Corp.
Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce
T.R.Hoover CDC

Other Key Stakeholders

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New Hope Baptist Church

People Missionary Baptist Church

South Dallas Baptist Church

South Dallas Nursing Home

Revitalize South Dallas Coalition

Greater New Zion Baptist Church

Grace & Mercy Missionary Baptist Church

St. Philip's School and Community Center

Major commercial property owners

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Public Agencies

NTTA

DART

TxDOT

NCTCOG

Dallas Housing Authority; City of Dallas; MLK, JR. Elementary School (DISD), H.S. Thompson Elementary School (DISD), Black Contractors Association and the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association



Summary: S.M. Wright Jobs Program

In July 2014, the S.M. Wright Community Economic Opportunity Program launched as a four-year pilot program designed to recruit, screen, and prepare individuals to be employed in the highway construction industry.

In January 2013, the Regional Transportation Council and the Texas Transportation Commission allocated a total of \$1 million to fund this program's four-year pilot period.



The S.M. Wright Community Economic Opportunity Program is:

- funded by the Texas Department of Transportation
- a four year pilot program
- resulted from the response to community's request for jobs and contracts associated with the S.M. Wright Freeway construction project

Goals

- Strengthen the economic viability of the community
- Increase DBE Firms' capacity to compete for transportation contracts
- Create job opportunities



Questions?