

COVID-19 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM: ROUND 2

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

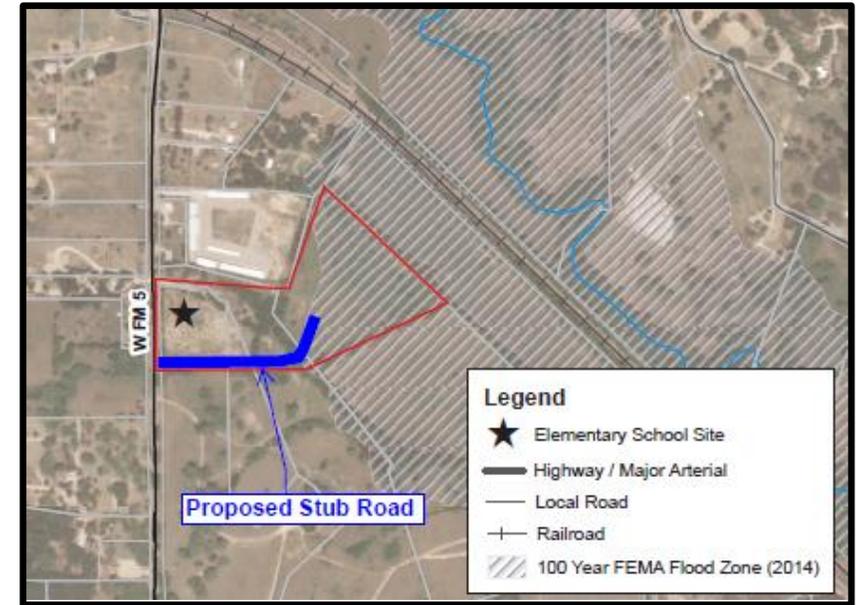
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BACKGROUND

- Due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak, the economy has suffered large setbacks and there is an urgency to stimulate the economy.
- As was done in 2009, the idea is to inject much needed cash into the local and state economy using infrastructure investment.
- North Central Texas Council of Governments staff recommends funding projects that would benefit from expedited action.
- These projects should meet one or several of the RTC policies outlined in Mobility 2045.
- This particular round of investments target better school integration, improved freight connections, implementation of new regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities, improved air quality, and improved safety.

PROPOSED FUNDING FOR ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (ISD) PARTNERSHIP

- Aledo ISD has requested assistance to provide access to a new elementary school scheduled to open in August 2021.
 - Limits: “Drive A” (Stub-out road) from FM 5 to new elementary school
 - Funding:
 - Right-of-way is being donated by Aledo ISD
 - \$1 million Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funding for construction
 - \$1.5 million Aledo ISD (which includes \$500,000 match to RTR funds) for construction
 - TxDOT has already funded a \$4.7 million roadway improvement along FM 5
 - Scope: Construct stub-out road to allow access to new elementary school
 - Source of RTR Funds: Regional West Side Aside Account (to be discussed further on upcoming slide)
 - RTC Policy Addressed: Better integration with schools (avoid major roadways)



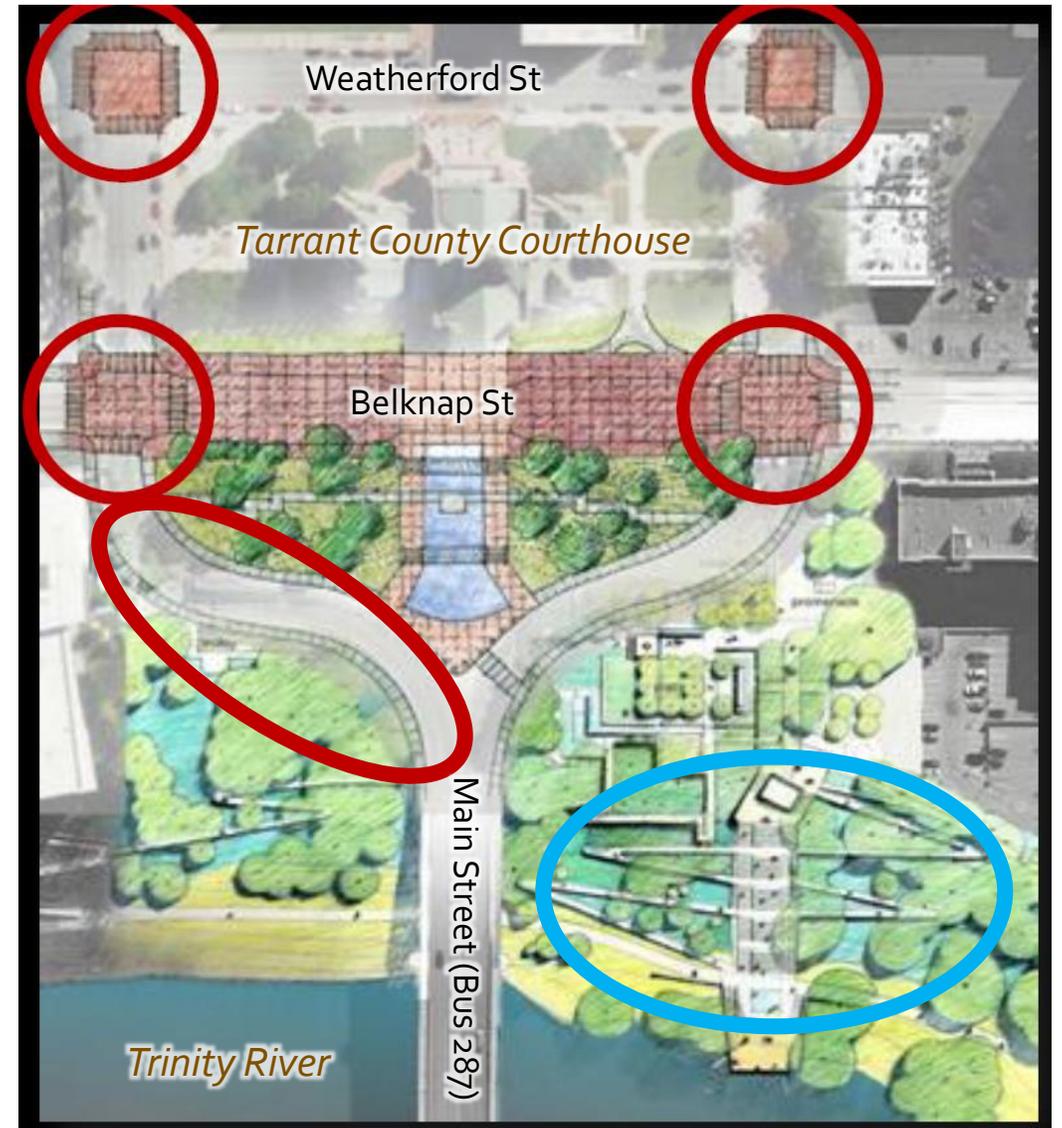
PROPOSED FUNDING FOR ALEDO ISD PARTNERSHIP

- The Aledo ISD has requested assistance with improvements at the site of a new middle school needed by 2022.
 - Limits: Old Weatherford Road from FM 3325 to East of Coder Drive
 - Funding:
 - \$2 million provided by developer for design
 - \$0.5 million RTR proposed for right-of-way
 - \$10 million RTR funding proposed for construction
 - Developer will pay an additional \$2.4 million in approximately 4 years (after construction is completed), which partially repays the RTC's commitment.
 - Scope: Realign 2 lane to 2 lane roadway (ultimate 4 lanes) including turn lanes at intersections and pedestrian side path
 - Source of RTR Funds: Regional West Side Aside Account
 - RTC Policy Addressed: Better school integration with schools



INTERSECTIONS BY HERITAGE PARK AND TARRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

- City of Fort Worth has requested assistance for both intersection and bicycle/pedestrian improvements in the Heritage Park area
 - Staff proposes to fund the intersection improvements now and consider the bicycle/pedestrian facility in the future, contingent on private sector commitments being realized



INTERSECTIONS BY HERITAGE PARK AND TARRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

- Limits: Main Street (Bus 287) from the Trinity River to Weatherford Street
- Funding:
 - \$775,000 for design committed by Downtown Fort Worth Inc.
 - \$1 million committed by Tarrant County for construction
 - \$660,000 State match requested for on-system work
 - \$4 million Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
 - \$2.64 million Surface Transportation Block Grant
- Scope: Traffic calming and curb extensions (crosswalk bulb outs) to reduce traffic lanes, adjust turning radius of Main Street, and eliminate bail out lane
- RTC Policy Addressed: Air Quality, Bicycle/Pedestrian Implementation, Safety, ADA Compliance

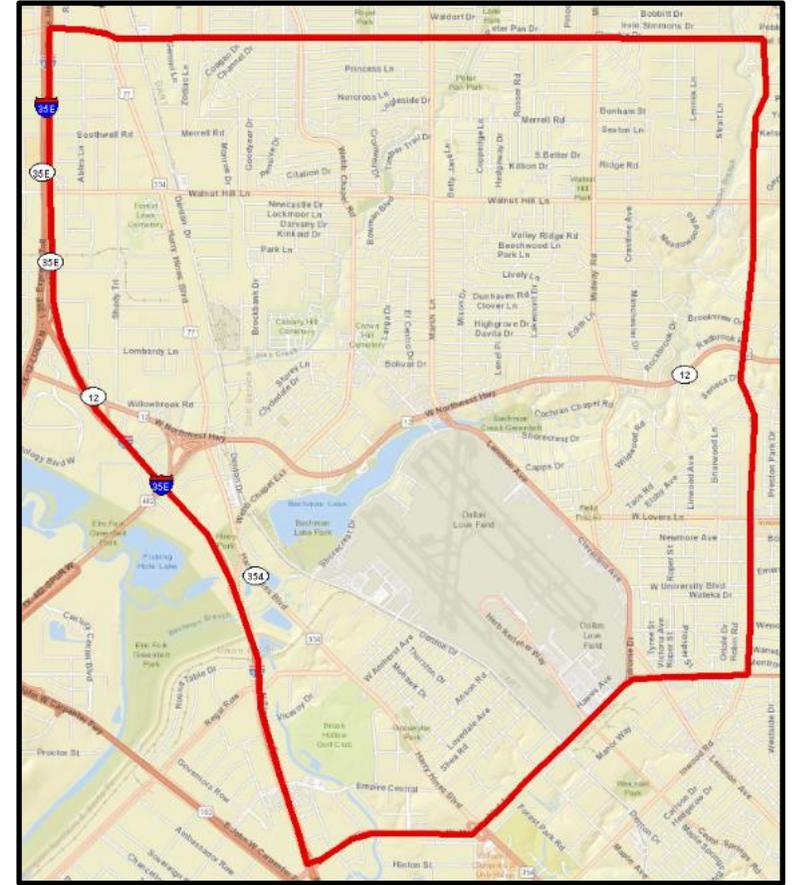
IH 35E PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR VICTORY STATION



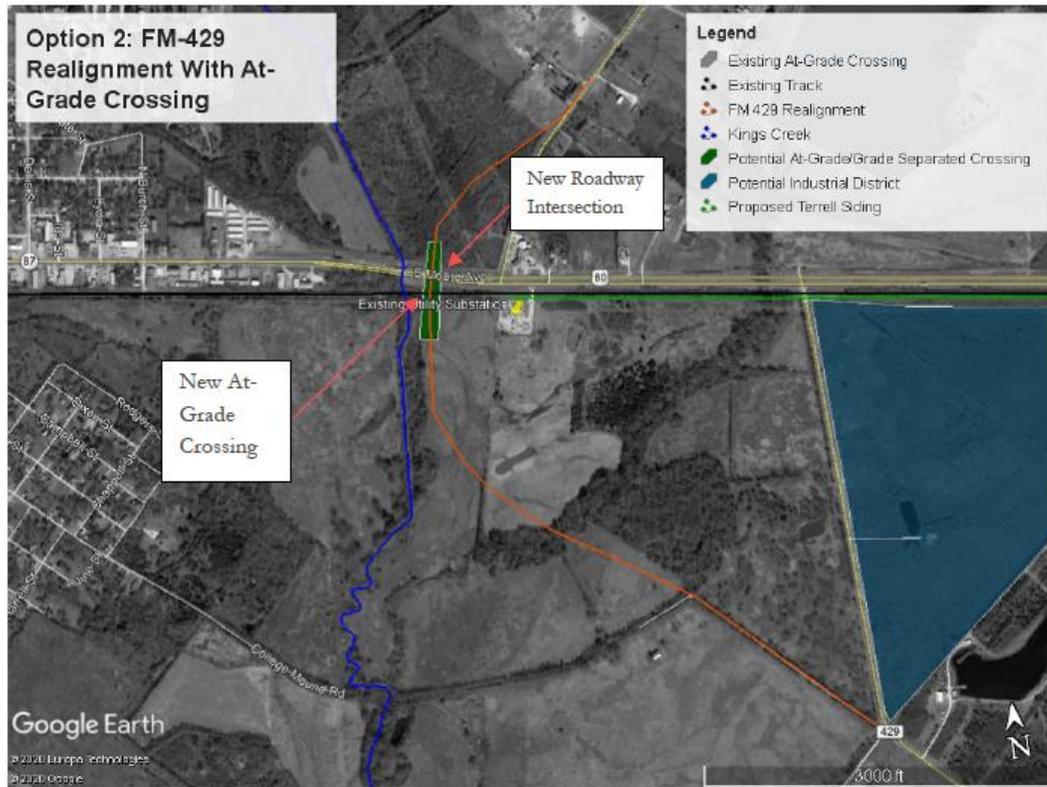
- City of Dallas has requested assistance for a pedestrian crossing at IH 35E from the Dallas Design District to the DART Victory Station
 - Funding:
 - \$350,000 State Funds for Design
 - \$2.8 million Dallas County RTR Funds for construction
 - \$400,000 local match plus \$300,000+ for amenities from the private sector/TIF districts
 - Scope: Construct pedestrian walkway under IH 35E including lighting, crosswalks, traffic signal, and landscaping
 - RTC Policy Addressed: Bicycle/pedestrian, air quality, safety

BACHMAN LAKE AREA PLANNING STUDY

- City of Dallas has requested assistance for a review of needed improvements in the Bachman Lake area of Dallas
 - Limits: District bounded by Mockingbird Lane to the South, IH 35E to the West, Inwood Road to the East, and Royal Lane to the North
 - Funding:
 - \$800,000 STBG funds (federal)
 - \$200,000 RTC Local funds
 - May need to utilize TDCs in lieu of local match if RTC/Local is needed to kick off study before federal funding is available
 - Scope: Conduct planning study to identify safe pedestrian access/facilities along major roadways to create connections to nearby trails, DART Bachman Station, and study Love Field access
 - RTC Policy Addressed: Bicycle/pedestrian, safety, air quality



FM 429 REALIGNMENT IN TERRELL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNION PACIFIC RAIL LINE



- Roadway and Freight partnership involving TxDOT, NCTCOG/RTC, and Union Pacific:
 - Limits: FM 429 from North of US 80 to approximately 1 mile south of US 80
 - Funding:
 - \$8 million of STBG
 - \$2 million State match
 - Scope: Realign FM 429 with at-grade crossing in order to construct UPRR siding track nearby and to remove offset intersection of US 80 and FM 429
 - RTC Policy Addressed: Freight, safety

FEDERAL/RTR SWAP WITH DENTON COUNTY

- Implementation timeframes for certain projects (school projects in Aledo ISD) would be greatly accelerated by using non-federal funds.
- The Western Subregion has limited RTR funds.
- Denton County has a RTR funding balance coming back from IH 35E (at least \$200 million).
- Staff proposes to fund a currently unfunded project in Denton County with STBG funds and move the same amount of RTR funds from the Denton County account to the Western Subregion to cover the projects in this partnership program, plus leave a balance for future non-federal needs in the West.
- Proposal:
 - Fund a Denton County project, to be determined after the Texas Transportation Commission Unified Transportation Program action this summer, with \$30 million of STBG funds (plus Category 2 funds, if needed, to fully fund it)
 - Move \$30 million RTR from Denton County to Western Subregion Set Aside Account

ACTION REQUESTED

- Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of:
 - The funded projects outlined in this presentation and the cost-revenue matrix in the mail out
 - The exchange of \$30 million STBG funding for \$30 million RTR funding with Denton County
 - Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other administrative/planning documents, as needed

QUESTIONS?

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