

Welcome

Kaufman County Outer Loop Public Hearing

June 30, 2026

Purpose of this Hearing



Inform the public of project status and present the Preferred Alternative.



Provide the public the opportunity to share comments.



Describe the environmental analysis and resulting selection of the Preferred Alternative so the public can review potential project impacts.



Develop a record of public participation.



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Project Overview



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Project Limits

New alignment in Kaufman County
From FM 148 to SH 205



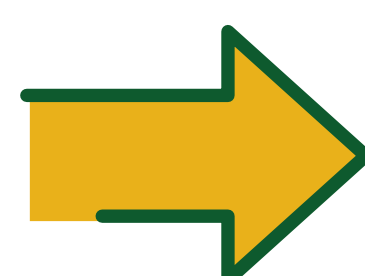
Project Length

8.31 miles



Estimated Construction Cost

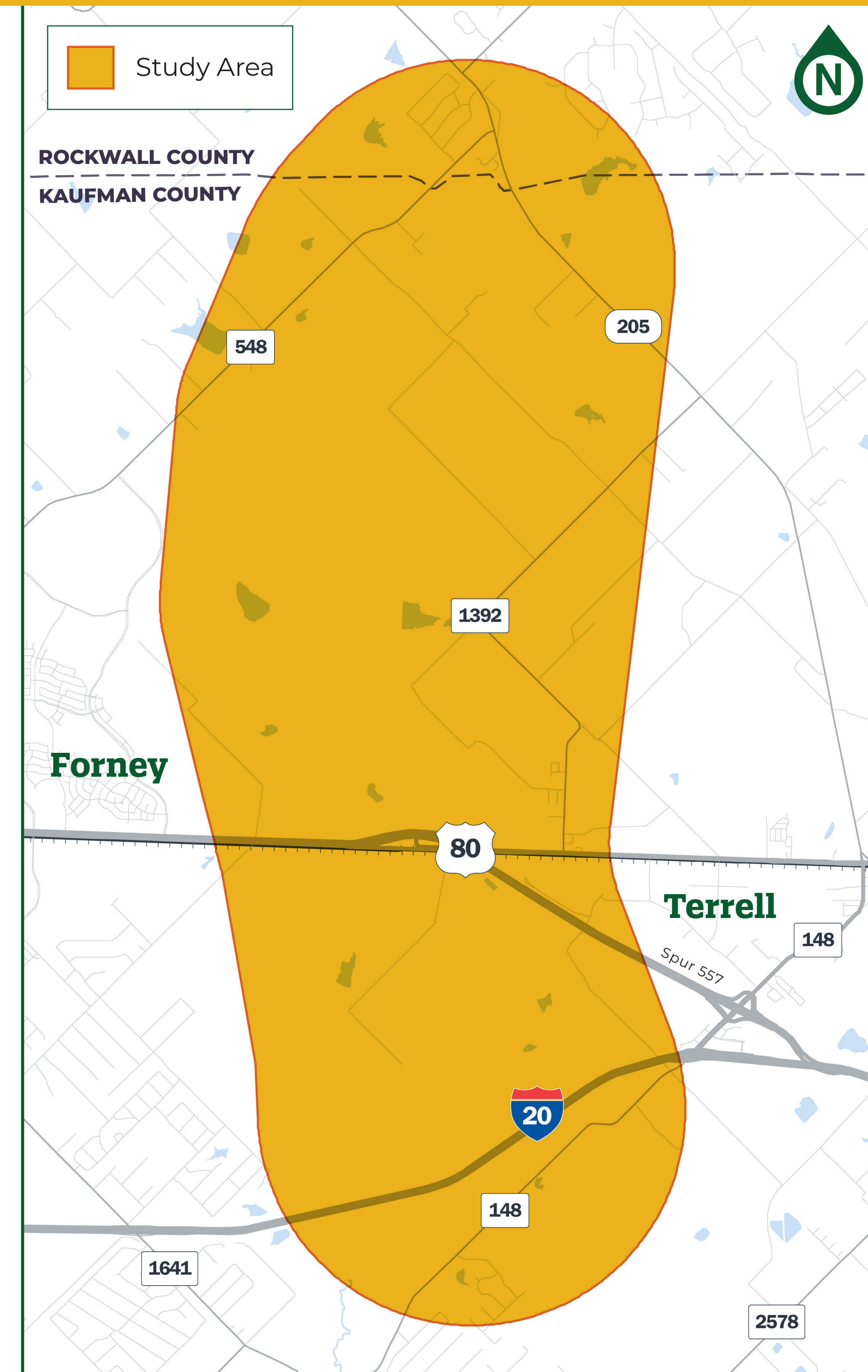
\$1.5 billion*



Estimated Start

To be determined

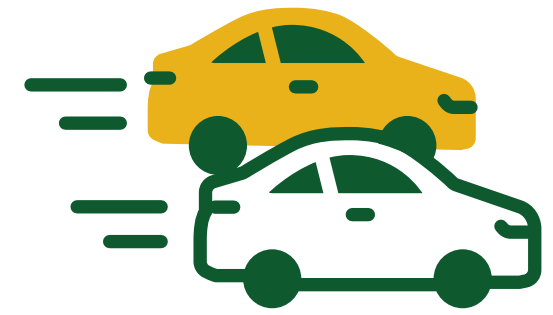
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Concurrent Projects



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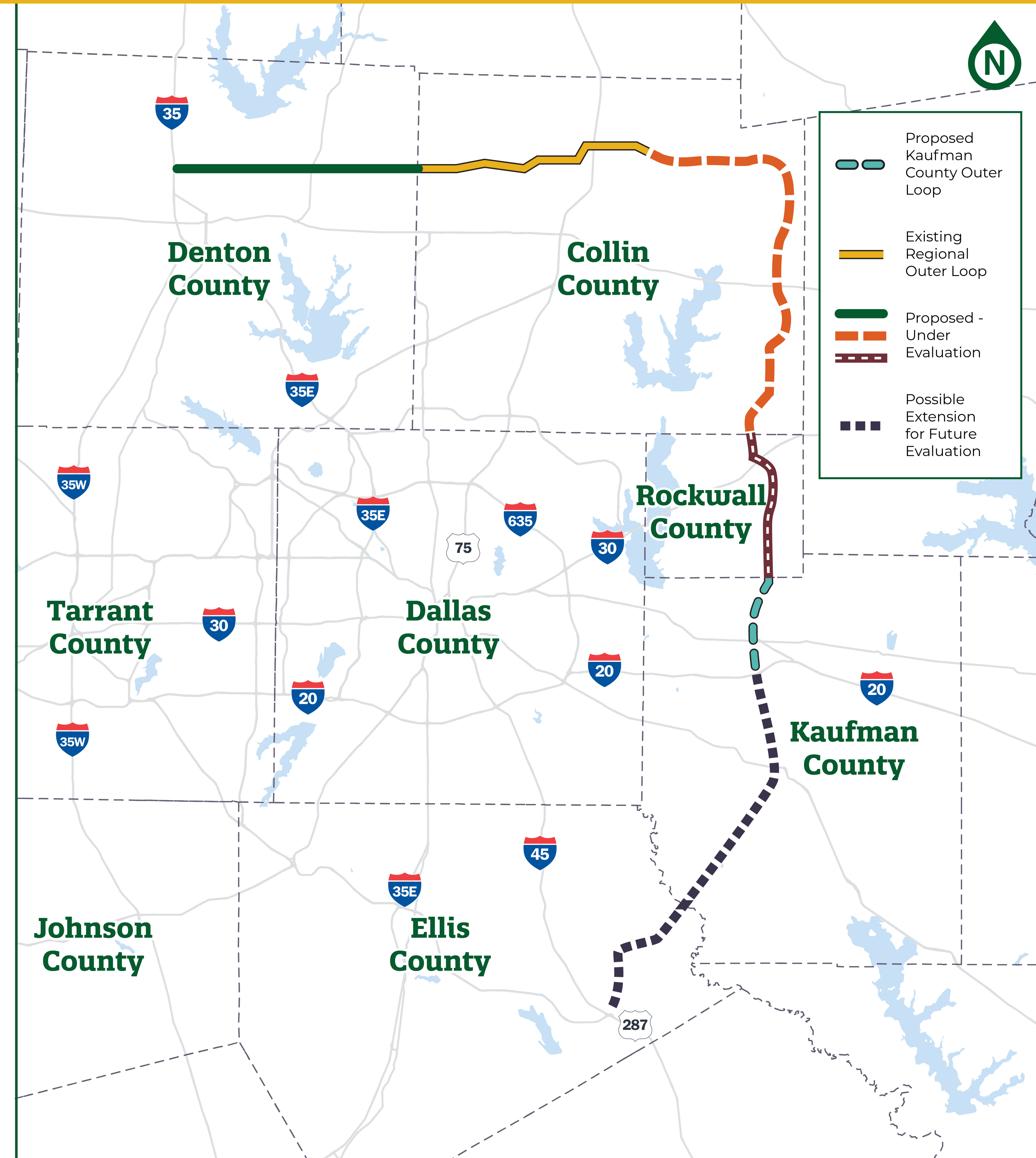
The Kaufman County Outer Loop project is part of a larger effort toward greater regional connectivity, that would lead to improved access across the region and create a positive impact on congested urban areas in DFW and Kaufman County.



The project is a joint effort between Kaufman County and TxDOT.



Three related projects happening concurrently include the Rockwall County Outer Loop, the Collin County Outer Loop, and the Denton County Outer Loop.



Public Involvement to Date



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Public Meetings



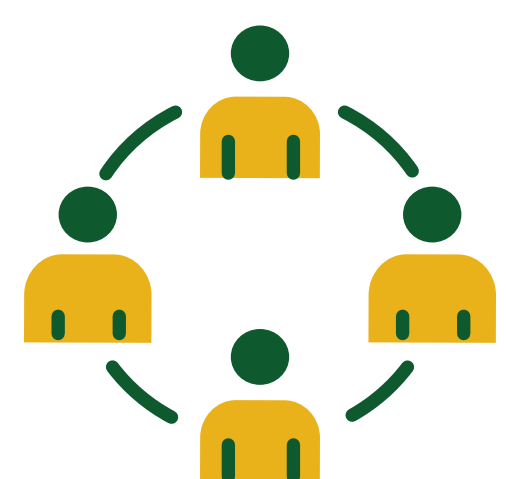
>1,500

Total in-person and virtual meeting participants

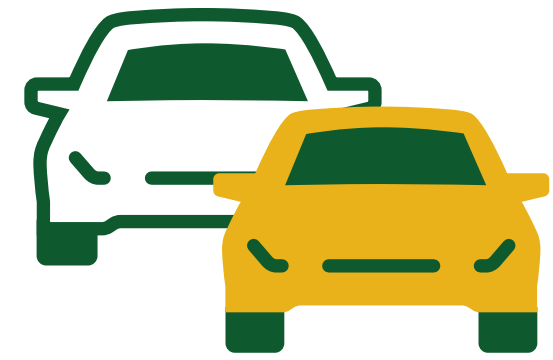


200+

Agency coordination meetings & meetings with community members



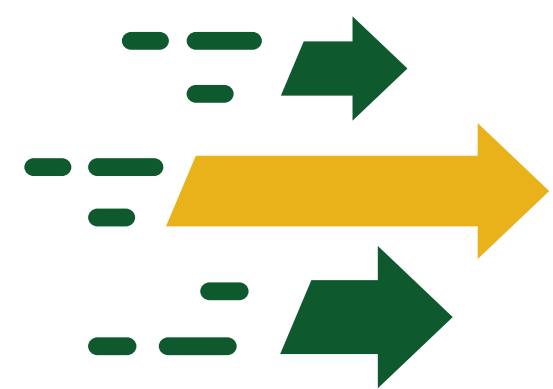
Meetings included neighborhood associations, community groups, elected officials, nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and more.



Need

The project is needed because the existing nearby facilities do not provide adequate mobility and regional connectivity between Kaufman County and the region. Furthermore, the existing nearby facilities cannot accommodate current and future travel demands.

The lack of capacity on the existing roadways within the surrounding areas has resulted in congestion and operational deficiencies that can impact peak period travel times for all users, including emergency response and police vehicles.



Purpose

The project would provide improved access across the region and have a positive impact on congested areas in Kaufman County and the region.

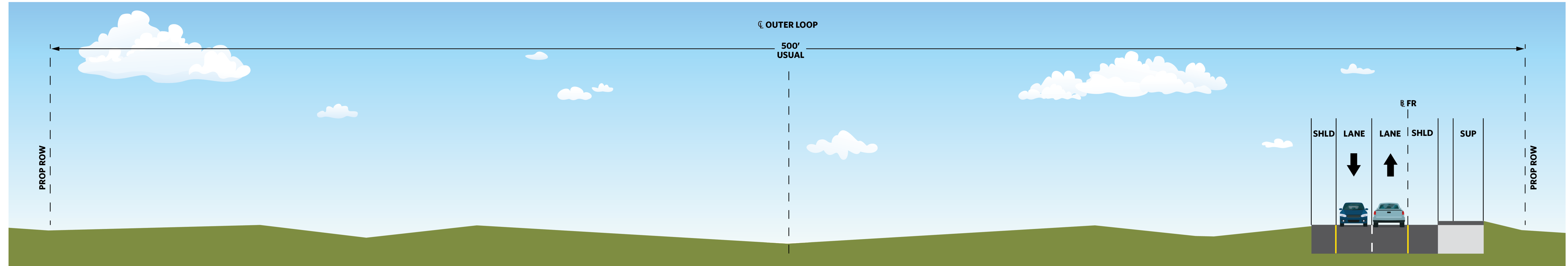
Typical Sections*



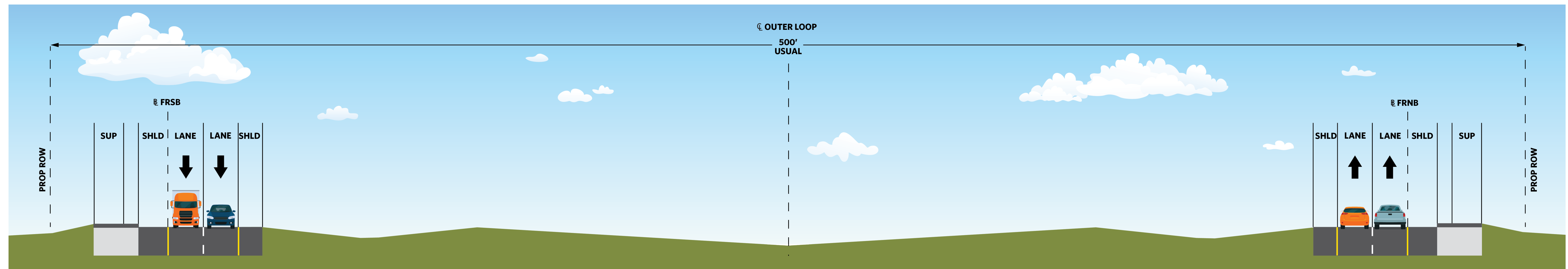
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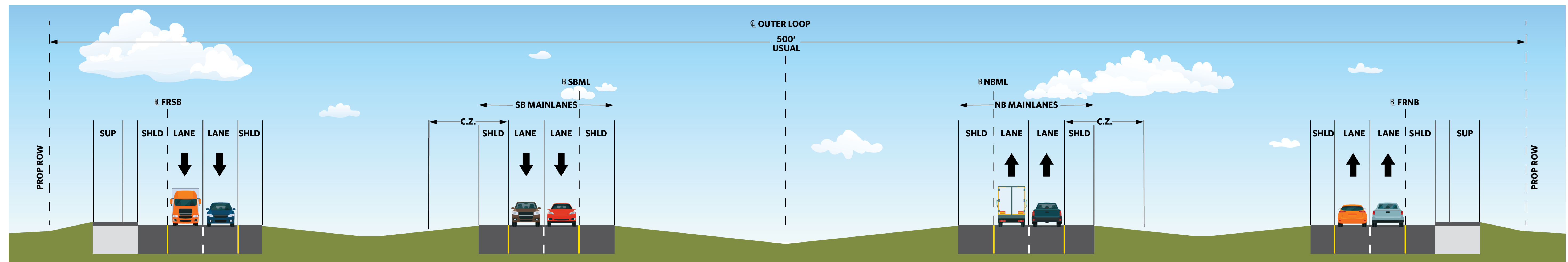
Phase 1



Phase 2



Phase 3 - Proposed



*Subject to change

Alternative Analysis Process

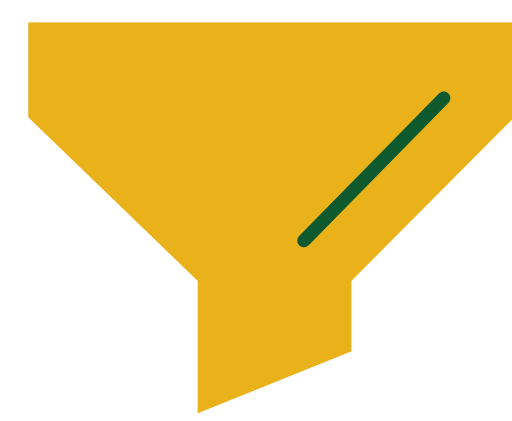


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Preliminary Alternative Analysis

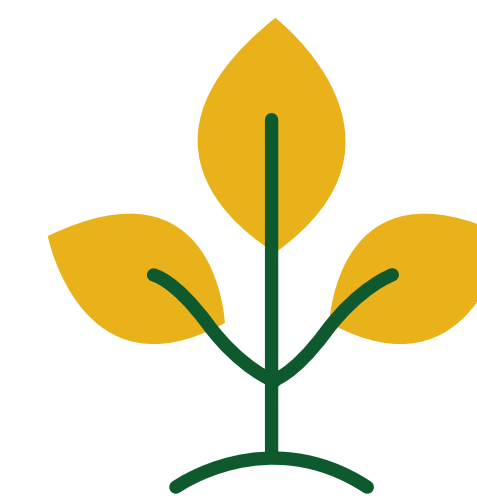
Reasonable
Alternatives
for Further
Consideration



Refined Alternatives



Recommended Alternative



Draft Environmental Assessment



Next Steps

Schematic
Approval and Final
Environmental
Assessment/FONSI

Alternative Analysis



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Preliminary Alignments



62

possible alignments were developed.



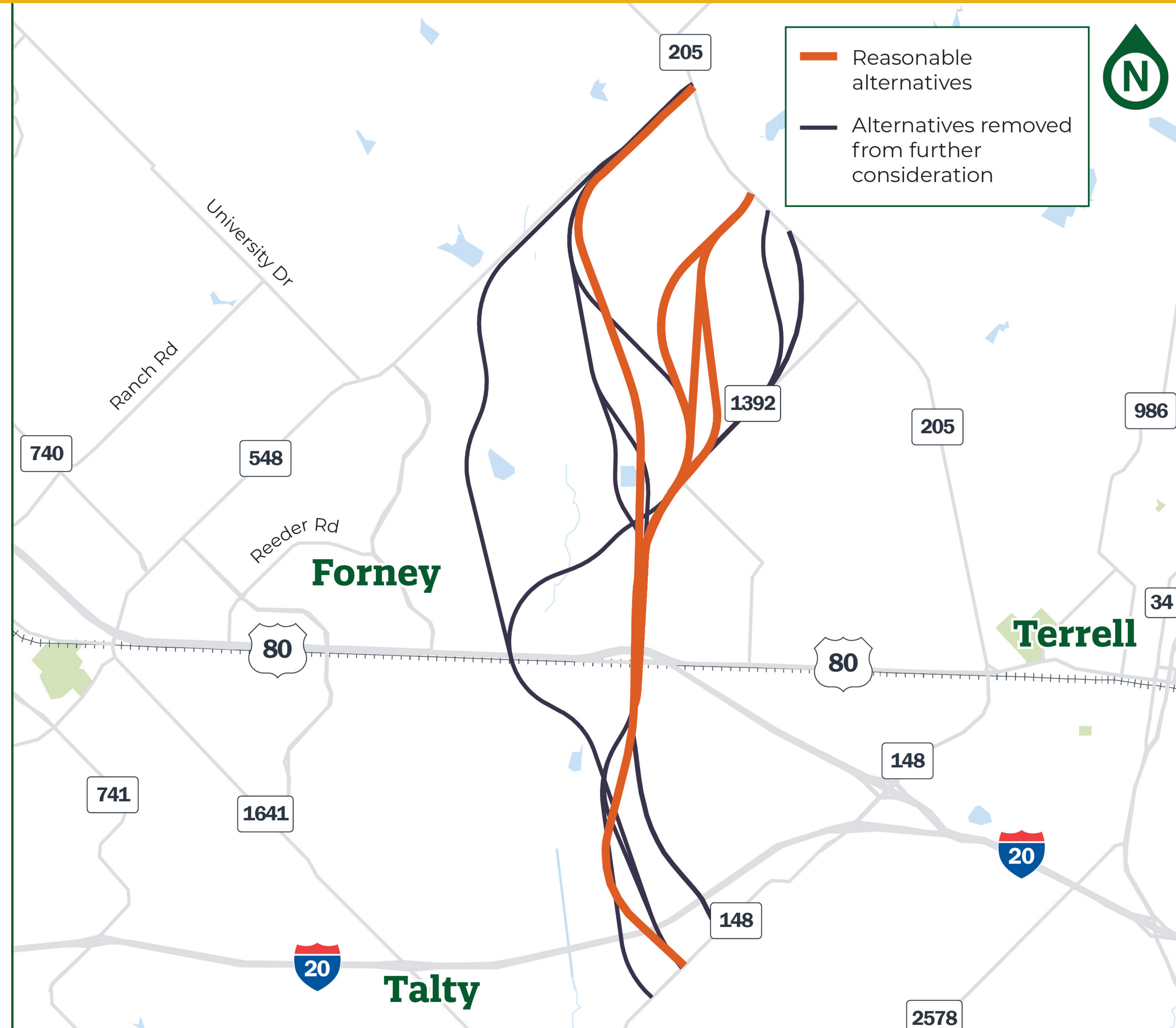
Alignments were evaluated using environmental, engineering and economic criteria.

Reasonable Alternatives



4

reasonable alternatives, in orange, were presented at the 2022 open house and considered for further evaluation and refinement.



Refined Alternatives



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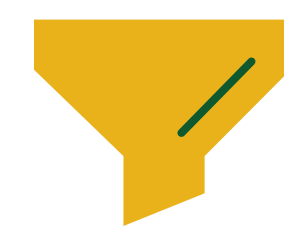


Between the 2022 open house and the 2024 public meeting, the reasonable alternatives were refined based on additional analysis and feedback from stakeholders and the public.



Reasonable Alternative 1 (removed)

Public and stakeholder concerns



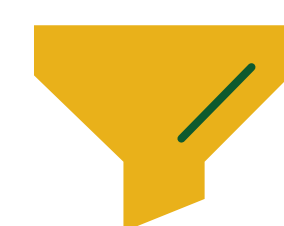
Reasonable Alternative 2 (refined)

Refined to minimize displacements



Reasonable Alternative 3 (removed)

High Point Special Utility District Pump Station #2 displacement



Reasonable Alternative 4 (refined)

Refined to minimize displacements



Preferred Alternative

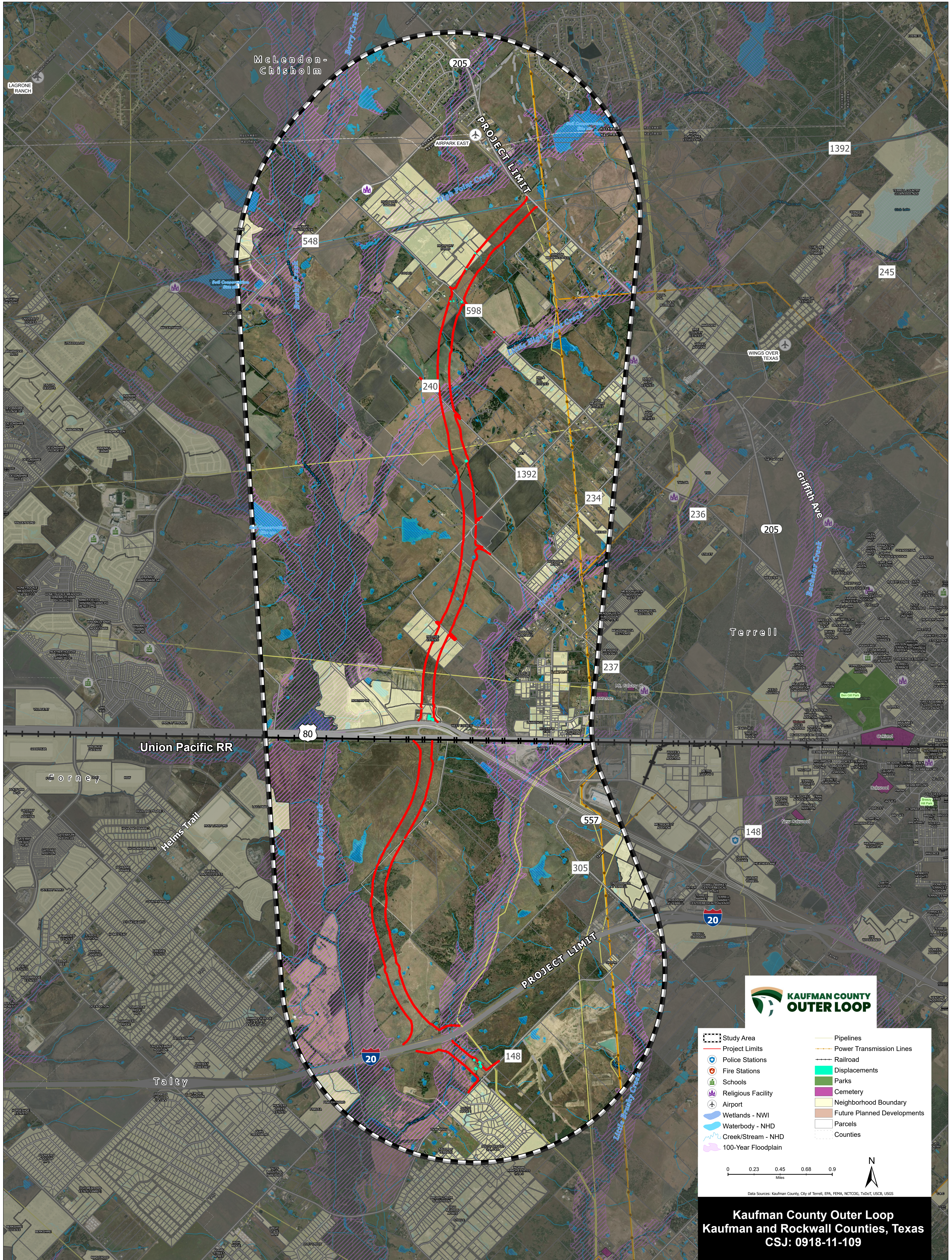
Refined alternatives 2 and 4 were further evaluated and scored to determine the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative was presented at the 2024 public meeting.



Summary of Environmental Findings

Kaufman County, in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review and comment.

The purpose of the EA is to thoroughly examine the potential environmental impacts of the KCOL Project. Following the public review and comment period, should TxDOT find that the proposed project does not lead to significant adverse effects, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be prepared and endorsed.





The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Right-of-Way Property Acquisition



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552

acres



4

displacements



1

residential
property



3

commercial
properties

The right-of-way acquisition and relocation process will be conducted in accordance with the Federal Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

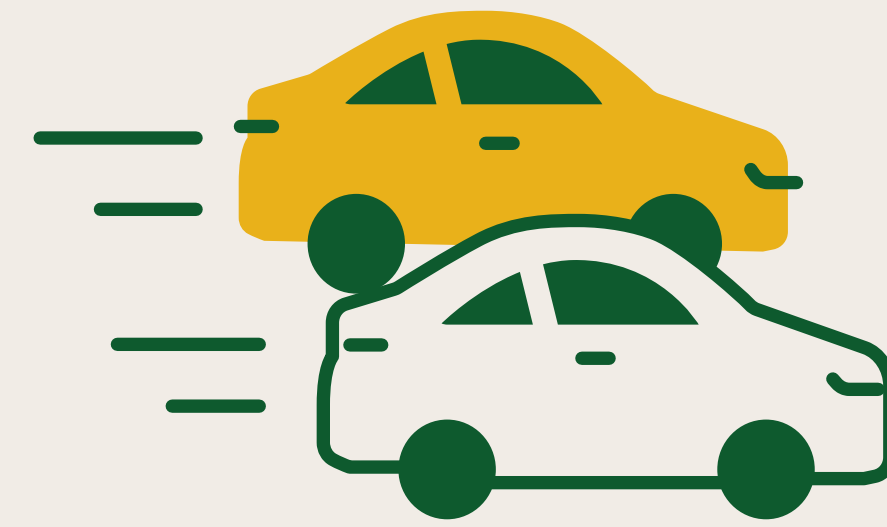
Summary of Environmental Findings: Community Impacts



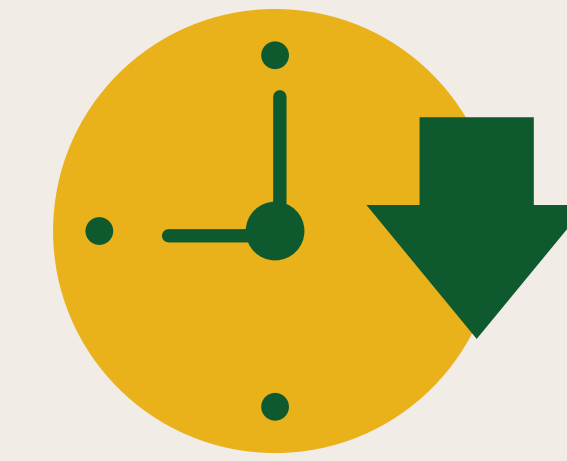
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Improve North-South
Connectivity



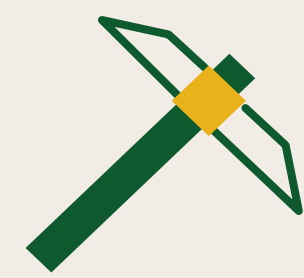
Improve Mobility for
the Region



Reduce overall
travel times

Summary of Environmental Findings: Resources

Cultural



Archeology

No archeological sites identified in areas surveyed. After ROW is acquired, additional surveys will be conducted.



Historic Properties

No historic properties affected.



Section 4(f)/ Section 6(f)

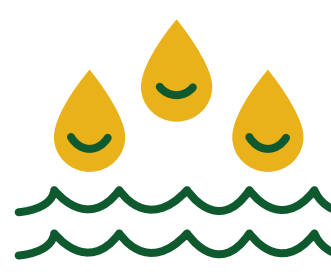
No Section 4(f) or 6(f) properties present in the project area.

Water



Waters of the US crossed

Will require Section 404 Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 with preconstruction notification set forth by United States Army Core of Engineers (USACE).



Floodplains crossed

49.4 acres of Zone A 100-year flood zone and 0.3 acres of Zone AE 100-year flood zone.

Biological



Impacts to Vegetation or Wildlife

Unlikely to adversely affect Federal or State Listed Species.



Construction Vegetation Clearing

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be implemented before, during, and after construction to address the potential presence of protected species and their habitats.

Clearing would be limited to smaller work areas and should be stabilized or restored as quickly as possible.

Vegetation clearing would be limited to that necessary for construction with seeding and revegetation plans developed according to TxDOT guidelines.

Hazardous Materials & Traffic Noise



Hazardous Materials

Three low-risk sites identified in the project area. Any hazardous materials that may be present on these sites will be handled during the ROW acquisition process.



Traffic Noise

No feasible and reasonable noise abatement measures are proposed based on current traffic noise levels and abatement criteria.

Project Development Process



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Input from the public is important and considered at every phase of project development.



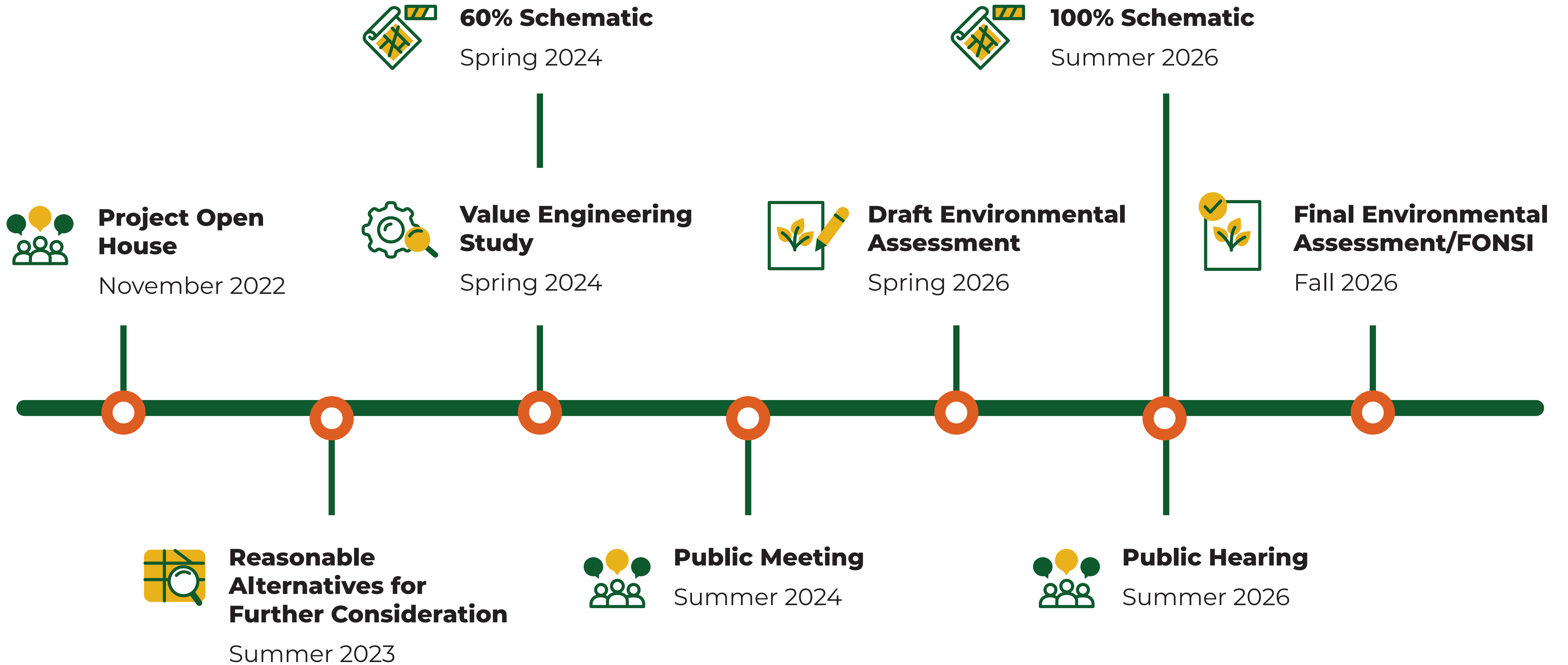
Corridor preservation through land use planning and purchases

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Schedule



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How to Provide Input



Comment Form

In-person or online



Email

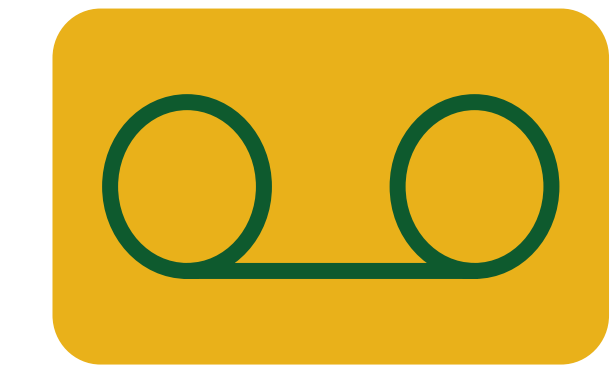
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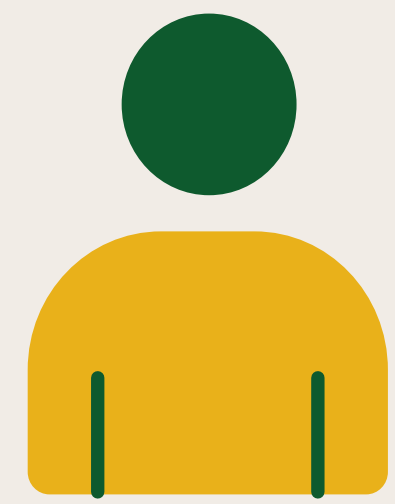
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**All comments must be received or postmarked no later than
Thursday, July 30, 2026, to be included in the public hearing summary.**

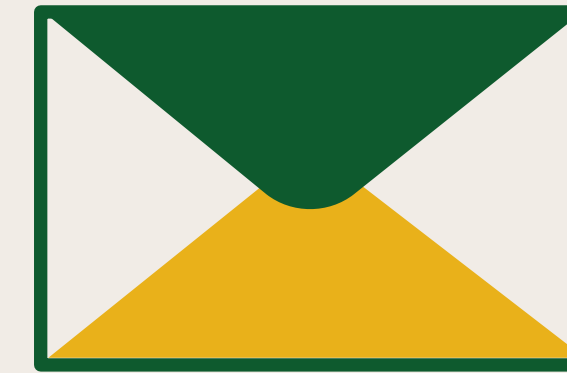
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Regional Outer Loop Projects



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