

Welcome

FM 971 Improvements Open House **Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, 6 – 8 p.m.**

Georgetown City Hall
808 Martin Luther King Jr. Street

Virtual Open House **Aug. 3 – 18, 2023**

Welcome to the virtual open house for the FM 971 Improvements project in Georgetown, Texas. We appreciate you taking the time to view this information and welcome your comments and questions. Contact information for questions or comments is noted at the end of this presentation. Please click the “Sign In” link on the open house meeting page to let us know that you participated. While viewing this video, you may pause the presentation and navigate forward or backward using your video player.

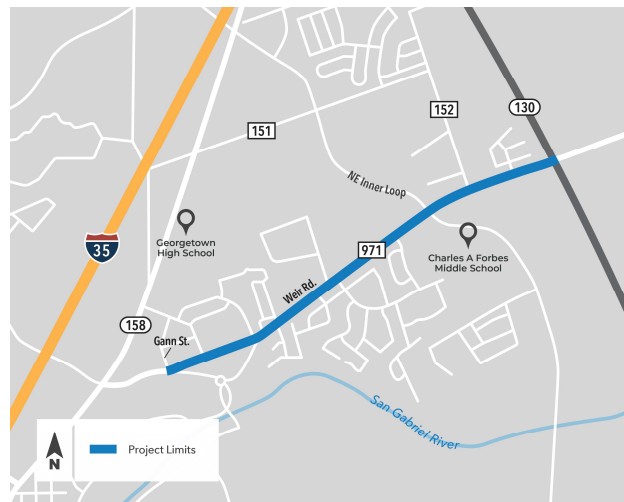
Project Overview



The City of Georgetown in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen FM 971 to a four-lane divided roadway to improve traffic flow and enhance vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle travel safety in this growing area.

Project Funding

The City received a federal Community Funding Project Grant and is seeking additional funding for future phases from local, state and federal sources.



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This project focuses on the segment of FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130. The City of Georgetown, in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation, or TxDOT, is proposing to widen this segment of FM 971 to a four-lane divided roadway to improve traffic flow and enhance vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle travel safety in this growing area.

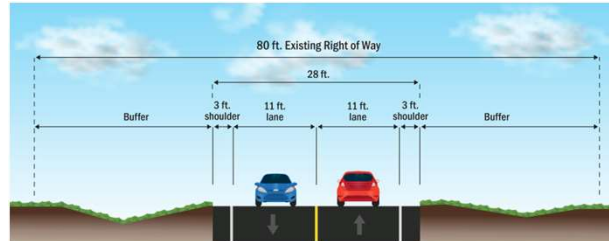
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Project Goals

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- Upgrade roadway to current design and safety standards
- Improve traffic flow as traffic volumes continue to increase
- Enhance safety and connectivity for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists
- Improve access to San Gabriel Park
- Upgrade storm drainage

Existing Roadway Configuration



Traffic Data

7,668
Vehicles Per Day
2021

40%
Projected Traffic Increase
2021 – 2041

10,735
Vehicles Per Day
2041

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FM 971 is currently one lane in each direction with narrow shoulders, no pedestrian or bicycle facilities, and open storm drainage.

In 2021 there was an average of over 7,600 vehicles traveling on this segment of FM 971 each day. Traffic volumes are expected to increase by 40% over the next 20 years resulting in over 10,000 vehicles each day by 2041.

This project aims to upgrade FM 971 to current design and safety standards, improve traffic flow as traffic volumes continue to increase, enhance safety and connectivity for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, improve access to San Gabriel Park, and upgrade storm drainage

Proposed Improvements

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- Construct an additional lane in each direction
- Construct a raised median and dedicated left and right-turn lanes
- Relocate access to San Gabriel Park with a connection and intersection improvements at Parkview Drive
- Construct a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Construct a closed storm drain with curbs and gutters

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Improvements to FM 971 include constructing an additional lane in each direction, constructing a raised median and dedicated left and right turn lanes, relocating access to San Gabriel Park to the intersection at Parkview Drive, constructing a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists, and constructing curbs and gutters for drainage.

The image on the screen provides a view of the proposed roadway configuration. Proposed design for the project can be viewed by clicking on the link to the Design Plans on the project webpage.

Project Development



Project Development Process



Preliminary design is anticipated to be complete in 2024. Final design and construction schedules are dependent upon funding availability.

Environmental Considerations



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 (MOU) dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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There are several steps in developing this project before construction begins. The City has collected and analyzed technical data and developed the preliminary design plan. We are collecting feedback from the community and will use that feedback in conjunction with additional technical evaluations to refine design plans. Preliminary design is anticipated to be complete in 2024. Final design and construction schedules have not been determined and are dependent upon funding availability.

As this project is developed, the City of Georgetown and TxDOT are evaluating potential impacts to the environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Those evaluations include the study of community impacts, air quality, biological resources such as vegetation, construction impacts, and water resources and drainage.

Comments & Questions



Your comments and questions are welcome. To submit a comment, please use one of the options noted below. The Virtual Open House will be open through Friday, Aug. 18, 2023.



Email Your Comment
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All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, August 18, 2023 to be included in the open house documentation.

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Your comments are an important part of developing this project and we want to hear from you. You may send your comments by email or by mail to the project team. You are welcome to share comments at any point during the project development process, but comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, August 18, 2023 to be included in the open house documentation.

Thank you for your participation in the virtual open house!