

Documentation of Public Meeting

Project Location

Williamson County

Farm-to-Market 971 CSJ: 2691-01-043

Project Limits

Gann Street to SH 130

Meeting Location

transportation.georgetown.org/transportation-projects/fm-971/

Meeting Date and Time

Thursday, Aug. 3 – Friday, August 18, 2023

Translation Services

Spanish translation available upon request

Presenters

No presenters considering prerecorded virtual public meeting

Elected Officials in Attendance

N/A

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

In-person: 60; Virtual: 53 unique visitors

Total Number of Commenters

26

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A. Comment/Response Matrix

Comment No.	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment	Comment Response
1	Tammy Dunham	8/3/2023	Emailed Comment	Does the city plan to enforce imminent domain on property lining 971 in Katy cove estates? I live on corner of bastian and deep creek.	There is no proposed neighborhood.
2	Tom Wald	8/4/2023	Emailed Comment	I am providing brief comments for the TxDOT project, FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130. Thank you for the inclusion of shared-use paths on both sides of the highway for this project. These will help provide local and longer- distance connectivity for walk, bike, roll, and transit-connecting trips. This will also help create a connection to the future SH 130 shared use path.	Thank you for your co
3	Jackson Hurst	8/4/2023	Emailed Comment	I approve and support Georgetown, TX/TxDOT's FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130 Project. The aspect that I love about Georgetown, TX/TxDOT's FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130 Project is that FM-971 will be widened from 2 lanes to 4 lanes in each direction from Gann Street to TX-130 which will improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve access to San Gabriel Park.	Thank you for your co
4	Suzanne Buchele	8/9/2023	Emailed Comment	To whom it may concern, Thank you, thank you, tor your thoughtful FM 971 planned upgrade that takes into consideration the growth of Georgetown in this area and the needs of the surrounding community! I wished we had sidewalks when our daughter was at Forbes Middle School, but am thrilled that future generations will have the opportunity to safely walk or bike to and from school! My main comment is hopefully just a question – since the main entryways to San Gabriel Park from FM 971 will be along Parkview Drive, it will be vital for there to be sidewalks along the expanded Parkview Drive. Will sidewalks along the expanded Parkview Drive be part of the plan? I don't see them in the schematic. It appears on the schematic that there will not be a light or crosswalk at Gann Street to San Gabriel Park, or a light or crosswalk from Parque Vista Drive to Morrow Street to access San Gabriel Park, so it is unrealistic for the foot and bicycle traffic from all of the Parkview Estates Neighborhood as well as Parkside Crossing, to access San Gabriel Park only by Austin Avenue. Foot traffic WILL use the expanded Parkview Drive, and it would be a tragedy for there to not be sidewalks!	Pedestrian facilities v San Gabriel Park. Sid of Parkview Drive tha opportunities to mak the design is refined.

ed ROW from the Katy Cove Estates comment. comment. es will be reviewed to ensure accessibility to Sidewalks are proposed along the segment that enters the park. We will look for nake additional pedestrian connections as ed.

				I appreciate the flexibility of the virtual town hall and the opportunity of several days to comment!	
5	Monica Parks	8/15/2023	Emailed Comment	To whom it may concern: My name is Monica R. Parks-Viramontes and my husband Guillermo Viramontes live at 206 Gann Street Georgetown, Texas 78626 We are pleased with the changes that will be happening as proposed for FM971. The proposed changes will make it safer for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.	Thank you for your co
6	Diane Prinz	8/16/2023	Emailed Comment	To whom it may concern, >> As a 23 year resident of Parque Circle in Parkview Estates, the homes and people on our street will be significantly affected by the construction and changes to the design and road way. We boarder 971, and the proposed wider road and side walks will literally be in the back yards of our neighbors. >> >> We understand the need (and have championed) for improved safety on 971. However, there must be a balance between improvements and consideration for the tax payers who have lived in, and invested in, the community for decades. >> >> Some concerns about the proposed plan that directly affect the residents of Parkview Estates are as follows: >> 1. Need for a Sound / Privacy Barrier: needed early in the project to protect neighbors who live right up against the construction, and to address the safety and significant road noise. >> 2. The proposed median to prohibit left turns onto Parque Vista: >> Simply, such an inconvenience to not have direct access to the main road that we live yards from. (A solution at the Parque Vista / 971 intersection is the proposed protected left turn - like the one at Deep Creek Dr.) >> Please consider the long time residents, and our quality of life that will be impacted by the designs and decisions, and months of heavy construction.	A noise analysis is be studies on the projec There are multiple co that prevent adding including concerns w well as space constra We recognize wideni closer to established require drivers to mo balance solutions tha growing area with th the community, while
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Riverhaven Dr. could then be closed as set out in the plan; however, it too could serve to improve traffic flow from the park if a 3-way light were placed at 971 and Riverhaven. I say 3-way light since it would then be necessary to cut off access to Gann St from 971 by creating a cul-de- sac where the subdivision ends behind the DaVita Dialysis Center; which would still leave 3 entrances/exits into Park View Estates.	
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				Riverhaven Dr. could then be closed as set out in the plan; however, I suggest cutting off through traffic at the intersection of Rio Vista Drive and Park View Drive with a barrier and signage reading "Deadend" thereby creating a "T" intersection for the use of Park View Estate residents only.	
				Walking residents would also benefit if the City would remove the installed cement blocks to slow down traffic, potentially preventing trips and/or falls along this unlit street and extend the unfinished sidewalk on Park View Drive to N. Austin Avenue. Pedestrians walk on both sides of the street to the park, Chevron, and small businesses on N. Austin Ave.	
				Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and my suggestions.	
9	Jessica Prinz	8/17/2023	Emailed Comment	To whom it may concern, my name is Jessica. I'm a resident of the Parkview Estates neighborhood, and I live on the cul-de-sac closest to FM 971 [Parque Circle; highlighted in yellow in reference picture A.]. I hope that my input will be helpful for the decision process. Firstly, if a sound barrier wall for the residents who live closest to FM 971 is not in the current plan, I want to earnestly ask y'all to truly consider incorporating it into the designs. Our lives are going to greatly disrupted by the construction while the project is ongoing, so that sound barrier seems like a great antidote for the some of the headaches we will experience. If the sound barrier could be built very early on in the construction process, that would be even better. Secondly, please don't put a full median in front of the Parque Vista Drive entrance! It would eliminate the left turn into that entrance, which deprives us of quickly reaching our houses. This would affect not only those living near this specific entrance, but also many more residents because most of us would be forced to redirect through their streets, rather than having direct access to our street. So if it's possible to have a safe left lane turn onto Parque Vista Drive, please make that a reality! [reference picture B.] (An example might be the left turn lane to Gann Street, or the proposed protected left turn lane to Deep Creek Drive in Katy Crossing.)	A noise analysis is be studies on the projec There are multiple co that prevent adding including concerns w well as space constra We recognize wideni closer to established require drivers to mo balance solutions tha growing area with th the community, whil
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				Dear FM 971 Project Team,	
				Please see attached comments pertaining to the recent FM 971 Expansion Open House conducted on August 3, 2023. Please include these comments as part of the Open House record. We absolutely love living in this part of Georgetown and given that our home at 106 Parque Circle, Georgetown, TX is the closest home to FM 971 along the portion that will be widened, we are extremely interested in this project and especially the noise abatement plan. In addition to these comments, I would love to have a conversation with a member of the project team to better understand the process and plan. Without a doubt, we have a mutual interest in seeing FM 971 modernized and improved in the best possible way in support of our community. Thank you!	
10	Nick Prisco	8/18/2023	Emailed Comment	Attached Comment Form: Thank you for hosting the FM 971 Open House. We were unable to attend due to being out of town, but we watched the Virtual Open House to gain a better understanding of the scope of the project. I believe our home at 106 Parque Cir in the Parkview Estates Subdivision is the closest home to the current road and will be even closer to the road as it expands to a four-lane road. As traffic has increased dramatically in recent years and is expected to increase to more than 10,000 vehicles per day, as noted in your presentation, we are greatly concerned about road noise. I don't see any sound abatement / noise barrier detailed in the Preliminary Design Plan. Given this will be a Type 1 Project under current TxDOT Traffic Noise Policy, can the project team please provide an explanation of when/how the traffic noise study will be conducted and the process for approving and building a sound wall along portions of FM 971 with residential properties (Activity Category B) immediately adjacent to the road? I am confident the current and projected dBA levels will greatly exceed thresholds and justify sound abatement. Thank you!	A noise analysis is be studies on the proje
11	Bonnie Pfluger	8/18/2023	Emailed Comment	Thank you for allowing us to give our opinion I knew this day would come to widen FM 971, My concerns that at the Parkview entrance at 971, the light would be beneficial but most accidents are at the Gann and 971. It's hard to turn left into the subdivision can't see the oncoming cars or speed, and if they pull out a Chevron which I believe since so bright at station people don't realize they don't have their lights on? with no lights on, it's really difficult to see them. I live on the corner Gann & Rio Vista Dr and I see multiple accidents that happens there at Gann and 971 & widening to 4 lanes which puts now crossing over 2 lanes I'm afraid that since the traffic light will be at PV & 971 that most people tries to avoid lights and they'll turn at Gann to go through which will add even more additional traffic down Gann St since they will not want to go and wait at the light. For the people that is trying to avoid turning left at Gann will be difficult to turn left at light PV & 971 which very difficult to turn left onto Rio Vista because of the curb blockers.	Removing the Riverl greatly help the safe were investigated fo Dr/Parkview Dr/ Mor proposing the new i for vehicle and pede

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				Of course I don't know the answers but hope the professionals will look at this?	
12	Mark Karamalak	8/18/2023	Emailed Comment	Hello, my name is Mark Karamalak and I live at 104 Parque Circle. The proposed expansion will directly affect my house. The expansion will come right up against my fence. I was wondering if any sound barrier is included in the proposal. If no sound barrier is planned for my house I will have to plan to sell my house and move out of the city.	A noise analysis is be studies on the projec
				Please let me know. Hello,	
				I am a resident homeowner in the Parkview Estates neighborhood, adjacent to FM 971. I strongly support the proposed improvements.	
				I drive on FM 971 almost every day. It absolutely needs to become a 4- lane road to support the level of traffic on it. And a pedestrian/bike path is desperately needed. People frequently walk or bike right on the edge of the road, where there's no shoulder. It's so dangerous, especially at the speeds many of the vehicles are going.	
13	Kelly Pattillo	lo 8/18/2023	Emailed Comment	Lastly, I definitely support making the intersection at FM 971 that leads to San Gabriel Park into a "regular" intersection where the roads meet at right angles. I very frequently come from the San Gabriel traffic circle to FM 971 via Morrow Street, and turning onto 971 is dangerous with the limited visibility caused by the sharp angle of the road. (And it's not much better at Riverhaven).	Thank you for your co
				After these improvements are made, I expect it will take me longer to cross or turn onto 971 almost every day, waiting at the stoplight - but it's worth it for the benefits to traffic flow and safety.	
				Thank you for your time.	
14	Robert (Bob) Ward	8/18/2023	Emailed Comment	 The greatest concern is that the City of Georgetown does not have uniform Design Standards for Shared-Use Paths that cross all jurisdictions. The same standards should apply to all departments: Parks and Recreation, as well as Transportation. They should also apply within Georgetown City Limits when the State of Texas or Williamson County are managing projects, as well as private developers. The functionality and safety for users of All Ages and Abilities (AAA) should be crucial when considering Shared-Use Path Design Standards. 1. Longitudinal Placement. AASHTO recommends wide separation between a Shared-Use Path and an adjacent highway. They recommend barriers if the separation is less than 5 feet. All factors for operation and safety that AASHTO points out should be considered (the side path along the Southbound Frontage Road of I-35 South of University in Round Rock is not a good example). 	This project provides of the project limits. ⁻ ADA criteria.

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				 Width. The total width should provide for a minimum 10-foot tread (or traveling surface) plus a minimum of 3-foot clearance on each side of the tread for railings, lamps, footings, junction boxes, planters, litter bins, call boxes and other lateral obstructions, making the minimum clear space 16-feet. These are the dimensions that AASHTO recommends (the new underpass below Wier Road is not a god example). Shared-Use Path Junctions. The major junction points should be designs that dictate reduced speeds for cyclists while allowing Yield conditions for each direction and not requiring stops. Curvature should meet minimum radii standards to maintain bicycle stability and safety while traveling through the junctions (the new connection of Shared-Use Paths at Wolf Ranch Parkway and Northwest Bypass is not a good example). Bicycles do not fare well with curvature that is too tight or square corners and neither do pedestrians (unless they are marching bands). AASHTO provides several guidelines for curvature along Shared-Use Paths. Vertical Clearance. 10 feet should be desired, especially when trimming vegetation. However 8 feet should be an absolute minimum. Level of Service (LOS). This is the measurement of comfort and perceived safety along the Shared-Use Path. It should consider active factors such as traffic, speed, trucks and other active factors and passive considerations such as noise, shade, scenery, rest areas, restrooms, drinking fountains and other amenities. 	
15	Lois Robinson	8/18/2023	Emailed Comment	ramps and landings. I am Lois Robinson, 70 Freddie Drive, Georgetown. Mailing address is PO Box 2016, Georgetown, 78627. Our home and 5 acres of land is located at the corner of Haverland and Freddie Drive. We are concerned about the entrances/exits to the proposed development on FM971 and Haverland. Originally, the developer told our neighborhood that the development was required to have 3 entrances. 2 would be on FM 971 and 1 would be on Haverland and would be a gated, locked exit accessible for emergencies only. The proposed development is proposing 300+ rental units. The proposed transportation design shows only one entrance/exit off of 971, which would be accessible only for the East. The other entrances would be off Haverland. All west and east bound traffic will have to enter through Haverland Drive. Our neighborhood will have to fight 300+ people to leave our homes. This is dangerous as it leaves only 1 exit from the proposed subdivision heading west. Please reconsider the entrances/exits from this subdivision. Please reconsider the divided barriers in front of this subdivision.	Driveway locations f development proces project. To provide the great median breaks for les spaced to provide lo number of vehicles to regular travel lanes. longer, safer distance and approach the im recommended space median breaks alone We recognize reduce to modify their traves that improve traffice impacts those soluti keeping safety as th

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16	Pam Taylor	8/19/2023	Emailed Comment	Concerned about high levels of roadway noise, decrease in property value of my home and overall reduction in quality of life. More traffic, more noise, more stress. It's already cacophonous with 971, I-35 and air traffic.	We recognize this pr neighborhood, partic adjacent to the new engineers are workin property owners with City's transportation tremendous growth projects and plannin quality of life as the a safer travel. A noise analysis is be studies on the project
17	Brad Curlee	8/3/2023	Written Comment Form	For future, can we secure more ROW now along corridor? I would guess this area will need 6 lanes soon.	The City does not hav expand FM 971 due t as the cemetery.
18	Rachel Lowder	8/3/2023	Written Comment Form	The proposed ROW along 971 from Gann to the cemetery is unproportionally taken from R039580. All parcels on North side of 971 from Gann to cemetery are set back enough to take ROW from those parcels.	Project The proposed previously constructed and to avoid resident this area. ROW need refined where feasib
19	Richard Risener	7/29/2023	Letter	My Name is Richard Risener. My wife Charlotte and I have lived in the Parkview Estates for the past 26 years. We have seen the growth which has occurred along CR 971. We've also witnessed the city and county's reluctance to do anything to relieve the traffic flow on this old, inadequate, worn-out road. From our perspective, of first consideration, should be the safety of the residents who have to use the road in order to shop, visit schools, doctors, etc. At the present time, there's not a single signal light on any of the entrance/exit from Parkview Estates. During the normal day this presents a challenge to anyone wishing to leave our development. This situation is only more problematic when school is in session. The city/county has continued to allow building along the is road, yet they've done almost nothing to alleviate the problem. Secondly, instead of purchasing the old rest home property and building a museum of Georgetown history on it, you've left it as an eyesore for all to see. This would be a great way to enlarge the park and make use of the property. The playground could be expanded and a swimming pool for this side of town could be built to replace the one that disappeared several years ago.	Proposed improvem and FM 971 include a San Gabrial Park to p Drive. The property that pre it is privately owned. that property to coor the park. Planned im here: https://city-geo projects.cleargov.cor

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				As longtime members of this community and this subdivision, our voices should matter. We ask that you seriously consider our concerns and make the necessary changes. Sincerely, Richard Risener	
20	Anonymous	8/3/2023	Mapped Comment	This intersection needs re-aligning. Dangerous ped crossing!	The FM 971/Gann Str proposed to be reco be removed due to s conflicting moveme shifted to Parkview I pedestrian crossings
21	Anonymous	8/3/2023	Mapped Comment	Commercial amenities that serve nearby neighborhoods & Georgetown overall	Thank you for your c
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23	Anonymous	8/3/2023	Mapped Comment	What about expanding Airport Rd for 3rd HS?	There are no improve time.
24	Anonymous	8/3/2023	Mapped Comment	Signal?	A traffic signal here v proposed at Parkviev Crossing.
25	Anonymous	8/3/2023	Mapped Comment	Driveway access	Will review access to turning movements

vements planned to Airport Rd. at this	
would be too close to the new signal w Drive and existing signal at Katy	
o this parcel and evaluate eastbound left s to the property.	

26	Anonymous	8/3/2023	Mapped Comment	Emergency access	Will review emergend Emergency access wi new Parkview Dr. cor
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ncy access requirements for this area. will be maintained to this area through the onnection proposed as part of this project.

B. Notices

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Public Meeting Notice

Emailed to 14 elected officials and mailed to 80 adjacent property owners and stakeholders on July 21, 2023

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Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Mail: FM 971 Project Team, c/o CD&P, PO Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763 Email: gloveless@cdandp.com In-person: Comment forms will be available at the open house

All comments must be received on or before Friday, Aug. 18, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at txdot.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the open house, please contact the FM 971 Project Team at 512-354-2627 or gloveless@cdandp.com.

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 December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Notice to Elected Officials, Adjacent Property Owners, Community Stakeholders

Emailed to 14 elected officials and mailed with Flyer to community stakeholders and 80 adjacent property owners on July 21, 2023

Stakeholder Letter

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July 20, 2023	
[Address Block]	
RE: FM 971 Improv	ements Project
Dear [Name],	
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flyer enclosed for	s are available in the Notice of Open House and Gather Round Project Expo your reference. The project webpage is available at orgetown.org/transportation-projects/fm-971
	uestions or need additional information on this project, please contact the hone at 512- 354-2627.
Sincerely,	
Nathaniel Waggo Transportation Pl City of Georgetow	anning Coordinator
Enclosures: Notice of In-Persc Open House Flye	on Open House with Virtual Option r
	City Hall 808 Martin Luther King Jr. SL Georgetown, TX 78627

FM 971 Improvements Open House

The City of Georgetown is hosting an open house to share proposed improvements to FM 971. Join us at the Gather Round Georgetown Project Expo and visit the FM 971 Open House!

Join us in person:

GATHER ROUND Georgetoun PROJECT EXPO

6 - 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023 808 Martin Luther King Jr. St.

Virtual option: August 3 – August 18, 2023 Available online beginning at 6 p.m. bit.ly/FM971

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Elected Official Contact List

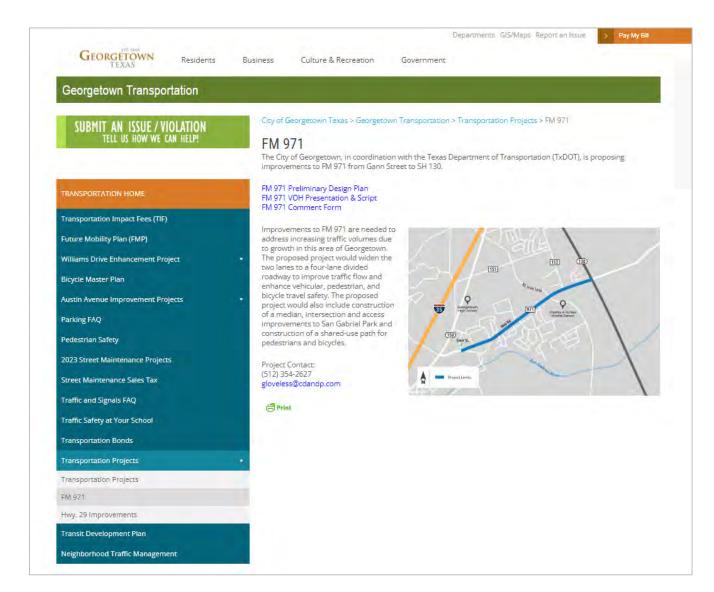
Office	Name	Letter Salutation	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Zip code	Email
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Texas House of Representatives, District 20	Terry Wilson	Representative Wilson	Texas House of Representatives, District 20	710 Main Street, Suite 242	Georgetown	ΤХ	78626	terry.wilson@house.texas.gov
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-		221 FM 971	Sto 101		TX	
Antiz LLC			Ste. 101	Georgetown	TX	78626-4634
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PR EB Properties LLC		617 Eastlake Ave E	Ste. 305	Seattle	WA	98109
Victor & Maria Olga Alegria		315 Parque Vista Dr		Georgetown	TX	78626-4535
Billy & Mary A Miller Trust	c/o Lorentte	170 Haverland Dr		Georgetown	TX	78626
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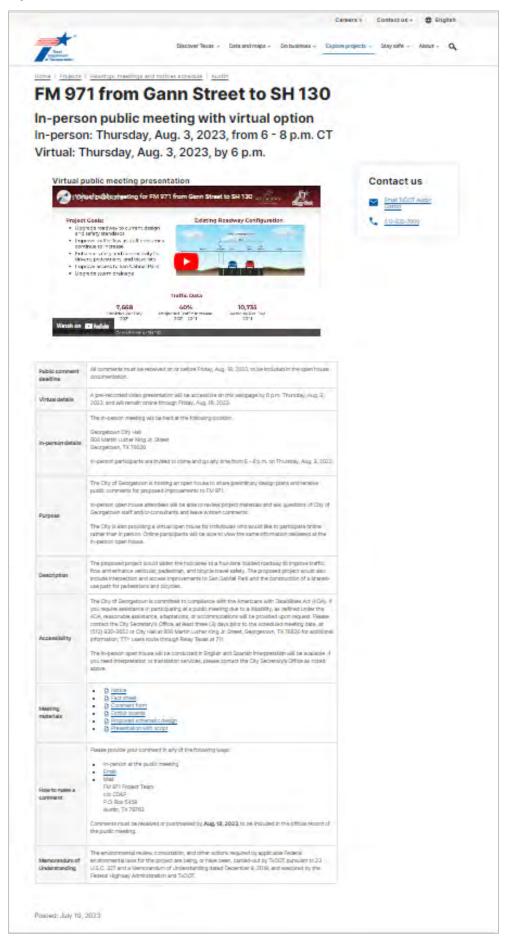
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Charles Smith Santos Alexander		140 Bastian Ln		Georgetown	TX	78626
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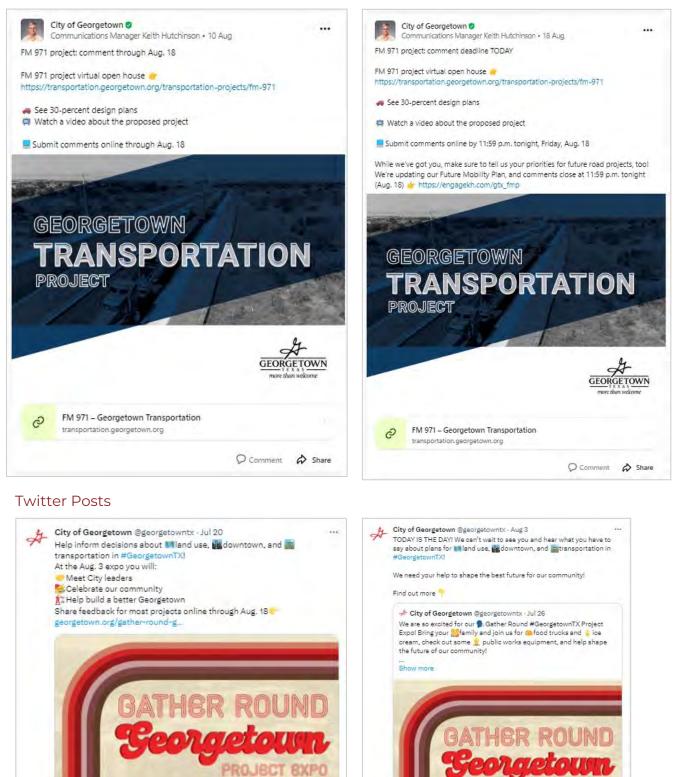
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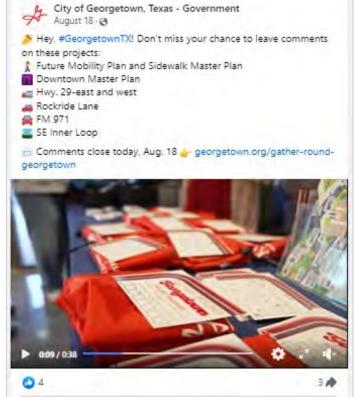
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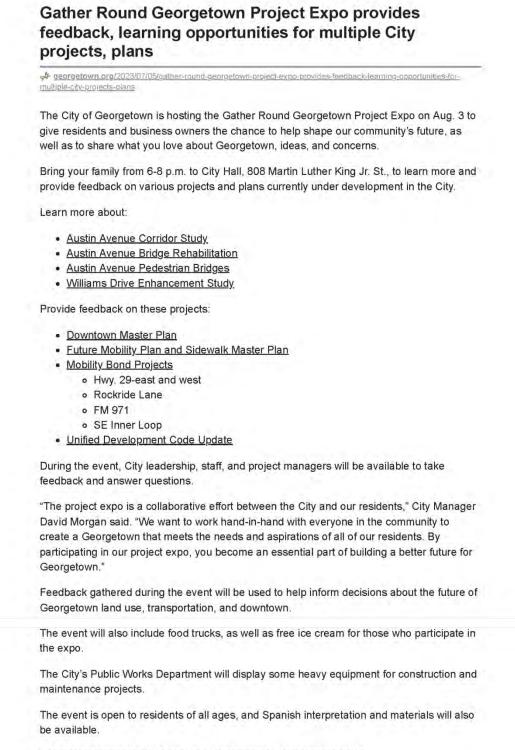




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FM 971 Improvements Project

Date:

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Name	Business/ Organization	Address	Phone/ Email
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FM 971 Improvements Project

Date: 8/3/2023

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Grant Loveless

From:	Tammy Dunham
Sent:	Thursday, August 3, 2023 6:17 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	Fm 971

Does the city plan to enforce imminent domain on property lining 971 in Katy cove estates? I live on corner of bastian and deep creek.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device Get <u>Outlook for Android</u>

Grant Loveless

From:	Tom Wald
Sent:	Friday, August 4, 2023 8:49 AM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	Input for TxDOT project: FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130

I am providing brief comments for the TxDOT project, FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130.

Thank you for the inclusion of shared-use paths on both sides of the highway for this project. These will help provide local and longer-distance connectivity for walk, bike, roll, and transit-connecting trips. This will also help create a connection to the future SH 130 shared-use path.

-Tom

Tom Wald Executive Director

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Grant Loveless

From:	Jackson Hurst
Sent:	Friday, August 4, 2023 2:39 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130 Public Meeting (8/3/23-8/18/23) Public Comment

Name - Jackson Hurst

Address - 4216 Cornell Crossing, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Comment - I approve and support Georgetown, TX/TxDOT's FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130 Project. The aspect that I love about Georgetown, TX/TxDOT's FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130 Project is that FM-971 will be widened from 2 lanes to 4 lanes in each direction from Gann Street to TX-130 which will improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve access to San Gabriel Park.

sent from

From:	Suzanne B
Sent:	Wednesday, August 9, 2023 1:04 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	FM 971 Comments

To whom it may concern,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your thoughtful FM 971 planned upgrade that takes into consideration the growth of Georgetown in this area and the needs of the surrounding community! I wished we had sidewalks when our daughter was at Forbes Middle School, but am thrilled that future generations will have the opportunity to safely walk or bike to and from school!

>

My main comment is hopefully just a question – since the main entryways to San Gabriel Park from FM 971 will be along Parkview Drive, it will be vital for there to be sidewalks along the expanded Parkview Drive. Will sidewalks along the expanded Parkview Drive be part of the plan? I don't see them in the schematic. It appears on the schematic that there will not be a light or crosswalk at Gann Street to San Gabriel Park, or a light or crosswalk from Parque Vista Drive to Morrow Street to access San Gabriel Park, so it is unrealistic for the foot and bicycle traffic from all of the Parkview Estates Neighborhood as well as Parkside Crossing, to access San Gabriel Park only by Austin Avenue. Foot traffic WILL use the expanded Parkview Drive, and it would be a tragedy for there to not be sidewalks!

I appreciate the flexibility of the virtual town hall and the opportunity of several days to comment!

Thank you,

Suzanne Buchele

213 Rio Vista Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626

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From:	Monica Parks
Sent:	Tuesday, August 15, 2023 5:27 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	FM971

To whom it may concern:

My name is Monica R. Parks-Viramontes and my husband Guillermo Viramontes live at 206 Gann Street Georgetown, Texas 78626

We are pleased with the changes that will be happening as proposed for FM971.

The proposed changes will make it safer for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

Sincerely,

Monica R. Parks-Viramontes, RN Retired

From: Sent:	Diane Prinz < > > > > Wednesday, August 16, 2023 10:27 PM
To:	Grant Loveless
Cc:	Erich Prinz; Diane Prinz
Subject:	Feedback for FM 971 project

To whom it may concern,

>> As a 23 year resident of Parque Circle in Parkview Estates, the homes and people on our street will be significantly affected by the construction and changes to the design and road way. We boarder 971, and the proposed wider road and side walks will literally be in the back yards of our neighbors.

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>> We understand the need (and have championed) for improved safety on 971. However, there must be a balance between improvements and consideration for the tax payers who have lived in, and invested in, the community for decades.

>>

>> Some concerns about the proposed plan that directly affect the residents of Parkview Estates are as follows: >> 1. Need for a Sound / Privacy Barrier: needed early in the project to protect neighbors who live right up against the construction, and to address the safety and significant road noise.

>> 2. The proposed median to prohibit left turns onto Parque Vista:

>> Simply, such an inconvenience to not have direct access to the main road that we live yards from. (A solution at the Parque Vista / 971 intersection is the proposed protected left turn - like the one at Deep Creek Dr.) >>

Please consider the long time residents, and our quality of life that will be impacted by the designs and decisions, and months of heavy construction.

Thank you,

Diane and Erich Prinz Family

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>> Sent from my iPhone

From:	
Sent:	Wednesday, August 16, 2023 11:04 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	Proposed FM 971 Expansion / Improvement Project

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Park View Estates in Georgetown, I naturally have concerns about the proposed project to both widen FM 971 and improve access into San Gabriel Park. However, I do applaud the City's efforts to deal with the expected increase in traffic as the population of the City and surrounding areas continue to grow. This is a thankless task, so I am thanking you now, even as I offer what I hope is taken as constructive criticism.

If the plan is implemented as is, my biggest concern would be for the safety of the residents of Park View Estates due to increased traffic and vandalism.

A four (4) way traffic light at FM 971 and Parkview Drive would:

1. Create a short cut through our neighborhood, giving way to larger trucks, semi-trucks, and speeding vehicles through our quiet neighborhood and make it unsafe for our residents and their families;

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Riverhaven Dr. could then be closed as set out in the plan; however, it too could serve to improve traffic flow from the park if a 3-way light were placed at 971 and Riverhaven. I say 3-way light since it would then be necessary to cut off access to Gann St from 971 by creating a cul-de-sac where the subdivision ends behind the DaVita Dialysis Center; which would still leave 3 entrances/exits into Park View Estates.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and my suggestions.

Regards,

Michael F. Monju 202 Gann St. Georgetown, TX 78626

From:	Maryhelen Monju >
Sent:	Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:33 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	Proposed FM 971 Expansion and Improvement Project

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Walking residents would also benefit if the City would remove the installed cement blocks to slow down traffic, potentially preventing trips and/or falls along this unlit street and extend the unfinished sidewalk on Park View Drive to N. Austin Avenue. Pedestrians walk on both sides of the street to the park, Chevron, and small businesses on N. Austin Ave.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and my suggestions.

Regards,

Maryhelen Monju 202 Gann Street Georgetown, Texas 78626

Sent from my iPhone Maryhelen Monju

From:	Jessica P
Sent:	Thursday, August 17, 2023 3:24 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	FM 971 Comments

To whom it may concern, my name is Jessica. I'm a resident of the Parkview Estates neighborhood, and I live on the culde-sac closest to FM 971 [Parque Circle; highlighted in yellow in reference picture A.]. I hope that my input will be helpful for the decision process.

Firstly, if a sound barrier wall for the residents who live closest to FM 971 is not in the current plan, I want to earnestly ask y'all to truly consider incorporating it into the designs. Our lives are going to greatly disrupted by the construction while the project is ongoing, so that sound barrier seems like a great antidote for the some of the headaches we will experience. If the sound barrier could be built very early on in the construction process, that would be even better.

Secondly, please don't put a full median in front of the Parque Vista Drive entrance! It would eliminate the left turn into that entrance, which deprives us of quickly reaching our houses. This would affect not only those living near this specific entrance, but also many more residents because most of us would be forced to redirect through their streets, rather than having direct access to our street. So if it's possible to have a safe left lane turn onto Parque Vista Drive, please make that a reality! [reference picture B.] (An example might be the left turn lane to Gann Street, or the proposed protected left turn lane to Deep Creek Drive in Katy Crossing.)

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely, Jessica Prinz Parque Circle

From:	Nicholas Prisco >
Sent:	Thursday, August 17, 2023 8:39 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	Comments - FM 971 Open House, Aug 4, 2023
Attachments:	PRISCO_FM-971-Comment-Form_final-20230727 copy.pdf

Dear FM 971 Project Team,

Please see attached comments pertaining to the recent FM 971 Expansion Open House conducted on August 3, 2023. Please include these comments as part of the Open House record. We absolutely love living in this part of Georgetown and given that our home at 106 Parque Circle, Georgetown, TX is the closest home to FM 971 along the portion that will be widened, we are extremely interested in this project and especially the noise abatement plan. In addition to these comments, I would love to have a conversation with a member of the project team to better understand the process and plan. Without a doubt, we have a mutual interest in seeing FM 971 modernized and improved in the best possible way in support of our community. Thank you!

Nick Prisco,



OPEN HOUSE COMMENT FORM

FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130

Name: Nicholas and Barbara PriscoPhone:
Email:
Property Address: 106 Parque Circle, Georgetown, TX 78626
Mailing Address: <u>Same as Mailing Address</u>
COMMENTS (Please Print or Type):
Thank you for hosting the FM 971 Open House. We were unable to attend due to
but we watched the Virtual Open House to gain a better understanding of the scope of
I believe our home at 106 Parque Cir in the Parkview Estates Subdivision is the closes
the current road and will be even closer to the road as it expands to a four-lane road.

traffic has increased dramatically in recent years and is expected to increase to more

<u>10,000 vehicles per day, as noted in your presentation, we are greatly concerned about</u> noise. I don't see any sound abatement / noise barrier detailed in the Preliminary

Given this will be a Type 1 Project under current TxDOT Traffic Noise Policy, can the

team please provide an explanation of when/how the traffic noise study will be

process for approving and building a sound wall along portions of FM 971 with

properties (Activity Category B) immediately adjacent to the road? I am confident the

and projected dBA levels will greatly exceed thresholds and justify sound abatement.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: bonnie pfluger Friday, August 18, 2023 1:10 PM Grant Loveless 971 Expansion

Thank you for allowing us to give our opinion I knew this day would come to widen FM 971, My concerns that at the Parkview entrance at 971, the light would be beneficial but most accidents are at the Gann and 971. It's hard to turn left into the subdivision can't see the oncoming cars or speed, and if they pull out a Chevron which I believe since so bright at station people don't realize they don't have their lights on? with no lights on, it's really difficult to see them. I live on the corner Gann & Rio Vista Dr and I see multiple accidents that happens there at Gann and 971 & widening to 4 lanes which puts now crossing over 2 lanes I'm afraid that since the traffic light will be at PV & 971 that most people tries to avoid lights and they'll turn at Gann to go through which will add even more additional traffic down Gann St since they will not want to go and wait at the light. For the people that is trying to avoid turning left at Gann will be difficult to turn left at light PV & 971 which very difficult to turn left onto Rio Vista because of the curb blockers. Of course I don't know the answers but hope the professionals will look at this?

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Thank you, Bonnie Pfluger 100 Rio Vista Dr. Georgetown, TX 78626

From:Mark Karamalak <</th>Sent:Friday, August 18, 2023 5:00 PMTo:Grant LovelessSubject:FM971 expansion

Hello, my name is Mark Karamalak and I live at 104 Parque Circle. The proposed expansion will directly affect my house. The expansion will come right up against my fence. I was wondering if any sound barrier is included in the proposal. If no sound barrier is planned for my house I will have to plan to sell my house and move out of the city.

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Please let me know. Thank you for your time.

From:	
Sent:	Friday, August 18, 2023 8:28 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	Georgetown FM 971 Improvements feedback

Hello,

I am a resident homeowner in the Parkview Estates neighborhood, adjacent to FM 971. I strongly support the proposed improvements.

I drive on FM 971 almost every day. It absolutely needs to become a 4-lane road to support the level of traffic on it. And a pedestrian/bike path is desperately needed. People frequently walk or bike right on the edge of the road, where there's no shoulder. It's so dangerous, especially at the speeds many of the vehicles are going.

Lastly, I definitely support making the intersection at FM 971 that leads to San Gabriel Park into a "regular" intersection where the roads meet at right angles. I very frequently come from the San Gabriel traffic circle to FM 971 via Morrow Street, and turning onto 971 is dangerous with the limited visibility caused by the sharp angle of the road. (And it's not much better at Riverhaven).

After these improvements are made, I expect it will take me longer to cross or turn onto 971 almost every day, waiting at the stoplight - but it's worth it for the benefits to traffic flow and safety.

Thank you for your time. Kelly Pattillo

115 Benchmark St, Georgetown 78626 (property and mailing address)

From:	Bob Ward <	>
Sent:	Friday, August 18, 2023 4:09 PM	1
То:	Grant Loveless	
Subject:	Comments Wier Road	

The greatest concern is that the City of Georgetown does not have uniform Design Standards for Shared-Use Paths that cross all jurisdictions. The same standards should apply to all departments: Parks and Recreation, as well as Transportation. They should also apply within Georgetown City Limits when the State of Texas or Williamson County are managing projects, as well as private developers. The functionality and safety for users of All Ages and Abilities (AAA) should be crucial when considering Shared-Use Path Design Standards.

- Longitudinal Placement. AASHTO recommends wide separation between a Shared-Use Path and an adjacent highway. They recommend barriers if the separation is less than 5 feet. All factors for operation and safety that AASHTO points out should be considered (the side path along the Southbound Frontage Road of I-35 South of University in Round Rock is not a good example).
- 2. Width. The total width should provide for a minimum 10-foot tread (or traveling surface) plus a minimum of 3foot clearance on each side of the tread for railings, lamps, footings, junction boxes, planters, litter bins, call boxes and other lateral obstructions, making the minimum clear space 16-feet. These are the dimensions that AASHTO recommends (the new underpass below Wier Road is not a god example).
- 3. Shared-Use Path Junctions. The major junction points should be designs that dictate reduced speeds for cyclists while allowing Yield conditions for each direction and not requiring stops. Curvature should meet minimum radii standards to maintain bicycle stability and safety while traveling through the junctions (the new connection of Shared-Use Paths at Wolf Ranch Parkway and Northwest Bypass is not a good example). Bicycles do not fare well with curvature that is too tight or square corners and neither do pedestrians (unless they are marching bands). AASHTO provides several guidelines for curvature along Shared-Use Paths.
- 4. Vertical Clearance. 10 feet should be desired, especially when trimming vegetation. However 8 feet should be an absolute minimum.
- 5. Level of Service (LOS). This is the measurement of comfort and perceived safety along the Shared-Use Path. It should consider active factors such as traffic, speed, trucks and other active factors and passive considerations such as noise, shade, scenery, rest areas, restrooms, drinking fountains and other amenities.
- 6. Grades. These should be limited to 5% maximum without ADA ramps and landings.

Robert Ward

Sent from Mail for Windows

From:	Lois Robinson
Sent:	Friday, August 18, 2023 9:54 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	Comments on FM 971

I am Lois Robinson, 70 Freddie Drive, Georgetown. Mailing address is PO Box 2016, Georgetown, 78627. 512-517-1682. Our home and 5 acres of land is located at the corner of Haverland and Freddie Drive. We are concerned about the entrances/exits to the proposed development on FM971 and Haverland.

Originally, the developer told our neighborhood that the development was required to have 3 entrances. 2 would be on FM 971 and 1 would be on Haverland and would be a gated, locked exit accessible for emergencies only. The proposed development is proposing 300+ rental units. The proposed transportation design shows only one entrance/exit off of 971, which would be accessible only for the East. The other entrances would be off Haverland. All west and east bound traffic will have to enter through Haverland Drive. Our neighborhood will have to fight 300+ people to leave our homes. This is dangerous as it leaves only 1 exit from the proposed subdivision heading west. Please reconsider the entrances/exits from this subdivision. Please reconsider the divided barriers in front of this subdivision.

Thank you, Lois Robinson

Sent from my iPad

From:	P Taylor
Sent:	Saturday, August 19, 2023 1:42 PM
То:	Grant Loveless
Subject:	971 exlansion
Attachments:	FM-971-Comment-Form_final-20230727.pdf

Sent from Outlook



OPEN HOUSE COMMENT FORM

FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130

Name:	PamTaylor	Phone:
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OPEN HOUSE COMMENT FORM FM 971 from Gann Street to SH 130
Name: RACHEL LOWDER Phone:
Property Address:
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July 29, 2023

Council Members City of Georgetown

RE: CR 971

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Richard Risener. My wife Charlotte and I have lived in the Parkview Estates for the past 26 years. We have seen the growth which has occurred along CR 971. We've also witnessed the city and county's reluctance to do anything to relieve the traffic flow on this old, inadequate, worn-out road.

From our perspective, of first consideration, should be the safety of the residents who have to use the road in order to shop, visit schools, doctors, etc. At the present time, there's not a single signal light on any of the entrance/exit from Parkview Estates. During the normal day this presents a challenge to anyone wishing to leave our development. This situation is only more problematic when school is in session. The city/county has continued to allow building along this road, yet they've done almost nothing to alleviate the problem.

Secondly, instead of purchasing the old rest home property and building a museum of Georgetown history on it, you've left it as an eyesore for all to see. This would be a great way to enlarge the park and make use of the property. The playground could be expanded and a swimming pool for this side of town could be built to replace the one that disappeared several years ago.

As longtime members of this community and this subdivision, our voices should matter. We ask that you seriously consider our concerns and make the necessary changes.

Sincerely,

Richard Risener

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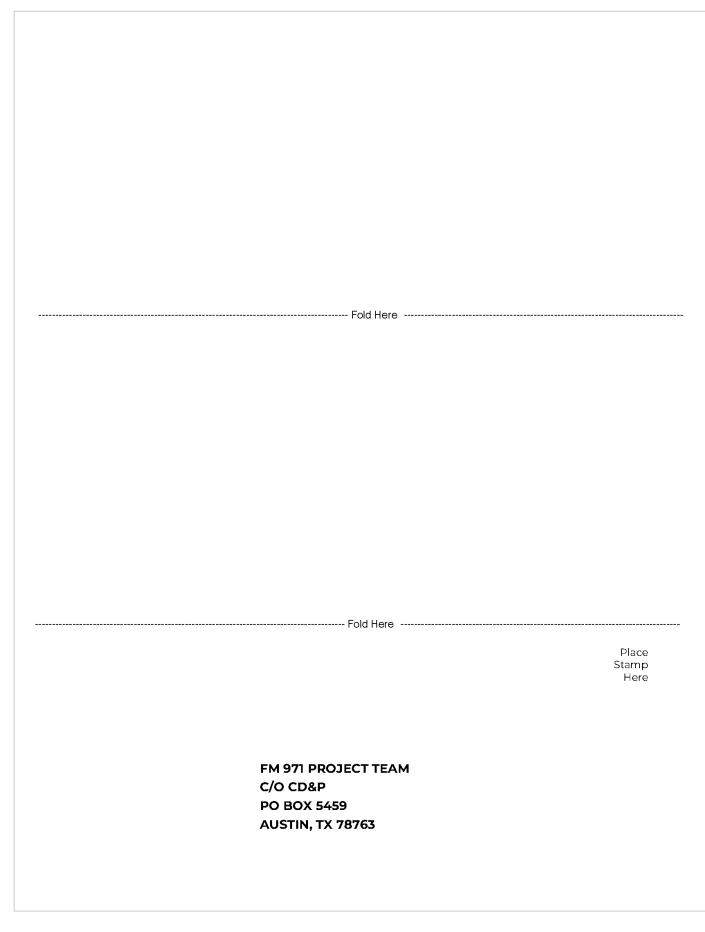
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FM 971 Improvements | Gann Street to SH 130 Fact Sheet





Project Overview

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Project Length

1.69 miles

Project Timeline

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

Project Funding

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

Estimated Construction Cost

\$26 million

Proposed Improvements:

- Construct an additional lane in each direction
- Construct a raised median and dedicated left-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 bicycles
- Construct a closed storm drain with curbs and gutters



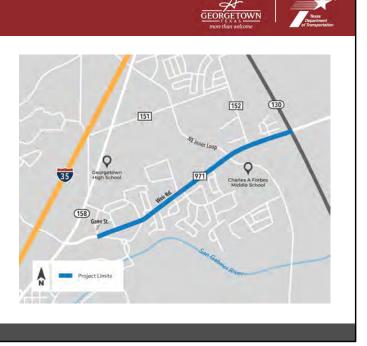
For More Information Project Contact (512) 354-2627 gloveless@cdandp.com





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.

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FM 971 Improvements | Gann Street to SH 130

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.

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



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

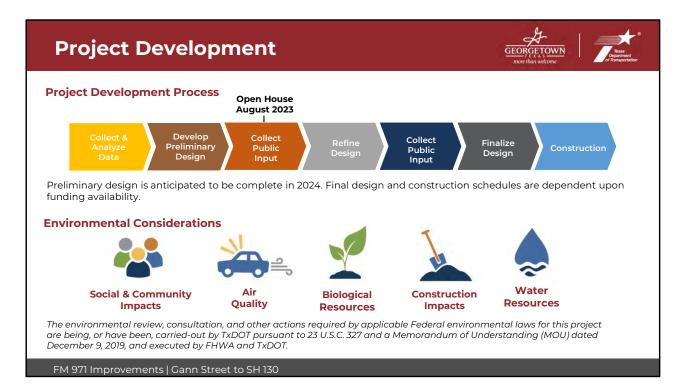
In 2021 there was an average of over 7,600 vehicles traveling on this segment of FM 971 each day. Traffic volumes are expected to increase by 40% over the next 20 years resulting in over 10,000 vehicles each day by 2041.

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



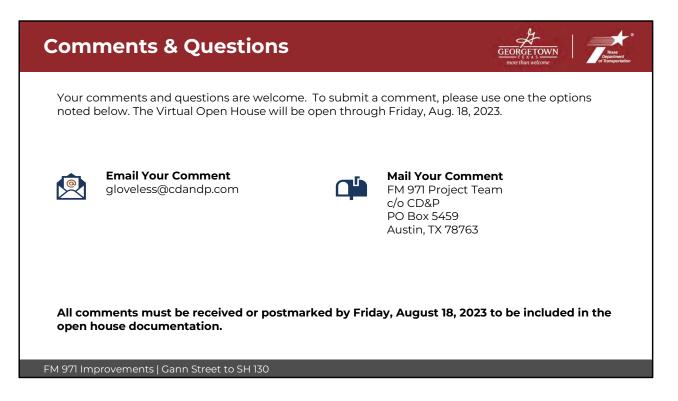
Improvements to FM 971 include constructing an additional lane in each direction, constructing a raised median and dedicated left and right turn lanes, relocating access to San Gabriel Park to the intersection at Parkview Drive, constructing a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists, and constructing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



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.



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!

