



# THE EAST CORRIDOR

An IH 30/US 80 Design

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## Paving the way for Eastern Dallas County

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) conducted its first series of East Corridor Public Meetings on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 and Thursday, September 16, 2004.

At the meetings, TxDOT Project Manager Tim Nesbitt provided a brief history and overview of the IH 30/US 80 project, also known as the East Corridor, including information about the public involvement process. The design team presented the technical portion of the project, including the existing congestion studies, environmental constraints, and proposed alternatives for the corridor. Following the presentation, there was an opportunity for community members to ask questions and provide comments regarding the project.

Property acquisition was a concern for some property owners in residential areas. The study team is currently evaluating multimodal options in the IH30/US 80 corridor. If roadway improvements are recommended, it will take time to pinpoint where specific right-of-way is needed and evaluate the impact to those areas.



Traffic Congestion on Interstate Highway 30

Vea la página 5 para una versión en español de este informe.

*“Citizen input is a key ingredient in patterning successful designs.”*

Visit our Web site at:

[www.theeastcorridor.org](http://www.theeastcorridor.org) to view handouts and information from the first series of Public Meetings, and information and schedules of other meetings to be held regarding this project.

A second series of Public Meetings are planned and are listed below. At these meetings, the design team will present the locally preferred alternative and environmental analysis to date and gather public input, comments, and suggestions regarding the proposed project.

### The East Corridor Public Meetings

#### September 27, 2005

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Open House  
6:30 p.m. Presentation  
Mesquite Convention Center  
1700 Rodeo Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75149

#### September 29, 2005

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Open House  
6:30 p.m. Presentation  
Samuell Grand Recreation Center  
6200 East Grand Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75223

Identical information will be presented at each meeting.

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Transportation Project

## Locally Preferred Alternative

The locally preferred alternative is the consensus set of recommendations endorsed by the governing bodies of the local entities/cities within the study corridor. The alternative meets the goals of the project and takes into consideration enhanced mobility and safety, engineering feasibility, cost effectiveness, socio-economic, and environmental criteria. These criteria are evaluated to determine their comparative advantages and disadvantages in order to select the best solution for the East Corridor transportation needs.

Currently, there is a locally preferred typical section for various sections of the East Corridor project. The proposed design includes:

### IH 30 from IH 45 to US 80



A 10-lane freeway with four-lane concurrent high occupancy vehicle (HOV) managed lanes.



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## Highlights

**DART HOV speeds east Dallas commute**



### IH 30 from US 80 to IH 635



A six-lane freeway with two-lane concurrent HOV managed lanes.

### IH 30 from IH 635 to Dalrock Road



An eight-lane freeway with one-lane reversible HOV managed lane.

### US 80 from IH 30 to Belt Line Road



A six-lane freeway with two-lane concurrent HOV managed lanes.

TxDOT and DART previously teamed to install the current IH 30 HOV lane saving the HOV's 19,000 daily users an estimated 15 minutes each during rush hour. Plans are currently under way to extend this HOV further east to IH 635. Nationally, Dallas has more carpool (HOV) drivers than any other city.

## US 80 from Belt Line Road to FM 460



A six-lane freeway on US 80 from Belt Line Road to FM 460.

## We Need Your Input

The public has an important role in improving transportation. While you may never conduct a traffic study, draft design plans or work at a summer construction site, you can assist TxDOT in developing a consensus plan-of-action to improve the transportation system on which we all depend. Decisions made during this phase of the project will in all practicality affect The East Corridor transportation for the next 50 years.

TxDOT welcomes your involvement, input, and comments with a number of options:

LOG on to The East Corridor Web site at:

[www.theeastcorridor.org](http://www.theeastcorridor.org)

SEND your written comments to:

**The East Corridor**  
 c/o Kelly Dlouhy, HNTB Corporation  
 2001 Bryan St., Suite 100  
 Dallas, TX 75201

REQUEST to be added to The East Corridor mailing list to receive project information by using the Web site or address given above.

ATTEND Community Work Group Meetings and Public Meetings. Public Meeting schedules will appear on the Web site and in local newspapers. Public Meeting notices will be mailed to all persons on the project mailing list.

## Project Timetable

The East Corridor - An IH 30/US 80 Design is forecasted to conclude with a Public Hearing in late 2006. The timetable graphic below illustrates the steps in the study process.\* Due to statewide transportation funding shortfalls, actual reconstruction of the two freeways is not anticipated to start until beyond 2016.



\*All dates are estimated.

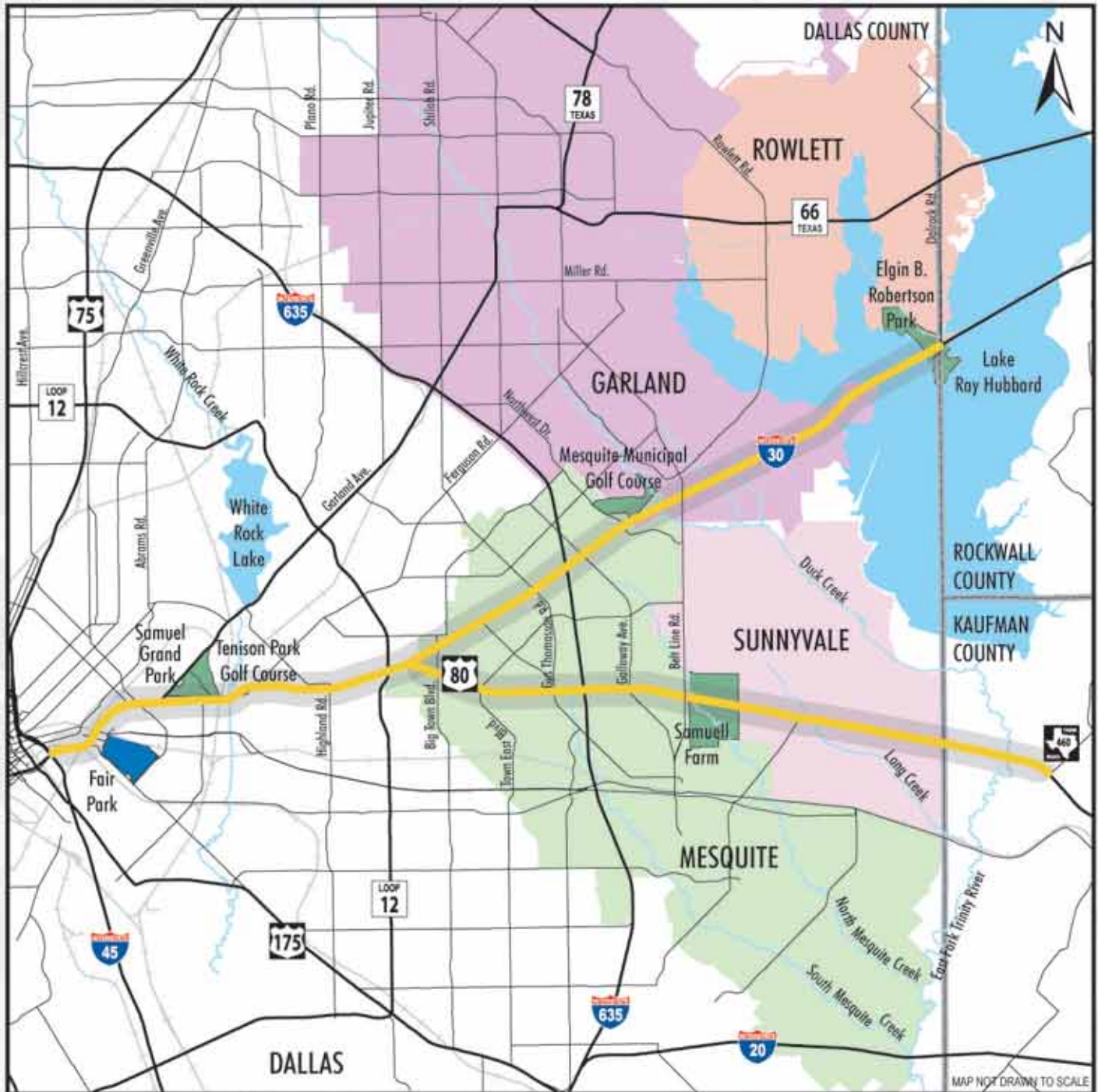


## The Study Map

The East Corridor project spans approximately 19 miles along IH 30 from IH 45 east to Dalrock Road and approximately 10 miles along US 80 from IH 30 to FM 460. Total study area involves five cities/towns: Dallas, Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett and Sunnyvale.

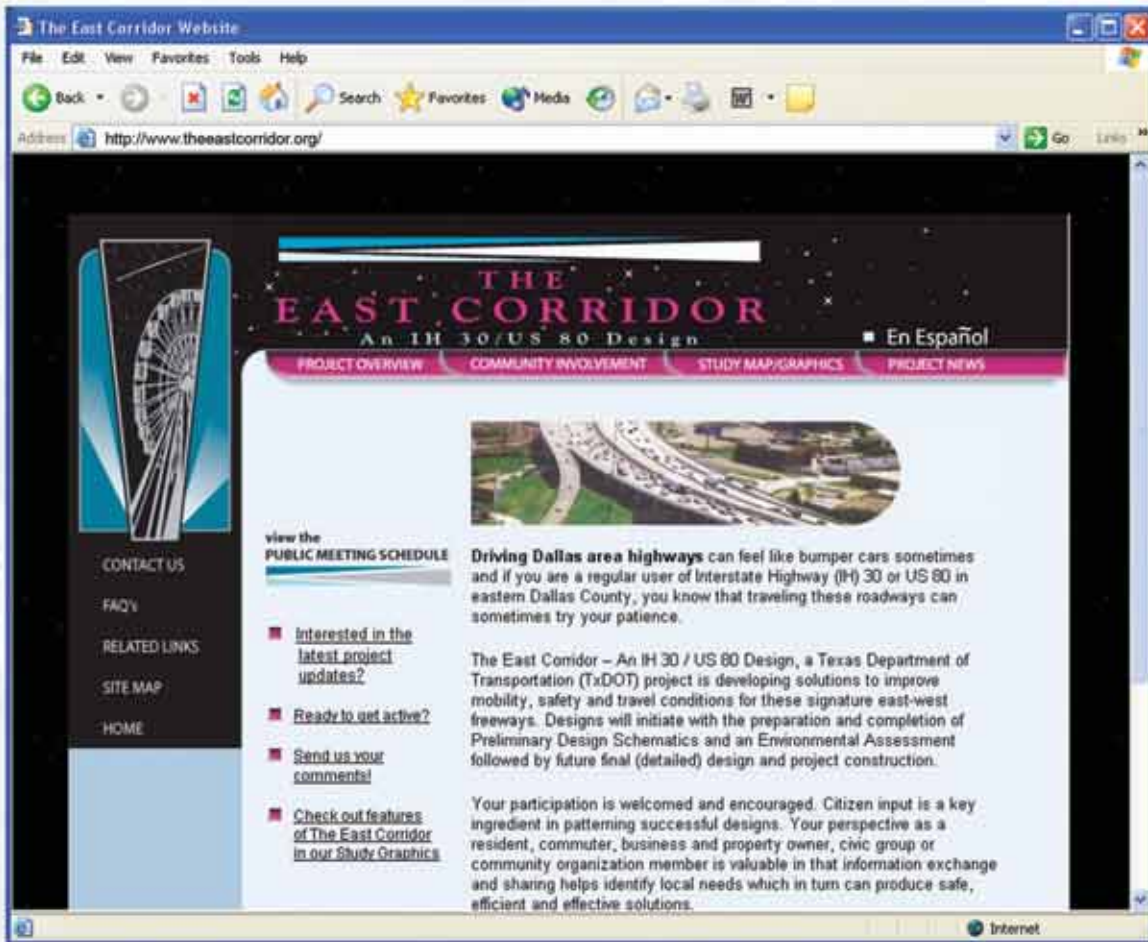
## El Mapa del Estudio

El proyecto del Corredor Este abarca aproximadamente 15 millas a lo largo de IH 30, desde la IH 45 este hasta Dalrock Road y aproximadamente 10 millas a lo largo de la US 80, desde la IH 30 hasta la FM 460. El área total del estudio comprende cinco ciudades o pueblos: Dallas, Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett y Sunnyvale.



MAP LEGEND	
Study Limits	
City Streets	
Interstates/Highways	
Rail	

CLAVE DEL MAPA	
Limites del Estudio	
Calles de la Ciudad	
Autopistas Interestatales/Carreteras	
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## 24-Hour Project Information

Log on to The East Corridor Web site to learn about the latest project news, find out about future meetings, and send the project team your comments and ideas.

## Información del Proyecto 24-Horas al Día

Conéctese al sitio Web del Corredor Este para conocer las últimas noticias acerca del proyecto y obtener información sobre futuras reuniones, al igual que para mandarnos sus comentarios e ideas.

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