



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) is now beginning the redesign of IH 30 and US 80 within eastern Dallas and Kaufman Counties. The design and study goal for these two east-west commuter corridors is a modern and unified transportation solution. See page 4 for the Study Area map.

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The East Corridor project will look at ways to not only improve transportation within the IH 30 and US 80 corridors but to ideally blend the mobility improvements with local community goals and objectives. All-inclusive alternatives will be evaluated as will any potential environmental impacts.

ideas helps identify local needs which in turn produces safe, efficient and effective solutions – Community Solutions.

Citizen input is a key ingredient in patterning successful designs. Your perspective as a resident, commuter, business and property owner, civic group or community organization member is a critical part of the success of this project. Information exchange and sharing of

The first series of Public Meetings have been planned as listed below. These meetings will be the first of many opportunities to provide your input.

Recognizing the generational aspect of transportation improvement opportunities, today's design will serve as the 21st Century Solution!

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Traffic Congestion on Interstate Highway 30

The East Corridor Public Meetings

September 14, 2004

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Open House

6:30 p.m. Public Meeting

Samuell Grand Recreation Center

6200 East Grand Avenue • Dallas, TX 75223

September 16, 2004

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Open House

6:30 p.m. Public Meeting

Poteet High School Cafeteria

3300 Poteet Drive • Mesquite, TX 75150

Identical information will be presented at each meeting.



The East Corridor is a Texas Department of Transportation Project

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

Corridor History

Interstate Highway (IH) 30 spans a broad portion of North Texas and remains a vital corridor for intrastate and interstate movement of people and provider of goods and services. Prior to IH 30, US 80 was the prime east-west facility for local travelers and continues to be important with expanded growth in eastern Dallas and Kaufman Counties.

IH 30 and US 80 congestion continues to mount and, despite recent upgrades to selected portions of both facilities, daily bumper-to-bumper traffic now extends for 10 miles during rush hour.

Dallas-area population has doubled the last 20 years and is forecasted to double once again over the next 20 years. The existing IH 30 and US 80 facilities were designed during the low speed, low traffic volume era of one-car-garages and one-vehicle-per-household. So it is not hard to realize why with current double-income households, younger/student drivers and delayed retirements, the same facilities are now congested from at least three generations of drivers. If that were not enough, as local cities and towns explore new development and increased tax-bases, it is inevitable that transportation improvements be addressed.

Temporary relief for peak-hour commuters has been supplied by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) with the insertion of an IH 30 interim High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane from downtown Dallas eastward to Jim Miller Road.

Who Is Conducting This Redesign?

DART recently completed a three-year Major Transportation Investment Study for the IH 30/US 80 corridor concluding with recommendations and thereby laying the groundwork for a more detailed study and design finalization. Further freeway-specific studies will now be conducted by TxDOT and its consultant teams.

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.

Highlights

DART HOV speeds east Dallas commute



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.

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 summer construction sites near the rush of traffic, 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.

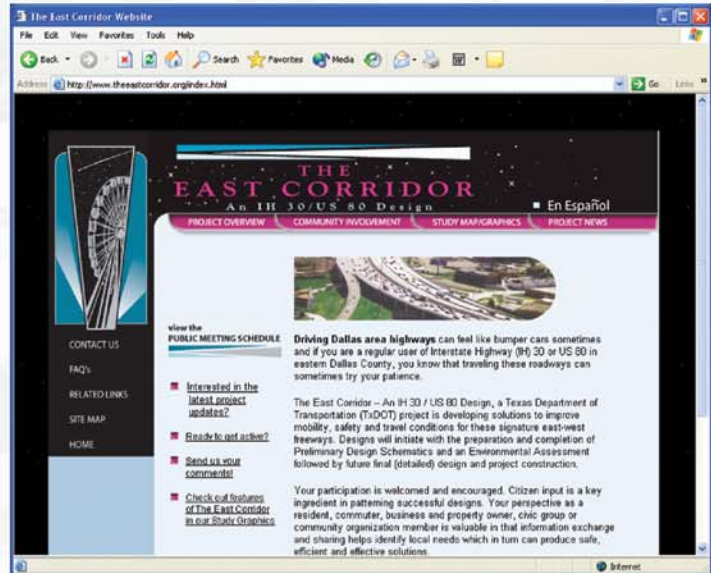
TxDOT welcomes your involvement, input and comments with a number of options:

LOG on to The East Corridor Web site at:

www.theeastcorridor.org

SEND your written comments to:

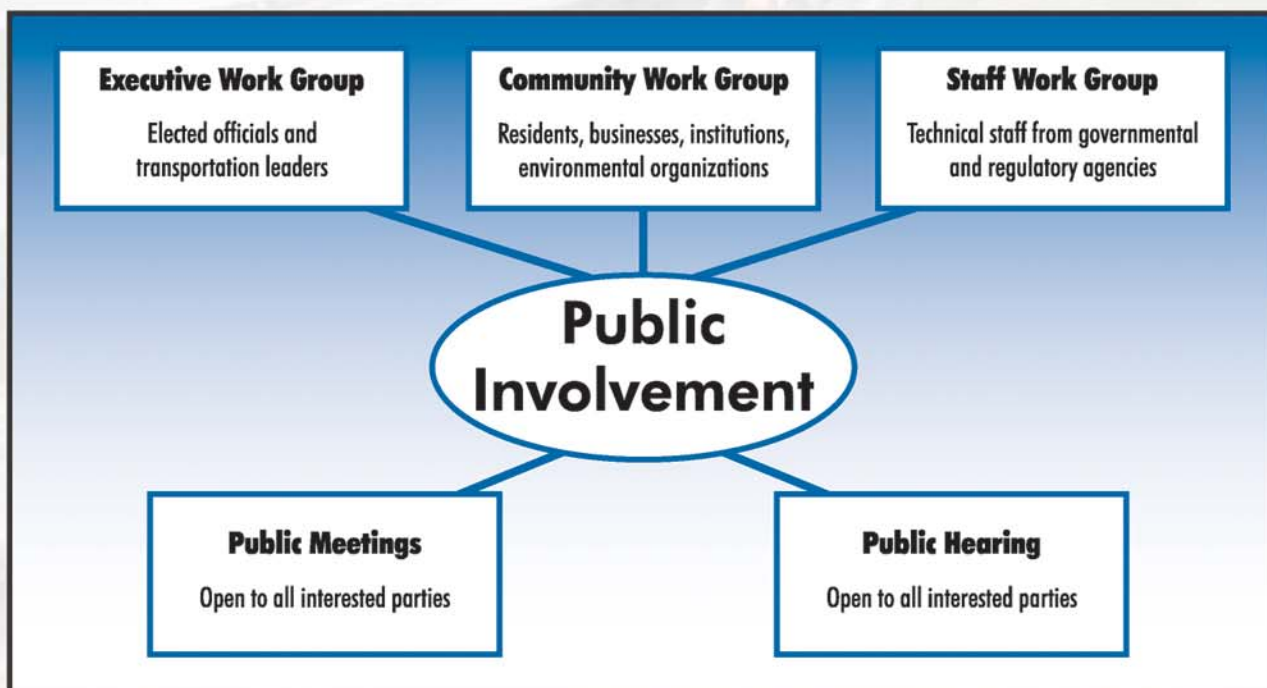
The East Corridor
c/o Melissa Wolff, HNTB
701 Commerce St., Suite 700
Dallas, TX 75202



The East Corridor Web site homepage

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

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. The first series of Public Meetings is scheduled for late summer 2004 (see page 1 for details).

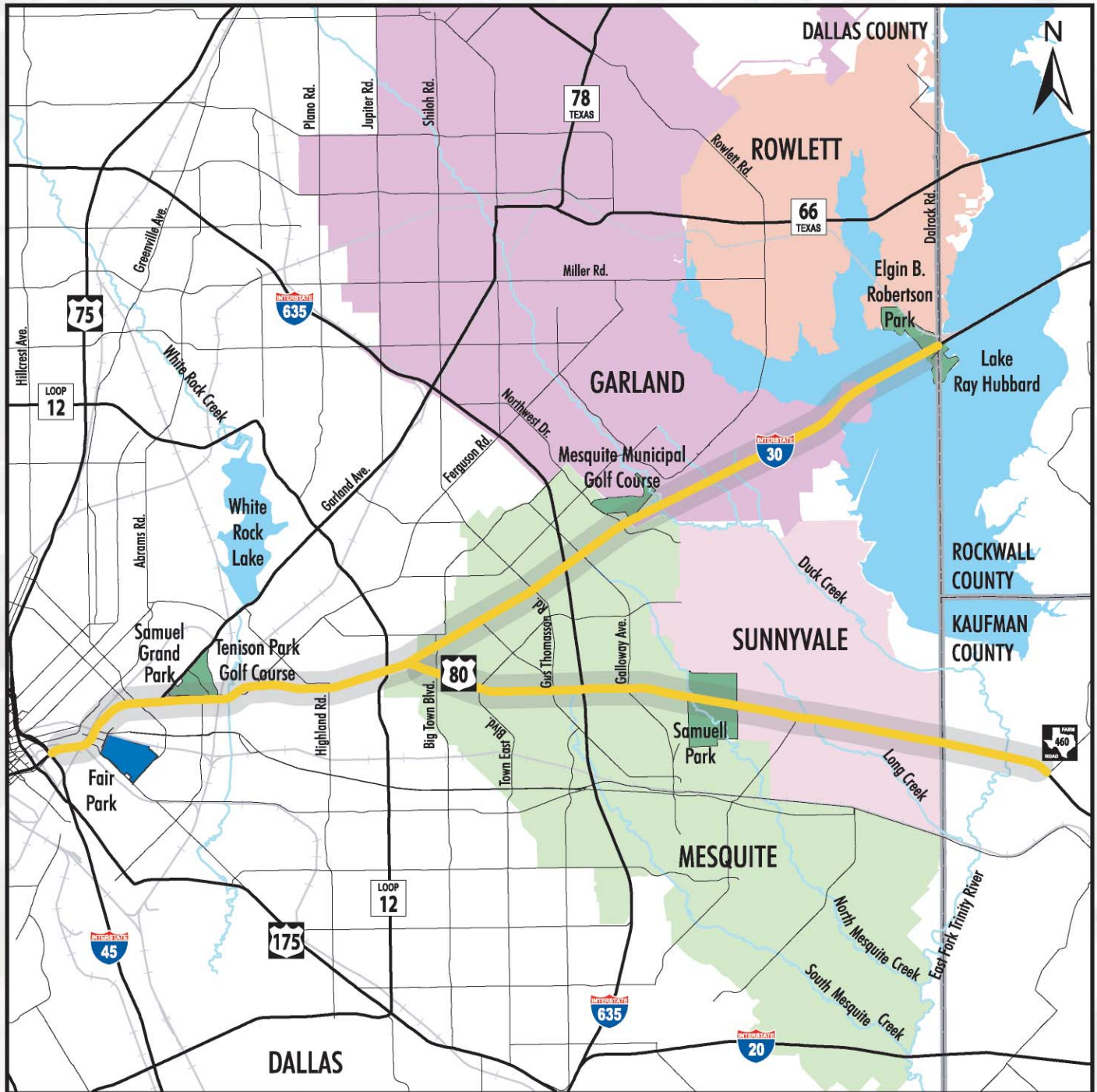


The Study Map

The East Corridor project spans approximately 15 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.

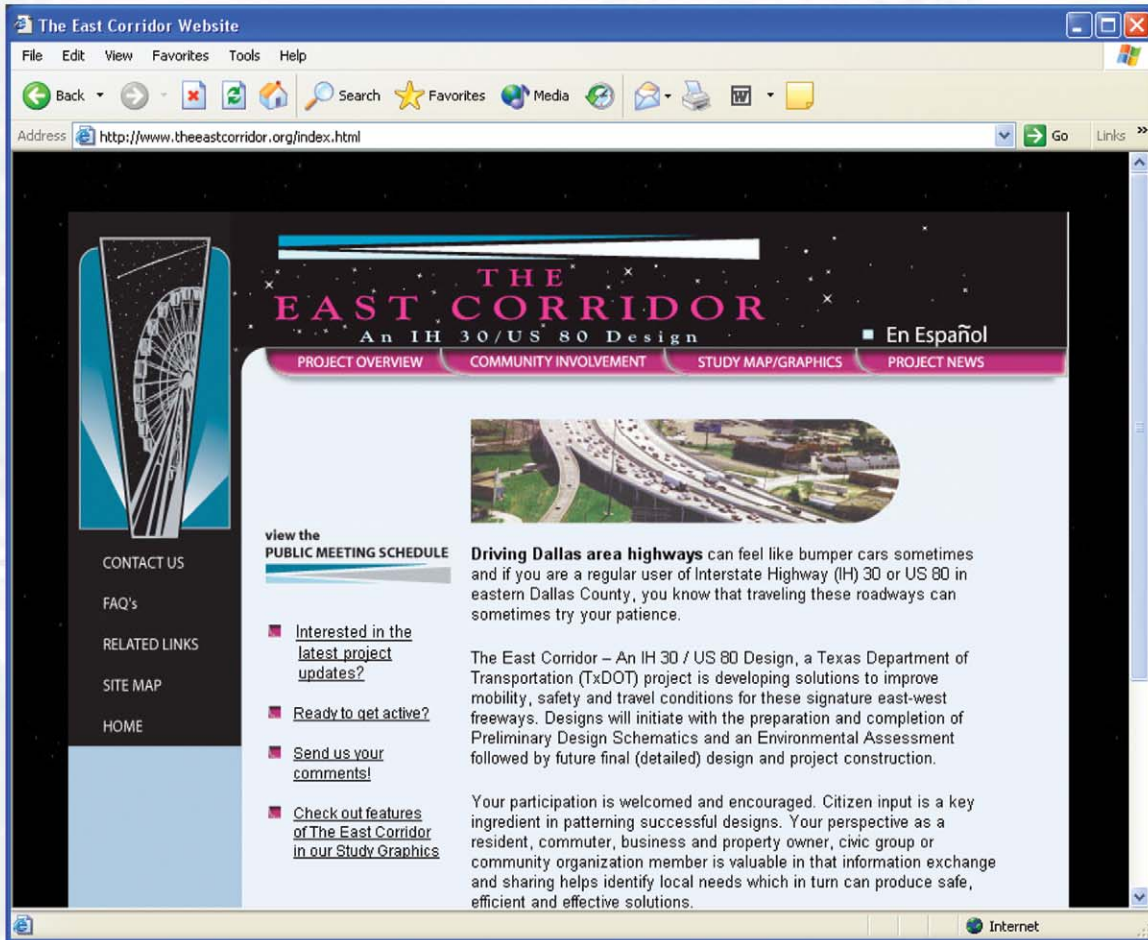
El Mapa del Estudio

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	
Límites del Estudio	
Calles de la Ciudad	
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24-Hour Project Information

The East Corridor Web site is available 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

El sitio del Web de The East Corridor esta disponible para brindarle las ultimas noticias, informarle sobre futuras reuniones, y para mandarnos sus cementarios e ideas.

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