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## **Faithon P. Lucas Boulevard Alignment Study (McKenzie Road to Cartwright Road)**



**The Plan:** Faithon P. Lucas Boulevard was approved for \$12.86 million in the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program 7<sup>th</sup> Call for Projects, where the County participates in 50% of paving and drainage improvements (\$6.43 million). A plan design had previously been completed by Dallas County in 2015, where the existing two-lane asphalt roadway was designed to a four-lane divided concrete section. An alignment study of the preliminary design plan will determine which aspects of the 2015 plan need to be updated. When the proposed layout in the study is approved an updated project description will be completed as soon as possible so that construction can start in conjunction with the Solterra development.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** A kickoff meeting was held in August followed by a monthly design meeting in early September. Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers, Inc. is working on modifying previous plans.

**Estimated completion date:** Preliminary design to be completed by Fall 2021

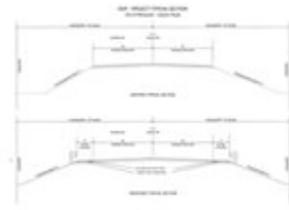


## **Lawson Road Alignment Study (Milam Road to US 80)**

**The Plan:** An alignment study will be conducted to present a conceptual layout with up to two alternatives for defined sections of the project, including an estimate of costs.

**Estimated completion date:** Completed. The final Alignment Study was submitted by Halff Associates, Inc., in August.

## Lawson Road Safety Improvements (North of Milam Road to South of Cartwright Road)



**The Plan:** The City was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant of \$400,000 for interim improvements to Lawson Road. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant will help fund 90% of the project that will add three more feet of road shoulder and a safety guardrail on both lanes of Lawson road near East Cartwright Road and Milam Road. Construction will begin in 2022. The grant allows immediate improvements while the city undertakes the larger project of designing the full reconstruction of the roadway. The deadline for project bidding is Summer of 2022.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** Halff Associates, Inc. submitted a proposal to perform the engineering design. The contract was approved by City Council on Aug. 2. The design Kickoff Meeting was held Aug. 20. A Monthly Design Meeting will be held on Sept. 17. TxDOT is working on the required Advance Funding Agreement which is expected to be presented to the City Council in October.

**Estimated completion date:** Design to be completed by Spring 2022

## Real. Texas. Roads.

Real. Texas. Roads. is the program name for the road repairs funded by the \$125 million bond sale approved by voters in November 2015. Repairs under this program are for residential, two-lane roadways. The repairs began in 2016.



**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** Repairs in the South Parkway area are almost complete. The contractor has completed all the concrete work and is focused on clean-up and re-sodding the following streets: Woodlawn Parkway, Shadwell Lane, Bluefield Road, Potomac Avenue, Falls Church Lane, Portsmouth Drive, Yorktown Road, Warm Springs Road, Hermitage Drive, Sybil Drive from Skyline Drive to Mount Vernon Drive and Mount Vernon Drive from Hermitage Drive to Sybil Drive. Repairs in the Peachtree area are progressing. The contractor is cleaning and re-sodding Timberview Drive, Meadowbrook Drive, Kenneth Hopper Drive and Catskill Drive. Localized concrete repairs are in progress on Bridger Drive, Laramie Drive, Meadowcrest Drive and Springbrook Drive. Appalachia Drive, Allegheny Drive, Camp David Street and Lucille Drive from Monticello Drive to Jeanette Drive are the remaining four streets that will be done by the end of the year. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/PeachTreeandSouthParkway](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/PeachTreeandSouthParkway) for details.

The Quail Hollow No. 2 Subdivision is complete. The contractor has completed all localized concrete repairs, clean up and re-sodding in this neighborhood. There is some minor clean-up, sod and irrigation repair left to complete before the project can be closed

out. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/QuailHollow](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/QuailHollow) for details.

In the Town East Estates Phase II project, the contractor has completed all work on Aloha Drive, Luau Street, Eastbrook Circle, Charles Drive, Parkside Drive, Bamboo Street and Anthony Drive. The contractor has completed concrete work on Flamingo Way from Bahamas Drive to East Meadows Boulevard. Localized Concrete repairs are in progress on Eastbrook Drive, Lagoon Drive, Lagoon Circle, Emerald Drive and Bahamas Drive, Seabreeze Drive and Tradewinds Drive from Flamingo Way to Bahamas Drive. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/TownEastEstates](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/TownEastEstates) for details.

The contractor is working on utility replacements, including water and sewer, before they start on the pavement on Douglas Drive, Magnolia Drive, Melton Lane and Powell Road. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/PowellOrchid](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/PowellOrchid) for details.

**Estimated completion date:** Funds made available by the 2015 Street Bond Election are expected to continue funding street repairs through 2024.

To view the current construction status of streets selected for the program, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).



## Town East Boulevard Phase 2 (U.S. Highway 80 to Skyline Drive) Reconstruction Project

**The Plan:** This \$12.9 million project is a partnership between Dallas County and the City of Mesquite to reconstruct Town East Boulevard from U.S. Highway 80 to Skyline Drive. The existing six-lane section road will be reconstructed as a four-lane section road from Skyline Drive to Forney Road, and the section from Forney Road

to U.S. Highway 80 will be reconstructed as a six-lane section. The new pavement section for Town East Boulevard will be substantially thicker to support the large volume of heavy truck traffic. This project will also include improvements to underground water and sewer service lines as well as drainage. The four-lane section south of Forney Road will be shifted to reduce the impacts of the industrial traffic on residents living in the nearby neighborhood. This shift will also allow for the addition of a walking/biking trail and an eight-foot screening wall for the nearby neighborhood. The trail will connect the community to the Westover Greenbelt and the existing trail system at Military Parkway and Town East Boulevard, which is part of the Mesquite Heritage Trail.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** Phase 2 of the project, excavation which is the process of moving earth, rock or other materials, is complete and utilities are underway. Contractors are working with property owners and franchise utilities on the construction of the screening walls.

**Estimated completion date:** End of 2021

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## TxDOT - IH 635 (U.S. 75/Central Expressway to IH 30) LBJ East Project

**The Plan:** The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reconstructing IH 635 from U.S. 75 to IH 30.

The reconstruction will provide five main lanes and two managed lanes in both directions, continual frontage roads starting at Town East Boulevard and full reconstruction of the IH 30/IH 635 interchange. For more information concerning the IH 635 LBJ East Project, please visit the [Texas Department of Transportation webpage](http://www.txdot.gov). You can also text “635 East” to 1-833-HWY-635E to sign up for text alerts.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The contractor, Pegasus Link Contractors, is currently in Phase 1 of reconstruction of the interchange of IH-30 and IH-635. Columns for the new interchange with IH 30 are being constructed. The new overpass for Galloway Avenue over IH 30 is being completed in Fall 2021.

The contractor is working with all cities to relocate underground water, sewer and communication lines that will be affected by the construction and is adjusting traffic signals and widening the frontage roads for future work. [View the Summer 2021 Project Tracker for the latest news and construction progress.](#) [Click here to see a full list of lane closures](#) and associated detour maps related to the IH 635 Project.

**Estimated completion date:** 2024

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## TxDOT - U.S. Highway 80 Improvements Project (IH 30 to FM 460)



**The Plan:** The U.S. 80 proposed improvements consist of the reconstruction and widening of U.S. 80 from IH 30 in Dallas County to FM 460 in Kaufman County, within the cities of Dallas, Mesquite, Forney and the Town of Sunnyvale. The proposed plan will reconstruct the IH 635 interchange and widen main lanes and frontage roads. Frontage roads will be completed between Lawson Road and FM 460 over the East Fork of Trinity River. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will perform the work in phases. The first phase will be primarily within the Mesquite city limits and will include the interchange with IH 635. TxDOT conducted an environmental report on the project, which found the project has “No Significant Impact.” [Read the report.](#)

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** TxDOT's consultant is currently designing the Mesquite section of the project, which is approximately 80% complete and plans for utility coordination were provided to the City in March. The City will review the plans for potential conflicts and make adjustments by early 2023. TxDOT's land acquisition agent is contacting property owners regarding acquisition.

The City is coordinating completion of Mesquite Heritage Trail underneath U.S. 80 at South Mesquite Creek. The City and Dallas County will construct the trail outside of TxDOT right-of-way between Gross Road and Towne Centre Drive. TxDOT has been examining possible utility conflicts and retaining walls to improve the design of the trail crossing.

**Estimated completion date:** To be determined by TxDOT.

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## Mesquite Heritage Trail, Phase 2 (Towne Centre Drive and South Mesquite Creek)



**The Plan:** Design and construction of a segment of the Mesquite Heritage Trail. This segment of the trail runs along the south side of Towne Centre Drive from North Mesquite Drive to Gus Thomasson Road, then south along the west bank of South Mesquite Creek to U.S. Highway 80, under U.S. Highway 80 to the trailhead just west of AMC theater. Work being pursued in conjunction with Dallas County Public Works. This trail will be concrete and 12-foot wide.

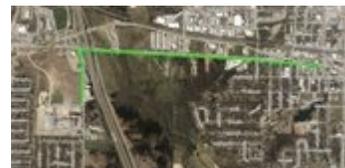
**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** All right-of-way easements have been acquired. The City is reviewing the crossing of U.S. 80 with TxDOT and Dallas County. The plans will be revised by late 2021 so bidding for the project can start in 2022. The crossing of U.S. 80 will be funded by City and constructed by TxDOT with the U.S. Highway 80 Improvements Project.

**Estimated completion date:** Late 2022

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## Military Parkway Trail (Galloway Avenue to Rodeo Drive)



**The Plan:** The project connects the downtown area to the Mesquite Arena with a 10 to 12-foot wide community trail that will run along the south side of Military Parkway, pass under IH 635 and turn

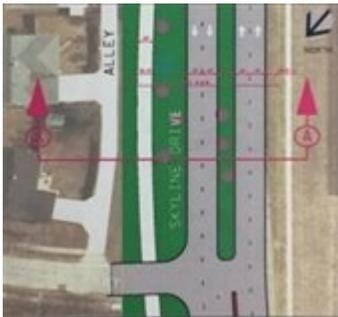
north on Rodeo Center Drive to connect to an existing sidewalk at Rodeo Drive. Sidewalks in most of the downtown area and under IH 635 have already been constructed. Bridge structures with trails were done with the previous Military Parkway project by Dallas County. The length of the trail is approximately 1.5 miles. This project is being led and partially funded by Dallas County.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The project bid documents have been completed by Dallas County. The County is coordinating with utilities regarding any conflicts. A pre-project public meeting will be scheduled by the County to inform contractors and the public about the project prior to bid advertisement in the Fall.

**Estimated completion date:** Summer 2022

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## Skyline Drive (Town East Blvd. to Peachtree Road) Reconstruction Project

**The Plan:** Skyline Drive will be designed as a four-lane section. The location of the roadway will be shifted south in the wide right-of-way to provide an additional buffer for the residential neighborhood to the north. The buffer will include an area for a 12-foot wide trail and screening

wall. The roadway section will consist of a thicker pavement to accommodate heavy truck traffic.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** A more detailed design is being completed including detailed drainage and traffic signals. A portion of the Skyline drainage is being rerouted towards the Peachtree storm sewer system and the outfall to the east of Peachtree which will have to be improved.

**Estimated completion date:** Design completed by end of 2021

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## South Parkway, West Fork of South Mesquite Creek - Paving, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Drainage and Erosion Control Project

**The Plan:** Reconstruction of South Parkway including pavement, drainage and utilities from Sybil Drive to U.S.

80. Improvements to the South Mesquite Creek channel will include straightening of the channel and adding slope stabilization to address the severe channel erosion. Project will be constructed in segments to be identified based on funding.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The City's consultant analyzed the stream flow and how it's affected by the bridge underneath Sybil Drive, and will also evaluate drainage of the street. The consultant has prepared a schematic of possible street, utility, drainage and sidewalk improvements for the City to review. City comments to complete the study will be submitted to the consulting engineers.

The consulting engineer will complete the analysis and study of existing conditions and recommendations this fall. The consultant has drafted a scope of services for reconstruction of South Parkway in 2022 and drainage improvements and reconstruction of the Sybil Drive culvert over the creek at a later date.

**Estimated completion date:** Study to be completed in 2021. Design for reconstruction of South Parkway and drainage improvements plus reconstruction of Sybil Court Drive culvert to be completed in 2022.

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## Griffin Lane Overlay Project

**The Plan:** Full depth asphalt rehabilitation on Griffin Lane from FM 2932 for a distance of about 3,750 feet to the City limits. Asphalt reclamation involves pulverizing the existing asphalt surface into small pieces and then mixing the pulverized asphalt, base material and a cement stabilizer to create a new stabilized sub-base. After the sub-base is prepared, a new layer of asphalt is placed on top.



**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The contractor will start mobilizing, setting up traffic control and start the reclamation process in September.

**Estimated completion date:** End of October 2021

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