

**Regular Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb**

January 18, 2017

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Judd Gilpin – President
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Vice President
Aliza Flores Oliveros – Secretary
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian - ABSENT
Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez – Member
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Member - ABSENT

Roll Call, Establish Quorum. Call to Order

I. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

II. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held Wednesday, January 18, 2017, in the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043. President, Judd Gilpin made an announcement calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:04 p.m. The record showed that a quorum of Board members was present, that the meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

III. Board Announcements - Juan Roberto Ramirez, I want to welcome everyone here present even that it's almost to the middle of the month of January -“Happy New Year” wish you the best the full year. Just want to begin with a very positive attitude for the rest of the year in your lives, for the betterment of yourself and families and for our students. Also want to include if you don't mind those believers please pray with a bit of good thoughts for Ricardo Molina one of our Board Members who's in the hospital and Javier Montemayor who is recuperating from surgery. Thank you very much, “Y Que No Se Acabe United!”

Judd Gilpin: Thank you, any other announcements? None, Ok I think we checked and there are no other public comments.

Roberto Santos –No, public comments

IV. Public Comments:

Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Board Parliamentarian will be the timekeeper and will inform the speaker when they have one (1) remaining minute. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue, nor shall the time per subject exceed ten minutes. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select not more than one (1) representative to present their views before the Board. Individuals interested in speaking on any matter during the business or instruction committee meetings shall fill out a form no later than seven calendar days prior to the meeting and identify the topic(s) the speaker wishes to address. Any concerns or complaints regarding employees, public officials, students, or parents must be resolved via the appropriate complaint process, as stated in BED (LOCAL). The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person who wishes to address the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively. If not, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy as stated in BED (LOCAL) to seek resolution before bringing the matter to the Board at a subsequent meeting. Pursuant to 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, no Board Member or Administrator may respond to a member of the public, unless such response is a recitation of District policy or a statement of specific factual information. When a speaker comes to the podium, please indicate what matter you will be addressing. Furthermore, please refrain from mentioning any employee's name and any complaint about any employee's duties or responsibilities should be channeled through the appropriate grievance policy. Additionally, pursuant to board policies BED (LEGAL) and BED (LOCAL), drifting from the stated topic or becoming disruptive shall result in a warning from the board president. A second violation will result in forfeiture of your allotted time and removal from the board meeting. Disruptions include speaking on behalf of or against a person running for political office, promotion of a for-profit organization, or advertisement of products or services to the Board.

Recognitions:

A. BOARD APPRECIATION - UISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Santos – Yes, Mr. Gilpin and members of the board if you all can join us at the front for recognitions. This is really the best part of the meeting as we recognize our students and obviously parents and staff and really most importantly our board members. On behalf of our 44 thousand students and our 6 thousand employees we want to thank the board for their commitment to United. It's really because of your leadership and I think we look at how well we've done in our schools and it's attributed to your leadership and guidance and on behalf of everyone I want to thank you and this is Board Trustees month... if you could join me at the front please.

B. STEAMBOWL CHALLENGE- Cynthia Rodriguez, Good Evening Mr. Santos, members of the Board and the audience it is my distinct pleasure to present to you our very first participants in the Steambowl Challenge. We look forward to our Steambowl Tournament which will take place in June here at this auditorium.

- C. **UISD RETIREE - SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY - Mr. Roberto Santos;**
The other person we want to recognize today and I think this won't be her last recognition since we have a special program for her later this month at La Posada. It's Delia Campos Mrs. Campos has worked for UISD for over 32 years. Delia started as a Special Ed aide at Salinas and worked at the Instruction Dept., Federal Programs and with me she's worked for 10 years actually 12 years she's worked with all 5 Superintendent and for her to put up with us...It's outstanding and were going to miss her I mean she's been Secretary to the Superintendent for the last 15-18 years and Delia on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Staff, our students we want to thank you. We're going to miss you and you always did an outstanding job, very professional but we'll recognize you at the end of the month but again congratulations and thank you for what you have done for us, thank you.

Roni Yunez; Ladies and gentlemen this concludes our recognitions part of this evening if you all wish to continue on with the rest of your evening you are welcome to do so. We will stay here to continue with our board meeting. Congratulations Students.

Jud Gilpin - Before we move on to the next item we're going to give Mr. Ramirez a chance to say a few words.

Mr. Ramirez - Thank you Mr. Gilpin. I just want to thank for the good thoughts that the district has for us, we're proud as a board member I speak for myself but the rest of the board to serve as a board member I know that we are elected by the community and for the community and work for the students, administration, teachers. So I'm proud to be a board member and thank you for recognizing us every single year that God give us life in this world to be here with you all and the community....Thank you.

VI. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

B. Approval to Adopt Resolution regarding Review of the Investment Policy and Strategies

C. Approval of Independent Audit Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2016

D. Approval of Property Tax Refunds for the Month of December 2016

E. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications

F. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses

Motion by: Ricardo Rodriguez advised the Board that the Business and Instructional Committee Members had met and were recommending the approval of items A-F:

Seconded by: Aliza Flores Oliveros

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

Abstained:

Discussion: Mr. Zuniga read an additional discretionary fund request from United South High School requested by Adriana Ramirez and sponsored by Mr. Rick Rodriguez it' in the amount of \$500.00 and Mr. Ramiro Veliz III in the amount of \$3,100.00 funds to be used for the National Cheerleaders competition on January 20- 23rd.

Judd Gilpin; Alright then I need a motion to amend the previous motion?

Amended Motion: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

VII. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Donations

Mr. Roberto Santos - It is recommended that the board graciously accepts the following donations which will be attached to the minutes.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion:

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

B. Approval of Resolution for the Texas School Accountability System (TEA) A-F Ratings.

Mr. David Gonzalez; Good evening members of the board, Mr. Santos, and members of the audience, at this time on behalf of United Independent School District I recommend to the Board of Trustees to consider resolution concerning the A-F accountability rating system. Considering the A-F accountability rating system for Texas public schools, board members behind me are all the executive directors we, have met concerning this item. I've also met with all our principals yesterday we have the full support from all the

principals in our district. We are asking for your support. At this time there are 238 districts across the state of Texas who have already had this resolution passed and we ask for your support at this time.

Mr. Santos- before the board votes on a this I just want to go in public that United ISD our overall rating was an "A" but we still feel that this system that they use is not adequate and I think there's a lot of issues that need to get resolved but as a district you know our overall rating was an "A". I want to thank our staff our students and parents for the support.

David Gonzalez - Before anything else that doesn't if I may - the different domains we feel it also hurts our campuses as the rating is concerned. Of course Mr. Santos is correct; through the rating system right now we would have been given an "A".

Ms. Oliveros;-and not only given an "A" but compared to other schools districts in the state as I mentioned in the committee meeting not only are we doing well we are doing very well and I commend you Mr. Santos and all the staff for that and I congratulate you and I support you on this item.

Emma Leza presented the A-F Ratings for the district. Attached is a copy of the presentation for your review.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion: Mr. Roberto J. Santos
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed:

- C. Presentation by the TXDOT Involving the Right-of-Way Expansion of Loop 20 North of Highway 59 Given the State Seeks to Acquire School District's Property Where the "Food Production Center."

Thank you, Members of the Board, Mr. Santos, Mr. Cruz. My name is Melissa Montemayor, I am the district administrator for a Texas Department of Transportation for Laredo District which of compasses eight counties. Roughly between here and Del Rio which is Val Verde County as Mr. Gilpin eluded we are here to give you an update on the status of our U.S.-59 upgrade project here in Laredo U.S. 59 commonly known as Loop 20. I'm basically right outside our door here we have proposed for improvements an upgrade to an interstate facility so in the future we plan to upgrade that facility to a facility that you would have three lanes in each direction. The main lanes and then three lanes in each direction of Frontage Roads very much like you would see on IH-35 right now. We do not have funding available for construction, but what we're doing is giving an update as to what we're doing right now to get ready for the future. Now we are in the project development phase so we are conducting required Environmental Studies, we're looking at right of way requirements. We're preparing the schematic for the project and preparing our plan specifications and

estimate for the project such that of what we are getting to do to get construction funds available towards the project. We will be ready to hit the ground running and get this project to the citizens of Laredo. We're excited about the project it's one that would definitely increase the mobility of Loop 20 /U.S. 59 and decrease congestion. With me here tonight we have our Laredo Area Engineer, Carlos Rodriguez to my left and we have our right of way supervisor Gabriel Lopez right behind Carlos who will be speaking to the right away process is an acquisition process that we will encounter in with the right of way landowners along the project. Carlos will be speaking about the project specifics and then afterwards if you have any questions we would be happy to answer them. Well with that I'd like to introduce Carlos Rodriguez our Laredo Area Engineer.

Good evening... for the record Carlos Rodriguez/Area Engineer. What you see in front of you is basically an overall of what Melissa described basically we have a 6.9 mile project from International through Highway 59. It's going to involve some interchanges. Overpasses will be at Shiloh, Del Mar, the University of TAMU, Jacaman, and the Airport. The status right now of this overall project itself is the preliminary engineering that is going on basically the schematics. The environmental studies are going on. The acquisition of this require 400 foot of right of way for the whole 6.9 miles approximately 184 acres for the whole project itself for construction wise it's like 172 million of unfunded construction right now. The next slide you will see a blow up. The kitchen, you all's property United school district kitchen Central kitchen right here and you'll see the main lanes project dedicated area, it's going to have 3 lanes on each direction of the main lanes and 3 lanes on the front shoulder in each direction for the majority of the area because of other restrictions but within your property we are talking about the 150 foot right of way that exist currently and like I mentioned earlier we're going to need 400-foot of right of way to get the whole foot print in. So it makes a difference of about 250 foot of right of way. The next slide here is basically little blown up where it clearly shows your property, the United ISD Central Kitchen. If you look at these lines here this is existing right of way and this is existing roadway. Now the new right of way will be from this point here which is the existing on the west side to this yellow one here which would be the proposed on the east side. The gap between both of them will be about 400 feet. So this one gives you an idea of you all's property what we're talking about in the taking. If you see also your neighbors the armory, it's also the parking lot, but right the one we are discussing is the school districts property. Now what I want to discuss right now is currently anticipated project schedule: 2nd public meeting is scheduled for March or April of 2017.

A Public Hearing will be around summer of 2017. The approval of finding of no significant impact which is for Environmental purposes is scheduled for late summer/fall 2017. Later this spring the preliminary right of way acquisition activities will run parallel with the ongoing environmental work so that we can move forward. Actual offer letters of acquisition will be sent out only after funds have been approved. Environmental has the first step then we star going out for the right of way. The stretch and funding is under development by the Laredo MPO, the Webb County, and City of Laredo, RMA and TXDOT. Now I introduce my partner Gabriel Lopez.

Gabriel Lopez - I am the right of way supervisor here for about the relocation properties the acquisition act of 1970 the two different type of Acquisitions activation of real property which of your buildings and your land and the relocation of personal property is items like trucks for vehicles and kitchen equipment food cafeteria were here to say we don't have all the answers right now really work with y'all on the relocation of the kitchen. It's a 365 operation I'm just going to go over the standard acquisition procedure. This is definitely different this is your public owned facilities so it's different so I'm just going to go over what we do normally on a partial acquisition. First thing you'll see is an informational letter we sent out with property description right now we do not have property descriptions in addition a landowner Bill of Rights booklet will be sent out relocation booklet would also be included in the letter. Again I understand this is a public owned facility before the end of the presentation I'll go over the Info letter that type of acquisition. The Info letter will be mailed certified the next thing you'll come into contact with will be an appraisal. We'll hire an independent appraiser. He'll contact you to gain access to your facility I strongly advise work with him show him what you have in your facility that would be the next step. So once we get the appraisal back we will put together a written offer for you all including in that copy again you will have the land owner Bill of Rights, your title commitment, a copy of the deed and an appraisal you'll have 30 days to accept our counter offer or decline. Again don't be alarmed this is just standard procedure but we will work with you. If you accept we will proceed to close. If you don't accept a final offer letter will be sent to you all and you will have 14 days to respond and accept the original offer. The next step will be eminent domain. I think you're most interested in the replacement. For replacement side TXDOT will provide USD with a market appraisal of its property, or TXDOT may provide compensation to functionally replace the publicly owned real property with another facility that will provide equivalent utility. The state will not participate in the cost of any betterment such as an increase of capacity basically what you have now able to replace that somewhere else if you want a better that you'll have to come with those additional funds but we'll replace what is now. The runway project manager Ana Lidia Bell Benavides she's here with us today you'll be managing this and I'm the supervisor. I guess you have a lot of questions.

Jud Gilpin- start with #1, I think when you're first starting the presentation talking about the funding not mean determined you may have a difficult answer the questions for make sure we're clear on this ...Do you have any way of predicting the time frame on this? It might be as soon as certain time or could it be in so far off this whatever some range?

Melissa Montemayor - that's a great question and right now I don't have an answer for you of the type of funding that comes to Texas Department of Transportation for a project like this could vary greatly we have our traditional fuel tax funds that come to Laredo District but they're also Innovative funds that could be coming our way as well depending on you know where there's a problem and props 7 that you were citizens of voted onto the last legislative session there could be additional monies coming our way in lieu of those sources their Innovative techniques that Transportation agencies take advantage of we have a regional ability Authority here and Laredo so there's tools that they can use also to Advanced projects so you know right now I can't tell you 2 years from

now 5 years from now will have that funding but please know that this is a priority projects for TXDOT the City of Laredo, Webb County, the RMA, and words just constantly looking for ways that we can advance this project so I can't give you a date tonight but it is a priority project and as funds become available it's possible that we could maybe you approach this and phases for instance I'm not saying that's what we were start with first but if we got a portion of the funding for the project is possible that we could isolate the overpasses perhaps at Jacaman at Del Mar, University and tackle those first and then you know that the in-between mainland Inn Frontage Road or we could tackle the frontage road 1st and build those if that's the money that that we have allocated the project so just depending on what money we have available we'll look at the needs of the project at that time where are the key congested points it will most likely attack of those first and in a phased approach if we are fortunate enough to have an Innovative financing technique that allows us to approach the entire Interstate upgrade then we'll do so from International Boulevard all the way to US 59 which is Saunders, but yes I wish I could give you a date tonight but just can't do that but that's why we are here telling you explaining what we're doing today we're, we're working on that project development process getting the project ready with the right to acquisition that Gabriel here alluded to getting ready for their project we feel the construction funding could possibly come sooner than later. If we're ahead of the game have the schematic ready or right away ready and then when that that funding comes to us we're ready to hit the ground running and go to construction or whatever portion that we can afford.

Judd Gilpin - I guess the first part of my question would be for us although I think we all agree that it's a good thing for the community to work on this project but on our side a worse case like to react to it and deal with it would be how absolutely soon can it happen... So say funding became available in the next 2 or 3 months, how fast would be incredibly fast...are we still talking years? How fast incredibly fast

Melissa Montemayor;-exactly was still talking years or well the right away process he has a key milestones in this is the Environmental is the Environmental process end and we alluded earlier that it could be next summer when we have that environmental done I kind of wanted to go to that stuff back up that slide if I can get there take me a few little punches of this remote to get there forward so we look at the third bullet we believe that we're going to have the Fonzie which is the approval on the environmental document they were working on by summer early fall 2017 that's one of the key Milestones that we need to accomplish to start on that right away acquisition face right acquisition is one of those processes that really is contingent upon offers being accepted or are we going to have to go to condemnation for have some of the parcels and that process is where the time frame could vary a bit you know Gabriel you may have some insight as to know before have some previous experiences were looking at 184 Acres a substantial amount of right of way a bill do you want to baby from your past experience how long a parallel project would it take to acquire a hundred eighty four it Acres along a US facility like we're on today. Specifically but you're partially talking about I realized shake out a lot of different ways depending on who prioritizes expending of those committees and a lot of prioritizing it happen while we were really looking at is it got really fast somebody or the committee's decided that they wanted to do this part first when the money became available in most

ambitious timeline would probably be has see beginning in 2017 I understand but then we were kind of thinking if we work something out you know construct getting plans ready for construction all the things that happen we're really interested in and out quickly as soon as time we have to move we're trying to figure out if we talked to moving out and possibly needing to be out of there in two years or three or four at the soonest what would you think the absolute soonest is if you have to be out of there and something....

Gabriel – Well, I think it really depends on dress up we're going to work with you and work with you when you're going to get the plans ready I mean your plans like that phase of the project would happen really fast on the text outside this week we've obviously put a lot of stock in the ability to stay there during some of the processes like and understand you guys are have to do to be putting plans together and acquisition starting in early 2017.

Melissa Montemayor;- I can give him fair it's a very rough estimate after the after the Fonzie is received it let's say it takes a right away acquisition process I'm amusing 184 Acres scenario I'm not I'm going to use the face. Scenario Hunter 94 Acres roughly two years to acquire that property roughly the good thing is that simultaneously let's just say that in the fall of 2017 we find out that there's construction funding will Gabriel can start with the right away acquisition process that will take roughly two years to acquire we can proceed with the PS any develop with the plan specifications end estimates the set of plans for the project as you know we can do that concurrently so I would imagine that on a fast-track if we receive word that there's construction available safe all of 2017 when we see that third bullet here on the screen you're looking at fall of 2019 on a fast track to the to the start construction on this project and that again though a very streamlined approach and that's what does finding out that we have construction funding available fall of 2017.

Judd Gilpin-To serve the academic year that would affect I'm trying to think with that be 2 years to get ready or 3 years to get ready you said fall you have almost three years to get ready almost three years okay thank you and my next question I was going to check about the on our property the depth of it is greater the right away that you need and other kind of several parts to my question obviously there's some kind of determination of the pieces too small for us to use so we want to pay a lot of attention to whether or not if it's deemed unusable by being too small do we have some Avenue there by which to judge of considerable property kind of a follow-up question that goes right with that is if we're left with a small piece there's certain things you know if it's being used one way right now it's got a certain facilities it would be meaningless would there be money for left at the small piece to make it useful like kind of and in the term I think the lingo used in the stuff is Damages? so there be two kinds of Damages one that it shrink and you know what the deeper property when you have fun it's like that is worth more money so it's little pieces worth last now because not part of the second part of that would be the stuff that would kind of that we have to fix to begin using it like lights a half of a parking lot or partial facilities y'all have the authority to include that his damages and get that off of there?

Gabriel- That's right. There's a cost to cure, and what you're talking about is uneconomic remainder, we leave that up to the appraiser. But if you come to us

and say we don't want it buy it but if you come to us and say we don't want it by it and such a note that I cannot remain ever able to be by your request there is damages all secure those damages as far as the actual real property that's left on the parcel won't will take care of that will that with our fun like that could involve removing partial facilities

Judd Gilpin - also I guess kind of like to know if you have some particular how you go about determining the damages there on some of the major categories it by appraisal somebody appraises it as a whole and then you're going to figure out what the rest of it's worth and then if it turns out the peace can you assign value to the removal of everything there or is that something you do it yourself you and you compensate us for it? Pay us for any other damages that you determine are appropriate and are allowed sources.

Gabriel-It's an independent appraiser that we hire.

Judd Gilpin- Do you all only use one or do you use more than one. It's just one appraiser

Judd Gilpin - Do you all have different methods of appraising. It's an opinion. They come up with a value it's a starting point. We use market value and you will get an approved appraisal report.

Judd Gilpin -And if they use different methodologies do you pick one? Or do you just....we let the independent appraiser. We do get another appraiser review.

Rick Rodriguez - The only question I have is does TXDOT ever have a similar situation with LISD.

Melissa Montemayor- I've been here for 21 years and I personally in the past 21 years have not been involved in any UISD acquisitions not that I recall any way. Most of our acquisitions have been either commercial in nature or residential in nature but never with a school district here in Laredo not in the past 21 years that I can recall.

Rick Rodriguez- What made you make the lanes instead of doing like the overpasses like San Antonio?

Melissa Montemayor-

There will be associate overpasses at airport and Jacaman at Del Mar at University so you will have a associated overpasses is where you have those intersections for typically you know perhaps right now you might see a traffic signal like at Del Mar, Jacaman those are key intersections that carry a lot of traffic so yes there will be overpasses like you see right now at McPherson are you see at us 59 and Loop 20 right now we will have overpasses and then in between of course I'll have the main lanes the three lanes in each direction and then you'll have and those who love you know be in the middle if you will and then along the sides the frontage road it will be adjacent to either commercial properties residential properties or properties like yours. I will have three lanes in each direction they are so very much like you see right now 35 in front of Lowe's, Krispy Kreme that area it will be a very similar a facility in nature.

Those type of facilities you know and if you think about I-35 here in Laredo you think about the interstate in San Antonio here those types of facilities increase mobility and so what happens when people tend to frequent those areas, an increase in the economy because now it's easier to get to those businesses perhaps those subdivisions when you can when you can get to those areas faster you have a less of a congestion so typically when you have these improvements in a community you see that rise of Economic Development an increase in tax value of that property as well.

Ramiro Veliz – We as a board are in favor of alleviating the traffic and working with the congestion that has been occurring in that area. Our concern that we have is that is the only facility the only facility that we have our food production center that we have for our district.

Presentation available for your review

D. Proposed Boundary Changes for Various Campuses 2017-2018 School Year

Mike Garza- Mr. Gilpin, Members of the Board, Members of the Audience, at this time of the year we come to the board as an informational item to let the board know that we're going to beginning parent meetings in this particular case we're actually opening up a brand new campus so that does have an impact on the students in this particular instance majority the students coming from or all the students coming from the Zaffirini Elementary area. The next slide shows what the current boundaries (you should have a copy of this information) it shows what the current boundary is for the different schools that we have in this area which affected schools being Zaffirini Elementary we are making some minor changes to Bonnie and adding some additional students to Salinas Elementary. The next slide shows with the proposed boundary change would be the blue line indicates with the new boundary would be for the new Elementary School. As you can see there the projected enrollment for the new Elementary school would be 563, Zaffirini would drop down to 538, Bonnie would get some relief and go down to 720 and we would be able to increase Salinas's enrollment to 831. The purpose of having the smaller numbers of both at the elementary the new Elementary and Zaffirini is to settle that situation down allow for growth at the could occur in those particular areas a year from today we can look at some other minor boundaries to be able to make those adjustments. The next slide indicates the actual additions and subtractions by the boundaries themselves. Zaffirini has an enrollment of about 1129 students the impact this the 583 that we showed on the slide that would that would give a projected enrollment at Zaffirini of 546 and of course we showed the other numbers for money Salinas and the new elementary school and finally the last slide is actually what it would look like if and when will be come to the Board of Trustees and they approve about the changes this is what it look like. We have worked with Transportation make sure that they were maximizing all the young the routes officially in this particular request for information and we should be having some presentations here in the next couple weeks we have already started on the naming committee we had our first meeting this past Monday and we shall be meeting again this coming Monday I would be bringing some recommendations to the board for final approval. Thank you,

VIII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session at 7:25 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

1. Discussion re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities

B. 551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel
551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices

C. Student Activity Fund Audits: Elementary Schools – Kazen, Finley, Ruiz, Malakoff, Prada

1. Student Activity Fund Audits: Middle and High Schools – A Gonzalez MS, United MS, United South MS, Clark MS, United HS

2. Delinquent Tax Attorney Contract

3. Surplus Sale

4. Fuel Consumption

5. Status of Ongoing Audits

The Board returned from Closed Session at 7:51 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

IX. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.

No action was taken

X. **Adjournment**

Motion: So moved

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion:

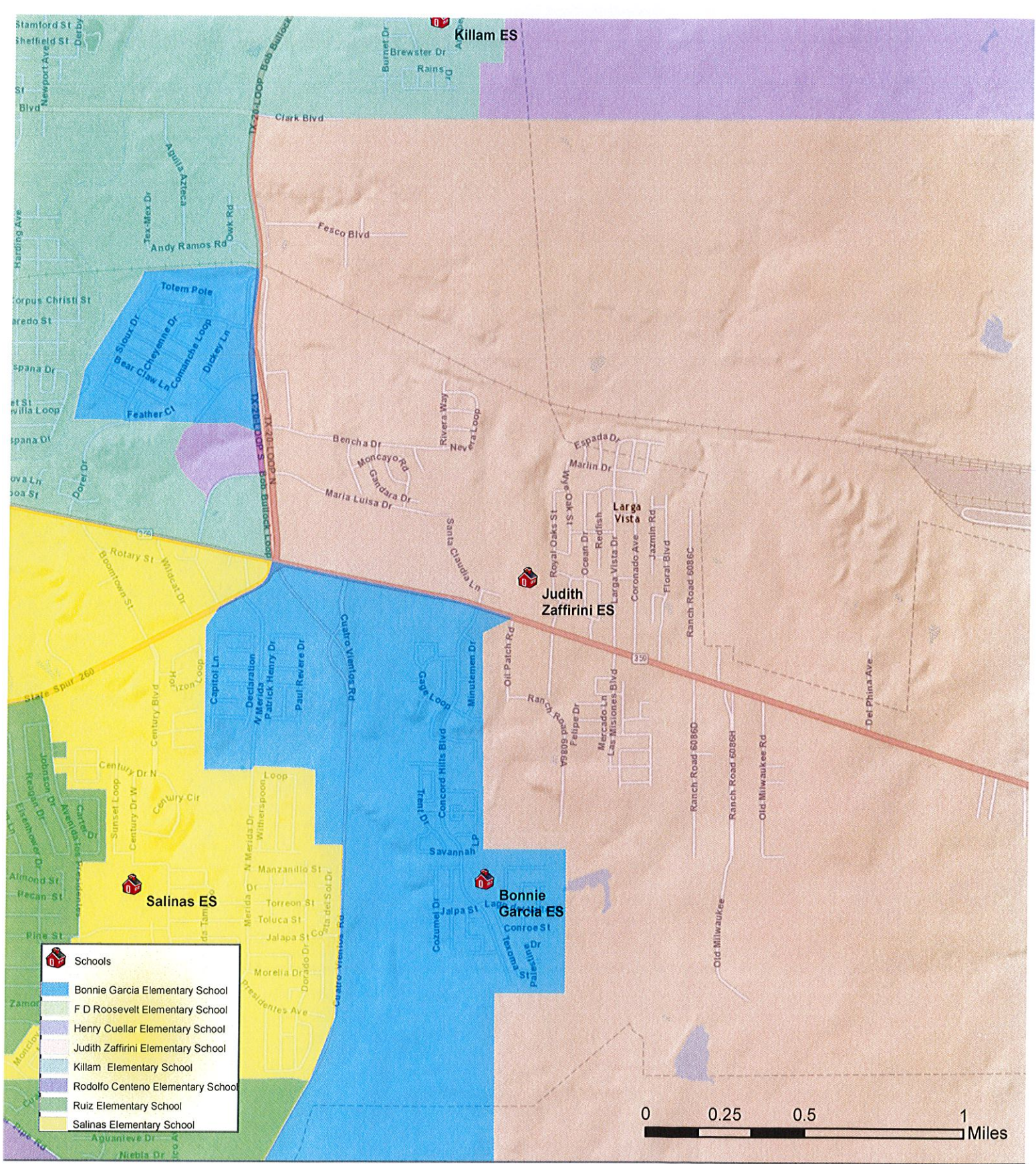
In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2017 was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Judd Gilpin – President

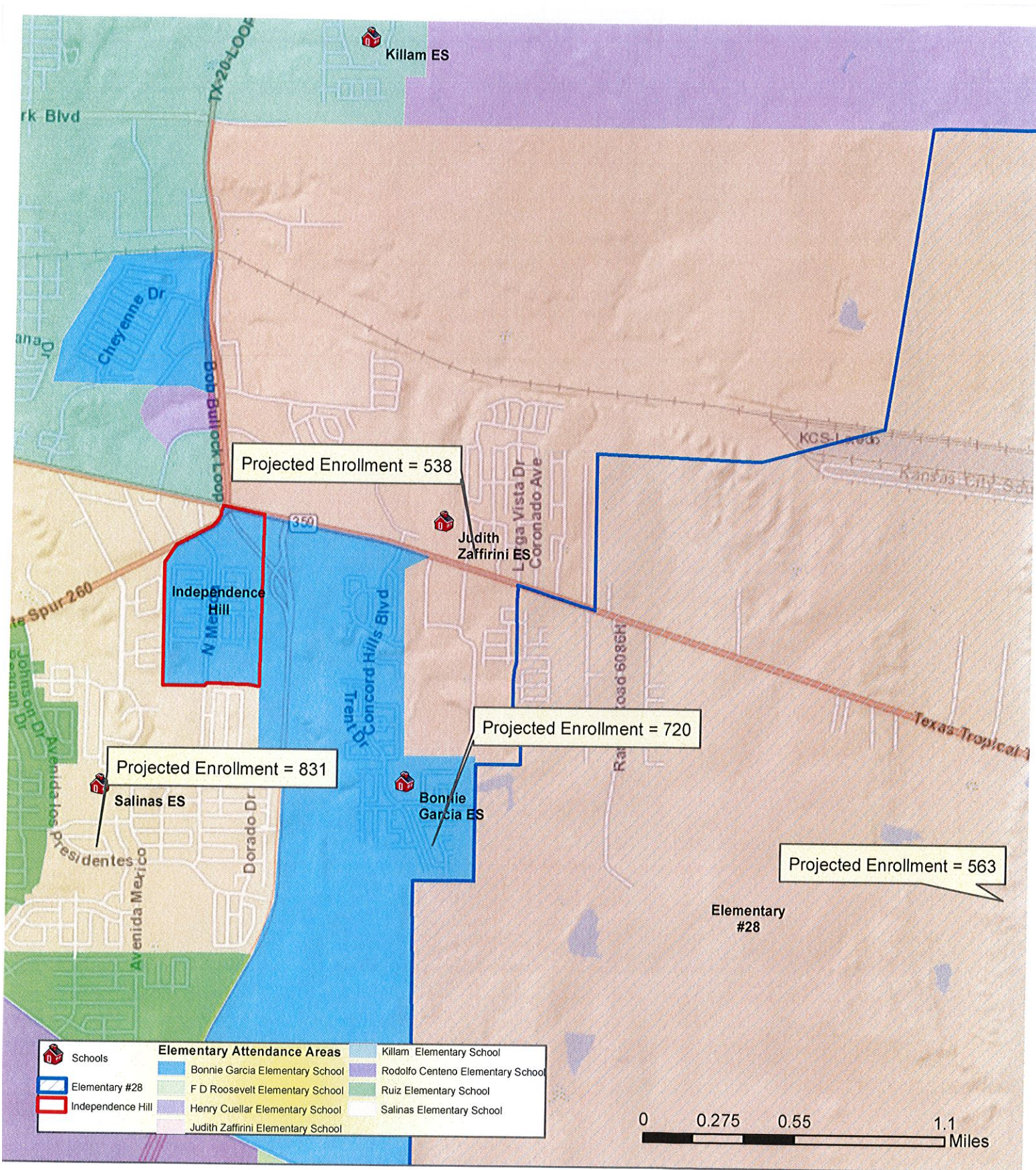
Aliza Flores Oliveros – Secretary



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Current Boundaries





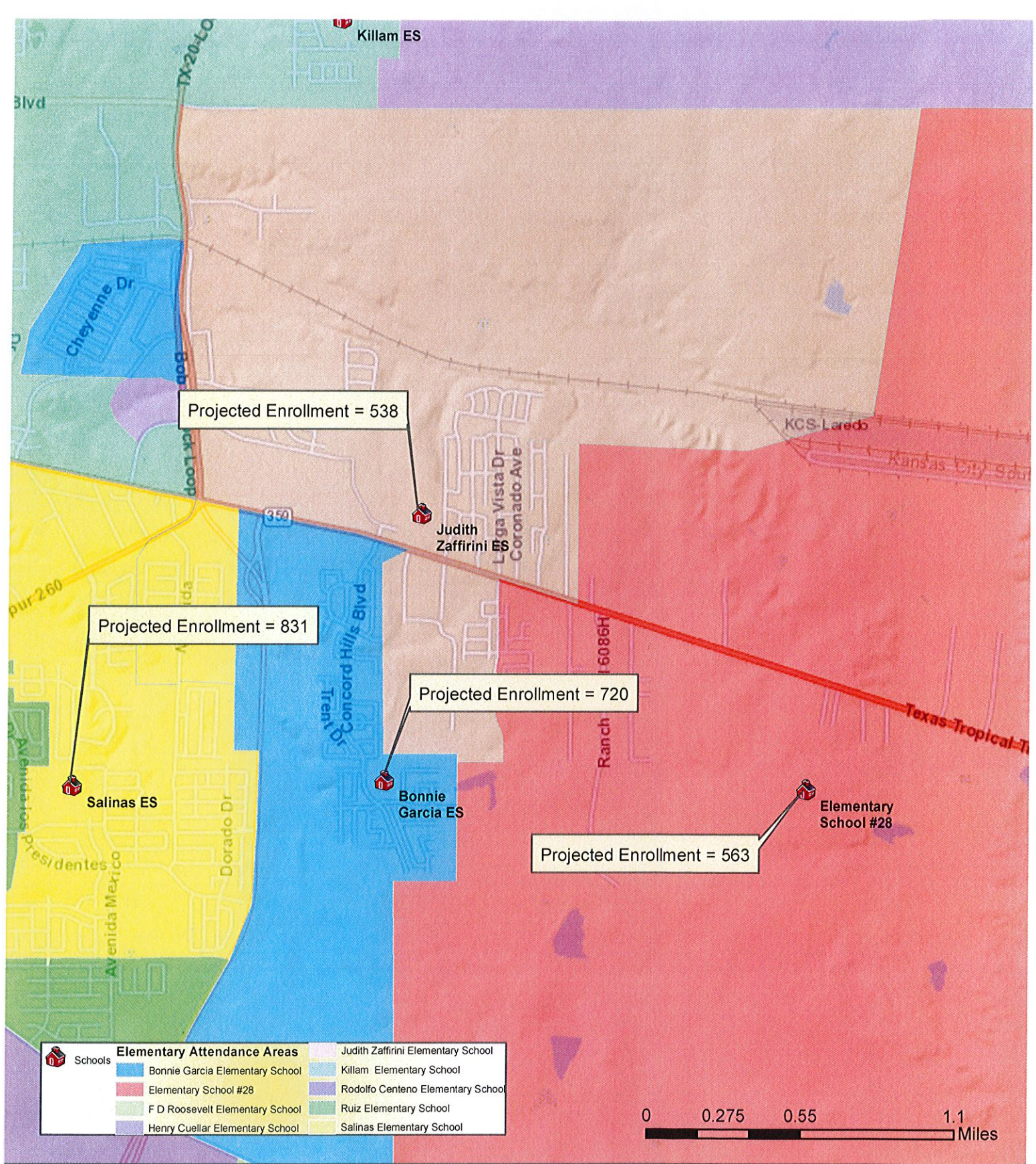
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Proposed Boundary Change

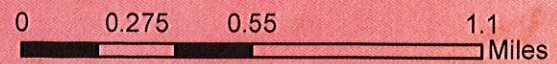


ELEMENTARY #28 - Projected Boundaries

SCHOOL	CURRENT ENROLLMENT	IMPACT	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	ROLL OVER PROJECTED 17-18
ZAFFIRINI	1129	-583	546	538
BONNIE	910	-138	772	720
SALINAS	770	138	908	831
ELEM # 28	0	583	583	563



Schools	Elementary Attendance Areas
Judith Zaffirini Elementary School	
Killam Elementary School	
Elementary School #28	
F D Roosevelt Elementary School	
Henry Cuellar Elementary School	
Salinas Elementary School	



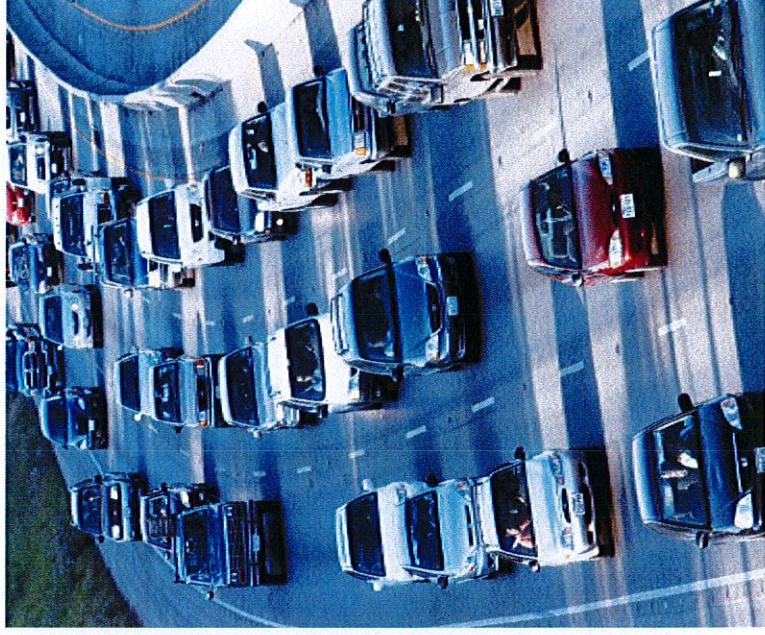
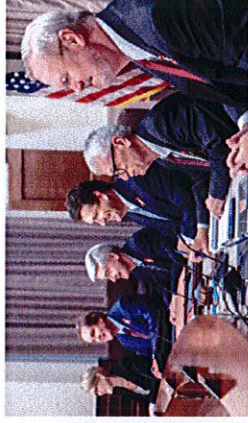
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Proposed Boundary Change





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US 59 Loop Upgrade Project

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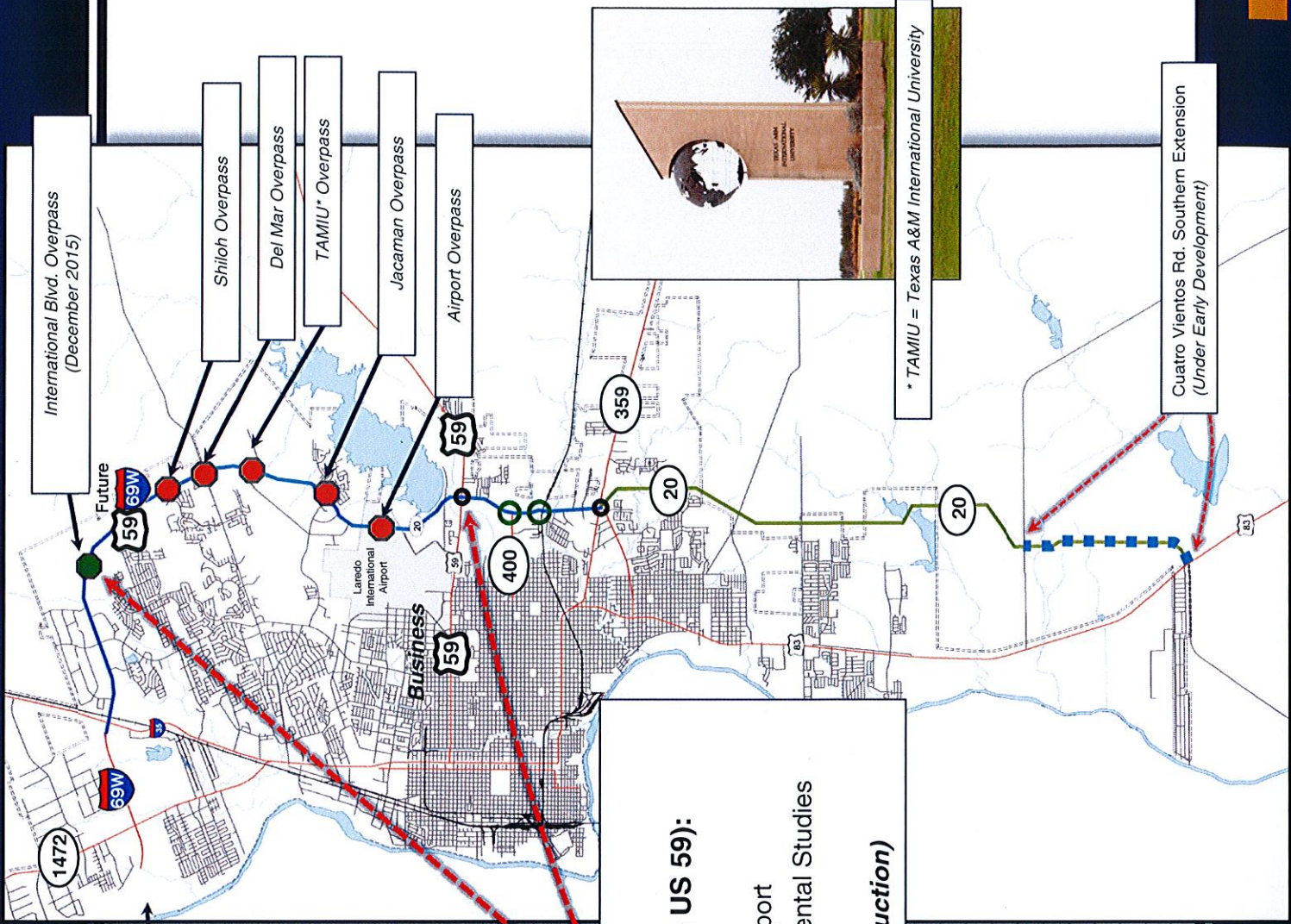
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January 18, 2017

Laredo US 59 (Loop 20) / I-69W Project:



World Trade International Bridge IV



* TAMIU = Texas A&M International University

US 59 (Loop) / I-69W Project

From International Blvd. To Saunders (Business US 59):

Length: ~6.9-miles

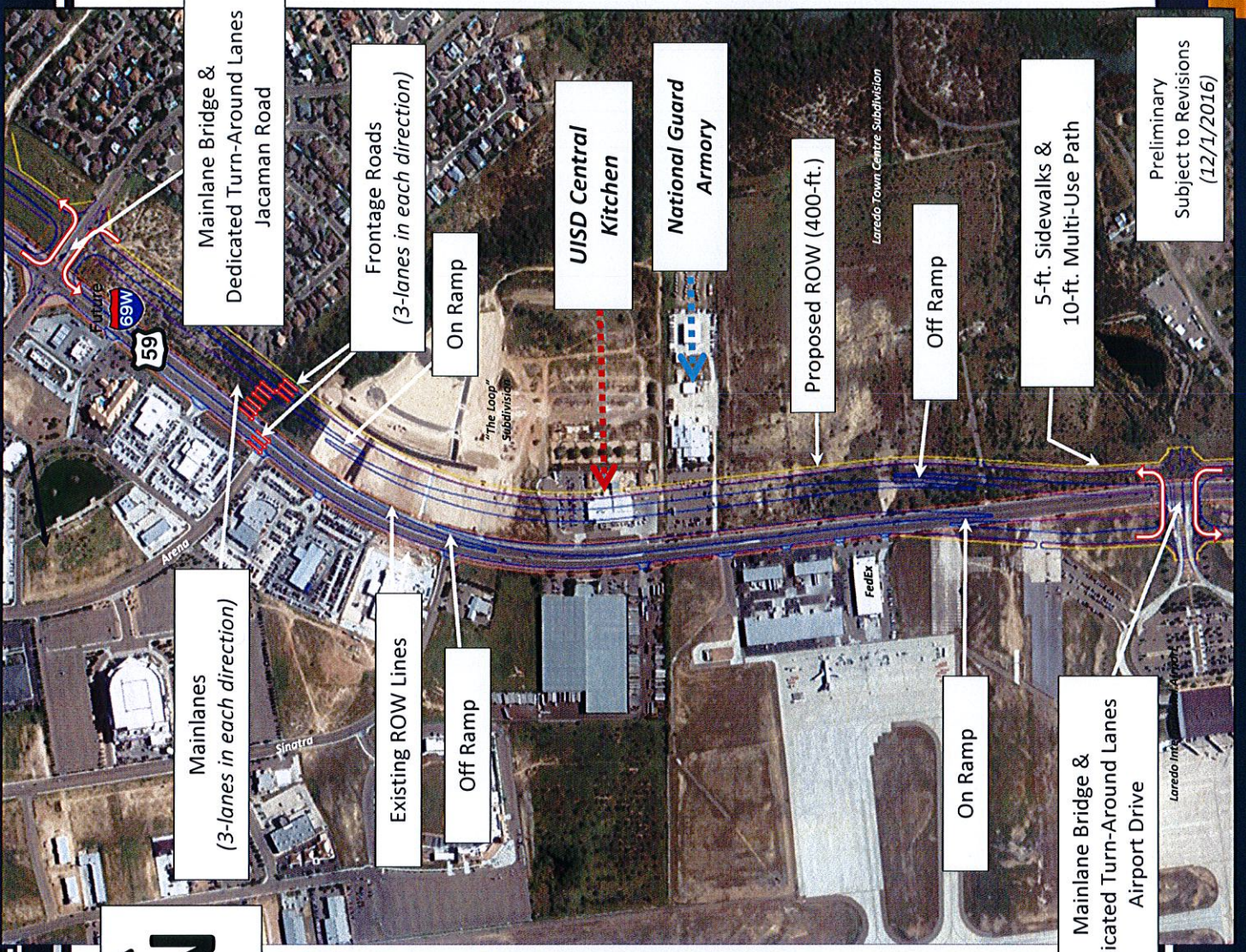
Interchanges: Shiloh; Del Mar; University/TAMIU*; Jacaman; Airport

Status: Under Preliminary Engineering (Schematic) & Environmental Studies

Estimated Additional ROW: 184-acres

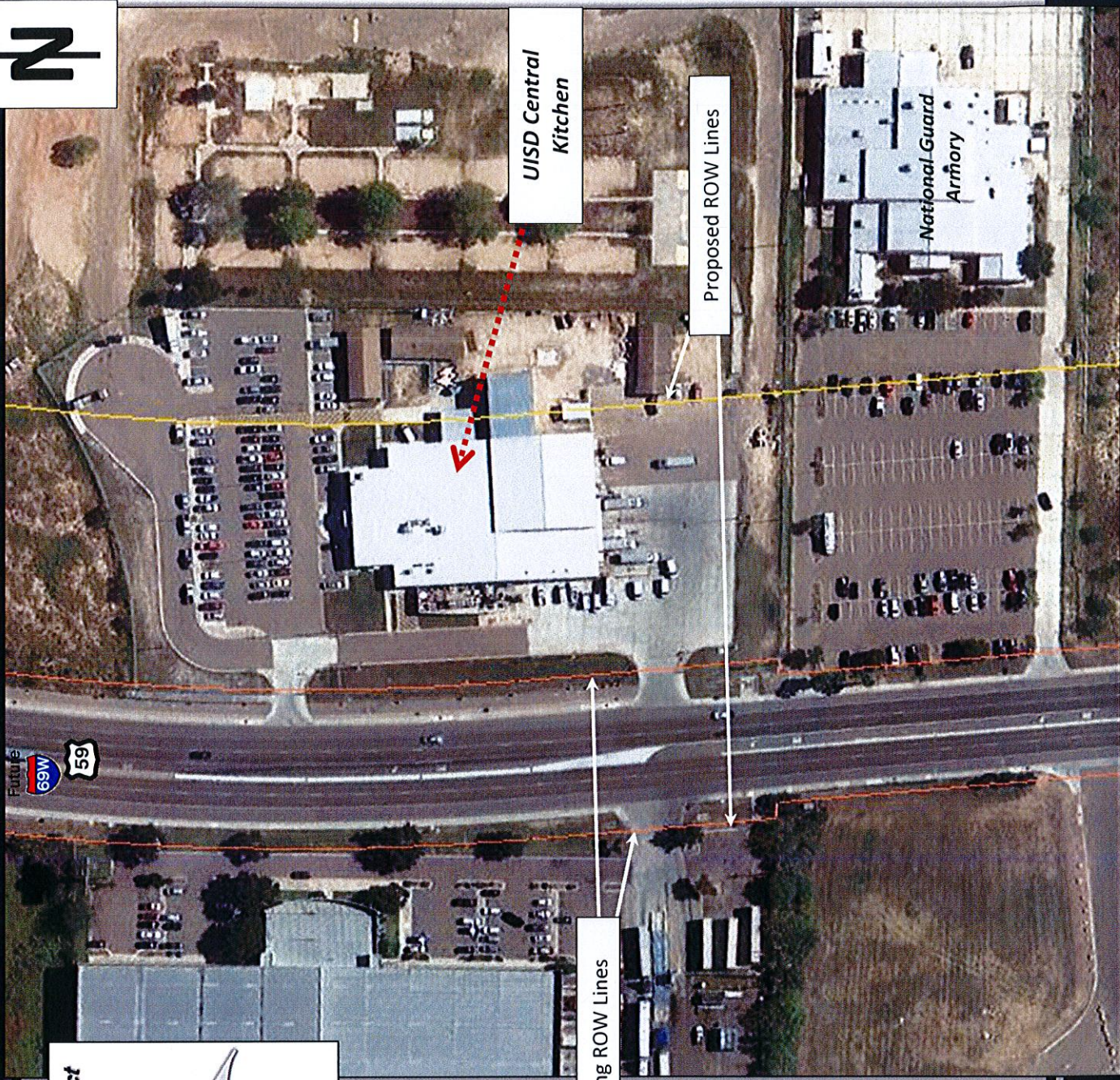
Construction Cost Estimate: \$172 Million (**Unfunded for Construction**)

Laredo US 59 (Loop 20) Upgrade Project:



Preliminary
Subject to Revisions
(12/1/2016)

Laredo US 59 (Loop 20) Upgrade Project:



UISD Central Kitchen

Proposed ROW Lines

Existing ROW Lines

Currently Anticipated Project Schedule:

The current schedule (subject to change as the project work progresses):

- A second public meeting in March/April 2017.
- The public hearing in summer 2017.
- The approval of a Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) in late summer/early fall 2017.
- Later this spring, the preliminary Right of Way acquisition activities would run parallel to the ongoing environmental work with actual offer letters for properties to be acquired going out only after the FONSI is approved.
- Construction funding is under development by the Laredo MPO, the Webb County-City of Laredo RMA and TxDOT





ACQUISITION of Real Property

Code of Federal Regulations

Title 49 CFR 24.102

Texas Administrative Code Title 43

43TAC, Part 1, Chapter 21.10

RELOCATION of Personal Property

Code of Federal Regulations

Title 49 CFR 24.102

Texas Administrative Code

43TAC, Chapter 21, Subchapter G.



ACQUISITIONS:

- **Informational Letter**
 - Property Description (Field Notes and survey plat)
 - Land Owner Bill of Rights
 - Relocation Booklet

- **Appraisal**

- **Written Offer Packet**
 - 30 days to accept, counter offer or decline
 - If accepted move forward to close
 - If not accepted Final Offer Letter (14 days to respond)
 - Eminent Domain
 - Special Commissioners Hearing
 - Possession



REPLACEMENT SITE:

TxDOT will provide UISD with a market appraisal of its property.

OR TxDOT may provide compensation to functionally replace the publicly owned real property with another facility that will provide equivalent utility.

The State will not participate in the cost of any “betterment” such as an increase of capacity.

TxDOT may be able to pay UISD the appraised value as part of an upfront agreement. This agreement will not limit UISD to the appraised value.



RELOCATION:

- **90 Day Letter**
- **30 Day Letter**
- **Moving Benefits**
 - Actual Move Cost
 - Negotiated-Self Move Cost
 - Commercial Move
 - Searching Cost



Right of Way Points of Contact:

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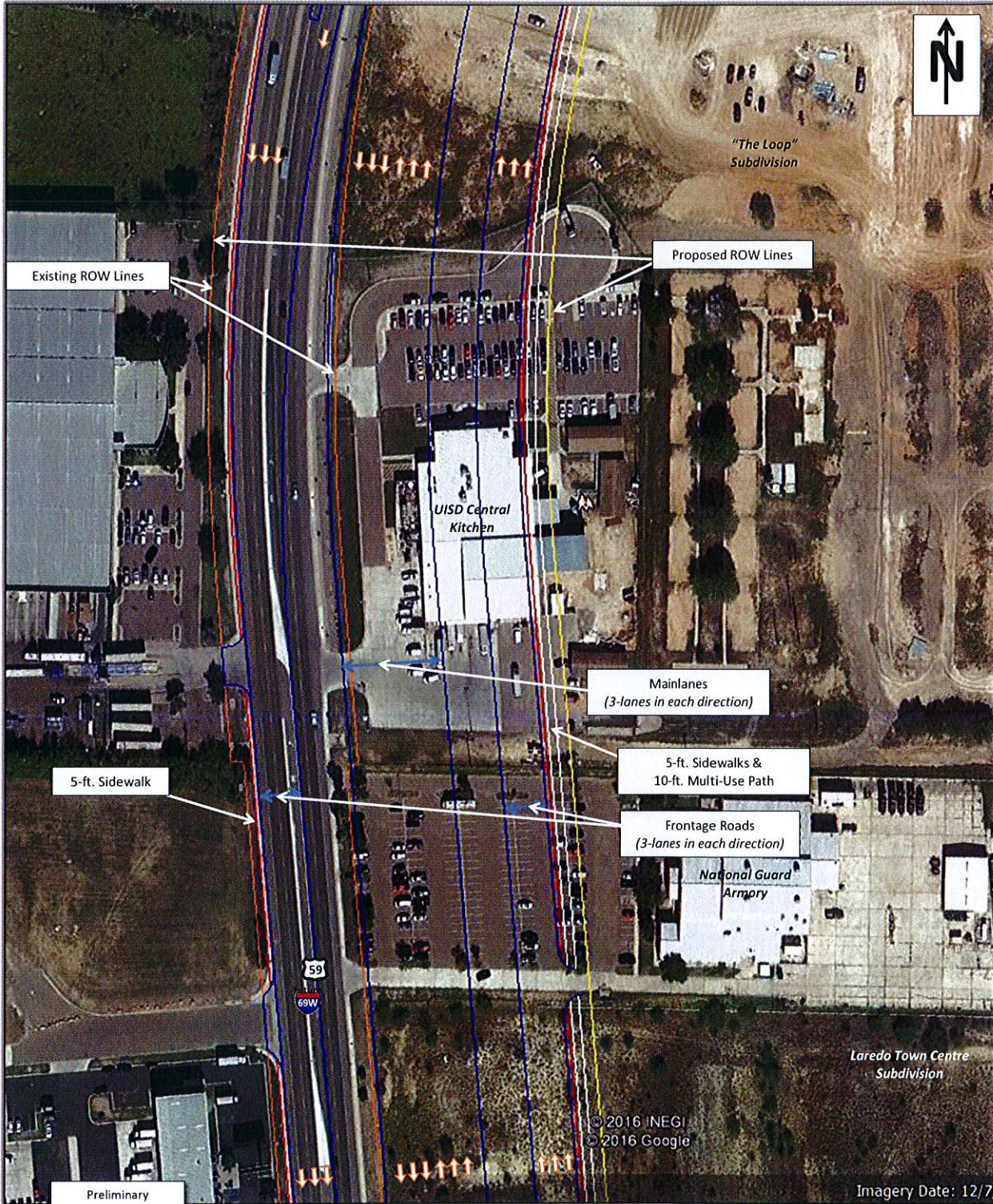
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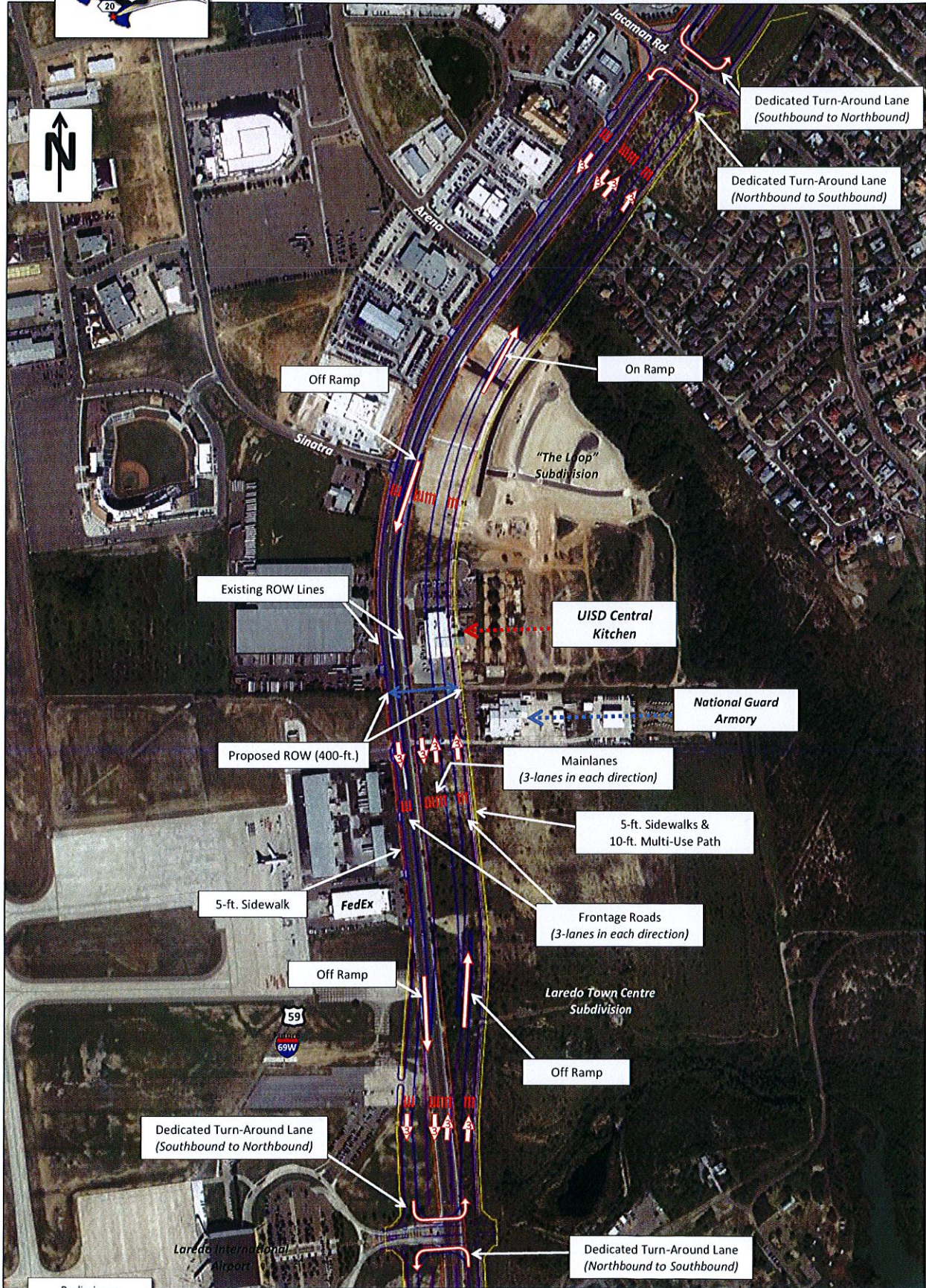
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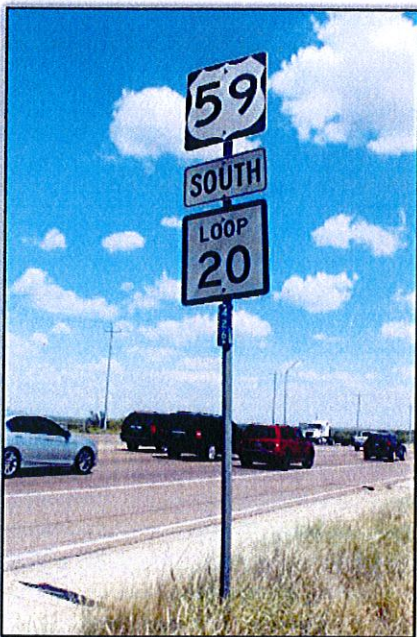
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US 59 LOOP UPGRADE

OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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The History Of the US 59 Loop

Upon the ratification and implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in the mid-1990s, international trade between the United States, Mexico and Canada began a period of rapid growth that continues to the present day. Due to the presence of I-35 in the U.S. and an equivalent Mexican Federal Highway 2 that pass through Laredo and Nuevo Laredo respectively, our community became a logical crossing location for international trade being shipped by truck. High-capacity rail facilities that cross at Laredo and high air-freight levels at the Laredo International Airport also add to these increasing trade crossings through Laredo. This growth of international crossings at Laredo was anticipated by local government officials and TxDOT, which led to a decision in the late 1990s and early 2000s for the development of projects that would provide a route around the densely populated portions of Laredo. This resulted in the World Trade International Bridge IV and Loop 20 (now the US 59 Loop) as they are travelled today.

The Evolution of the Loop to I-69 West

The northern portion of Loop 20 was redesignated as a part of US 59 and "Future I-69" by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) on February 26, 2014. As part of this redesignation, the portion of US 59 (Saunders Street) from Loop 20 (Bob Bullock Loop) to IH 35 is now designated as Business US 59. In addition, the TTC and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined that the segment of the US 59 Loop from 0.3-mile west of I-35 to the entrance to the World Trade International Bridge IV meets interstate design standards and is now officially designated as a segment of I-69 West (I-69W).



State, National and International Importance

In south Texas, I-69 will split into three branches: I-69 West in Laredo, I-69 Central in Hidalgo, and I-69 East in Brownsville. North of the south Texas split, I-69 passes through Victoria then Houston and east Texas. The northern terminus of I-69 nationally is at Port Huron, Michigan. The U.S. Congress has deemed I-69 to be a vital and high priority trade corridor between Canada, the Midwestern U.S. and Mexico. Both I-35 and I-69W are important freight corridors into Laredo. Laredo ranks as the third busiest port-of-entry of all types (land/sea/air) in the U.S.; Nuevo Laredo is the #1 port-of-entry in Mexico. According to TxDOT's 2015 Freight Mobility Plan, nearly 7 million jobs in Texas rely on freight transportation and trade with Mexico with the vast percentage of that freight passing through Laredo.

The Need and Purpose for Upgrading US 59 Loop

Due to the rapid growth in traffic associated with the growing international trade and population increases in Laredo, traffic on the US 59 Loop has grown to levels not anticipated in the original planning of the Loop. Overall, upgrades to the Loop are needed due to:

- **Population and Traffic Growth.** The rapid population growth in Laredo that has resulted in increased numbers of vehicles. Traffic levels are projected to increase by approximately 70% over the next 30 years as the Laredo population doubles in that timeframe.
- **Heavy trucks.** Depending on the location on the US 59 Loop, trucks comprise from 8.5% to 74% of the vehicles using the Loop.
- **Traffic congestion.** Congestion is studied as “Level of Service” (LOS) by TxDOT. The LOS scale goes from “A” (no driving delays) to “F” (extended delays/traffic gridlock). According to recent studies commissioned by TxDOT and completed by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) in late 2013, all of the signalized intersections between US 59/Saunders Street and International Boulevard now experience an LOS score of “D” or worse at peak travel times.
- **Traffic accidents.** Based on accident data compiled by TxDOT in 2012 and 2013, there were 370 accidents along the project corridor between US 59 and the World Trade International Bridge entrance with a total of 444 vehicles involved. Of these incidents, 46.6 percent were at intersections with streets or driveways. While the vast majority of these crashes resulted in either no injuries or minor, non-incapacitating injuries, two fatalities were recorded in this time period.

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase travel capacity for local, regional and international traffic, to increase safety and to upgrade the current roadway to interstate standards are required by federal legislation.

What Is Proposed With This Upgrade Of The US 59 Loop:

The US 59 Loop corridor between the International Boulevard and the US 59/Loop 20 intersection is proposed to be upgraded to an urban expressway. This expressway is proposed to include:

- Three mainlanes in each direction.
- Construction of three-lane frontage roads on each side of the mainlanes.
- Elevating the mainlanes over the major street crossings including Airport Drive, Jacaman Road, University Boulevard, Del Mar Boulevard and Shiloh Road.
- Constructing sidewalks on each side and a bicycle path adjacent to the east-side frontage road.
- This project will integrate with the International Boulevard project that is under construction and the near future construction project of installing the Loop mainlanes over the I-35 and the Union-Pacific Railroad line. The mainlanes over McPherson Road would also be completed with those two projects.

It is anticipated that approximately 182-acres of additional right-of-way would be needed from east of International Boulevard to the existing US 59/Loop 20 Interchange.

What Will It Cost And How Will It Be Funded

Using current, non-inflated future-year costs, this project is estimated to cost well over \$400 million. This overall cost would include the additional right-of-way and utility adjustments, engineering and construction costs.

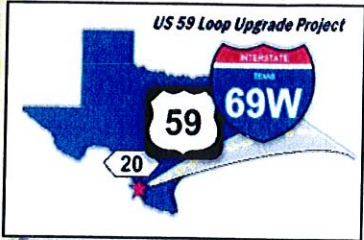
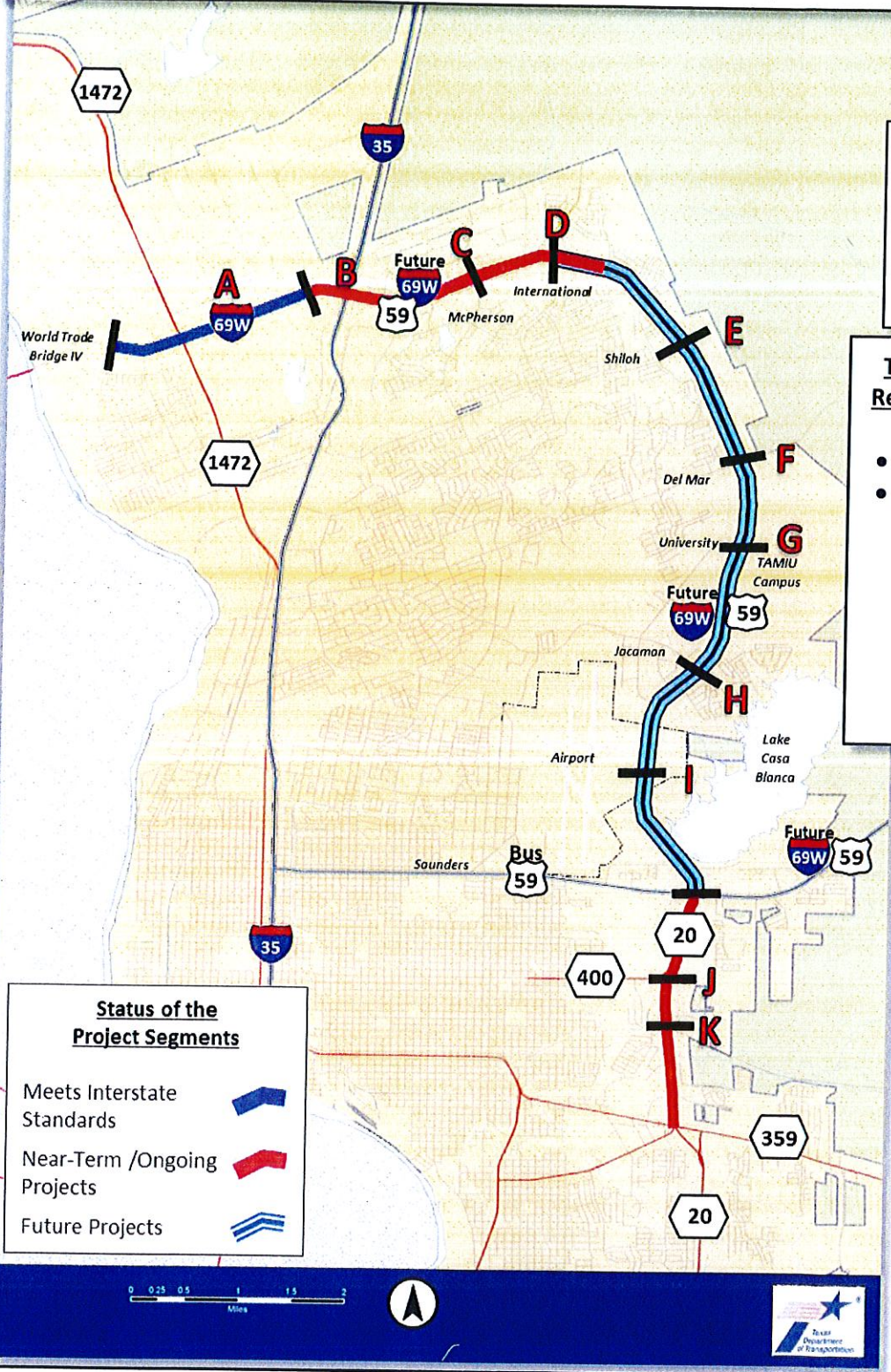
Funding options for the overall cost of the proposed US 59 Loop project are being developed by the local governments and TxDOT at this time. It is anticipated that these upgrades could proceed as one project or in phases over the next 10-20 years depending on the level of local participation in the funding. If only state and federal transportation monies are used, this much needed work *could not* be completed as a single construction project.

Tolling. *No tolling is under consideration for this project.*



Other Related Projects on the US 59 Loop:

- A. West of I-35 To The Entrance of World Trade International Bridge IV: Meets interstate standards and is currently designated as I-69W.
- B. US 59 Loop over I-35/U-P RR: Construct mainlanes over I-35/Union-Pacific Railroad line (January 2017).
- C. At McPherson Road: Construct overpass (Open to Traffic).
- D. At International Blvd.: Construct mainlanes over International Blvd. (Under Construction).



The US 59 Loop Upgrade Project Requiring Additional Right-of-Way And Interchanges

- ~182-acres Additional ROW
- Interchanges At:
 - E. At Shiloh Rd.
 - F. At Del Mar Blvd.
 - G. At University Blvd.
 - H. At Jacaman Rd.
 - I. At Airport Dr.

Status of the Project Segments

- Meets Interstate Standards
- Near-Term /Ongoing Projects
- Future Projects

- Other Related Projects on Loop 20:**
- J. At Spur 400 (Clark): Construct mainlanes over Spur 400 (Clark) (Under Construction).
 - K. At Kansas City Southern: Widen mainlane's bridge & construct frontage road bridges (Under Construction).

How To Get Involved

Public involvement is an important component of the US 59 Loop Upgrade Project and your feedback is highly valued. Public input is essential to the success of the project and final design.

To get more information or to submit comments on the project, please contact:

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Upcoming Public Meeting

The TxDOT Laredo District will host a Public Meeting to present the proposed US 59 Loop Upgrade Project. The meeting will be held in an open-house format with no formal presentation. The public will have an opportunity to view the proposed layouts, to visit with the project staff and to ask questions about the proposed project. The discussions will be in a one-on-one setting and attendees are invited to come and go at their convenience.

Spanish-speaking team members will be available at the meeting to assist with translation needs. If you require other communication needs or special accommodations, please call Raul Leal, the TxDOT Laredo Public Information Officer at (956) 712-7416 at least five business days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. For more information, visit txdot.gov and search keywords "US 59 Loop Upgrade".

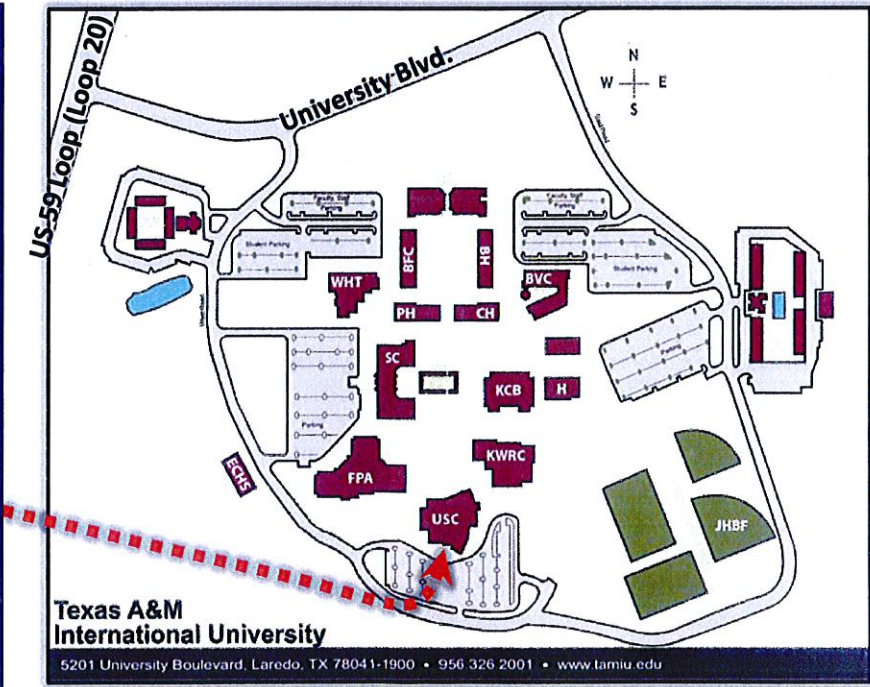
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Public Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2016

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Open House Format)

Texas A&M International University
at the
Zaffirini Student Success Center
Room 101



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 Dec. 17, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.