

# OAK HILLS

*Neighborhood District*

**BISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**MARCH 30, 2026**



# PURPOSE

The City of Temple is dedicated to fostering cohesive, distinct, vibrant, safe, and attractive neighborhoods where citizens take pride in and are engaged with their community. The work of the City's Neighborhood Planning Team will accomplish these objectives.

Through a process of collaboration and communication, the City's Neighborhood Planning Team will strive to ensure continued improvements to Temple's neighborhoods, and access to a wide variety of safe, accessible, and affordable housing types.



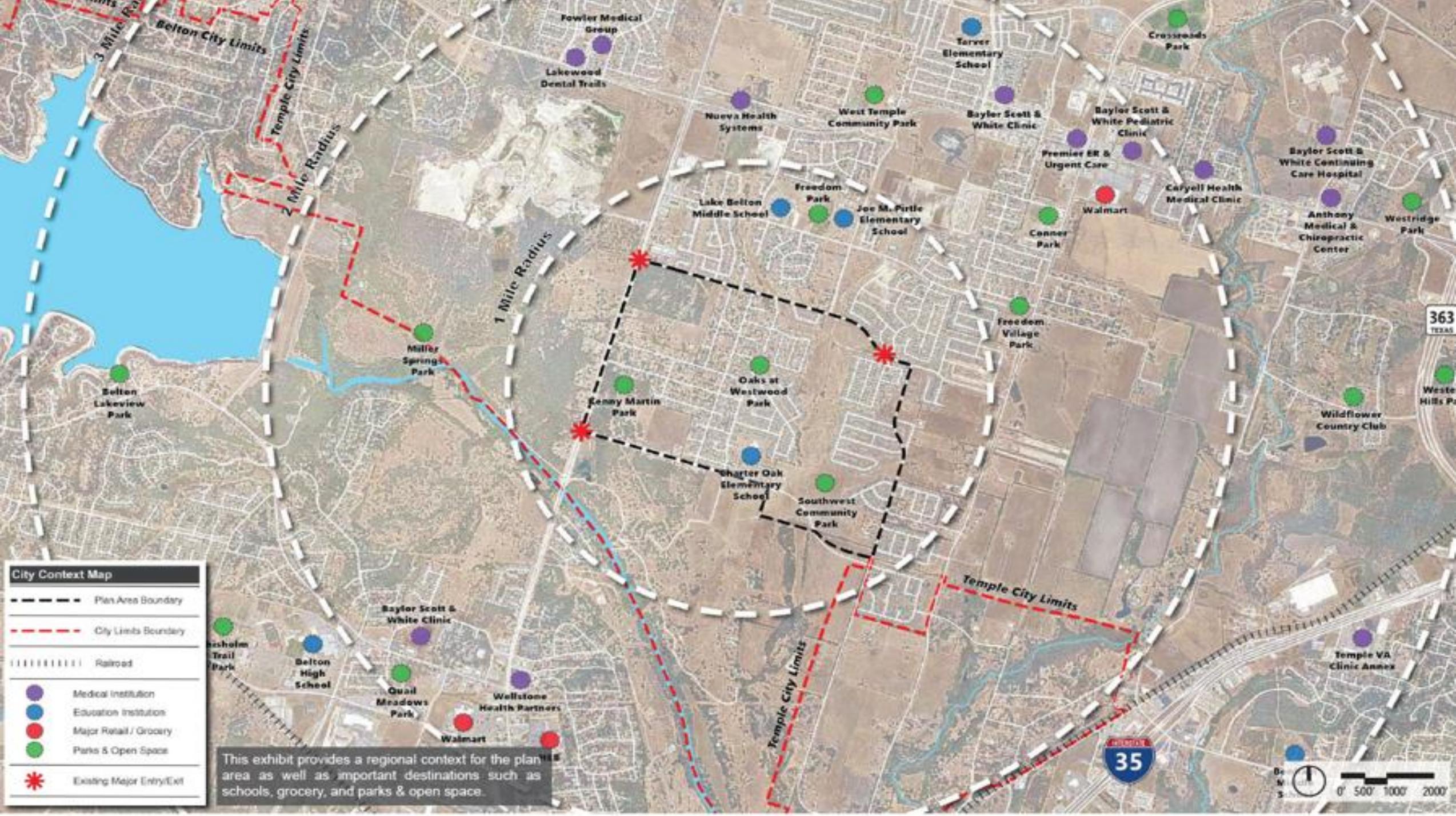
# MISSION

Working alongside residents in each neighborhood, our mission is to identify neighborhood concerns, values, vision, and goals. Through this process, the City will develop long-range plans for each Neighborhood Planning District to include:

- City Capital Improvement Projects
- Private Investment & Economic Development Opportunities
- Community Development Block Grant Projects

The emphasis of the mission will be to improve the quality of life in each neighborhood while increasing access to affordable housing.

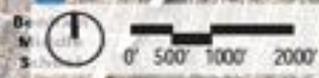




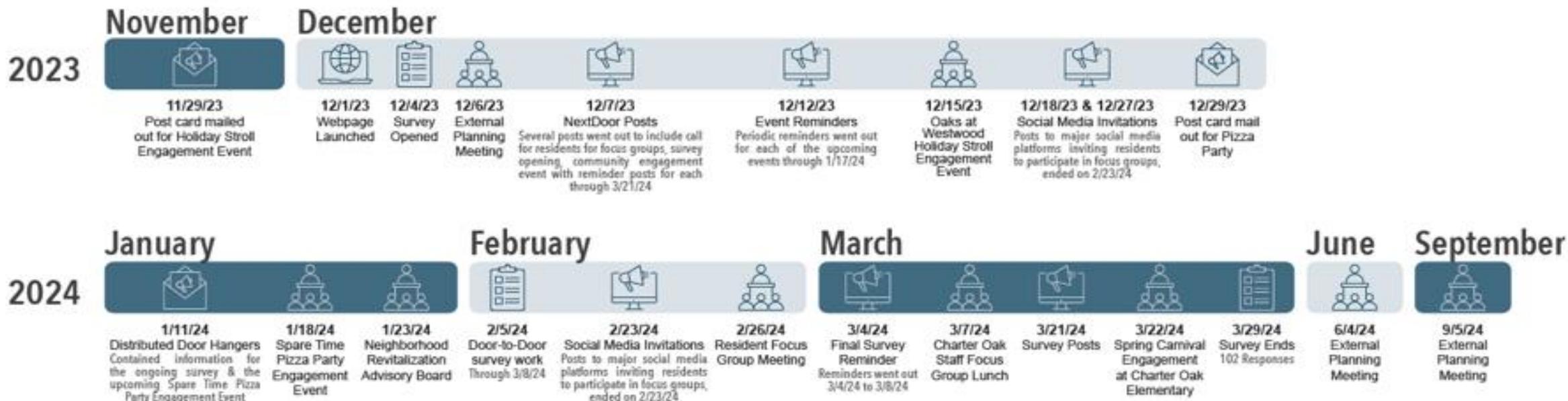
**City Context Map**

- Plan Area Boundary
- City Limits Boundary
- Railroad
- Medical Institution
- Education Institution
- Major Retail / Grocery
- Parks & Open Space
- \* Existing Major Entry/Exit

This exhibit provides a regional context for the plan area as well as important destinations such as schools, grocery, and parks & open space.



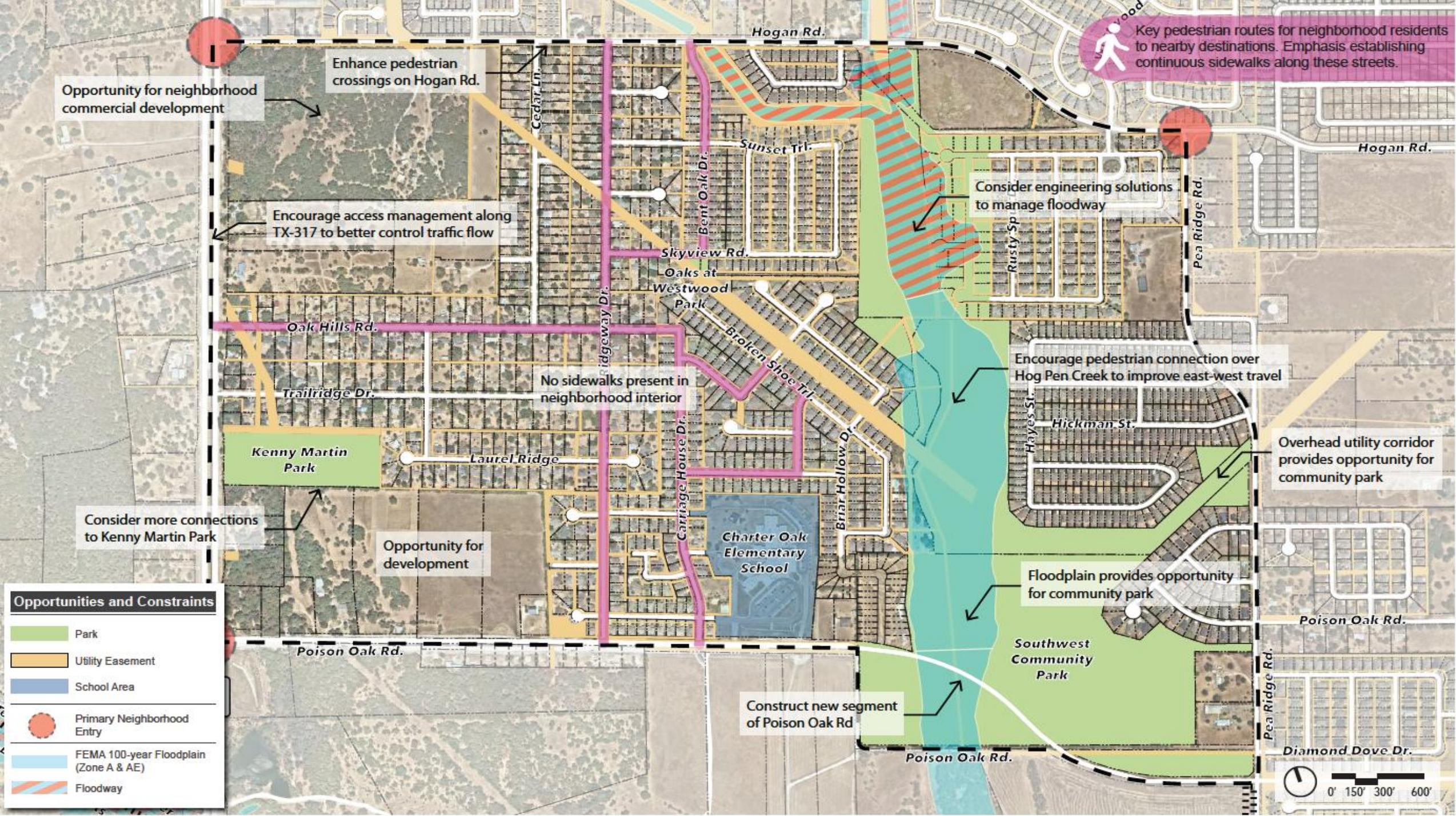
# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE



## Timeline Legend

-  Online Tools
-  Physical Announcements
-  Online Posts, Announcements, and Event Reminders
-  Survey and Survey Work
-  Meetings and In-Person Events





Key pedestrian routes for neighborhood residents to nearby destinations. Emphasis establishing continuous sidewalks along these streets.

Opportunity for neighborhood commercial development

Enhance pedestrian crossings on Hogan Rd.

Encourage access management along TX-317 to better control traffic flow

Consider engineering solutions to manage floodway

No sidewalks present in neighborhood interior

Encourage pedestrian connection over Hog Pen Creek to improve east-west travel

Overhead utility corridor provides opportunity for community park

Consider more connections to Kenny Martin Park

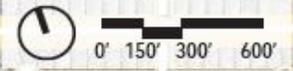
Opportunity for development

Floodplain provides opportunity for community park

Construct new segment of Poison Oak Rd

**Opportunities and Constraints**

- Park
- Utility Easement
- School Area
- Primary Neighborhood Entry
- FEMA 100-year Floodplain (Zone A & AE)
- Floodway



**AFTER**



**SUPPLEMENTAL IMAGES**



**Carriage House Drive and Surrey Drive Intersection**  
Carriage House Drive, while currently missing sidewalks, provides a direct pedestrian route for neighborhood residents to access Charter Oak Elementary School. Improving pedestrian infrastructure on this street should be a high priority. The Surrey Drive intersection along Carriage House Drive would be ideal for intersection improvements, such as striping and signage to indicate the connection to the school.

- Overall Takeaways:**
- Intersection enhancements are intended to improve safety for neighborhood pedestrian access to the Charter Oaks Elementary School.
  - Crosswalks should be delineated with markings to increase visibility at crosswalk zones.
  - Consider crossing flags or pedestrian-activated signals in exceptionally high volume or hazardous intersections.

This exhibit builds upon the direction of Temple's Comprehensive Plan in refining the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) to meet the needs of the Oak Hills Neighborhood.

The following are the key takeaways:

- Add both a new street that parallels Hwy 317 and Ridgeway Drive as Neighborhood Collectors.
- Ensure sidewalk additions to the streets with the plan designation of pedestrian connector.
- Ensure pedestrian connections are extended into any future development in the western portions of the plan area.

- Remove portion of Greenway Trail south of Hogan Road to Hog Pen Creek from the trails plan.
- Change classification of trail that runs northeast from Southwest Community Park from Neighborhood connector Trail to Greenway Trail.



**MTP Recommendations**

- Major Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Community Collector
- Neighborhood Collector
- Neighborhood Collector, Proposed
- Pedestrian Connector
- Pedestrian Connector, Proposed
- Intersection Enhancement

- Thoroughfare Connector Trail
- Neighborhood Connector Trail
- Greenway Trail

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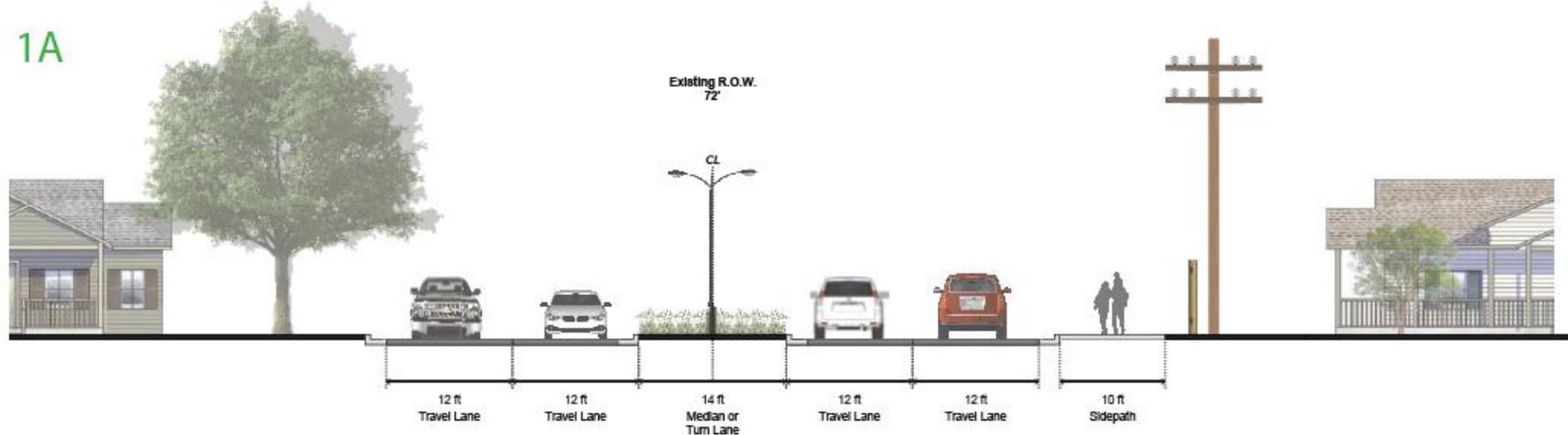


Temple City Limits  
Belton City Limits

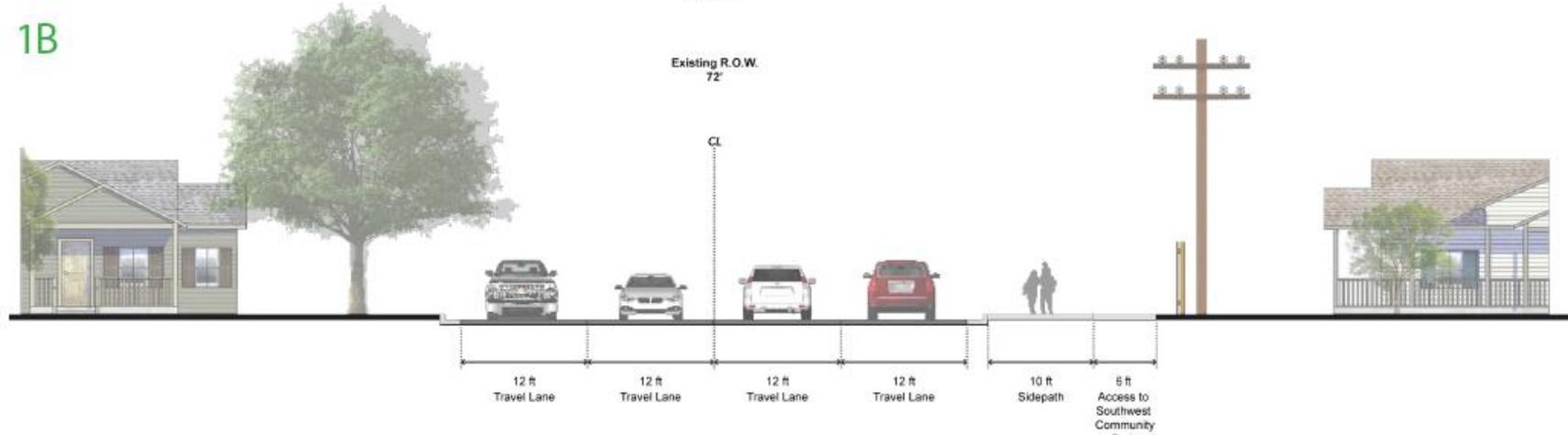


**CHARACTER IMAGERY**

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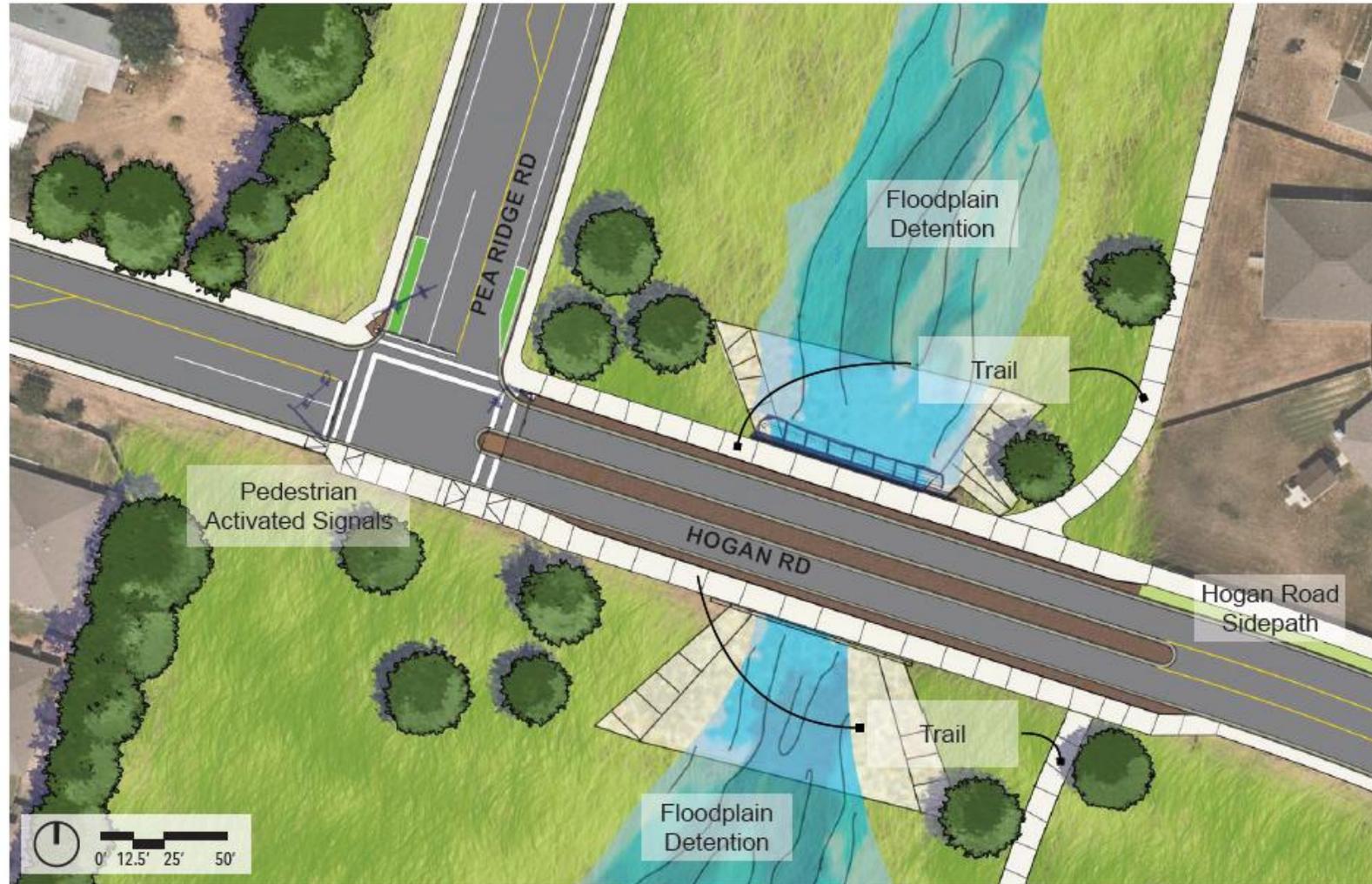
- Major Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Community Collector
- Neighborhood Collector
- Pedestrian Connector

**Poison Oak Road**  
 Poison Oak Road is a minor arterial that is currently being rebuilt. The new road features a median that becomes a turn lane when applicable. A total of four travel lanes will be added, with two travel lanes in each direction. The road also includes a sidepath at the back of the curb. A significant change to Poison Oak Road is the removal of two 90-degree turns, opting for more gradual curves. Because of this change, the intersection of Poison Oak Road and Pea Ridge Road has been shifted further south.

- Key Characteristics:**
- Four travel lanes
  - Ten-foot sidepath along back of curb
  - Median or turn lane where applicable
  - Intersection with Pea Ridge Road shifted south
  - Removal of sharp turns for gradual curves

# TRAIL AT HOGAN ROAD

Current plans are in development which may differ from these recommendations. This plan document still recommends signalized intersections, a stamped concrete median, and a side path along Hogan Road in order to protect pedestrian traffic in the future.



**Key Considerations:**

**Signalized Intersection.** The application of a signalized intersection should be considered to help with safety concerns for pedestrians as the trail corridor provides important connectivity within Temple.

**Low Maintenance Median.** The stamped concrete median is intended to be a low maintenance beautification element leading to a signalized intersection.

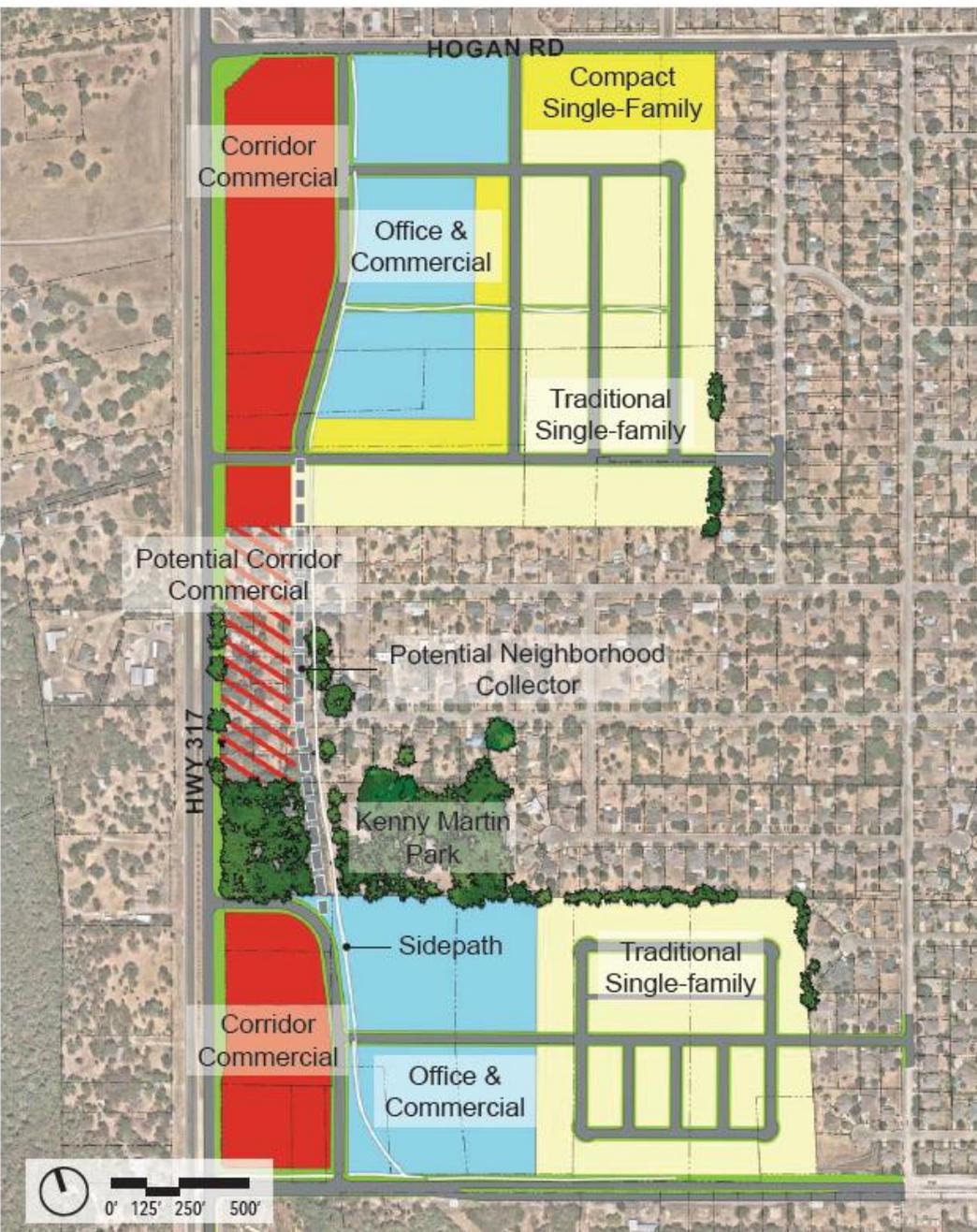
**Hogan Road Sidepath.** Utilizing the Hogan Road sidepath as a means to access Pea Ridge Road further strengthens the connectivity to the adjoining neighborhoods.



A protected sidepath should be considered adjacent to Hogan Rd



A Hawk Beacon allows for pedestrian activation of crossing signal



## HWY 317 NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

### Neighborhood Center

The addition of commercial property within the Oak Hills Neighborhood District is key to making the neighborhood complete. Currently, residents must travel to West Adams Avenue or North Belton for goods and services. While this portion of the plan area is currently comprised of large estate lots or small farms, it will undoubtedly feel pressure to develop. Establishing appropriate connections and access principles at this stage will contribute to maintaining functional and orderly growth that residents will appreciate upon final build-out.

### Key Considerations:

**Land Use Transect** Creating a gradient of higher intensity corridor commercial to lower intensity single-family creates a buffer from HWY 317 for single-family properties. This allows homes to be further away from the traffic and noise that highways produce, and uses the land closest to HWY 317 in a more productive way.

**Corridor Commercial** The properties fronting HWY 317 are an excellent location for commercial businesses. Since the neighborhood lacks retail, grocery, dining, and personal service establishments, future development in this area can help address these missing components. This area should be developed to allow circulation patterns that don't require neighborhood residents to travel on HWY 317 to access these businesses.

**HWY 317 Slip Street** The proposed neighborhood collector street provides a complete north-south route through the commercial development. This road enables the redevelopment of some of the smaller residential lots fronting HWY 317 into more functional commercial spaces.

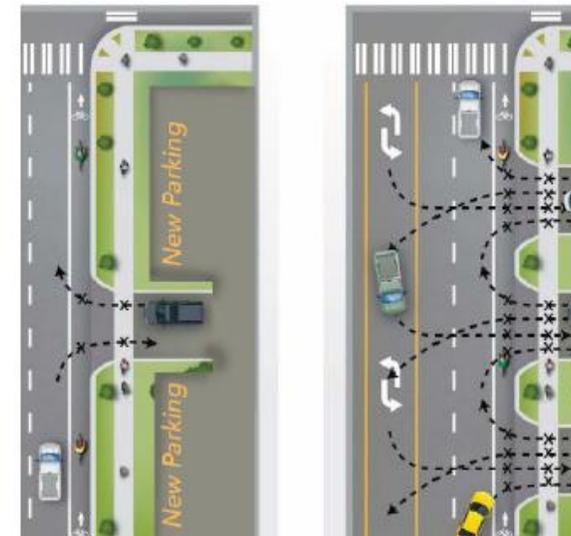
**Mix of Single-family** Considering a mix of single-family housing types increases the plan area's housing options and affordability. The use of smaller alley-supported lots is intended to increase housing units, bearing in mind that an increase in units would generate more support for the neighborhood-serving commercial.

### HWY 317 Corridor Plan

The HWY 317 Corridor is a critical growth area for the City of Temple, serving as a key connector and development driver. A corridor plan can be used to guide coordinated, sustainable development and ensure infrastructure, land use, and mobility improvements align with the community's vision. A plan will identify current conditions, challenges, and opportunities, and provide recommendations for land use, transportation, utilities, natural features, and urban design. The outcome will be a clear, actionable roadmap to support strategic investment, enhance connectivity, and foster a vibrant, well-planned corridor.

### Cross Access Easements / Driveway Consolidation

Reducing the number of driveways can improve both safety and accessibility. Fewer access points minimize conflict areas between vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists, reducing the potential for accidents. A consolidated and well-organized driveway and parking layout provides clearer circulation patterns, improves visibility, and enhances predictability for all users. This results in safer, more efficient ingress and egress while maintaining convenient access to the site.



### Desired Outcomes:

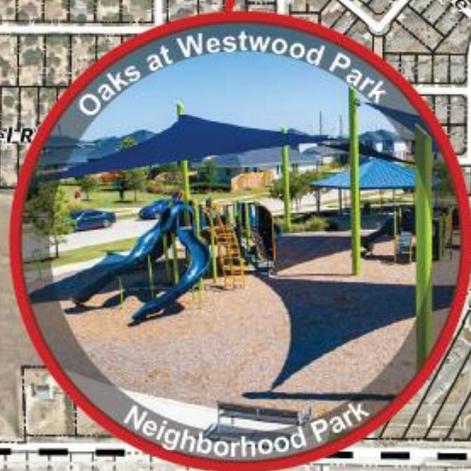
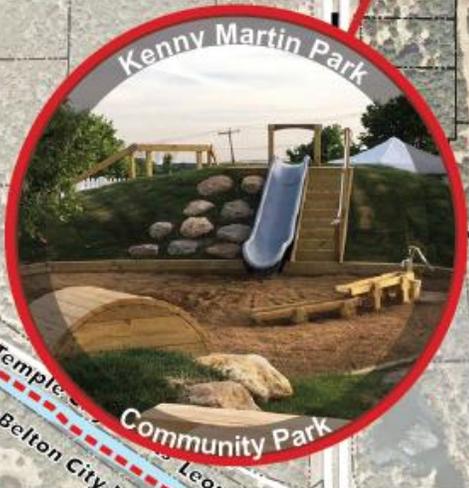
- Improved safety for vehicles and pedestrians
- Better utilization of parking lots for parking
- Improved traffic flow

This exhibit shows a conceptual plan for the Oak Hills Neighborhood properties and how they interact with HWY 317. The City of Temple will not initiate any design or infrastructure projects within this area; all future development will be at the discretion of property owners and developers.

# Park

## Parks within the Neighborhood

The neighborhood is fortunate to be home to a diverse and vibrant network of parks, including a neighborhood park, a community park, and a regional park—each thoughtfully designed to serve different needs and interests. This rich variety of green spaces not only enhances the character of the area but also provides residents of all ages with opportunities to connect with nature, stay active, and build community. Having all three park types within one neighborhood is a rare and unique advantage, offering unparalleled flexibility for recreation, programming, and events—ranging from small, intimate gatherings to large-scale community festivals and regional tournaments. This creates opportunities to attract visitors, support local businesses, foster environmental stewardship, and encourage intergenerational connections in ways few neighborhoods can match. The presence of such a robust and accessible park system is truly one of the neighborhood's greatest assets. Looking ahead, several exciting improvements are planned to ensure these parks continue to support the city's vision and residents' aspirations for a high quality of life, recreation, and well-being.





# KENNY MARTIN PARK



## Key Considerations:

**Access and Parking.** Currently, the only public road that Kenny Martin Park is adjacent to is Hwy 317. Hwy 317 is a less-than-ideal street for providing access to a neighborhood park. Instead, a new road with on-street parking would improve overall connectivity, promote traffic calming, and be a more cost-efficient parking strategy.

**Playground and Picnic Shelter.** The playground and picnic shelter are intended to be a hub for information and gatherings at Kenny Martin Park. A kiosk will provide a narrative on the park's conservation practices and environmental features and a map of the trail routes found within the park. Additionally, a restroom should be added as a complimentary park feature.

**Amenity Pond.** A pond feature is intended to provide interest and additional habitat while contributing to the area's drainage infrastructure. An overlook feature at the pond edge, along with seating around the pond area's perimeter, will help engage the space. Beyond the initial conceptual design of the park, further review or integration of the pond as a drainage facility will be needed.

**Interior Park Trails.** Two distinct trail types would serve Kenny Martin Park. One is a 6-8 foot long concrete trail that would provide a paved surface suitable for all conditions. The other is a crushed stone or wood chip trail 4-5 feet in width. Combined, these trails are intended to provide a series of paths to experience the park, leading to the park's signature tree canopy boardwalk structures.

## Neighborhood Park



### Neighborhood Park

Neighborhood parks are smaller-scale parks intended to serve the immediate residential area within walking distance. They provide accessible, family-friendly spaces for everyday recreation and relaxation, fostering a strong sense of community and belonging.

### Key Programming:

- Playground equipment for various age groups
- Shaded picnic areas and benches
- Small open lawn areas for informal play
- Walking paths or loop trails
- Community gardens or pollinator gardens
- Dog-friendly areas or pet waste stations



The Oaks at Westwood Park serves as an important neighborhood gathering space and provides a foundation for recreation close to home. While it currently offers a playground, there is significant opportunity to enhance its role as a true community hub. By thoughtfully adding features that support comfort, accessibility, and connectivity, the park can better meet the diverse needs of residents and become a more welcoming destination for all.

### Program Improvements:

- Shade structures
- Playground Renovation
- Benches and seating areas
- Accessible pathways
- Connection to Hog Pen Regional Trail

## NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTIFICATION

Some of these branding designs pull inspiration from an existing monument sign in the Bent Oak Drive and Hogan Road neighborhood that incorporates an oak leaf into its design. Following a similar theme, besides oak leaves, some branding options include oak trees and acorns. Furthermore, a few designs embrace a hill element to emphasize the change of the neighborhood's name from The Oaks at Westwood to The Oak Hills Neighborhood.

## STREET SIGN TOPPERS



## PRIMARY LOGO COLOR



## FONTS

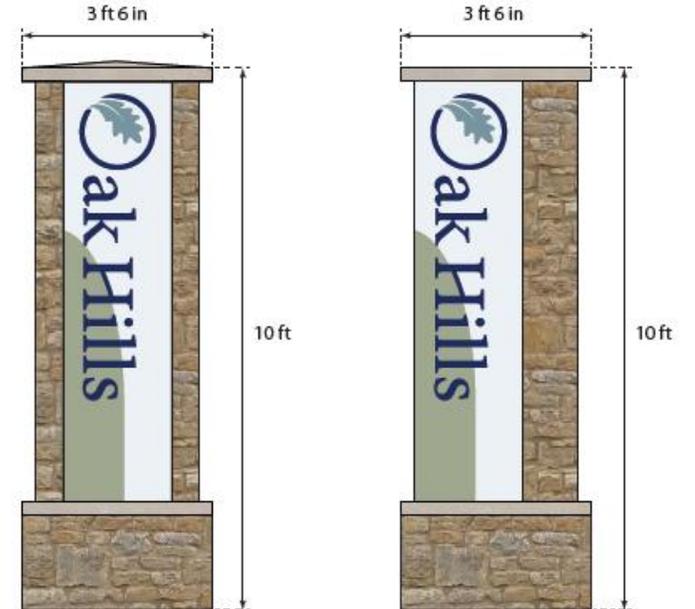
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## NEIGHBORHOOD MONUMENT

Limestone is chosen as the primary material for the monument signs to complement the neighborhood's existing character. The horizontal monument will act as the primary gateway to the neighborhood where possible. However, the vertical monument can act as a primary gateway entrance due to space constraints in the right-of-way. Two vertical monument designs are provided below. One is a more traditional option while the other is a more modernized option. This modernized option can easily be applied to the horizontal monument as well.



Existing monument signs for subdivisions within the Oak Hills Neighborhood can elect to incorporate elements of the new Oak Hills Neighborhood branding. The example above illustrates how this retrofit can be made to the existing Carriage House Village sign.



**Proposed Projects**

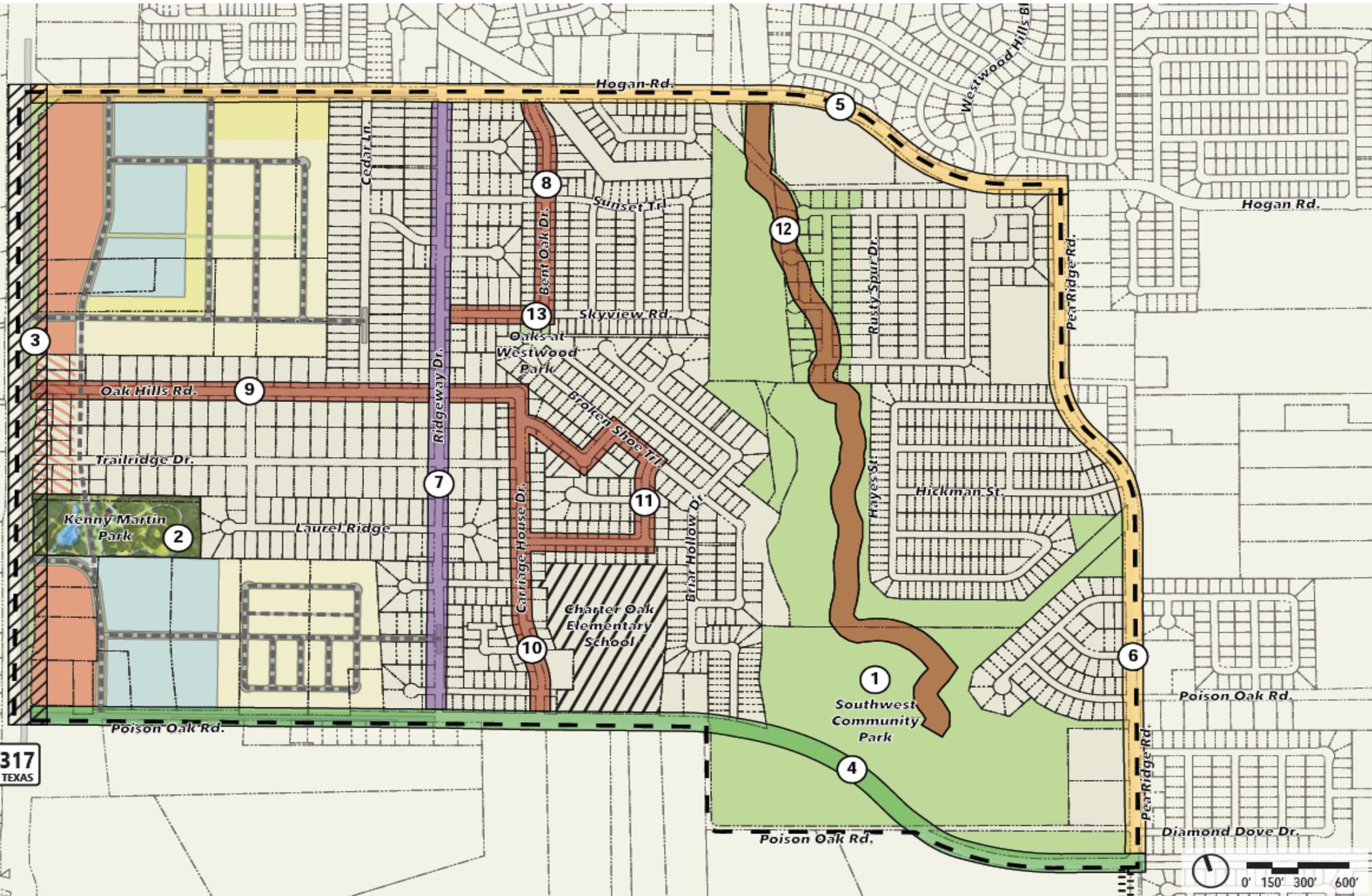
**Streets Projects**

- Minor Arterial
- Community Collector
- Neighborhood Collector
- Pedestrian Connector
- Proposed Roads

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Southwest Community Park      | 2 Kenny Martin Park               |
| 3 HWY-317 Corridor Plan         | 4 Poison Oak Road                 |
| 5 Hogan Road                    | 6 Pea Ridge Road                  |
| 7 Ridgeway Drive                | 8 Bent Oak Drive                  |
| 9 Oak Hills Road                | 10 Carriage House Drive           |
| 11 Wagon Gap Road               | 12 Hog Pen Creek Trail Connection |
| 13 Oaks at Westwood Park Update |                                   |

**Land Use**

- Parks
- Traditional Single-Family
- Compact Single-Family
- Office & Commercial
- Corridor Commercial
- Proposed Corridor Commercial



Temple City Limits  
Belton City Limits  
Leon River

**QUESTIONS?**

