

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a Joint meeting with the City of Denton City Council at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 11:30 AM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Martinez, Price, and Stafford

Board Members Absent: Smith

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Address, Lopez, Monschke, Rainey, Ryan, Stewart, Stripling, Valenta, Wilson and Stevenson

Others: Randy Stout, Attorney; City Council Members: Mayor Chris Watts, Gerard Hudspeth, Keely Briggs, Don Duff, John Ryan, Deb Armintor, Paul Meltzer, Todd Hileman, Bryan Langley Mario Canizares.

City of Denton Road Construction Projects Mario Canizares provided information to the Board and City Council on the different road improvements in Denton.

35Express Phase 1B

The limits of this project extend from the IH-35E Dallas Drive/Business 77 ramp south to the IH-35E/Mayhill Road intersection. There are four components to this project: (1) adding the third general purpose lane (GP) on I-35E; (2) enhancing capacity of the Loop 288 intersection under I-35E; (3) adding a new underpass connecting Brinker Road to the southbound I-35E frontage roads; and (4) adding a southbound to northbound Texas U-turn at the I-35E/Mayhill Road intersection. OHL is the TxDOT contractor for this project and initiated construction on this project in March 2017.

I-35E, Main Lane Shift and Schedule:

Phase I of the Phase 1B project was to complete a segment of new southbound frontage road from the existing southbound off-ramp near the Goodwill Store to just south of the Achievers Gymnastics facility. This was completed in February 2018 which allowed the contractor to facilitate switching main lane as follows:

Phase 1 Step 1: Transitioned the southbound frontage road traffic to the new southbound frontage road (fronting the Bucee's development). Shifted the main lane or general purpose (GP) traffic on southbound I-35E to the old southbound frontage road. Shifted the northbound GP traffic to the old southbound IH-35E GP lanes.

Phase 1 Step 2: Demolish Loop 288 bridge for northbound GP lanes and

reconstruct bridge for new northbound GP lanes. This new bridge, currently under construction, will allow for wider footprint or more capacity, for Loop 288 under I-35E.

I-35E-Loop 288 Access Improvements:

Currently, the Loop 288 underpass consists of two lanes in each direction with dedicated left turns from the left lane and optional left/thru from the right lane, and there is single sub-standard Texas U-turn from the southbound frontage road to the northbound frontage road. Upon completion of the OHL35Express Phase I B project, the Loop 288 intersection will consist of four lanes in each direction with the two inside lanes used for left turn only movements and the two outside (right) lanes dedicated for through traffic. Finally, Texas U-turns will be constructed for the north to south movement, as well as the south to north movement.

I-35E-Brinker Access Improvements:

Currently Brinker Road “T’s” into the northbound frontage road just south of several restaurants and the Hilton Garden Inn, providing right in/right out access to the southbound frontage road. Upon completion of the OHL project, Brinker Road will be connected to the southbound frontage road via a newly constructed underpass under I-35E. Once completed, the Brinker Road intersection will have three lanes in each direction with the inside lane dedicated for left only and the remaining two lanes for through traffic. Additionally, TxDOT has warranted a signal at this intersection which will be constructed as apart of the OHL project.

I-35E-Dallas Drive Closure and Detour:

Project construction phasing for the OHL project has called for the closure of the Dallas Drive entrance ramp to southbound IH-35E. This southbound entrance ramp will remain closed for the duration of the project to allow OHL to reconstruct the IH-35E/Loop 288 bridge structure. The official detour directs southbound Dallas Drive traffic to the northbound frontage road near the I-35E entrance ramp to the I-35E/Teasley Lane northbound to southbound Texas U-turn. This permits traffic to access the southbound frontage road to continue south on IH-35E.

I-35W Main Lanes – I-35E/I-35W Split to SH 170:

The project limits for this project is from the I-35E/I-35W split to State Highway 170 (Alliance Boulevard) in north Fort Worth. The project will widen the existing 4-lane rural interstate to a 6-lane urban interstate. TxDOT hosted an Open House Public Meeting in April 2018 outlining the 30-percent schematic plans with final approval of the schematic plans October 2018. Funding has not been identified at this point thus a project schedule has not been made available for the main lane project.

TxDOT may advance the I-35W frontage roads, southbound and northbound, as part of a phased approach. The current estimate for construction activity on the 35W frontage roads is late 2023.

FM 2181 – Teasley Lane:

The project limits for FM 2181 are from Lillian Miller south to the City of Denton/City of Corinth city limits near the intersection of FM 2499. This TxDOT project will widen the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban roadway, add traffic signals at Sundown, Robinson and Cedar Creek and provide sidewalks on each side of the roadway throughout the corridor.

MCM is the TxDOT contractor for this project and started construction in November 2017 and anticipated construction to be complete in January 2020. Travelers have already experienced construction detours as the segments of the roadway have been shut down to one-lane during non-peak times, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. An alternative option to FM 2181 is the recently opened segment of FM 2499 from FM 2181 to I-35E.

Fulton Street:

This project involves utility relocations and roadway reconstruction of Fulton Street from Oak to Cordell. All utility relocations are complete with roadway reconstruction to begin after school closes in May of 2019. Roadway reconstruction is anticipated to last 60-75 days.

Bonnie Brae:

Bonnie Brae is a project consisting of roadway capacity and safety improvements, storm water improvements, and utility improvements/relocations. The project extends from Vintage Boulevard to the south and extending north to Loop 288. The project will be delivered in multiple phases with the first phase currently under construction along the extreme southern limits near Vintage Blvd. Utility locations along the next phase north will begin in early 2019 with paving to follow. The segments of Bonnie Brae from I-35E to University are currently under design and is currently on pace to begin construction early in 2019. The segments of Bonnie Brae north of University are under design and is currently anticipated to begin construction late in 2019. The target for completion of the northern segments is currently late 2021.

Loop 288 & Sherman:

The City is currently performing an area wide traffic study that will assess long term traffic impacts and circulations needs. This study is anticipated to be complete in October of 2018. As this area continues to grow, the City will be implementing capacity and safety enhancements in the form of small scope, high impact projects in the short term as a result of the area wide traffic study. Larger improvements identified in the study will be programmed into future debt programs or alternative funding mechanisms.

The City of Denton is working closely with TxDOT to provide accurate and timely information to residents and businesses that will be impacted by TxDOT projects.

Denton ISD
Construction of
Denton High
School

Garry Ryan, Construction Manager and Sloan Harris, VLK Architects provided a site location for the new DHS that will encompass 152 acres. The DHS schematic design will be provided to the Board of Trustees at the November 13, 2018 Board meeting. Construction of the new high school is projected to be completed by February 2022 with students arriving the fall of 2022. DHS student capacity will be approximately 2100 – 2400.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

President

Secretary