

Documentation of Public Meeting

Project Location

Williamson County

FM 973 Project

CSJ Number: 2295-01-021

Project Limits

From Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor

Meeting Location

Dickey-Givens Community Center – 1015 E. MLK Jr. Blvd, Taylor, TX 76574

Virtual Meeting: <https://www.fm973project.com/>

Meeting Date and Time

Thurs. August 21, 2025

4 – 7 p.m.

Translation Services

Spanish Materials Available

Presenters

No presenters

Elected and Public Officials in Attendance

Greg Redden – Taylor City Council, District 1

Shelli Cobb – Taylor City Council, District 2

Heather Long – Taylor City Council, District 4

Daniel Baum – Fire Chief, City of Taylor

Jim Gray – Director of Public Works, City of Taylor

Jennifer Garcia – Superintendent, Taylor ISD

Ron Verano – Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, Taylor ISD

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

In-Person: 50

Online: 117

Total Number of Commenters

63

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A. Overview

Overview

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to widen FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor to address rapid growth in the area, and improve mobility and address congestion along FM 973 near Taylor. CAMPO and TxDOT are proposing to widen the existing two- to three-lane road to a six-lane road that stays within the existing right of way.

The project includes an analysis of current and projected traffic volumes, existing and future land use, crash hotspots, environmental features, and needs and concerns identified by stakeholders and the public.

Open House Information

The open house was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on August 21, 2025, at Dickey-Givens Community Center located at 1015 E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Taylor, TX 76574. The virtual open house was open for comment the day of the in-person option until the end of the comment period, September 22, 2025. The site received 388 page views, 165 site sessions and 117 unique visitors. The purpose of the open house was to share information about the project, answer questions, and obtain public input to inform proposed design alternatives. Copies of notices can be found in Appendix C. Notices included:

- Postcards sent to addresses within a 0.5-mile radius along the corridor
- Newspaper Ad in the Taylor Press
- Social media posts (Instagram & Facebook)
- Media Release
- Elected official letters
- Webpage notices

Approximately 47 individuals registered their attendance by signing in at the open house. Approximately 50 individuals in total attended in person. Sign-in sheets are included in Appendix D.

Open house displays included exhibit boards, fact sheets, and a schematic for mapped comments. Attendees were asked to share their thoughts on the proposed improvements, including widening the existing two- to three-lane facility to a six-lane boulevard section within the existing right of way. Copies of the exhibits and factsheets are included in Appendix F. Mapped comments can be found in Appendix E.

Comments Received

A total of 73 comments were submitted, including 7 written comment forms, 2 emails, 8 surveys, 31 mapped comments, 25 online mapped comments, and 0 mailed-in comments.

Common comment themes*, include:

Comment Theme	Number of Times it Appeared
Neighborhood Access	9
Support for Project	9
Transition/Acceleration Lanes	9
Pedestrian Safety/Access	8
Traffic Signals	7
Improvements to FM 973 from Manor to Taylor	7
Turning Lanes	7
Congestion/Capacity	6
Existing Traffic Light Maintenance	6
Local School and Student Access	6
Bicycle Lanes	4
Project Design	4
Local Government Coordination	3
Proposed Intersection Improvements	3
Safety and EMS Access	3
Speeding/Enforcement	3
Drainage	2
Mowing	2
Project Funding	2
Speed Limit	2
Environmental	1
Property Impacts	1

*A comment/response matrix is included in Appendix B, and scanned images of the comments received are included in Appendix E.

B. Comment Response Matrix

Comment Response Matrix

#	Name	Date Received	Source	Comment	Response
1	Tamara Rodriguez	8/21/2025	Comment Card (In-Person)	This public meeting's materials were very informational! I agree with the proposed project, it looks and seems very beneficial for the community. Thank you!	Thank you for your comment.
2	Brian Winkler	8/21/2025	Comment Card (In-Person)	Improvements to this shortened section of FM 973 is extremely short sighted in my opinion. Back in 1997 TxDOT came to my Family and initiated condemnation proceedings against my Family because they (TxDOT) said they needed to purchase ROW For a 4 Lane divided road (FM 973). For property we owned just North of Rice's Crossing. The property was originally 19+ acres but has since been partitioned into smaller tracts. The current property I N is R654980. I'm still waiting on that 4 Lane divided road 28 years later. 973 needs 4 Lanes from Manor to Taylor as we were promised 28 years ago.	Thank you for your comment. This project has proposed improvements to the North segment of FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor, within existing TxDOT right-of-way. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change. A separate study of the southern portion of FM 973 is anticipated to begin in 2026 to evaluate potential future improvements to FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor.
3	Daniel Seguin	8/21/2025	Comment Card (In-Person)	Wesley Miller is planned to be extended to HWY 95. Additionally, the school district just purchased another 55 acres for a future campus. Finally, the City is working on plans to build a fire station on Wesley Miller. These should be considered when designing the intersection, especially the length of the southbound left turn lane. Emergency vehicle detection should also be considered.	Thank you for your comment. CAMPO and TxDOT have taken into account multiple factors in the planning, including traffic forecasts, land use, and future improvements along the corridor. TxDOT's goal is to ensure safe and efficient traffic operations while supporting future growth in the area. Additionally, TxDOT is meeting with the City of Taylor to discuss potential thoroughfare plan improvements, including the extension of Wesley Miller to Highway 95. While TxDOT is aware of the new school campus and proposed fire station, the current design focuses on accommodating existing traffic and safety needs. As part of the design process, TxDOT will continue coordinating with the City of Taylor to evaluate intersection geometry, including turn lane lengths and consideration for emergency vehicle operations.
4	Sandra Wolff	8/21/2025	Comment Card (In-Person)	Would like to see green technologies incorporated into the plan. What can we do to ensure minimal impact on health. Taylor is considered a walkable community. We need to do that to the North part of Taylor. Students do not need to be crossing highways. Green catchment systems in place. Can we do rain catchments near the highway. Need to look beyond current transportation, people are looking at technology for new concept vehicles - propane for that. No stairs/bridges across roadways. Some concept vehicles are not ground-level. Can we do natural bridges where non-humans can cross. Make more options to take pressure off the infrastructure of the highway. Strategically place where rain catchment can be associated with the natural bridges. Do the things that make employees want to live in the communities where they work (ref. to Samsung). While you're building this highway, you can touch on these other things. Build with the future in mind-embrace the technology.	Thank you for your comment. The project team has considered environmental features and public health as part of the planning process such as biological and water resources, and community resources, when developing improvements. The focus of the project is to improve safety and operations within the existing roadway corridor using proven, feasible transportation solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage improvements along the corridor are being evaluated through the project's drainage analysis. - To support walkability and student safety, the project proposes enhanced pedestrian accommodations, including designated crossings and signalized intersections to provide safer and more controlled crossing locations. Within the project limits, a sidewalk is proposed west of FM 973 and shared-use path (for bicyclists and pedestrians) is proposed east of FM 973. - Natural bridges for non-human crossing, as mentioned in your comment, are not a part of the current project. As the area continues to grow, TxDOT will continue coordinating with local partners and considering future needs.

5	Marie Bloemer	8/21/2025	Comment Card (In-Person)	Crash data analysis only goes from 2022 - there has been significant growth in the last 2 years; more crashes, including fatalities. I would like to see the data updated. Thank you for doing this study!	Thank you for your comment. CAMPO and TxDOT evaluated crash data from 2018 to 2022 to develop the preliminary design plans for FM 973 presented at the Open House in August 2025. As part of the project, CAMPO and TxDOT will continue to evaluate crash data as it becomes available, and consider community input including your comment regarding increased crashes since 2022, to inform refinements to the design.
6	Catherine Sarensen	8/21/2025	Comment Card (In-Person)	Glad for the improvements but frustrated + angry that city & county + TxDOT aren't working together to get the stop lights going. Also concerned that Avery Glen + Castlewood have no access to our homes except of 973. We are almost daily confined to our neighborhood because the only way in is 973 + when there is an accident we can't get in or out.	Thank you for your comment. Existing flashing traffic signals on FM 973 are planned to be activated by the end of 2025. TxDOT has coordinated with the local area office to evaluate whether additional traffic signals are warranted at nearby intersections. Based on current traffic volumes and established signal warrants, an additional signal is not supported at this time. Access, safety, and mobility remain key goals of the project. Access at neighborhood entrances, such as Avery Glen, is also being reviewed as part of the intersection analysis. Intersection locations with city streets are maintained. Where a raised median prevents left turns, adjacent intersections can be utilized for u-turn movements. TxDOT is continuing to work with the City of Taylor and Williamson County to ensure the project takes into account future city thoroughfare plans to support long-term connectivity and improved operations along the corridor and adjacent neighborhoods. Our goal is to improve safety and traffic flow on FM 973 while maintaining reasonable access for surrounding neighborhoods. As the corridor develops, future changes to access or traffic control may be considered if traffic conditions change.
7	Tim Vanecek	8/21/2025	Comment Card (In-Person)	Activate Light at 973 & Samsung Hwy. Speed Limit on Samsung Hwy to >55 mph. Samsung Workers are Speeding/reckless driving. No police enforcement. Drainage at 973 & 404 West to East leaving CR 4040 a swamp. Mow the side of Road on 973 REGULARLY. Need acceleration lanes existing High School onto 973 to 79 Need Double Acceleration Lane from 973 onto 79 East Bound. Must have improvement on 973 All the way Manor to Taylor	Thank you for your comment. - The traffic signal at FM 973 and Samsung Highway is planned to be activated by the end of 2025. Speed limits and enforcement on Samsung Highway are managed by the appropriate local jurisdiction based on traffic studies and roadway characteristics. While TxDOT does not control enforcement, these concerns have been shared with the area office for coordination with local partners. - Drainage conditions near FM 973 and CR 404 are being evaluated as part of the project's drainage analysis, and improvements will be considered where feasible and consistent within the project limits. Drainage improvements along CR 404 may be the responsibility of the County. - Routine roadway maintenance activities, including mowing along FM 973, are handled by TxDOT's area office, and this concern has been communicated to the appropriate staff. - Acceleration lanes are proposed where warranted to support safe access and traffic operations. The current project focuses on FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change. A separate study evaluating potential FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor is anticipated to begin in 2026. The overall goal of the project is to improve safety, mobility, and traffic operations while continuing to coordinate with local agencies as the corridor develops.

8	Cary Rodriguez	8/21/2025	Comment Card (Online)	As a resident of the Avery Glen housing development, 3 lanes is excessive. All other major thoroughfares, including SR 79, are only 2 lanes with occasional third turn lanes. The additional traffic lights and barriers will be a great addition for the safety of residents, drivers, and students.	Thank you for your comment. The six lane roadway (three lanes in each direction) proposed for FM 973 is based on traffic studies that evaluate existing conditions, projected traffic volumes, and operational needs along the corridor. The project team analyzed capacity and crash data pertaining to the FM 973 corridor to inform the preliminary design for improvements to FM 973 presented at the Open House in August 2025. The project also includes safety enhancements such as signalized intersections and access management features intended to improve conditions for residents, drivers, and students. Enhancing safety and traffic operations is a primary goal of the project, and TxDOT will continue to evaluate opportunities to further improve safety as the corridor develops.
9	Brent M Garcia	8/22/2025	Comment Card (Online)	There needs to be at least one more traffic light and pedestrian light installed. Entrance to Avery Glen needs to be a PROTECTED LIGHT for left and right turns. Samsung can get 3 lights but the people between Samsung and CGP can only have 1. There have already been multiple deaths due to no stop lights. Let's do this right. Ped light at the high school to cross 973. With a 4 way light. 4 way light at Avery Glen and Cottonwood neighborhood	Thank you for your comment. Traffic signal locations along FM 973 are determined based on traffic studies, operational needs, and safety considerations, including a review of crash data. Access at neighborhood entrances, such as Avery Glen, is also being reviewed as part of the intersection analysis. The project team is evaluating bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, including signalized crossings near the high school, to improve safety for students and other pedestrians crossing FM 973. TxDOT is planning to meet with the City of Taylor to discuss future thoroughfare plan improvements to nearby existing and planned roads. TxDOT will continue to coordinate with local partners to evaluate traffic operations and safety throughout the corridor.
10	Russell E Gast	8/22/2025	Comment Card (Online)	It is important to keep bicycle accessibility possible. Currently the shoulder is wide enough for bicycle use but whatever the new plan is should keep the shoulder just as wide or add a bicycle lane.	Thank you for your comment. Due to the anticipated vehicular speed and traffic volume, the project proposes a parallel 10-foot wide shared-use path east of FM 973 to provide dedicated bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along the corridor. A parallel sidewalk is also provided west of FM 973. Providing safe accommodations for all travel modes is a key goal of the project, and the proposed shared-use path is included to maintain and enhance bicycle accessibility within the project limits.
11	Jackson Hurst	8/22/2025	Comment Card (Online)	I approve and support TxDOT's/CAMPO's FM 973 Corridor Project. The aspect that I love about TxDOT's/CAMPO's FM 973 Corridor Project is that FM-973 will be widened from 2 lanes to 3 lanes in each direction (6 lanes total) from Samsung Highway to US-79. The widening of FM-973 will improve safety and reduce congestion in Williamson County, TX.	Thank you for your comment. Improving safety and reducing congestion are key goals of the project, and the proposed improvements are based on traffic studies that evaluate current and future traffic conditions along the corridor. The project team appreciates your input and support as the project continues to move forward through the planning and development process.
12	Billy Orton	8/23/2025	Comment Card (Online)	Please make it safe to get out of the Castlewood neighborhood asap. It looks like the light will be super helpful.	Thank you for your comment. This project proposes a traffic signal and intersection improvements at Wesley Miller Lane, which is intended to improve safety and operations for vehicles entering and exiting neighborhoods. Enhancing safety and access along FM 973 is a primary goal of the project, and the proposed signal is intended to help address these concerns.

13	Chuck Farr	8/24/2025	Comment Card (Online)	I like the overall plan and agree we need at least 5 total lanes (including a turn lane) and shoulders from Taylor to Manor eventually. I do not support the extra cost for the multimodal bike lane, especially since the cost is being shared between TXDOT, CAMPO, and Wilco (the latter out of my pocket). Bikes can use the sidewalk if needed. There will not be a need for such bike lanes for a long time. I oppose the cost for bike lanes in Taylor and elsewhere in general as it is a small subsegment of what is a car culture in this area. The plan looks very good in general, as traffic on 973 will become even worse than it is now as a thoroughfare to Austin. We don't need Austin policy extrapolated across the entire state, especially a rural town like Taylor. Thank you for the presentation materials.	Thank you for your comment. The current project focuses on FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change. A separate study evaluating potential FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor is anticipated to begin in 2026. Providing safe accommodations for all travel modes is a key goal for TxDOT. Due to anticipated vehicular speeds and traffic volumes, a bike lane is not recommended. However, the current project does include a parallel shared-use path east of FM 973 to accommodate and improve safety for both bicyclists and pedestrians. The proposed shared-use-path does not require additional right-of-way from adjacent properties and is designed to minimize impacts to the surrounding community, while supporting access to developments occurring along the corridor, including travel to the high school.
14	Wendy Nguyen	8/27/2025	Comment Card (Online)	A daily traffic here in Manor is terrible. We would love to have this project start asap. It will be nice to have more lanes on 973, have a bridge to pass 290 without stopping since that intersection light is a nightmare. It takes so long to pass thru. We would love to have a shorter distance to get on 130.	Thank you for your comment. Construction for the northern portion of FM 973 (Samsung Highway to US 79) is currently planned to begin in 2028, subject to change. A separate study evaluating potential FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor is anticipated to begin in 2026. Funding for construction of the southern portion has not yet been secured, and construction timing is to be determined. The project includes additional lanes and other improvements to enhance traffic operations. TxDOT will continue coordinating with local partners to plan for future improvements that address corridor-wide mobility needs.
15	Mary Penson	8/30/2025	Comment Card (Online)	I'm looking forward to seeing these improvements to FM 973. Growth has increased traffic and driving time. This will relieve congestion and reduce driving time. Thank you for sharing and allowing us to learn about the improvements that will be coming!	Thank you for your comment. The proposed improvements are intended to address increased traffic resulting from growth in the area by improving safety, and overall corridor operations.
16	Anonymous		Mapped Comment (online)	<i>NOTE:</i> No comment left. Commenter added a point to the online map.	For comment location, see Comment 1 in Section E. Comments Received.
17	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	A signal will be needed here is pedestrians/cyclists path cross here.	<i>For comment location, see Comment 2 in Section E. Comments Received.</i> Thank you for your comment. The FM 973 Project includes safety improvements such as signalized intersections and turn lanes to provide safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed signals and accommodations are designed to improve safety and traffic operations for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. Your suggestion for an additional signal will be taken into consideration, along with ongoing traffic studies, to support traffic operations and safety along the corridor.
18	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	A signal will be needed here is pedestrians/cyclists path cross here.	<i>For comment location, see Comment 3 in Section E. Comments Received.</i> Thank you for your comment. The FM 973 Project includes safety improvements such as signalized intersections and turn lanes to provide safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed signals and accommodations are designed to improve safety and traffic operations for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. Your suggestion for an additional signal will be taken into consideration, along with

					ongoing traffic studies, to support traffic operations and safety along the corridor.
19	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	Keep only one right turn lane and have a dedicated southbound 973 lane like at 290 and 973. No yield sign.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 4 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The removal and addition of turn lanes and turn lane configurations will be evaluated to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow and to minimize congestion as traffic volumes increase. The proposed design is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. Your suggestion to provide a single lane right turn from eastbound US 79 to southbound FM 973 will be considered, along with ongoing traffic studies.</p>
20	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	A signal will be needed here is pedestrians/cyclists path cross here.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 5 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The FM 973 Project includes safety improvements such as signalized intersections and turn lanes to provide safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed signals and accommodations are designed to improve safety and traffic operations for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. Your suggestion for an additional signal will be taken into consideration, along with ongoing traffic studies, to support traffic operations and safety along the corridor.</p>
21	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	I agree this intersection will need upgrades, but the proposed upgrades are overkill. Adding another left turn lane from FM973 to 79 would solve many of the problems.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 6 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The project team evaluated multiple design options using traffic studies that consider current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and operational performance. The proposed intersection improvements at FM 973 and US 79 are design to address long-term traffic needs and reduce congestion and conflict points at the intersection.</p>
22	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	Does not indicate if this will be a traffic signal or continue to be a yield as it is today. This merging lane is already dangerous and having two will cause more risk.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 7 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. A priority of this project is enhancing safety along the corridor while supporting increased mobility and traffic operations. The project's traffic study includes analysis of the FM 973 and US 79 intersection improvements. As part of the traffic study, options for the northbound right turn traffic to merge or be signalized will be evaluated. Your safety concerns will be taken into consideration.</p>

23	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	A signal will be needed here is pedestrians/cyclists path cross here.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 8 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The FM 973 Project includes safety improvements such as signalized intersections and turn lanes to provide safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed signals and accommodations are designed to improve safety and traffic operations for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. Your suggestion for an additional signal will be taken into consideration, along with ongoing traffic studies, to support traffic operations and safety along the corridor.</p>
24	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	Should consider a traffic signal rather than a yield if there are two right turn lanes. Merging onto 79 is already risky as people don't yield to eastbound 79 traffic.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 9 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. A priority of this project is enhancing safety along the corridor while supporting increased mobility and traffic operations. Additional lanes, traffic signals, and turn lane configurations will be evaluated to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow and to minimize congestion as traffic volumes increase. The proposed design is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. Your suggestion to add a traffic signal will be considered, along with ongoing traffic studies.</p>
25	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	This deceleration lane is unnecessary and should be 100% the responsibility of the land-owner or developer funded.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 10 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. TxDOT evaluates the need for and inclusion of deceleration lanes based on safety, traffic operations, and access needs. This deceleration is being constructed along existing FM 973 as part of a new development. In many cases, deceleration lanes required for safe access to private developments are funded by the developer, consistent with TxDOT policy. The proposed improvements would replace the existing deceleration lane during the FM 973 reconstruction and widening.</p>
26	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	This deceleration lane is unnecessary and should be 100% the responsibility of the land-owner or developer funded.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 11 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. TxDOT evaluates the need for and inclusion of deceleration lanes based on safety, traffic operations, and access needs. This deceleration is being constructed along existing FM 973 as part of a new development. In many cases, deceleration lanes required for safe access to private developments are funded by the developer, consistent with TxDOT policy. The proposed improvements would replace the existing deceleration lane during the FM 973 reconstruction and widening.</p>
27	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	This deceleration lane is unnecessary and should be 100% the responsibility of the land-owner or developer funded.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 12 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. TxDOT evaluates the need for and inclusion of deceleration lanes based on safety, traffic operations, and access needs. This deceleration is being constructed along existing FM 973 as part of a new development. In many cases, deceleration lanes required for safe access to private developments are funded by the developer, consistent with TxDOT policy. The proposed improvements would replace the existing deceleration lane during the FM 973 reconstruction and widening.</p>

28	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	If this is an exit and entrance to the school, there should be a dedicated right turn lane or shoulder to prevent impeding traffic.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 13 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. A priority of this project is enhancing safety along the corridor while supporting increased mobility and traffic operations. The primary access to the high school will be from Wesley Miller Lane, which has substantially lower traffic volumes than FM 973. The proposed improvements to FM 973 include providing three northbound lanes at the high school driveway location. The additional lanes (compared to existing conditions) provide opportunities for northbound through traffic to move to the left at the high school driveway. The proposed design is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations.</p>
29	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	This deceleration lane is already existing and appears to have been development funded. More of this funding style should be considered.of the land-owner or developer funded.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 14 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The existing deceleration lane referenced was development-funded, and this approach is considered on a case-by-case basis as new development occurs along the corridor. The project's primary focus remains on improving safety and traffic operations along FM 973 while coordinating with local partners and developers to ensure appropriate access and roadway improvements.</p>
30	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	Should consider two left turn lanes since this will be the only way to access the school entrance from southbound traffic flow.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 15 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Turn lane configurations, including the number of left-turn lanes, are evaluated based on traffic studies that consider current and projected traffic volumes, school-related traffic patterns, and safety. The project will evaluate constructing adequate pavement for two left-turn lanes on southbound FM 973. Existing eastbound Wesley Miller Lane only has one receiving lane. TxDOT and CAMPO will coordinate with City of Taylor regarding potential operational benefits of widening eastbound Wesley Miller Lane to two lanes. Your suggestions will be taken into consideration as we refine the project design.</p>
31	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	This intersection is oversized. Adding a dedicated turn lane for the school is a good idea. A 3 lane divided highway with left and right turns doesn't seem necessary. Instead of a 3rd lane northbound an acceleration lane seems sufficient.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 16 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The proposed configurations, including three-lanes in each direction, raised center median, and left and right turns bays, are based on traffic studies that consider current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and corridor operations. The proposed improvements are designed within the existing right-of-way to address long-term traffic needs and reduce congestion while maintaining safe and efficient corridor operations.</p>
32	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	There is no other option for the residents in the Avery Glen subdivision to go south on FM973 except to come to the proposed traffic signal and do a u-turn. A dedicated U-turn should be considered at the traffic signal or before the traffic signal.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 17 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The project includes signalized intersections, turn lanes, and other operational improvements to enhance safety and traffic flow along the corridor. Access to neighborhoods including Avery Glen is also being reviewed as part of the intersection analysis to determine appropriate traffic control measures. Your suggestion to include a dedicated U-turn at the proposed traffic signal to support neighborhood access will be taken into consideration in the intersection analysis.</p>

					<p>Additionally, TxDOT is continuing to work with the City of Taylor and Williamson County as the corridor develops, and future changes to access or traffic control may be considered if traffic conditions change. Enhancing safety and access along FM 973 is a primary goal of the project.</p>
33	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	<p>The raised median doesn't allow for residents to use the turn lane on FM973 to enter the neighborhood. All residents will have to do a U-turn at Kyra when driving northbound.</p>	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 18 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The proposed design, including the turning lane configuration and proposed raised median, is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. Access, safety, and mobility remain key goals of the project. Access at neighborhood entrances, such as Avery Glen and Castlewood, is being reviewed as part of the intersection analysis to determine appropriate traffic control measures.</p> <p>This project proposes a new traffic signal at Wesley Miller Lane, which is intended to improve safety and operations for vehicles entering and exiting neighborhoods. The City of Taylor thoroughfare plan includes an extension of Wesley Miller Lane to the west, connecting to the Castelwood subdivisions. East of FM 973, City of Taylor's thoroughfare plan shows planned roadways providing additional connections between FM 973 and Wesley Miller Lane. TxDOT and CAMPO are continuing to coordinate with City of Taylor regarding future thoroughfare improvements and timelines.</p> <p>Additionally, right-in / right-out access is provided from southbound FM 973 at Rodgers Drive and northbound FM 973 at Kyra Lane. For Castlewood South, the proposed improvements provide southbound right-in / right-out access and northbound left-in access at Blazilmar Lane. For Avery Glenn, the proposed improvements provide northbound right-in / right-out access and southbound left-in access at Reagor Drive.</p>
34	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	<p>Removing a full access intersection from the existing neighborhoods is punitive and detrimental to the existing residents. This should be a full motion signalized intersection.</p>	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 19 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The proposed improvements are based on traffic studies that consider current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and corridor operations. Safety improvements include raised medians and evaluating opportunities to reduce conflict points along the corridor. Based on traffic volumes and established signal warrants, an additional signalized intersection to the existing neighborhoods is currently not supported. Access, safety, and mobility remain key goals of the project.</p>

35	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	This turn lane and concrete divider will not allow for the residents of the Castlewood South subdivision to enter into the neighborhood since the entrance has a raised median.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 20 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The proposed design, including the turning lane configuration and proposed raised median, is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. Access, safety, and mobility remain key goals of the project. Access at neighborhood entrances, such as Castlewood South, is being reviewed as part of the intersection analysis to determine appropriate traffic control measures.</p> <p>This project proposes a new traffic signal at Wesley Miller Lane, which is intended to improve safety and operations for vehicles entering and exiting neighborhoods. The City of Taylor thoroughfare plan includes an extension of Wesley Miller Lane to the west, connecting to the Castelwood South subdivision. TxDOT and CAMPO are continuing to coordinate with City of Taylor regarding future thoroughfare improvements and timelines. Additionally, right-in / right-out access is provided from southbound FM 973 at Rodgers Drive. Thge Castelwood South subdivision also has southbound right-in / right-out access and northbound left-in access at Blazilmar Lane.</p>
36	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	Avery Glen residents will not be able to crossover FM 973 to go southbound and all residents will have to U-turn at the traffic signal at Kyra. Need a better solution.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 21 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The proposed design, including the turning lane configuration and proposed raised median, is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. Access, safety, and mobility remain key goals of the project. Access at neighborhood entrances, such as Avery Glen and Castlewood, is being reviewed as part of the intersection analysis to determine appropriate traffic control measures while also minimizing conflict points. Additionally, east of FM 973, City of Taylor's thoroughfare plan includes planned roadways providing additional connections between FM 973 and Wesley Miller Lane. TxDOT and CAMPO are continuing to coordinate with City of Taylor regarding future thoroughfare improvements and timelines.</p>
37	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	A 3 lane divided highway seems overkill at current/projected traffic levels. This project should have a phased approach based on Samsung's actual performance an monitored traffic levels.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 22 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The proposed configuration of three-lanes in each direction with a raised center median are based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected volumes, safety, and corridor operations. While traffic levels will continue to be monitored as development occurs, the improvements included in this project are designed to address long-term needs within the existing right-of-way.</p>

38	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	This turnaround would cause unnecessary congestion from cars performing U-turns. This should be eliminated and cars proceed northbound to the neighborhood full access light that should be added.	<i>For comment location, see Comment 23 in Section E. Comments Received.</i> Thank you for your comment. The proposed lane configurations, including the u-turn movements allowed between CR 404 and Wesley Miller Lane, are based on traffic studies that consider current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and corridor operations. The proposed improvements are designed within the existing right-of-way to address long-term traffic needs and reduce congestion while maintaining safe and efficient corridor operations. Access, safety, and mobility remain key goals of the project. The proposed design, including U-turn locations, is based on traffic studies, projected growth, and corridor safety considerations.
39	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	Most of Samsung traffic is already designed to be diverted back to Wilco Highway expansion project which is underway. The region needs FM973 improvements from CR270 in Manor to Taylor to handle the majority of the residential development that is ongoing.	<i>For comment location, see Comment 24 in Section E. Comments Received.</i> Thank you for your comment. The current project has proposed improvements to the North segment of FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change. A separate study of the southern portion of FM 973 is anticipated to begin in 2026 to evaluate potential future FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor. Improvements to the south segment will be evaluated based on future traffic studies, safety needs, and available funding to support regional growth and operations.
40	Anonymous	8/22/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	If the future FM973 will be three lane from Taylor to Manor, this third lane makes sense. If not, the third lane should terminate at the Samsung Hwy traffic signal as a right turn lane and continue on as a two lane highway that merges into a one lane.	<i>For comment location, see Comment 25 in Section E. Comments Received.</i> Thank you for your comment. The proposed third lane is part of the planned six-lane boulevard section and is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. Additional lanes and turn lane configurations will be evaluated to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow and to minimize congestion as traffic volumes increase. This project has proposed improvements to the North segment of FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change. A separate study of the southern portion of FM 973 is anticipated to begin in 2026 to evaluate potential future improvements to FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor.
41	Bryan Byrd	8/27/2025	Mapped Comment (online)	More consideration should be given to FM973 south for expansion. Revising the project scope for this portion of FM973 to be phased and adding a center turn lane on FM973 South to CR290 would do more to alleviate traffic in the region.	<i>For comment location, see Comment 26 in Section E. Comments Received.</i> Thank you for your comment. The current project has proposed improvements to the North segment of FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change. A separate study of the southern portion of FM 973 is anticipated to begin in 2026 to evaluate potential future FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor. Improvements to the south segment, including potential phasing or additional lanes, will be evaluated based on future traffic studies, safety needs, and available funding to support regional growth and operations.

42	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Potential bottleneck	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 27 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. CAMPO and TxDOT are using technical and environmental evaluations along with community input to develop and refine the project design to enhance mobility and safety along FM 973. Lane configurations, intersection improvements, and signalization are designed based on current and projected traffic volumes to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion along the corridor.</p> <p>The current project has proposed improvements to the North segment of FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change. The configuration shown at the Open House is anticipated to be an interim configuration to transition the improvements north of Samsung Highway back to existing. A separate study of the southern portion of FM 973 is anticipated to begin in 2026 to evaluate potential future FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor. Construction funding and timeline for the improvements south of Samsung Highway has yet to be determined.</p>
43	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Raise Speed Limit >= 55	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 28 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The speed limit is determined by speed studies conducted by the TxDOT area office. Your suggestion has been conveyed to the appropriate staff at the area office.</p>
44	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	This light needs to be working NOW	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 29 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Existing flashing traffic signals on FM 973 are planned to be activated by the end of 2025.</p>
45	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Active Light !!!	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 30 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Existing flashing traffic signals on FM 973 are planned to be activated by the end of 2025.</p>
46	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Fix light!!	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 31 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Existing flashing traffic signals on FM 973 are planned to be activated by the end of 2025.</p>
47	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	People are currently veering into oncoming traffic to avoid lines to get into Samsung	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 32 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Safety is a top priority for TxDOT, and roadway design improvements along FM 973, including turn lanes, signalized intersections, and access management, are intended to improve traffic operations. Traffic enforcement on FM 973 and Samsung Highway is managed by the appropriate local jurisdiction based on traffic studies and roadway characteristics. While TxDOT does not control enforcement, these concerns have been shared with the area office for coordination with local partners. TxDOT will continue coordinating with local partners and monitoring traffic conditions to address safety concerns as appropriate.</p>

48	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Samsung workers SPEEDING IN/out 5-6am 3-4pm	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 33 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Speed limits and enforcement on FM 973 and Samsung Highway are managed by the appropriate local jurisdiction based on traffic studies and roadway characteristics. While TxDOT does not control enforcement, these concerns have been shared with the area office for coordination with local partners. The project also includes safety improvements, such as signalized intersections and pedestrian accommodations, which are intended to improve overall safety along the corridor. TxDOT will continue coordinating with local partners and monitoring traffic conditions to address safety concerns as appropriate.</p>
49	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Request for median barrier throughout	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 34 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The proposed improvements include a raised center median with a curb on each side to restrict vehicles from crossing. At designated locations, median opening are provided for turning movements. No center traffic barrier is currently proposed. CAMPO and TxDOT are using technical and environmental evaluations along with community input to develop and refine the project design to enhance mobility and safety along FM 973. The project includes other proposed safety enhancements, such as turn lanes, signalized intersections, and access management, which are intended to improve overall safety for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.</p>
50	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Mow side of HWY 973	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 35 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Routine mowing and management are performed by TxDOT's area office as part of regularly scheduled maintenance activities. Your request has been conveyed to the area office.</p>
51	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Drainage Crossing Leaves side RR wet on CR 404	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 36 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Drainage conditions near FM 973 and CR 404 are being evaluated as part of the project's drainage analysis, and improvements will be considered where feasible and consistent within the project limits. Drainage improvements along CR 404 may be the responsibility of the County.</p>
52	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Has there been a traffic study on 404 traffic has significantly increased	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 37 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. As part of the project's traffic study, traffic data from ongoing and anticipated future developments in the vicinity of CR 404 was evaluated. Anticipated growth throughout the study corridor was included in the projected traffic volumes. The projects intersection analysis evaluated both existing and projected traffic conditions. Also, crash data from 2018 to 2022 was evaluated throughout the corridor. As part of the project, CAMPO and TxDOT will continue to evaluate traffic data as it becomes available, along with community input including your comment, to develop and refine the project design to improve traffic operations and enhance safety.</p>

53	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Fix signal timing to give more thru time to 973 traffic	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 38 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. As part of the project, CAMPO and TxDOT have evaluated traffic data along FM 973 and continue to conduct traffic studies to develop and refine the project design, including traffic signal operations, to improve traffic operations and enhance safety.</p>
54	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Need to have a light	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 39 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Traffic signal locations along FM 973 are determined based on traffic studies, operational needs, and safety considerations, including a review of crash data. Your suggestion for an additional traffic signal will be taken into consideration, along with ongoing traffic studies, to support traffic operations and safety along the corridor.</p>
55	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	No Bike Lanes on the HWY	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 40 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. No bike lanes are currently proposed on FM 973. However, providing safe accommodations for all travel modes is one of TxDOT's goals. This project proposes a parallel shared-use path east of FM 973, within the existing right-of-way, to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.</p>
56	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Change to signal inter.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 41 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Traffic signal locations along FM 973 are determined based on traffic studies, operational needs, and safety considerations, including a review of crash data. Your suggestion for an additional traffic signal will be taken into consideration, along with ongoing traffic studies, to support traffic operations and safety along the corridor.</p>
57	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Need access to Avery Glen + Castlewood other than just off 973. When accident we can't get in or out	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 42 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Access at neighborhood entrances is being reviewed as part of the traffic analysis. TxDOT is continuing to coordinate with the City of Taylor and Williamson County to ensure the project takes into account future city thoroughfare improvements to support long-term connectivity and improved operations along the corridor and adjacent neighborhoods. Our goal is to improve safety and traffic flow on FM 973 while maintaining reasonable access for surrounding neighborhoods.</p>
58	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Safety concessions of Avery Glenn ingress/egress (night traffic is impossible.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 43 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The project includes signalized intersections, turn lanes, and other operational improvements to enhance safety and traffic flow along the corridor. Access to neighborhoods including Avery Glen is also being reviewed as part of the intersection analysis to determine appropriate traffic control measures. TxDOT is continuing to work with the City of Taylor and Williamson County as the corridor develops, and future changes to access or traffic control may be considered if traffic conditions change. Enhancing safety and access along FM 973 is a primary goal of the project.</p>

59	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Bike lanes in the area that are safe + reliable	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 44 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Providing safe and reliable solutions for pedestrians and bicyclists is a key goal for TxDOT. Due to the anticipated vehicle speeds and traffic volumes, on-street bike lanes are not currently proposed. The project proposes a parallel shared-use path east of FM 973 within the existing right-of-way to improve safety and connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians while supporting overall corridor operations.</p>
60	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Need acceleration lane to 79	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 45 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Thank you for your comment. The project's proposed design is verified through traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. The traffic studies include analysis of acceleration lanes and turn lane configurations at intersections.</p>
61	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Add light purpose flashing crosswalk to neighborhood or bridge that goes over roadway for students.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 46 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Currently, a flashing crosswalk or pedestrian bridge is not included with the proposed improvements. To support walkability and student safety, the project proposes enhanced pedestrian accommodations, including a shared-use path, sidewalks, and designated pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections. The Wesley Miller Lane signalized intersection will include dedicated ADA ramps and crosswalks to provide safer and controlled crossing locations between the neighborhoods and high school.</p>
62	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Needs transition lane from T+15 to 973.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 47 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Thank you for your comment. The project's proposed design is verified through traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. The traffic studies include analysis of acceleration lanes and turn lane configurations at intersections.</p>
63	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Need acceleration Lane to E to 79 from School	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 48 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Thank you for your comment. The project's proposed design is verified through traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. The traffic studies include analysis of acceleration lanes and turn lane configurations at intersections.</p>
64	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Needs transition lanes. Stop light?	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 49 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Enhancing safety and traffic operations is a primary goal of the project. The project's proposed design is verified through traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations. The traffic studies include analysis of signalized intersection locations, acceleration lanes, and turn lane configurations at intersections. Due to the proximity of adjacent intersections and the forecasted traffic, it is not desirable to provide a median opening and signalized intersection at the FM 973 driveway to the high school. School access would be</p>

					provided utilizing the signalized intersection at Wesley Miller Lane.
65	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Move gas station out of intesection	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 50 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The proposed improvements will be completed within existing TxDOT right-of-way. TxDOT does not anticipate a relocation or impact to this property. The proposed design is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations.</p>
66	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Gas station (Carlos G. Parker) + Public transportation to the area	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 51 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The scope of this project focuses on improvements to FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. A goal of the project is to enhance mobility and safety for multiple types of travel, including by adding a shared-use path to support pedestrians and bicyclists. TxDOT is continuing to work with the City of Taylor and Williamson County as the corridor develops, and future changes to access or traffic control may be considered if traffic conditions change. The project also takes into account future city thoroughfare plans to support long-term connectivity and improved operations along the corridor.</p>
67	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	If using U turn on left turn, recommend no right turn on Red	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 52 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>The project includes signalized intersections, turn lanes, and other operational improvements to enhance safety and traffic flow along the corridor. Your suggestion regarding traffic signal patterns at the proposed traffic signal will be taken into consideration in the intersection analysis.</p>
68	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Make this 2 left turn lanes now.	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 53 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The project is evaluating providing dual left-turn lanes at the US 79 intersection for the northbound and westbound approaches. Intersection configurations will be evaluated to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow and to minimize congestion as traffic volumes increase. The proposed design is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations.</p>
69	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	light for merging	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 54 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. The project's traffic study is evaluating the operations of the proposed traffic signals and intersection improvements to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow while minimize congestion as traffic volumes increase.</p>

70	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	Need double acceleration Lane on 79 from 973	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 55 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Additional acceleration lanes and turn lane configurations will be evaluated to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow and to minimize congestion as traffic volumes increase. The proposed design is based on traffic studies that evaluate current and projected traffic volumes, safety, and long-term corridor operations.</p>
71	Anonymous	8/21/2025	Mapped Comment	extend sidewalk to tie into ex. portion to improve connectivity	<p><i>For comment location, see Comment 56 in Section E. Comments Received.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. To support walkability and multiple forms of transportation, the project proposes enhanced pedestrian accommodations, including a sidewalk west of FM 973 and a proposed shared-use path east of FM 973. Your suggestion to extend the shared-used path to the existing sidewalk will be taken into consideration.</p>
72	Lotte Vehko	8/21/2025	Emailed Comment	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>I've reviewed the proposal at https://url.emailprotection.link/?bzFBA1qT_MYSqnrGWOzIBW-21B0jhkX1OU1OUEq-3OfV1tPvQcPbGN2ls5MzTMy13sGJ-gKAlcJhf279Zmgkrw~~ and had a question: will the rest of 973, connecting to 290, be widened the same way as the proposed section? If so, I'm in support of the project, provided it's planned to be done before 2030. If not, or if there is no goal date for the widening of the entire length of 973 between 79 and 290, why not? Thanks -- Lotte Vehko (I live in Taylor)</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. This project has proposed improvements to the North segment of FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change.</p> <p>A separate study evaluating potential FM 973 improvements from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor is anticipated to begin in 2026. Funding and timeline for construction of the southern portion has not yet been determined. TxDOT will continue coordinating with local partners to plan for future improvements that address corridor-wide mobility needs.</p>
73	Kate Sumbera	9/11/2025	Emailed Comment	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>My name is Kate Sumbera, and I am a design engineer with Quiddity Engineering. We are currently preparing a traffic impact analysis for a development along FM 973 at Wesley Miller Ln., Rodgers Road, and Streamwood Trail. We received comments from the traffic reviewer requesting that we obtain more information regarding the FM 973 project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the anticipated build out year of the 6-lane cross section? 2. Will all existing left and right turn lanes be constructed when the roadway is widened? 3. Is the project going to be phased, and if so, what is the projected timeline? 4. Has funding been secured for the roadway improvements? 5. Do you have any available future traffic data (e.g., ADT, truck percentages, etc.)? <p>We are working to finalize our traffic impact analysis and would greatly appreciate any information you can provide to help ensure the study reflects future conditions as accurately as possible. Thank you for your time and assistance.</p>	<p><i>Response was emailed to commenter on 9/11/25:</i></p> <p>Good morning Kate, See my responses in [bold] below. Thanks!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the anticipated build out year of the 6-lane cross section? Assuming this project lets in 2028 and a 3 year construction duration, the project could open around 2031. This is estimated and is subject to change. 2. Will all existing left and right turn lanes be constructed when the roadway is widened? The draft schematic with proposed intersection configurations can be viewed with the public meeting materials on the project website. This is draft and subject to change. 3. Is the project going to be phased, and if so, what is the projected timeline? This project would likely not be phased. See question 1 above. 4. Has funding been secured for the roadway improvements? FY26 UTP lists the project as partially funded. 5. Do you have any available future traffic data (e.g., ADT, truck percentages, etc.)? Future ADT is currently being reviewed and not quite final. <p><i>Additional response:</i> This project proposes a new traffic signal at Wesley Miller Lane, which is intended to improve safety and operations for vehicles entering and exiting neighborhoods. Enhancing safety and access along FM 973 is a primary goal of the project, and the proposed signal is intended to help address these concerns.</p>



					<p>This project has proposed improvements to the North segment of FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2028, subject to change. A separate study of the southern portion of FM 973 is anticipated to begin in 2026 to evaluate potential future improvements to FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 290 in Manor. Future improvements to the southern portion of FM 973 have not yet been proposed.</p>
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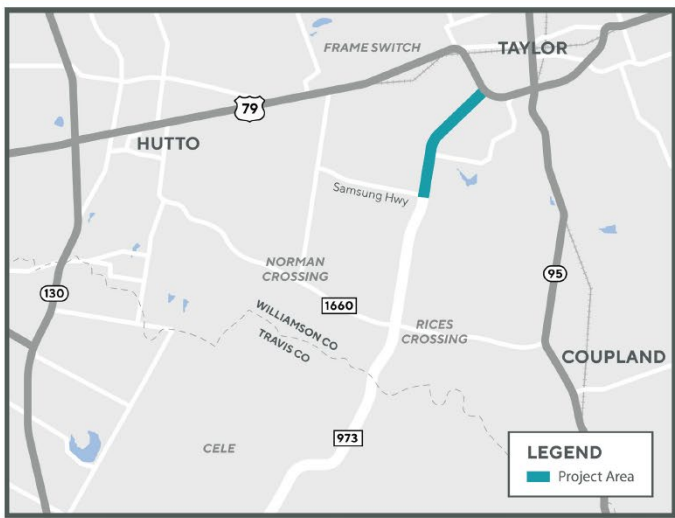
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Mailed to 361 property owners adjacent to the project area on August 6, 2025.







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The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to widen FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor to address rapid growth in the area. CAMPO and TxDOT are hosting a public open house with in-person and virtual options to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the FM 973 Project, ask questions, and provide input on proposed improvements.

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE
 **Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025** 4 – 7 p.m.
 **Dickey-Givens Center**
 1015 E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Taylor, TX 76574

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE
 **Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025 – Monday, Sept. 22, 2025**
 Visit campotexas.org/get-involved or scan the QR code



Share your input!

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Questions or comments? Please contact:

FM 973 Project Team
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Project and meeting materials will be available in both English and Spanish. If you require interpretation or translation services, or if you have a disability and need accommodations to participate in either the in-person or virtual open house, please contact the project team at (512) 651-3964 by 4 p.m. CT, Friday, August 15, 2025. Material by mail can also be requested at that number through the comment deadline.

Para recibir información en español, envíenos un correo electrónico a CAMPOstudies@projectinformation.com o llame al 512-651-3964.



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season, the Green and White held the Eagles to 0-0 tie, which was considered a huge win for Taylor.

School pride soared as Taylor High School latched off the 1924 football season, and the annual Nov. 11 Armistice Day game against Georgetown crew near. The 1924 season had been especially rainy, and fans began to say the team looked like a flock of Ducks on the muddy field.

On Nov. 5, just a few days before the much-an-ticipated Georgetown game, someone called the team "Drake's Ducks" for the first time. When the big day arrived, the team won their first game ever against Georgetown, 3-0, and they won their first game as Taylor Ducks.

For the remainder of Drake's tenure, the team was referred to as "Drake's Ducks." When he left Taylor at



Taylor High School's newspaper, the Cotton Ball, proudly announces the football team's first win ever against Georgetown in 1924.

the end of the 1920-30 school year, the "Duck" remained and we have been the Taylor Ducks ever since.

Prior to 1924, Taylor High School did not have a mascot. As athletics began to develop, the word "Mascot" began to appear, referring to a younger boy who simply accompa-

nied one of the athletic teams. In 1926, second-grader Phil Porter became Taylor's first costumed mascot. One day as he was watching his older brother, Sidney, practice with the team, young Phil went up to Coach T.H. Johnson during a break and announced, "Coach Johnson, I want

to be the mascot." Johnson agreed and ordered the new mascot, a small uniform exactly like the team wore, along with a green sweater with a large "T" for Taylor and a little "M" for mascot. Phil chose No. 77 after his childhood football hero, Red Grainger, with the Chicago Bears.



Coach C.E. Drake is the reason fans began calling Taylor's football team "Drake's Ducks" in 1924 after unprecedented success over Taylor's most bitter rival at the time, Georgetown.

This historic uniform is on display in the Duck Room, Museum.

Today's costumed Duck mascot is Waddles, a member of the cheer team and a much-loved part of Taylor ISD. Waddles is a main

attraction at pep rallies and games as well as events at elementary schools and in the community.

Our classic cartoon Duck that bears a strong resemblance to Disney's Donald Duck is Dralliam, which is Mallard spelled backwards.

The story of how Taylor's mascot became the Duck was preserved for us by Johnson, a former coach, superintendent and historian for Taylor. Johnson came to Taylor as assistant to Drake in 1926, just two years after the now famous rainy season.

He recorded much of the history we know today about the local schools and community. T. H. Johnson Elementary School is named in his honor.

Join me next week as we talk about Walt Disney's now famous autograph to the Taylor Ducks back in 1941. Until then, make it a great week.

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umbrella of several community foundations, but it relaunched earlier this year as a private charity, with new board members Cindy Posey, a communications consultant, and Taylor native Doug Moss, an architect who owns several building firms in the city's downtown, including Cabot Commons Pocket Hotel at 616 Talbot St.

"We are growing into our next chapter," Olson said. "Moving to a private foundation structure gives us the flexibility and focus to better serve the communities we care most about — Taylor, Hutto and Georgetown."

Moss said he jumped at the chance to join the board. "I have known Larry for some time, and I have liked his foundation because Taylor is one of the three communities he is trying to focus on and previously did not have a lot of focus getting a lot of nonprofits in Taylor to make submissions," Moss said.

"So, I said let's just figure out how to change that, and to me it is a great opportunity for me to get more engaged with the nonprofit community here in Taylor, which I think is getting stronger and stronger and there's more and more nonprofits than



Anna and Anton Olson, whose lifetime of hard work farming in Eastern Williamson County inspired the Anna Anton Olson Legacy Foundation, pose in front of the farm they rented from 1936-1959 (near left).

there were even 12 months ago, which is great."

Areas of focus for the charity include providing more opportunities for underserved K-12 students to thrive, fostering an entrepreneurial spirit among youth and young adults from disadvantaged communities and providing more dignity and independence for seniors wishing to stay at home.

"By uniting generations and strengthening nonprofits, we help build communities where young minds thrive, and older adults live at home with

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dignity," according to officials.

Through these grants, Anna-Anton Olson seeks to strengthen nonprofits by providing funds for unexpected operational needs as well as long-term organizational capacity building projects.

"We've been working closely with Taylor nonprofits and are encouraged by their interest," Olson said. "I have met with many of their executive directors a few weeks ago, and they are excited about this new grant cycle. I am determined and looking forward to seeing many Taylor nonprofits apply this year. We really want to help Taylor."

For more information, go to <https://anna-anton.org>.

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The delegation tried to gauge from the companies if they were anticipating Samsung getting closer to opening and possibly to resume stalled plans to set up operations near the foundry, said Dave Porter, CEO of the partnership.

The prognosis wasn't hopeful in February, but by June the mood had shifted. By that point, Samsung had committed to a new opening date of late 2026. It had previously been delayed from late 2024 to sometime in 2025.

"They were more positive and eager and felt like (Samsung) had made it around the corner. They are eager to get back over here and do site selection," Porter said.

Although the June trip predated Tesla CEO Elon Musk's July 26 announcement about the partnership with Samsung, Porter said the certainty of a big client for the Taylor plant only helps.

"I think the timing is wonderful for Samsung," Porter said.

Musk, the world's richest person, made the announcement on social media platform X, which he owns. He calls Austin home, has several companies based in Austin and Bastrop County and the Tesla gigafactory where the Cybertruck and Model Y cars are made is just 30 miles from Samsung Austin Semiconductor's Taylor campus.

"Samsung's giant new Texas fab will be dedicated to making Tesla's next-generation A6 chip. The strategic importance of this is hard to overstate. Samsung currently makes A14. TSMC will make A15, which just finished design, initially in Taiwan and then Arizona," Musk wrote on X last Sunday.

TSMC is Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd., which has about two-thirds of the global mar-

ket of supplying advanced chips to clients. Samsung's market share has fallen from dominance over the years to less than eight percent of the market.

TSMC is building the first phase of its U.S. foundry in Arizona, which like Samsung also has experienced some delays. They have committed to invest about \$100 billion at the site over time. Samsung is spending about \$18 billion on its first phase and eventually plans to invest about \$55 billion on expansions in Taylor and at the long-established Austin campus.

Making the A16 chip, "will help Samsung to internalize AI chip production and attract other AI customers," Peter Lee, a semiconductor analyst at Citigroup, told the Financial Times. "Tesla is a picky customer, so choosing Samsung as its foundry partner will help Samsung to win orders from other Big Tech companies."

The deal also shines a positive light on Taylor and the county as a tech and manufacturing center.

Porter said the uncertainty of tariff negotiations have been tough on U.S. companies and many are putting expansion or relocation plans on hold, including those that would include Williamson County sites.

The tariffs are having the opposite effect on possible economic development deals with companies from other countries.

"We are especially seeing a lot of interest out of Taiwan," Porter said of companies looking to locate manufacturing here to avoid the added cost of tariffs when selling to the U.S. market.

If Williamson County secures the win, there could be announcement of a Taiwanese manufacturer coming as soon as September, he said.

Want to hear the latest on local sports and more?

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Around the Watercooler
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FM 973 PROJECT CAMPO

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to widen FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 75 in Taylor to address rapid growth in the area. CAMPO and TxDOT are holding an open house to provide input on the project. For the public, the open house is on Monday, August 21, 2025, from 4-7 pm. To access the virtual open house, visit campo.usg.gov/get-involved or use the QR code.

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, August 21, 2025
4-7 pm
Dixie-Gilens Community Center
1035 E. MLK Jr Blvd, Taylor, TX 76784

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE
Aug. 21, 2025 - Sept. 22, 2025
To access the virtual open house, visit campo.usg.gov/get-involved or use the QR code.

Comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be submitted using any of the methods below. All comments must be received or postmarked by Monday, September 22, 2025. Information by mail can be requested by calling (512) 651-3964 or by email at CAMPOTaskforce@projectinformation.com.


QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS
FM 973 Project, c/o CD&P, P.O. Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763
CAMPOTaskforce@projectinformation.com

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Get more eyes on your business. Call today at 512-352-8535.

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Posts on Facebook and Instagram from August 14 to August 21, 2025.

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NEXT WEEK: CAMPO and TxDOT will be hosting a public meeting to propose safety and mobility improvements to FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor.

📍 Public Meeting Location: Dickey Givens Community Center, 1015 E MLK Blvd. Taylor, TX 76574
📅 Date: Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025
🕒 Time: 4 – 7 p.m.

Learn more about the project and share your input on the proposed changes to this vital corridor.

Visit: campotexas.org/get-involved/.


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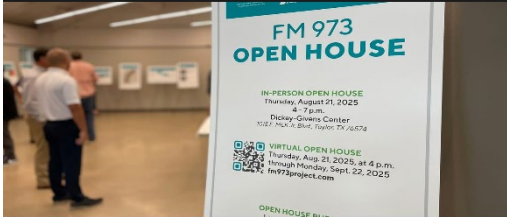
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HAPPENING NOW: CAMPO and TxDOT are hosting a public meeting for the FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 project.

Join us today at the Dickey Givens Community Center, 1015 E MLK Blvd. Taylor, TX 76574 or check out the virtual meeting!

Learn more: campotexas.org/get-involved/

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The image is a screenshot of an Instagram post from the account 'campotexas'. The post features a teal and black background with white and yellow text. At the top left is the 'campotexas' profile picture and name. The main text reads: 'VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE FM 973 Project August 21, 2025'. Logos for CAMPO (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) and the Texas Department of Transportation are visible. A call to action is provided: 'campotexas.org/get-involved'. Below the text are icons for likes (1), comments, shares, and a bookmark. The caption text is: 'campotexas CAMPO and TxDOT invite you to an open house for the FM 973 Project. The meeting will give you an opportunity to learn about the project and proposed improvements! Attend the in-person open house! Thursday, Aug. 21, from 4 – 7 p.m. at Dickey Givens Community Center, 1015 E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Taylor, TX 76574 If you are not able to attend in person, participate in the online open house Aug. 21-Sept. 22 Learn more at https://www.campotexas.org/get-involved/ August 19'.

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Elected and Public Official Notice

Mailed to 18 elected and public officials on August 5, 2025.



Tuesday, August 5, 2025

[Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

RE: FM 973 Project Open House

Dear [Name],

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) cordially invite you to an in-person open house for the FM 973 Project. CAMPO and TxDOT are proposing to widen FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 to address rapid growth in the area.

CAMPO and TxDOT are hosting this public open house to provide an opportunity to learn about the project, present proposed improvements, and collect public input. Proposed improvements to FM 973 between Samsung Highway and US 79 include widening the existing two- to three-lane facility to a proposed six-lane boulevard section within existing right of way.

The in-person open house will be held from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Dickey-Givens Community Center, 1015 E. MLK Jr. Blvd, Taylor, TX 76574. The virtual open house will be available online beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025, and can be found at <https://www.campotexas.org/get-involved/> through Monday, September 22, 2025.

Additional details are available in the Notice of Public Meeting enclosed for your reference.

If you have any questions or need additional information on this project and to request open house material by mail, please contact the project team by phone at (512) 651-3964 or by email at CAMPOstudies@projectinformation.com.

Sincerely,

Ashby Johnson
Executive Director, CAMPO

Tucker Ferguson, P.E.
Austin District Engineer, Austin District, TxDOT

Enclosure: Notice of Public Meeting



Elected and Public Official Mailing List

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First Name	Last Name	Full Title	Organization	Mailing Address	Mailing City	Mailing State	Mailing Zip	Phone	Email
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CAMPO, TxDOT TO CONDUCT OPEN HOUSE FOR FM 973 PROJECT

AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 2025 – The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to widen FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor to address rapid growth in the area.

CAMPO and TxDOT will host a public open house with in-person and virtual options to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the project, ask questions, and provide input on proposed improvements.

Proposed improvements to FM 973 between Samsung Highway and US 79 include widening the existing two- to three-lane facility to a proposed six-lane boulevard section within existing right of way.

In-Person Open House

When: 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025
Where: Dickey-Givens Community Center
1015 E. MLK Jr. Blvd.,
Taylor, TX 76574

Format: Open house style meeting; Attendees may come and go at their convenience.

Virtual Open House

When: 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025 – Monday, Sept. 22, 2025

Where: <https://www.campotexas.org/get-involved/>

Format: Self-guided virtual meeting room with audio and visual components available for viewing online any time during the time frame listed above.

Comments must be received or postmarked by Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, to be included in the open house record and may be submitted by:

- Mail: FM 973 Project, c/o CD&P, P.O. Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763
- Email: CAMPOstudies@projectinformation.com
- Voicemail Comment: (512) 651-3964
- Comment Form and Survey: Available through both formats

For general questions and information regarding the project or the open house and to request open house information by mail, please contact the Study Team at (512) 651-3964.

As the regional transportation planning organization encompassing Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, CAMPO is committed to improving mobility—and ultimately, quality of life—within the six-county region and ensuring the benefits of the transportation system are distributed fairly across all demographics throughout rural, urban, and suburban areas.

CAMPO Webpage Notice

Announcement posted on CAMPO website on August 19, 2025.

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FM 973 CORRIDOR PROJECT

Background

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are working together to identify, evaluate, and recommend potential improvements for FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 near Taylor.

[Fact Sheet](#)

What the Study Will Accomplish

CAMPO and TxDOT will use public input and technical evaluations to develop proposed improvements to FM 973. The study will include an analysis of current and projected traffic volumes, existing and future land use, crash hotspots, environmental features, and needs and concerns identified by stakeholders and the public. This analysis and community input will be used to identify and design future improvements and complete an environmental analysis.

Public Involvement

Community input is a key part of this study. [Contact the study team](#) to learn more and request a speaker for community meetings. Attend an [in-person open house Thursday, August 21, 2025](#) or [participate online through September 22](#).



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FM 973 Corridor Project

In-person open house with a virtual public meeting option

In-person: Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. CT

Virtual: Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025, through Monday, Sept. 22, 2025

Visit the virtual open house:

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Public comment deadline	All comments must be received on or before Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, to be included in the official record of the public meeting.	<p>Contact us</p> <p>Email: TxDOT Austin</p> <p>512 461-3964</p> <p>FM 973 Project, c/o CDAP</p> <p>PO Box 5466</p> <p>Austin, TX 78753</p>
Virtual details	The self-guided virtual meeting room will be accessible on the FM 973 virtual open house page beginning Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025, and will remain online through Monday, Sept. 22, 2025.	
In-person details	<p>The in-person meeting will be held at the following location. In-person participants are invited to come and go any time from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025.</p> <p>Dickey-Givens Community Center 1015 E. MLK Jr. Blvd Taylor, TX 76574</p>	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity to learn about the FM 973 project, present proposed improvements, and collect public input.</p> <p>In-person open house attendees will be able to review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of CAMPO and TxDOT staff, and leave written comments.</p> <p>Online participants will be able to view the same information delivered at the in-person public meeting. The virtual meeting will consist of a self-guided virtual meeting room with pre-recorded narration and will include both audio and visual components as well as opportunities to provide comments.</p>	<p style="background-color: #00728f; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Visit the virtual open house</p>
Description	The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to widen FM 973 from Ransburg Highway to I-35 in Taylor to address rapid growth in the area. FM 973 serves as a critical arterial route between Travis and Williamson counties and connects the growing cities of Manor and Taylor.	
Accessibility	The in-person meeting will be conducted in English. The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish, and project and meeting materials will be available in English and Spanish for both meeting formats. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, contact 512-651-3964 no later than Friday, Aug. 15, 2025. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.	
Public hearing materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice • Visit the virtual open house 	
How to make a comment	<p>Written comments may be submitted by the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: go ahead in the notice • Mail: FM 973 Project, c/o CDAP, PO Box 5466, Austin, TX 78753 • Voicecall: 512 461 3964 • Downloadable comment form <p>Comments must be received or postmarked by Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, to be included in the official record of the public meeting.</p>	
Memorandum of Understanding	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 July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.	

Posted: Aug. 6, 2025

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D. Sign-In Sheets

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Name/Nombre	Address/Dirección	Phone Number/Número de teléfono	Email/Correo electrónico	How did you hear about this meeting? / ¿Como se enteró de esta reunión?
Heather Long	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
SRI KONEVU				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Kevin Marsh				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Christian Gonzalez				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
FELIPE FURTADO				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Sarah White				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
AL MOKRY				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Tim Vanecsek				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>phone call</u>
Donna Vanecsek				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Ginger Zaky				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Julie Downs				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____

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Greg Reiden				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>Letter write</u>
JASON CHAPEA				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Sara Rodriguez				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
[Redacted]				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Jen Garcia				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Jim Prewitt				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Jennie (Lorena) Zicha				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Ron Vurano				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Daniel Baum				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
MARK CLSSE				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Tyler Bybee	Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____			

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Joseph Meller				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Tamara Rodriguez				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Brina Wiukler				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Connie Ruffin				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>friend</u>
Daniel Seguin				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>Email</u>
Sally Snider				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>City employee</u>
Nick Castillo				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Coner Stuart				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>work</u>
Patrick Hunt				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>student</u>
Trey Hewitt				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>work</u>
Michael Pausewang				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____

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Mahn Tijerina				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
THERESA POKORNY				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Jerrold Kingery				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>City of Taylor</u>
Cynthia DeBease				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Connie Odom				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>TV</u>
Harold Glasscock				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Shelli Cobb				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>city council</u>
Chuck FAY				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Kiyshia Blossom				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Jim Gray				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Marie Bloemer				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____

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Eric Meador	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>family member.</u>
Gregory Sorensen				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) <u>flashing sign on 973</u>
Candie Craig				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
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Kellen Mohrman				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Scott Ford				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Irene Dixon ford				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Rusolph Dixon Ford				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Kandice Coppala				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Dianntea				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
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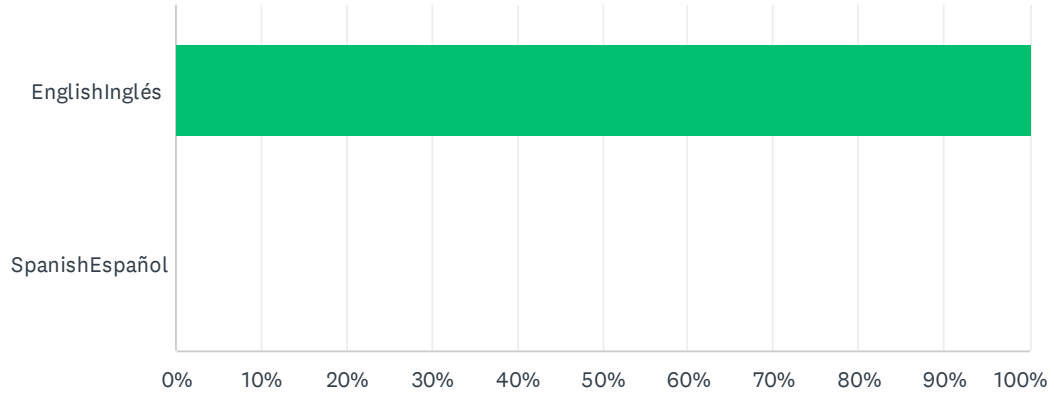
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Chad Gardner				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Kendall Nader				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Lamarriol Smith				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Lilly Swank				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Alexa Browning				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Salvador Castelan				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Michael Corl				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Kevin Hoffman				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Megan Dutton				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Amanda Scott				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____
Toni Red				Newspaper / Periódico ___ Mail / Correo ___ Social Media / Redes social ___ Other (please specify) _____

E. Comments Received

Online Comment Card	44
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Q1 Please select the language you would like to write a comment in: Seleccione el idioma en el que desea escribir un comentario:

Answered: 11 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
EnglishInglés	100.00%	11
SpanishEspañol	0.00%	0
TOTAL		11

Q2 Please include your contact information below.

Answered: 9 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name:	100.00%	9
Email:	88.89%	8
Phone:	77.78%	7

#	NAME:	DATE
1	Mary Penson	8/30/2025 6:24 AM
2	S	8/29/2025 5:08 PM
3	Wendy Nguyen	8/27/2025 9:02 AM
4	Chuck Farr	8/24/2025 1:07 PM
5	Billy Orton	8/23/2025 9:10 AM
6	Jackson Hurst	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
7	Russell E Gast	8/22/2025 12:00 PM
8	Brent M Garcia	8/22/2025 8:18 AM
9	Cary Rodriguez	8/21/2025 4:29 PM

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7	[REDACTED]	8/22/2025 8:18 AM

Q3 What zip code do you live in?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	██████	8/30/2025 6:24 AM
2	██████	8/29/2025 5:08 PM
3	██████	8/27/2025 9:02 AM
4	██████	8/24/2025 1:07 PM
5	██████	8/23/2025 9:10 AM
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9	██████	8/21/2025 4:29 PM

Q4 What are your comments on the proposed improvements to FM 973?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'm looking forward to seeing these improvements to FM 973. Growth has increased traffic and driving time. This will relieve congestion and reduce driving time. Thank you for sharing and allowing us to learn about the improvements that will be coming!	8/30/2025 6:28 AM
2	A daily traffic here in Manor is terrible. We would love to have this oroject start asap. It will be nice to have more lanes on 973, have a bridge to pass 290 without stopping since that intersection light is a nightmare. It takes so long to pass thru. We would love to have a shorter distance to get on 130.	8/27/2025 9:06 AM
3	I like the overall plan and agree we need at least 5 total lanes (including a turn lane) and shoulders from Taylor to Manor eventually. I do not support the extra cost for the multimodal bike lane, especially since the cost is being shared between TXDOT, CAMPO, and Wilco (the latter out of my pocket). Bikes can use the sidewalk if needed. There will not be a need for such bike lanes for a long time. I oppose the cost for bike lanes in Taylor and elsewhere in general as it is a small subsegment of what is a car culture in this area. The plan looks very good in general, as traffic on 973 will become even worse than it is now as a thoroughfare to Austin. We don't need Austin policy extrapolated across the entire state, especially a rural town like Taylor. Thank you for the presentation materials.	8/24/2025 1:12 PM
4	Please make it safe to get out of the Castlewood neighborhood asap. It looks like the light will be super helpful.	8/23/2025 9:10 AM
5	I approve and support TxDOT's/CAMPO's FM 973 Corridor Project. The aspect that I love about TxDOT's/CAMPO's FM 973 Corridor Project is that FM-973 will be widened from 2 lanes to 3 lanes in each direction (6 lanes total) from Samsung Highway to US-79. The widening of FM-973 will improve safety and reduce congestion in Williamson County, TX.	8/22/2025 1:52 PM
6	It is important to keep bicycle accessibility possible. Currently the shoulder is wide enough for bicycle use but whatever the new plan is should keep the shoulder just as wide or add a bicycle lane.	8/22/2025 12:03 PM
7	There needs to be at least one more traffic light and pedestrian light installed. Entrance to Avery glen needs to be a PROTECTED LIGHT for left and right turns. Samsung can get 3 lights but the people between Samsung and CGP can only have 1. There have already been multiple deoths due to no stop lights. Let's do this right. Ped light at the high school to cross 973. With a 4 way light. 4 way light at. Avery glen and cottonwood neighborhood	8/22/2025 8:21 AM
8	As a resident of the Avery Glen housing development, 3 lanes is excessive. All other major thoroughfares, including SR 79, are only 2 lanes with occasional third turn lanes. The additional traffic lights and barriers will be a great addition for the safety of residents, drivers, and students.	8/21/2025 5:12 PM

Q5 Por favor, incluya su información de contacto a continuación.

Answered: 0 Skipped: 11

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Nombre:	0.00% 0
Correo electrónico:	0.00% 0
Teléfono:	0.00% 0

#	NOMBRE:	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	CORREO ELECTRÓNICO:	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	TELÉFONO:	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q6 ¿En qué código postal vive?

Answered: 0 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q7 ¿Cuáles son sus comentarios sobre las mejoras propuestas para la FM 973?

Answered: 0 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
	There are no responses.	



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Please include your contact information below.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): TAMARA RODRIGUEZ
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
ZIPCODE: [REDACTED]

General Comment Section: What are your comments on the proposed improvements to FM 973?

This public meeting's materials were very informational! I agree with the proposed project, it looks and seems very beneficial for the community.
Thank you!

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Brian Winkler
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
ZIP CODE: [REDACTED]

General Comment Section: What are your comments on the proposed improvements to FM 973?

Improvements to this shortened section of FM 973 is extremely short sighted in my opinion. Back in 1997 TXDOT came to my family and initiated condemnation proceedings against my family because they (TXDOT) said they needed to purchase ROW for a 4 Lane divided road (FM 973). For property we owned just north of Rice's Crossing. The property was originally 194 acres but has since been partitioned into smaller tracts. The current property ID is R654980. I'm still waiting on that 4 lane divided road 28 years later. 973 needs 4 lanes from Manor to Taylor as we were promised 28 years ago.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Daniel Seayon
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____

General Comment Section: What are your comments on the proposed improvements to FM 973?

Wesley Miller is planned to be extended to HWY 95. Additionally, the school district just purchased another 5.5 acres for a future campus. Finally, the City is working on plans to build a fire station on Wesley Miller. These should be considered when designing the intersections, especially the length of the southbound left turn lane. Emergency vehicle detection should also be considered.

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Please include your contact information below.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Sandra Wolff
 EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
 ZIP CODE: [REDACTED] mail [REDACTED]
Ann

General Comment Section: What are your comments on the proposed improvements to FM 973?

Some concept vehicles are not ground-level.

Would like to see green technologies incorporated into the plan. Let's what can we do to ensure ~~minimal~~ minimal impact on health. Taylor is considered a walkable community. We need to do that to the north part of Taylor. Students do not need to be crossing highways. Green catchment systems in place. Can we do rain catchments near the highway. Need to look beyond current transportation, people are looking at technology for new concept vehicles - prepare for that. No stairs/bridges across roadways. Can we do natural bridges where non-humans can cross (SEE BACK)

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- MAKE MORE options to take pressure off the infrastructure of the highway.
- Strategically place where RAIN catchment can be associated with the natural bridges.
- Do the things that make employees want to live in the communities where they work (REF. to Samsung). While you're building this highway, you can touch on those other things. Build with the future in mind. Embrace the technology.



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Please include your contact information below.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Marie Bloemer
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
ZIPCODE: [REDACTED]

General Comment Section: What are your comments on the proposed improvements to FM 973?

Crash data analysis only goes to 2022 -
there has been significant growth in the last 2 years;
more crashes, including fatalities. I would like to
see the data updated. Pm Thank you for doing
this study!

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Please include your contact information below.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): CATHERINE SARENSEN
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
ZIP CODE: [REDACTED]

General Comment Section: What are your comments on the proposed improvements to FM 973?

Glad for the improvements but frustrated & angry that city & county & TxDOT aren't working together to get the stop lights going.
Also concerned that Avery Glen & Castlewood have no access to our homes except of 973. We are almost solely confined to our neighborhood or exit of our neighborhood because the only way in is 973 & when there is an accident we can't get in or out

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Tim Vanecek
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
ZIP CODE: [REDACTED]

General Comment Section: What are your comments on the proposed improvements to FM 973?

Activate Light at 973 & Samsung Hwy
Speed limit on Samsung Hwy to > 55 mph
Samsung Workers are Speeding / reckless driving
no police enforcement
Drainage at 973 & 404 West to East leaving CR 404 a swamp
Mow the side of Road on 973 REGULARLY
Need acceleration Lanes existing High School onto 973 to 79
Need Double acceleration Lane from 973 onto 79 East Bound
Must have improvement on 973 All the way Manor to Taylor

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Emailed Comments

From: Lotte Vehko [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:59 PM
To: CAMPOstudies@projectinformation.com
Subject: https://url.emailprotection.link/?bzFBA1qT_MYSqnrGWOzIBW-21B0jkhX1OU1OuEq-3OfV11tPvQcPbGN2ls5MzTMy|3sGj-gKAlcJh|279Zmgkrw~ comment & questions

Greetings,

I've reviewed the proposal at https://url.emailprotection.link/?bzFBA1qT_MYSqnrGWOzIBW-21B0jkhX1OU1OuEq-3OfV11tPvQcPbGN2ls5MzTMy|3sGj-gKAlcJh|279Zmgkrw~ and had a question: will the rest of 973, connecting to 290, be widened the same way as the proposed section?

If so, I'm in support of the project, provided it's planned to be done before 2030.

If not, or if there is no goal date for the widening of the entire length of 973 between 79 and 290, why not?

Thanks -- Lotte Vehko [REDACTED]

From: Kate A. Sumbera [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 3:46 PM
To: CAMPOstudies@projectinformation.com
Subject: FM 973 Project

Good afternoon,

My name is Kate Sumbera, and I am a design engineer with Quiddity Engineering. We are currently preparing a traffic impact analysis for a development along FM 973 at Wesley Miller Ln, Rodgers Road, and Streamwood Trail. We received comments from the traffic reviewer requesting that we obtain more information regarding the FM 973 project.

1. What is the anticipated build out year of the 6-lane cross section?
2. Will all existing left and right turn lanes be constructed when the roadway is widened?
3. Is the project going to be phased, and if so, what is the projected timeline?
4. Has funding been secured for the roadway improvements?
5. Do you have any available future traffic data (e.g., ADT, truck percentages, etc.)?

We are working to finalize our traffic impact analysis and would greatly appreciate any information you can provide to help ensure the study reflects future conditions as accurately as possible. Thank you for your time and assistance.

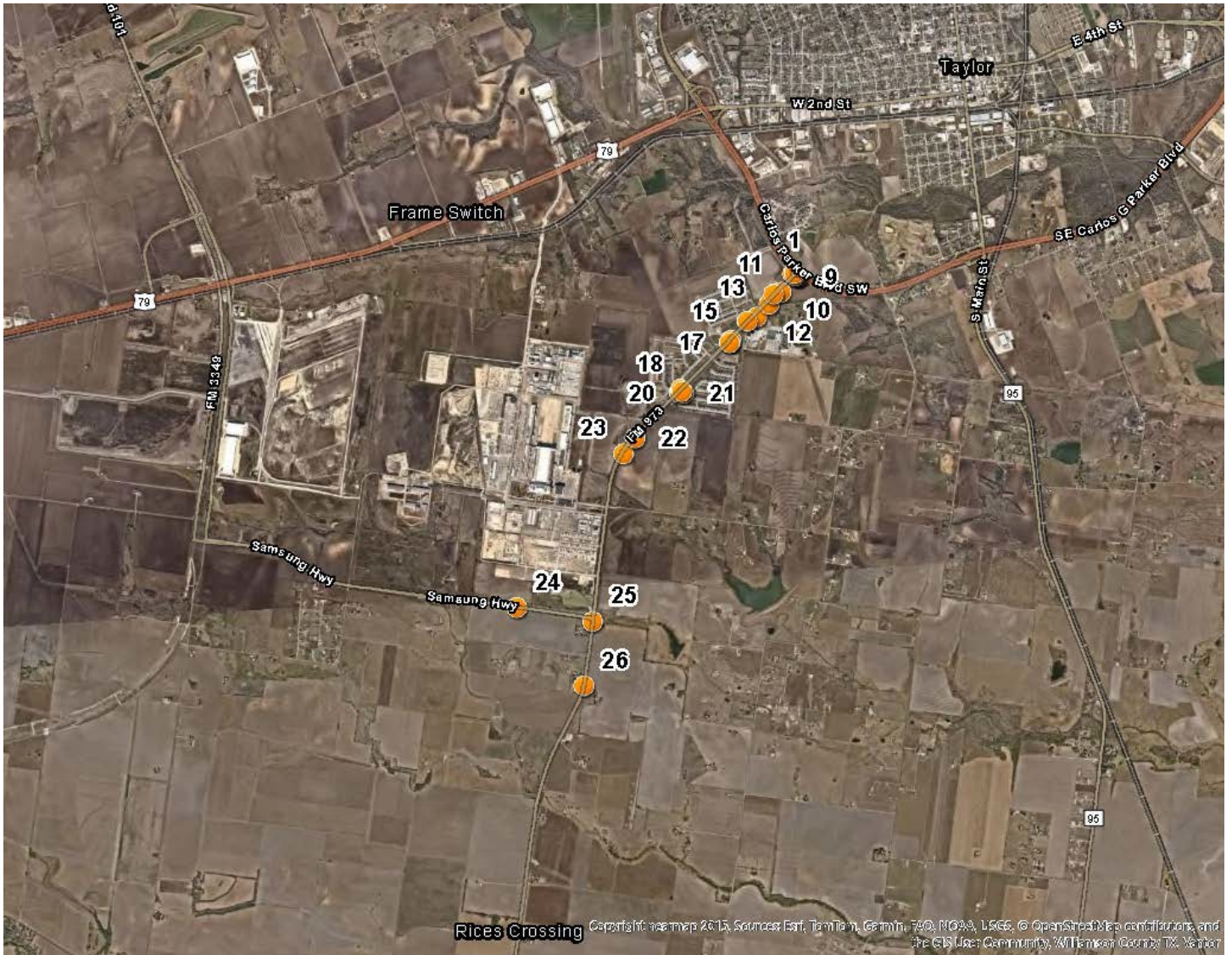
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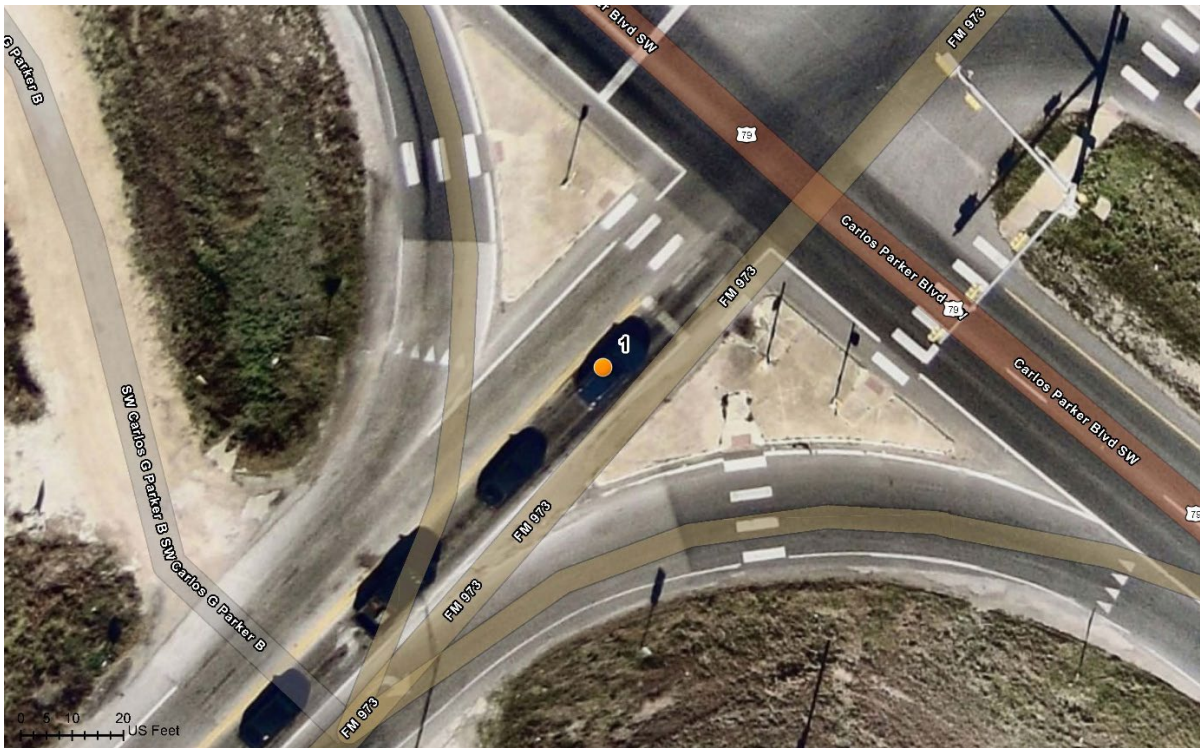
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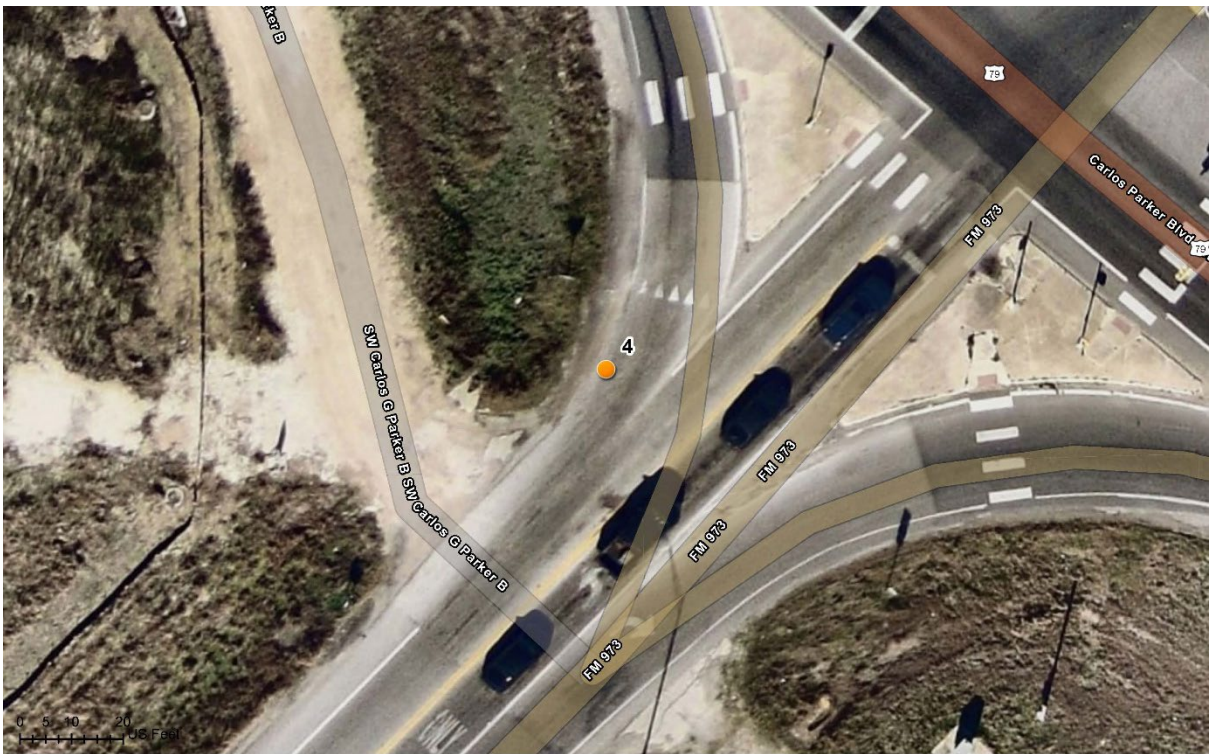


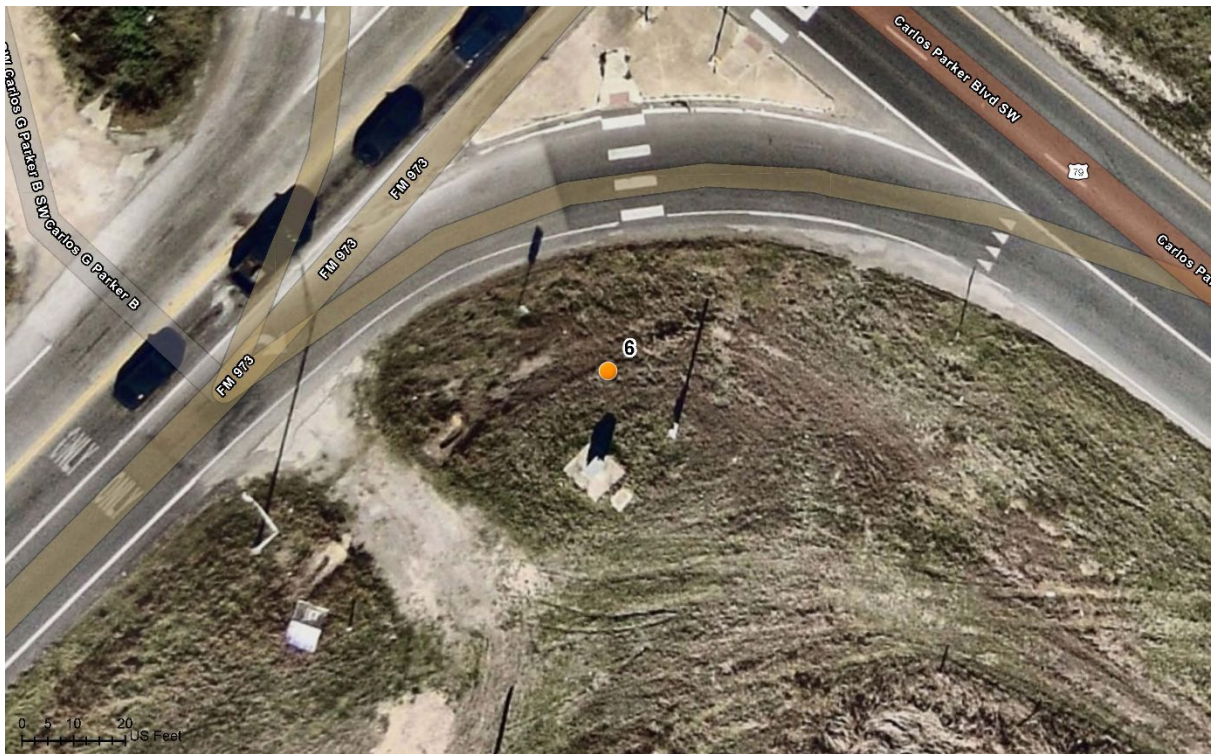
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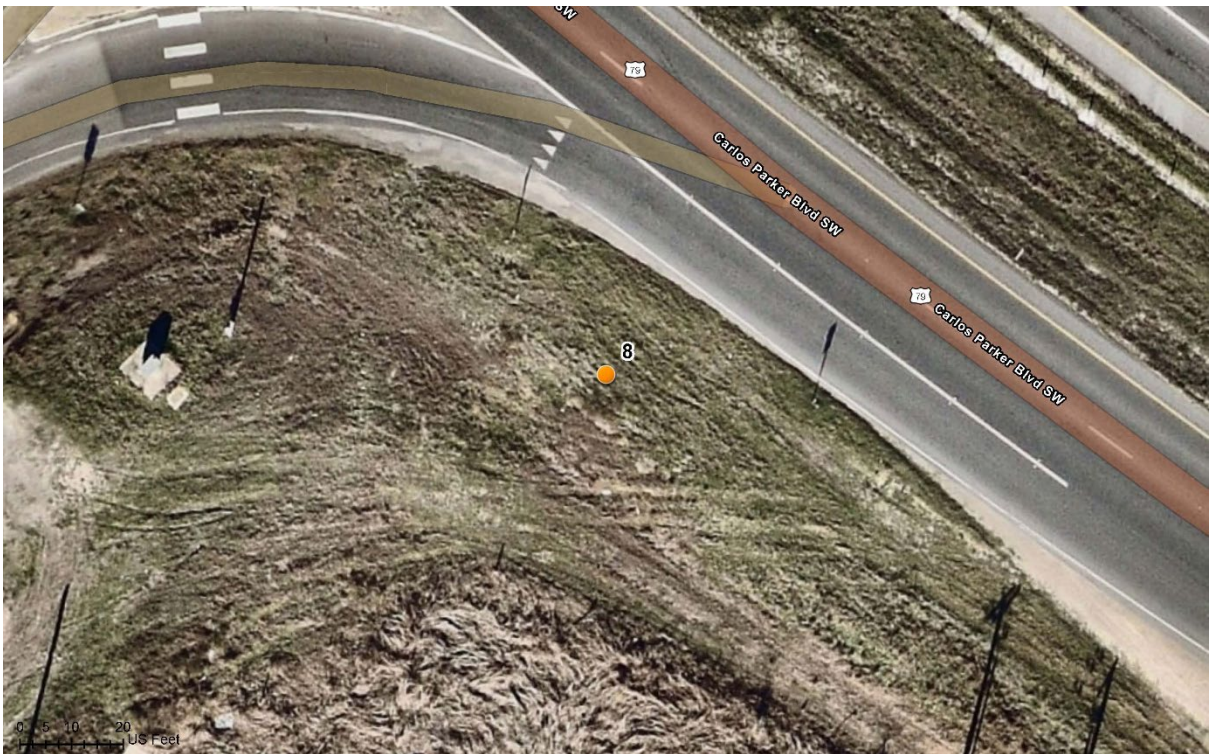
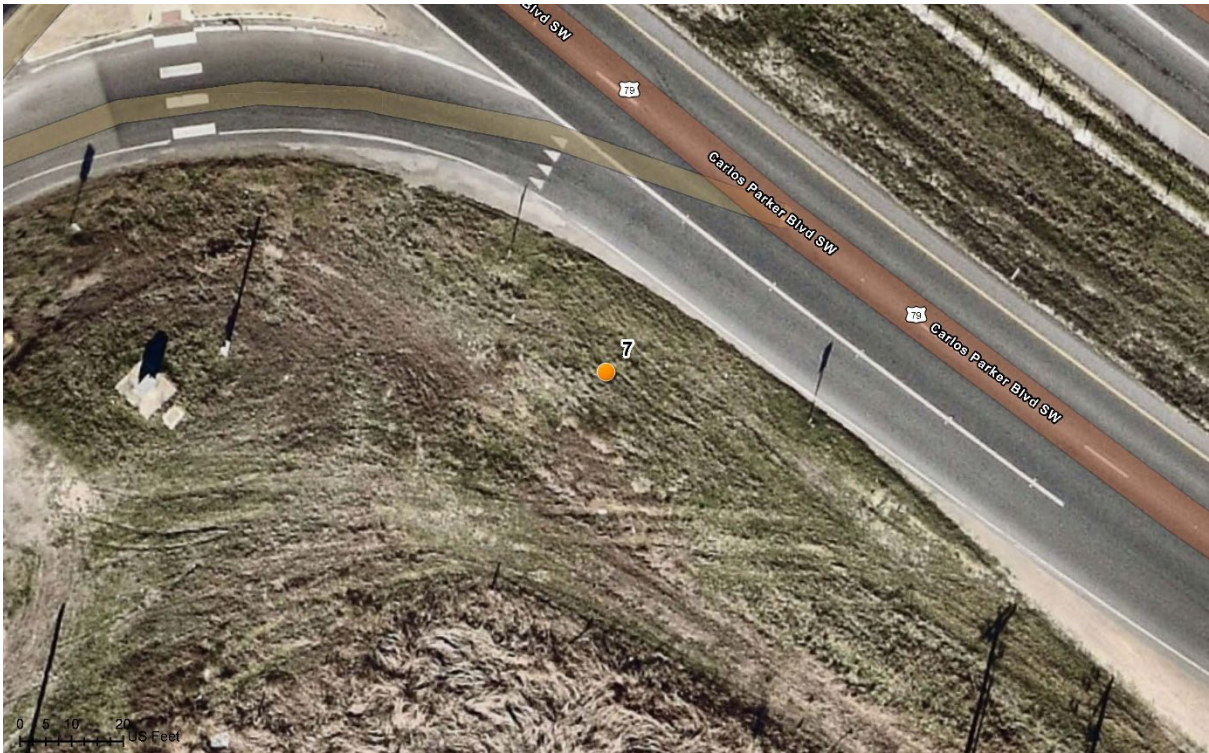


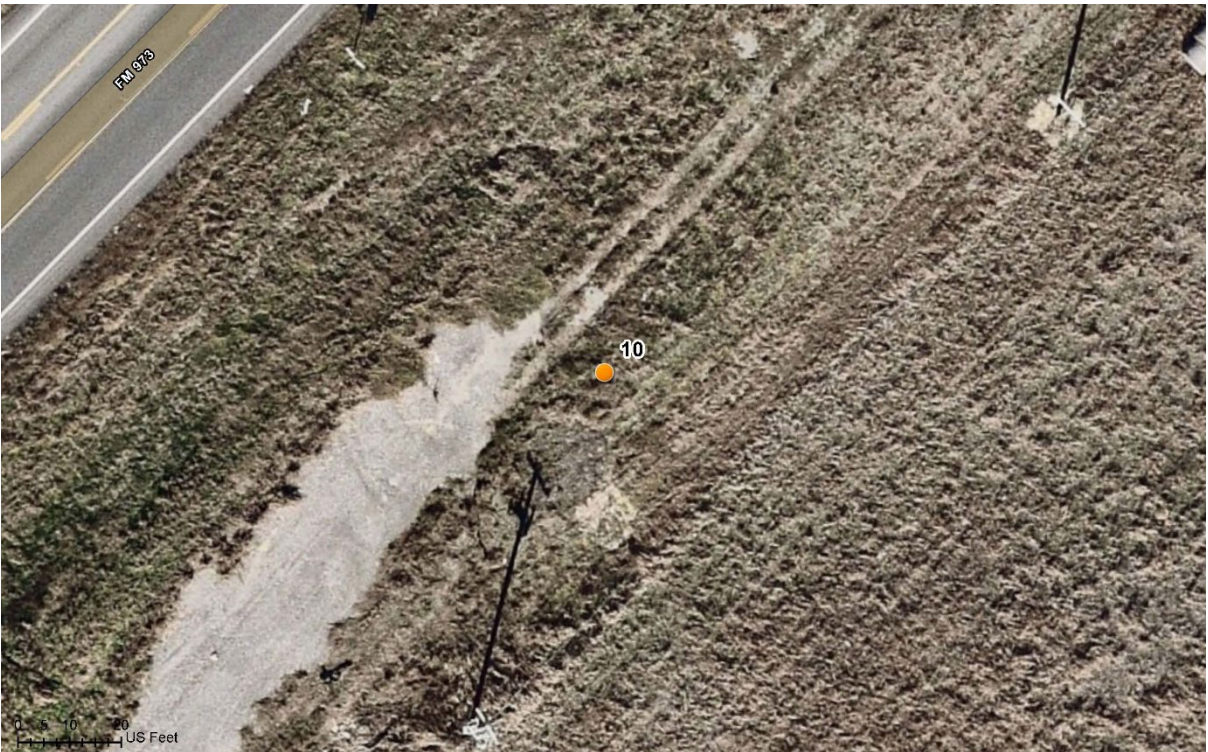
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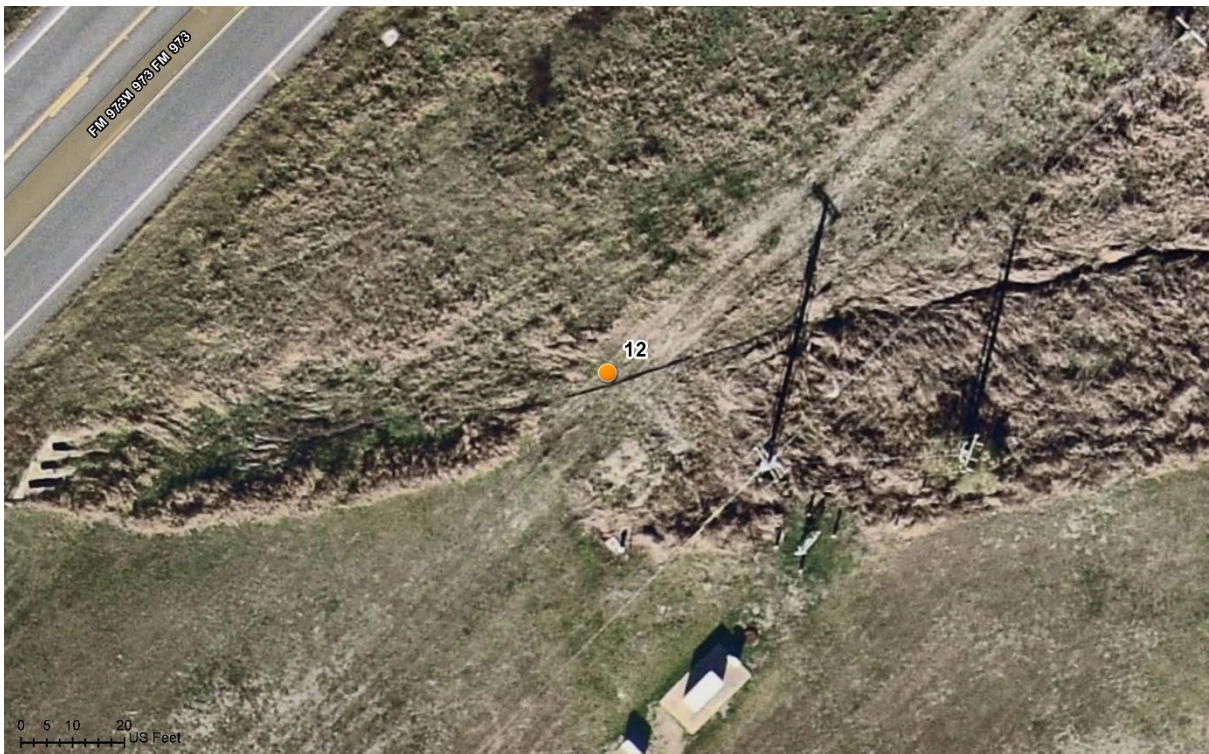
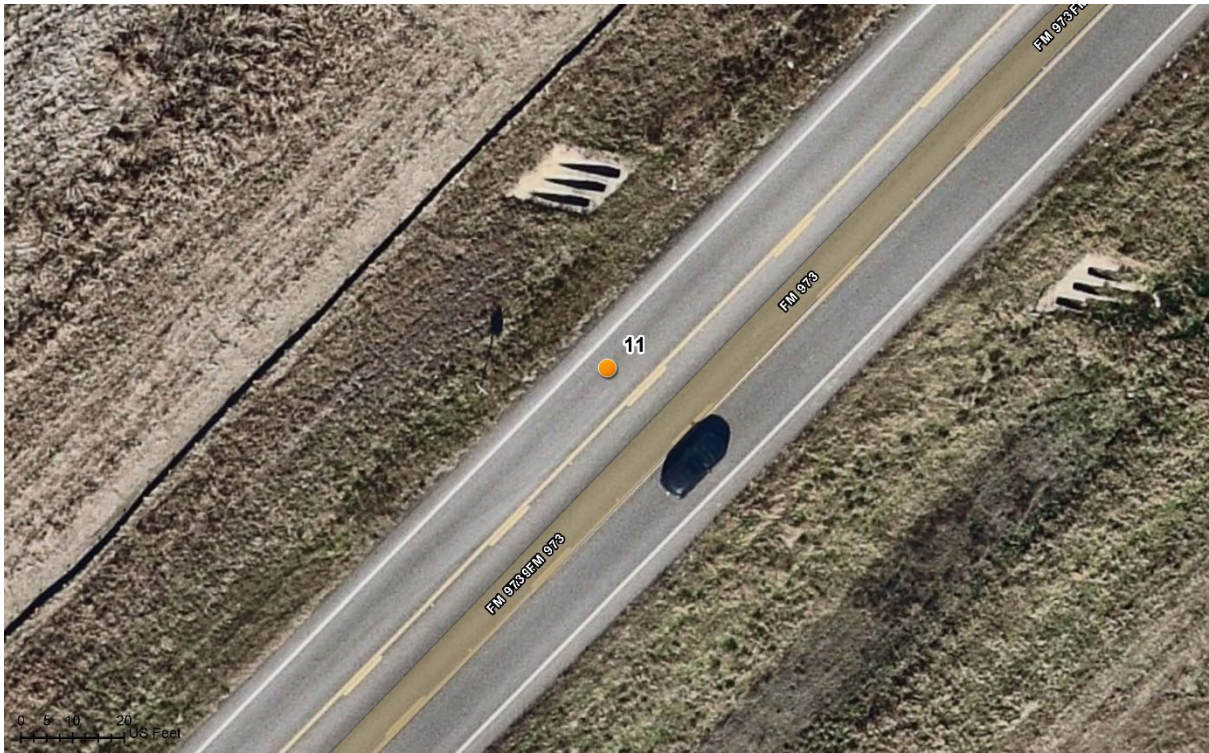


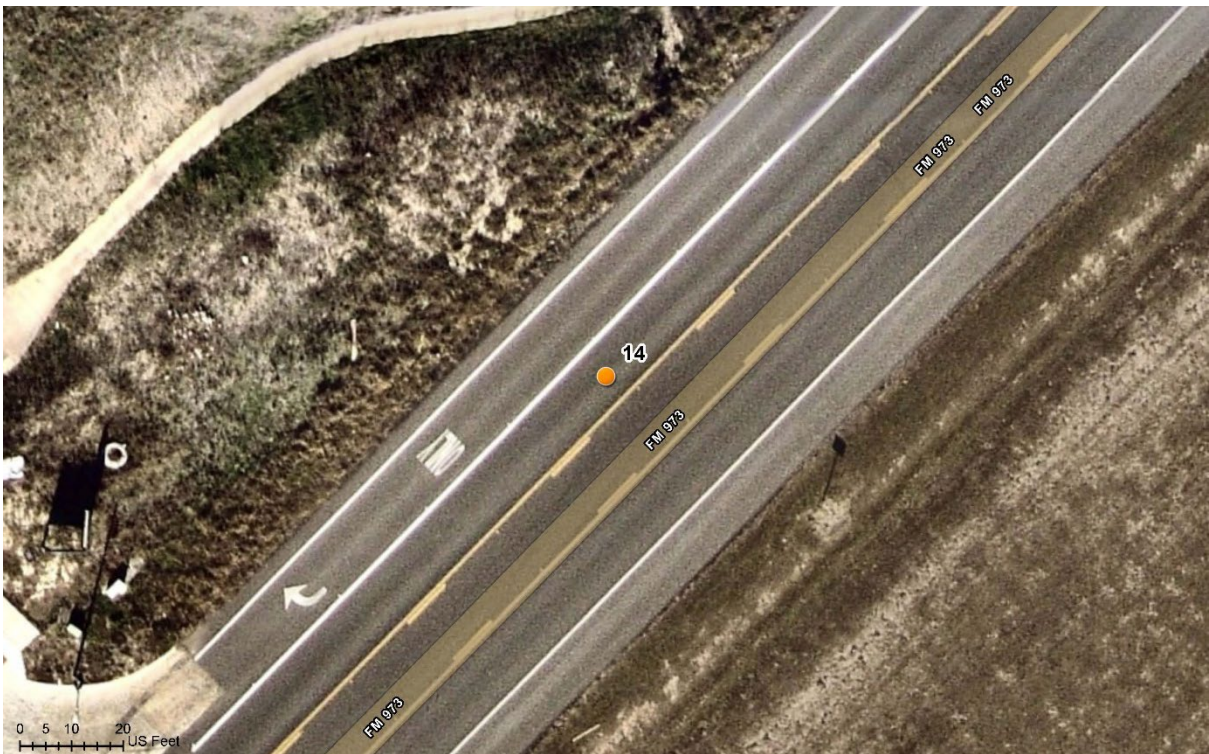
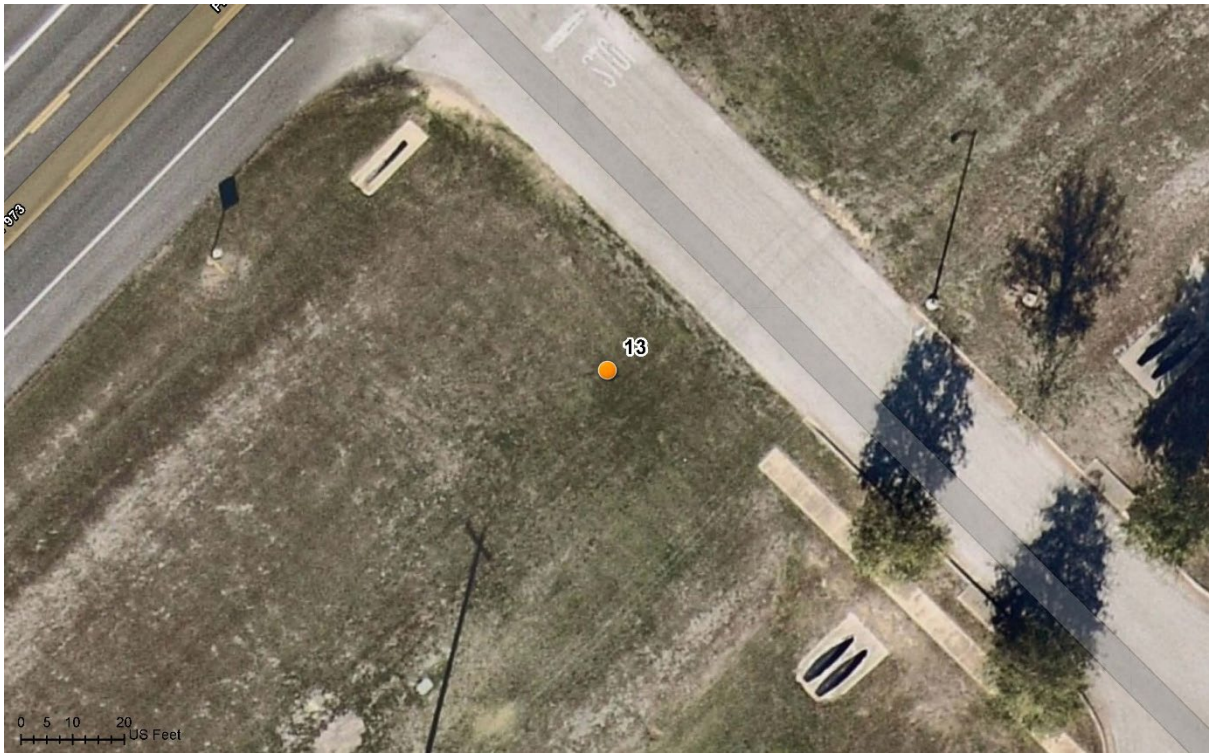


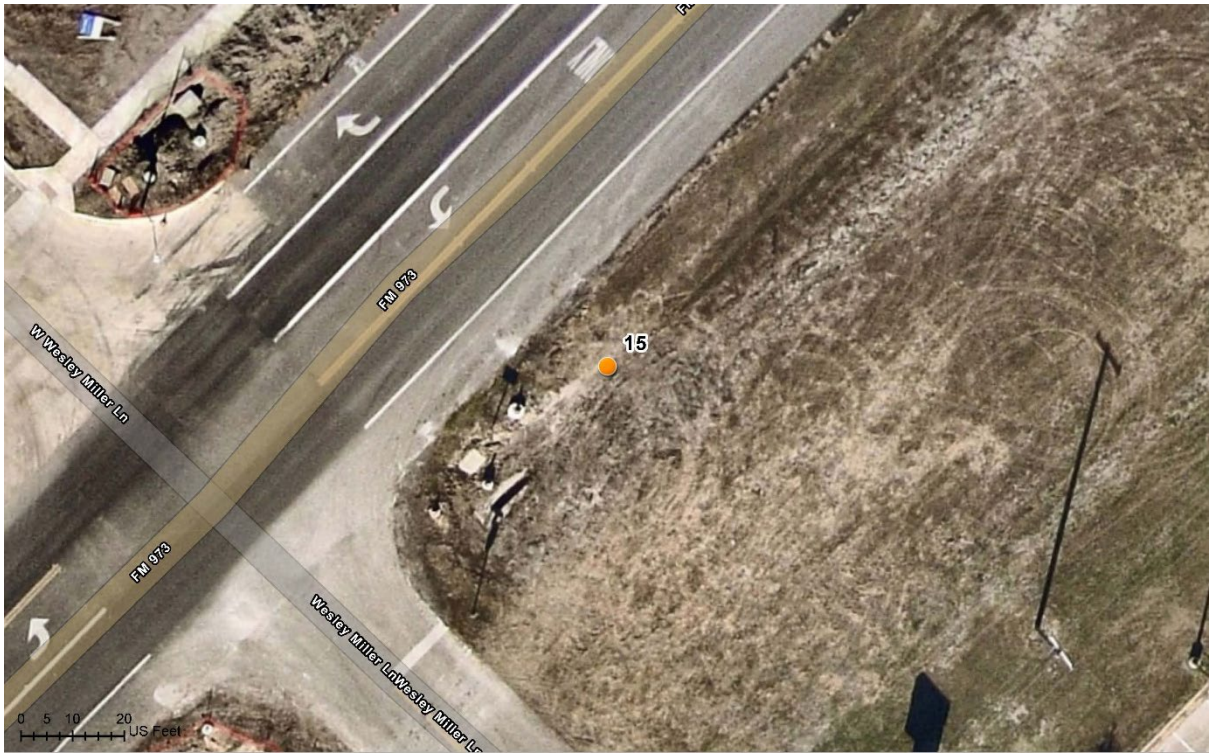


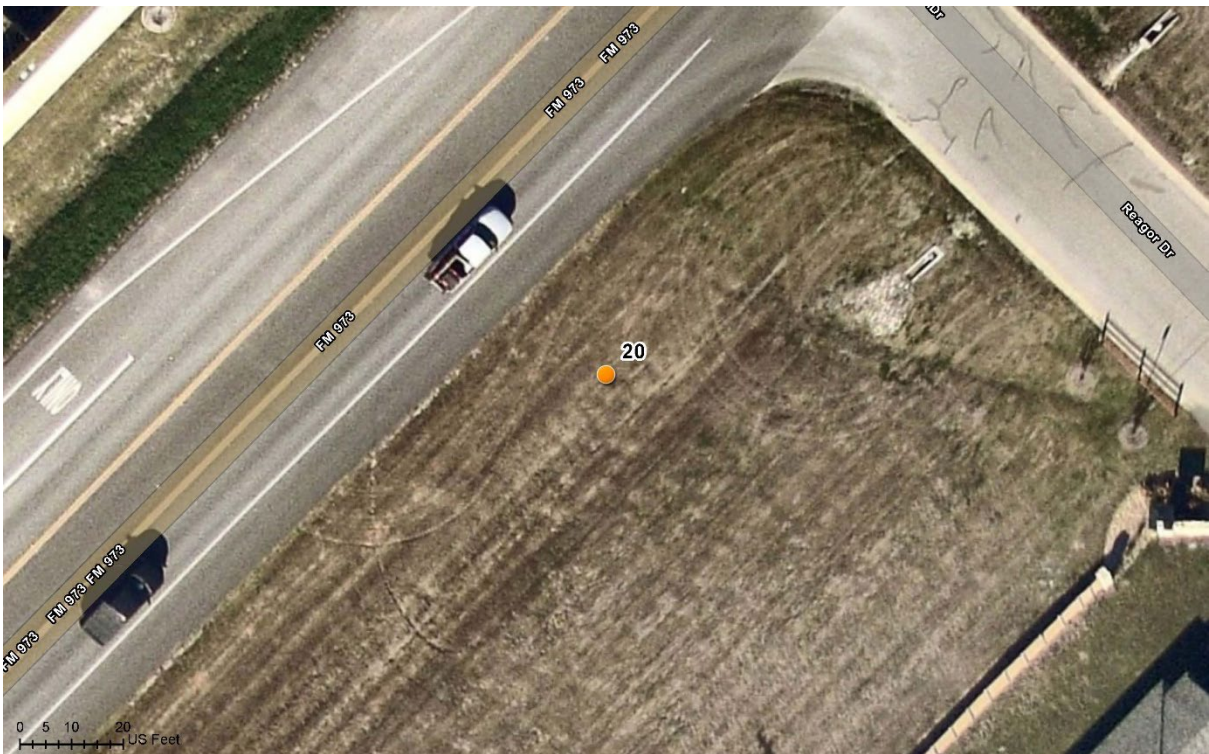
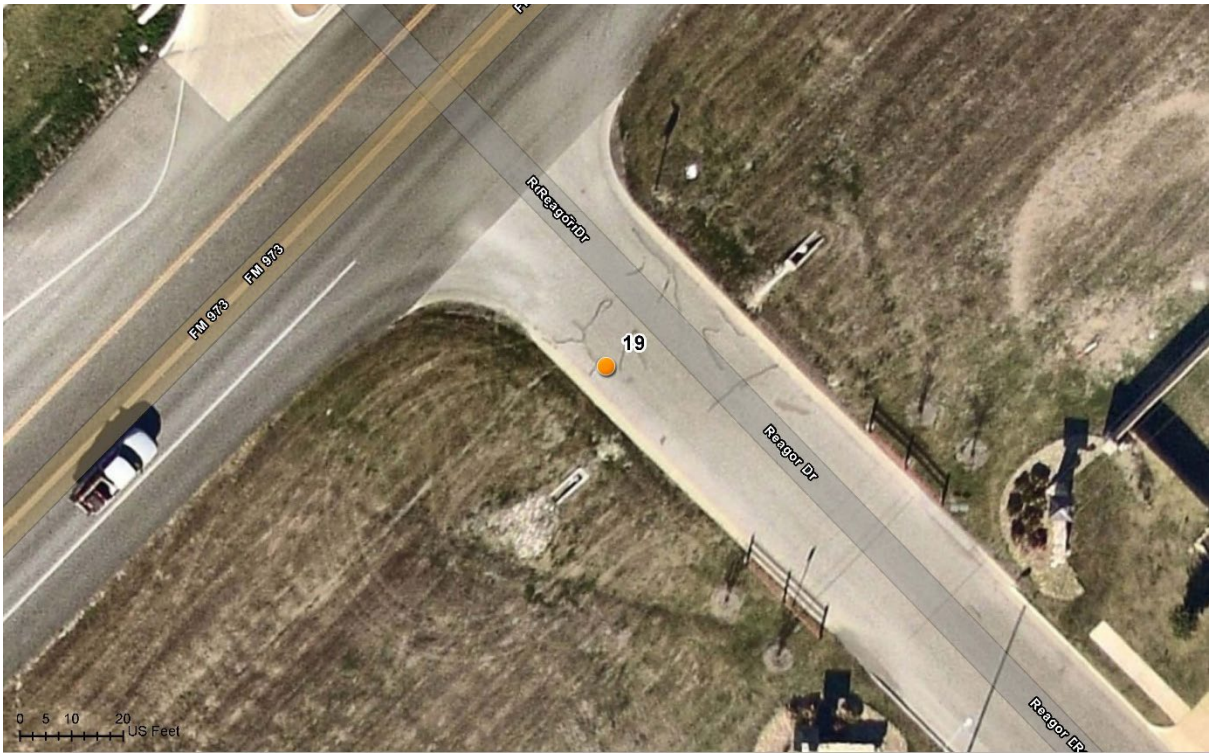


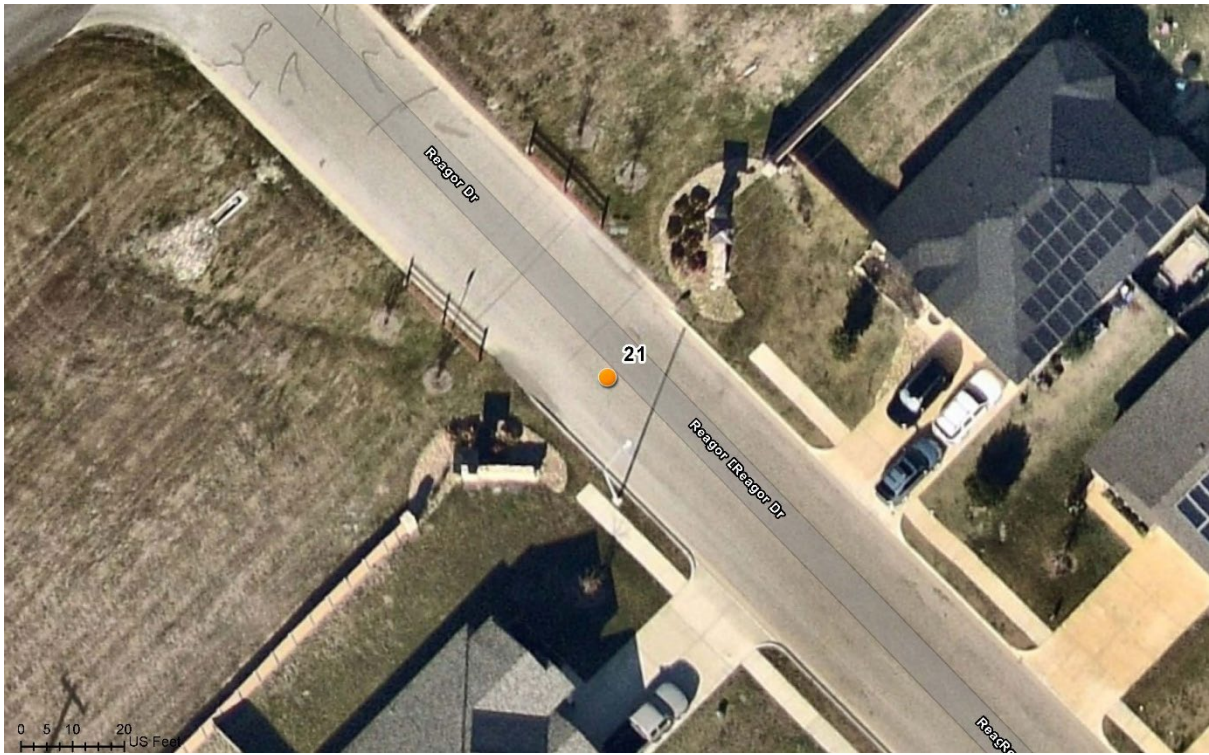


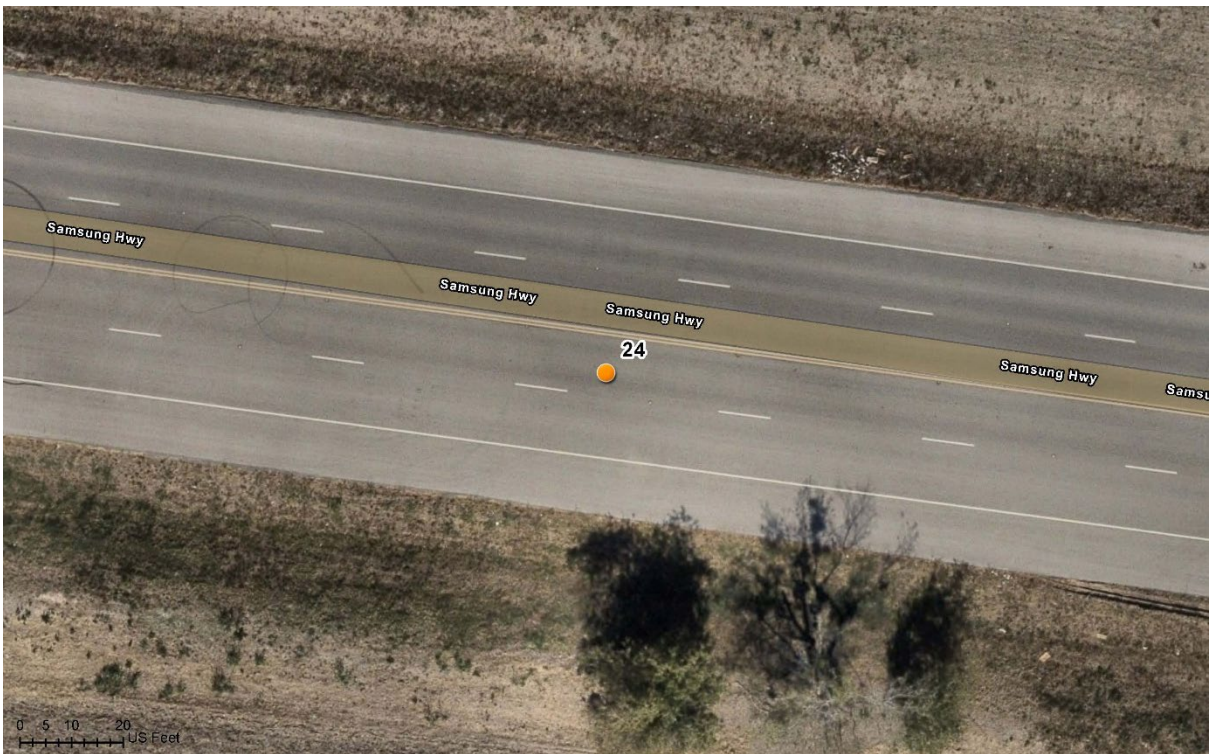
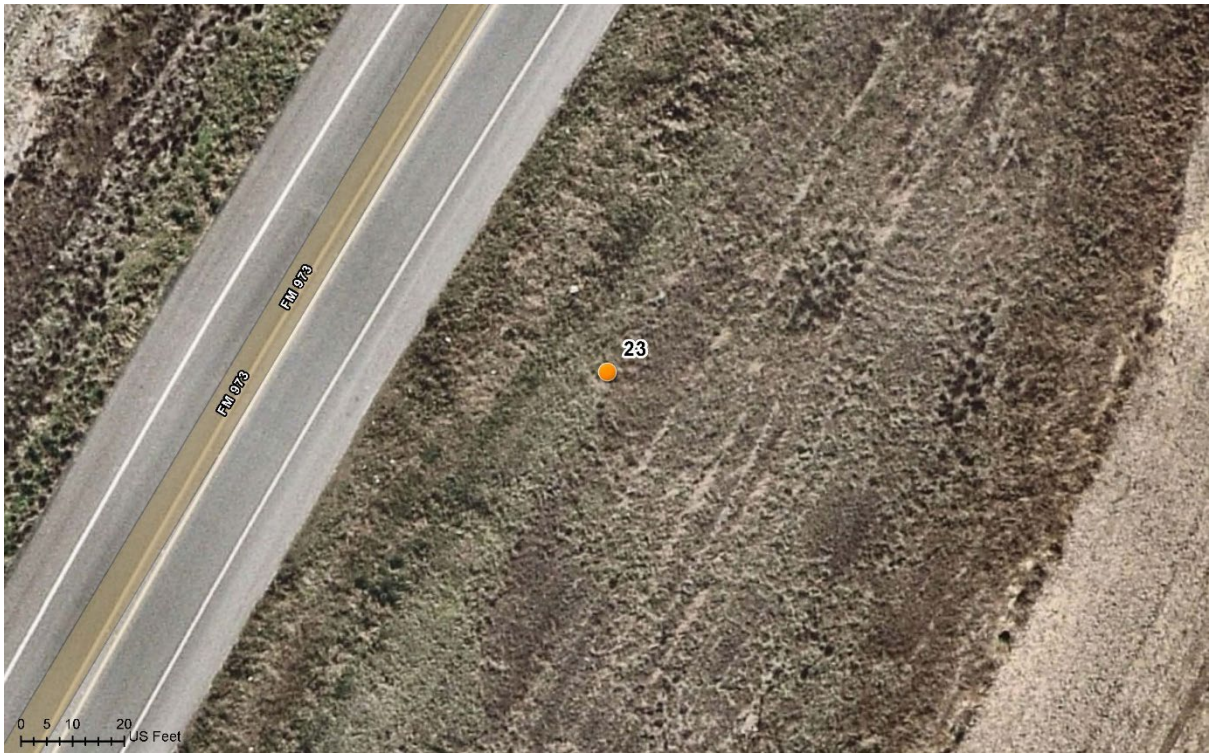


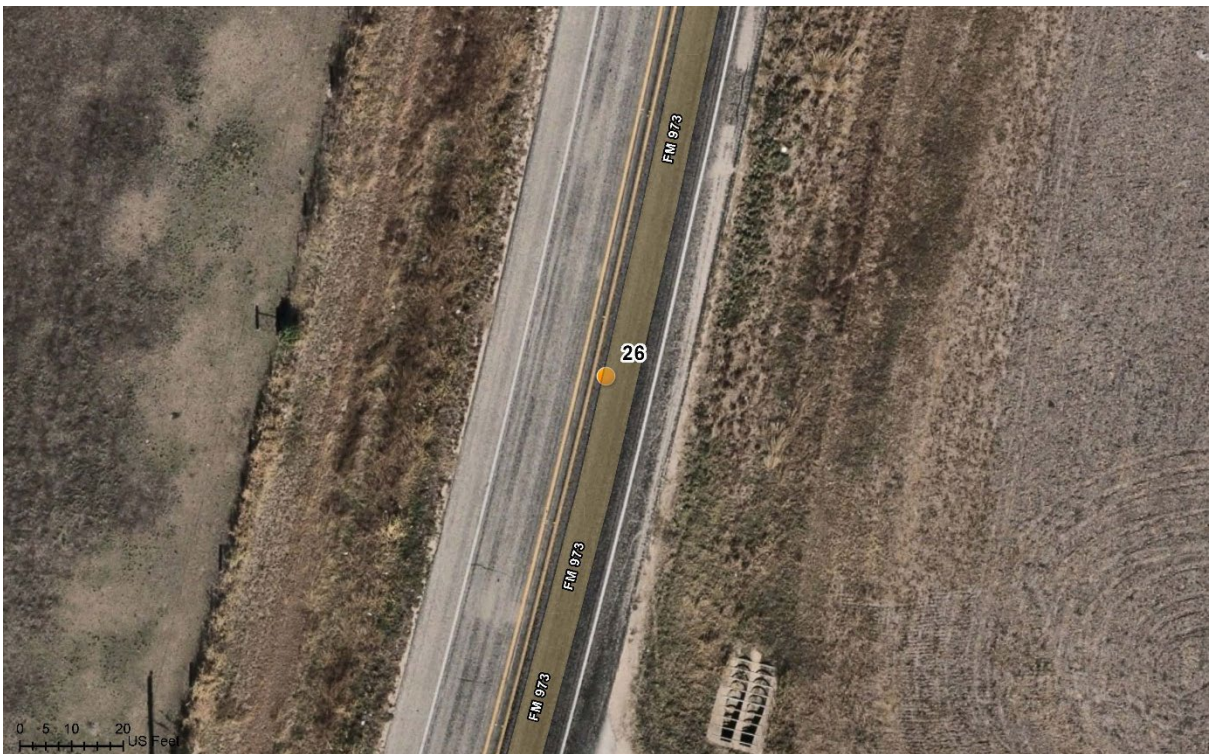
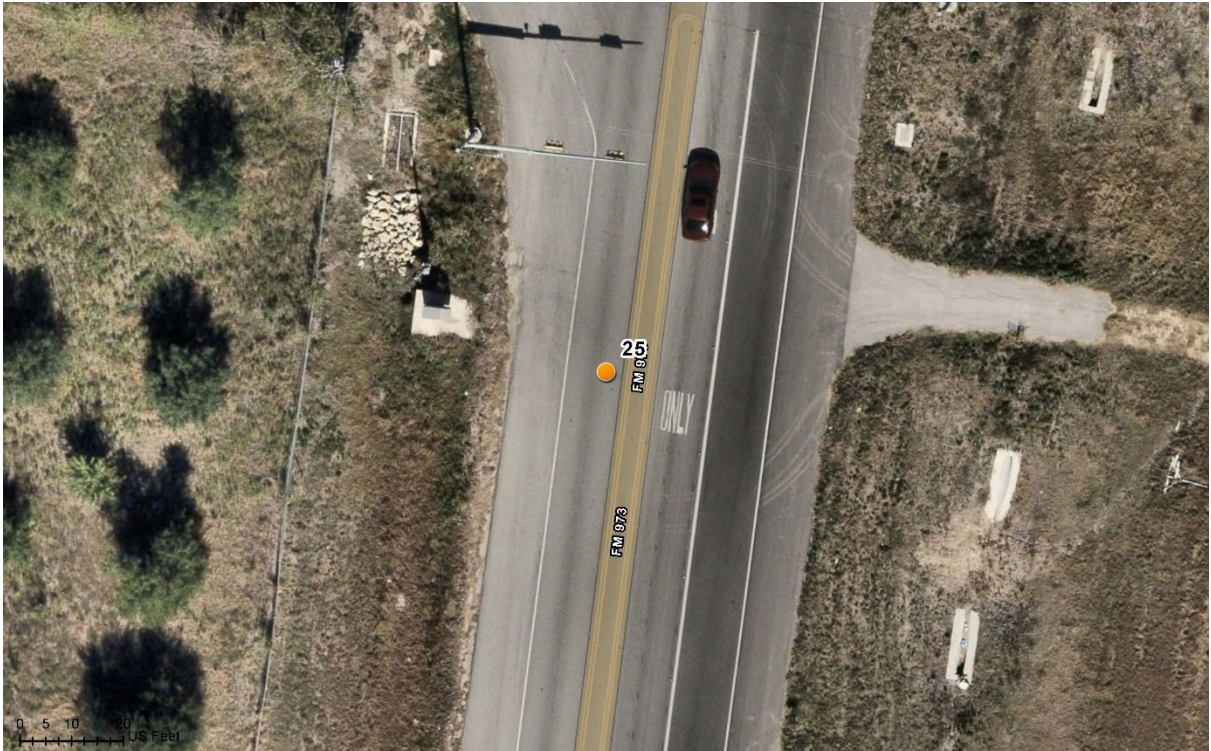






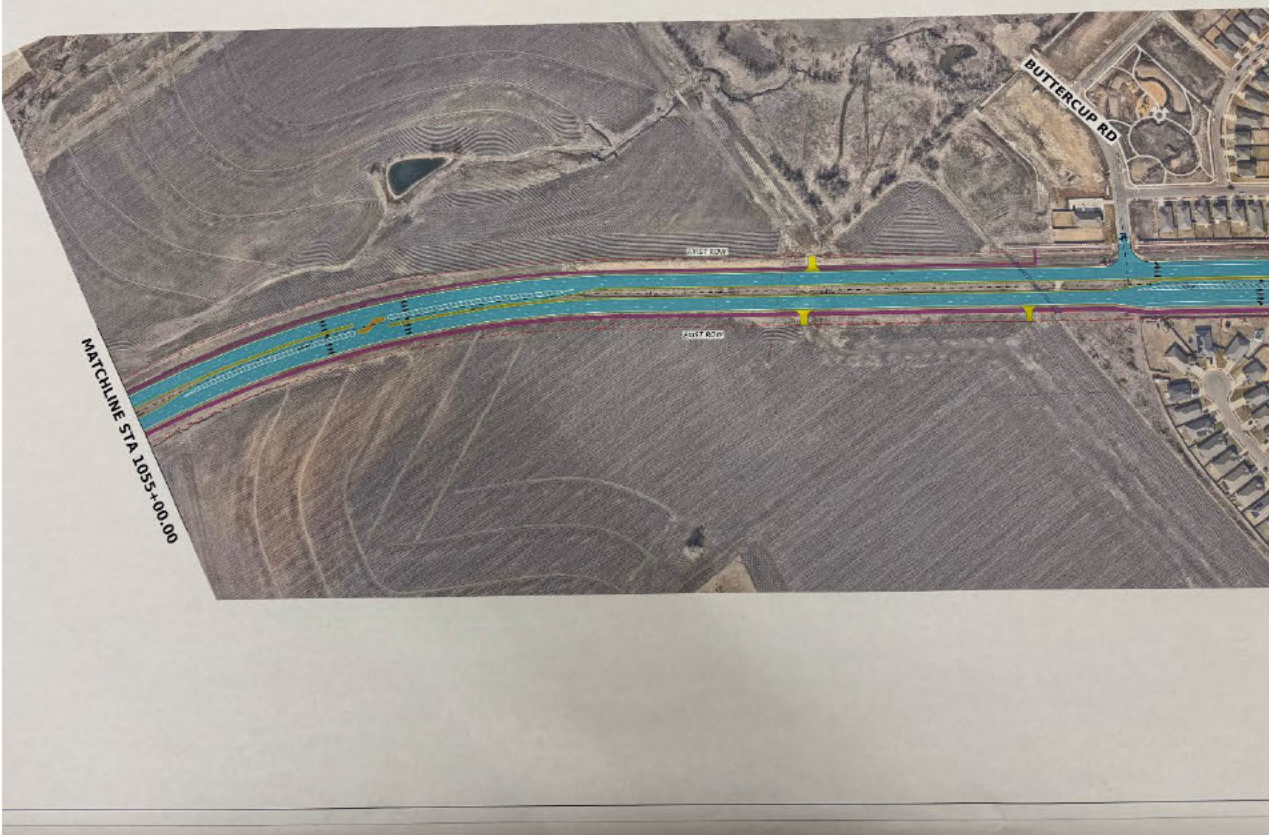


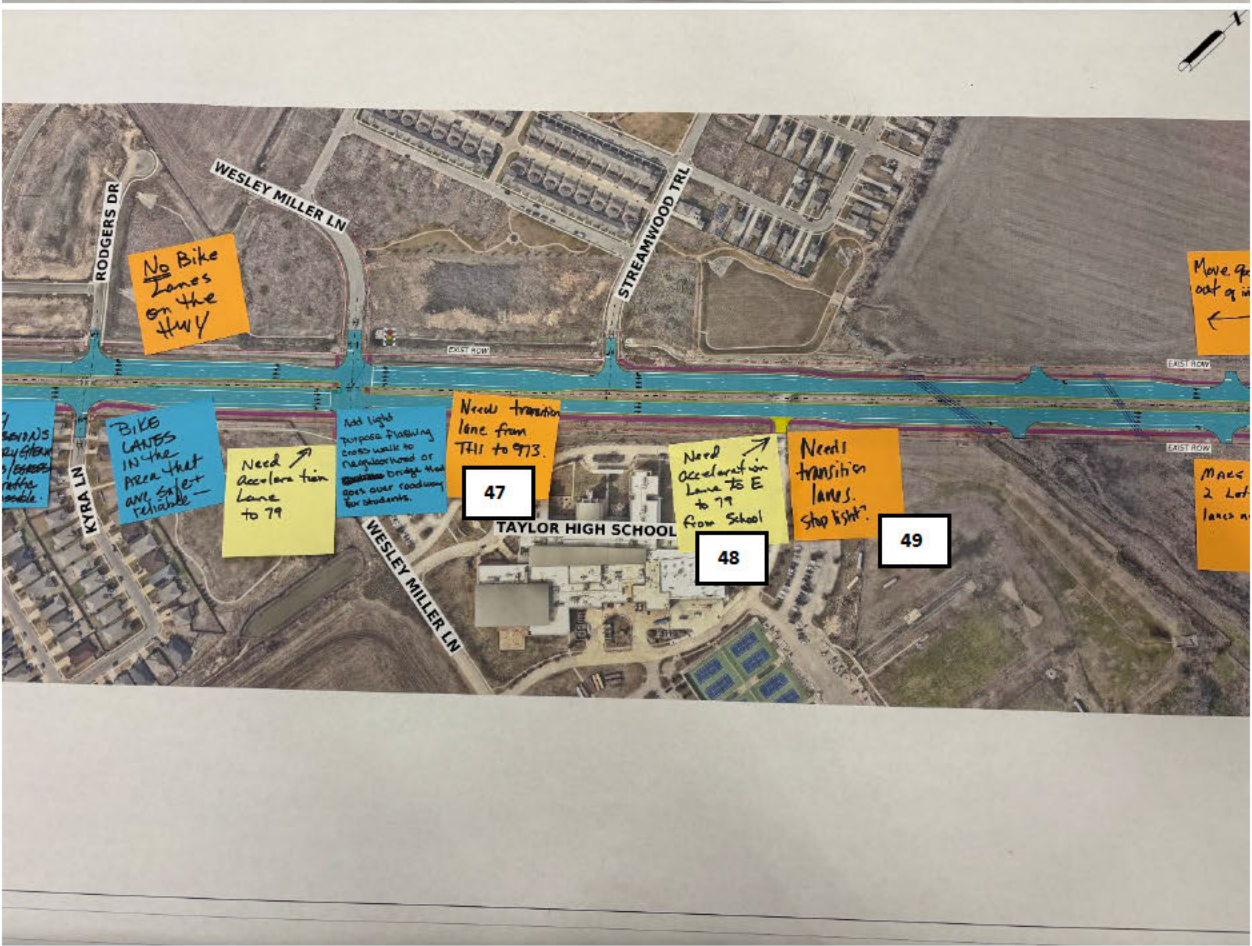






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FM 973 Project

Welcome

Welcome to the virtual open house for the FM 973 Project. We appreciate you taking the time to view this information and welcome your input. Please click the 'Sign In' button to sign in and let us know you participated.

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WELCOME

FM 973 OPEN HOUSE

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE
 Thursday, August 21, 2025
 4 – 7 p.m.
 Dickey-Givens Center
 1015 E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Taylor, TX 76574

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE
 Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025, at 4 p.m.
 through Monday, Sept. 22, 2025
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OPEN HOUSE PURPOSE
 Learn about the project
 Share your thoughts

FM 973 Project

CAMPO 101

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, or CAMPO, is the Capital area's long-range transportation planning body. CAMPO covers Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. CAMPO's Transportation Policy Board is made up of 22-members representing cities, counties, and transportation agencies in the six-county area. This Board sets policy for guiding CAMPO's planning efforts and allocates the federal transportation funds for the region.

An MPO is a regional transportation planning entity designated by the federal government. MPOs were introduced by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, which requires the formation of an MPO for any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000.

CAMPO is responsible for creating two regional planning documents— one long-range and one short-range: the Regional Transportation Plan, or RTP, is a 20+ year plan, and is adopted every five years. The Transportation Improvement Program, TIP, covers four years of projects and is adopted every two years.

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CAMPO CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

CAMPO 101

WHAT IS CAMPO?
 The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is the Austin region's transportation decision-making body, coordinating regional transportation planning between counties, local governments and transportation agencies. The organization is made up of a 22-member Transportation Policy Board (TPB) that makes decisions on CAMPO policy and allocates federal transportation funds for the region, a 24-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that provides technical expertise and recommendations to inform the Transportation Policy Board, and the Executive Director, who reports to the TPB and oversees the CAMPO staff.

WHAT IS AN MPO?
 A metropolitan planning organization, or MPO, is a regional transportation planning entity designated by the federal government beginning in 1962. MPOs are required in areas with a population greater than 50,000.

WHERE IS CAMPO?
 CAMPO conducts regional transportation planning work within six counties: Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson.

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CAMPO Project Readiness Program: A CAMPO/TxDOT Partnership

CAMPO and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are working together to plan and design improvements to multimodal corridors throughout the six-county CAMPO region to advance recommendations for inclusion in CAMPO's long-range plan and for future funding consideration.

These corridors have been identified because they connect significant and growing activity centers throughout the region, experience higher-than-average crash rates on the roadway or at intersections, are part of the freight network, and complement existing studies and projects throughout the region.

CORRIDOR	COUNTY
FM 734 (Palmer Lane) from RM 2243 to SH 130	Travis/Williamson
FM 669 from SH 71 to SH 130	Bastrop/Travis
FM 973 from US 79 to US 290	Travis/Williamson
FM 1000 from US 290 to SH 95	Bastrop/Travis
RM 1431 from US 281 to IH 35	Burnet/Travis/Williamson
SH 21 from SH 71 to SH 130	Bastrop/Caldwell
SH 29 from CR 258 to Williamson County Line	Burnet
SH 80 from FM 110 to IH 10	Hays/Caldwell
US 79 from FM 1460 to FM 619	Williamson

Project Introduction

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to widen FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor to address rapid growth in the area.

FM 973 serves as a critical arterial route between Travis County and Williamson County and connects the growing cities of Manor and Taylor. CAMPO and TxDOT are proposing improvements to improve mobility and address congestion along FM 973 near Taylor.

CAMPO and TxDOT are proposing to widen the existing two- to three-lane road to a six-lane road that stays within the existing right of way. The project includes an analysis of current and projected traffic volumes, existing and future land use, crash hotspots, environmental features, and needs and concerns identified by stakeholders and the public.

Williamson County Population

179% INCREASE

2020 POPULATION (ACTUAL): 609K 2050 POPULATION (PROJECTED): 1.7M

WHAT THE PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH

CAMPO and TxDOT are proposing to widen the existing two- to three-lane facility to a six-lane boulevard section within existing right of way. The project will include an analysis of current and projected traffic volumes, existing and future land use, crash hotspots, environmental features, and needs and concerns identified by stakeholders and the public.

Goals & Objectives

The goals of the project are to:

- Enhance mobility and functionality of the corridor;
- Enhance multimodal movement, operations, and safety;
- Refine proposed improvements based on technical analysis and community input.

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Enhance mobility and functionality of the corridor

- › Improve traffic operations to create a reliable and consistent network for the movement of people and goods through the corridor
- › Improve access to adjacent businesses and neighborhoods

Enhance multimodal movement, operations, and safety

- › Consider and plan for transportation needs for multimodal use of the corridor, including improving access for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit

Refine proposed improvements based on technical analysis and community input

- › Evaluate and consider crash data, intersection improvements, bicycle and pedestrian travel, and input from the community
- › Employ strategies to maximize participation across diverse audiences that reflect the community, including outreach to underserved communities and those with Limited English Proficiency
- › Consider and incorporate feedback from the community in each step of the project development process

FM 973 Characteristics

The north segment of FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 is currently two-to-three lanes total, one lane in each direction with a discontinuous center left-turn lane. The road has discontinuous sidewalks, various shoulder widths, and open-ditch drainage.

These three images show various features of FM 973 as it exists today.

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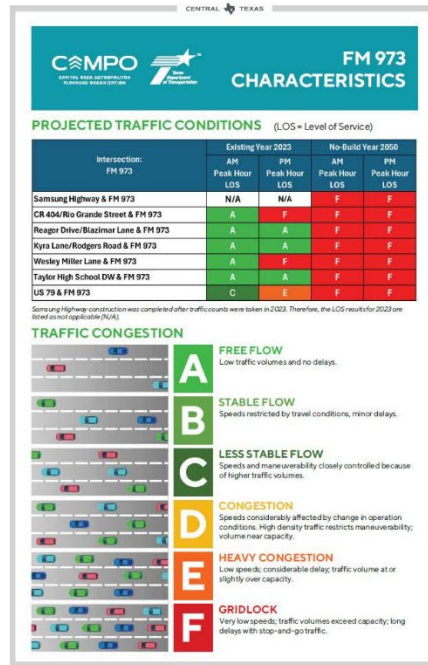
FM 973 CHARACTERISTICS

EXISTING FM 973

- › Two lanes in a general north-south direction from Samsung Highway to US 79
- › Discontinuous center left-turn lane
- › Shoulder varies in width
- › Open-ditch drainage
- › Discontinuous sidewalks

FM 973 Characteristics

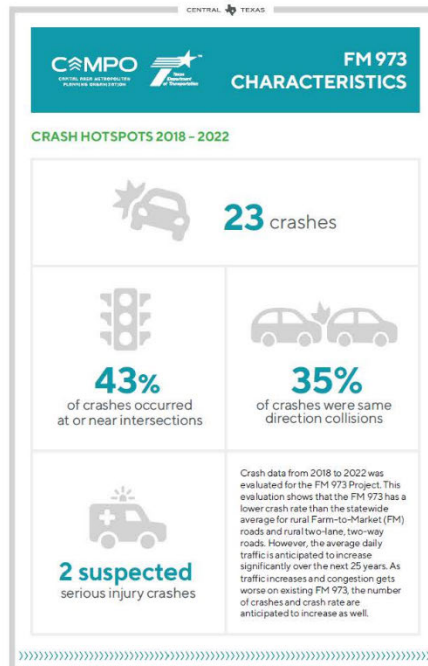
This table shows traffic counts in 2023 and projected traffic conditions in 2050 on FM 973, without proposed improvements. Existing and projected morning peak and afternoon peak levels of service, or LOS, are represented by color, with green representing free-flowing traffic and red representing the highest amount of traffic congestion. In 2050 under the no-build scenario, that makes no improvements,, intersections along the corridor are expected to experience long delays with stop and go traffic.



FM 973 Characteristics

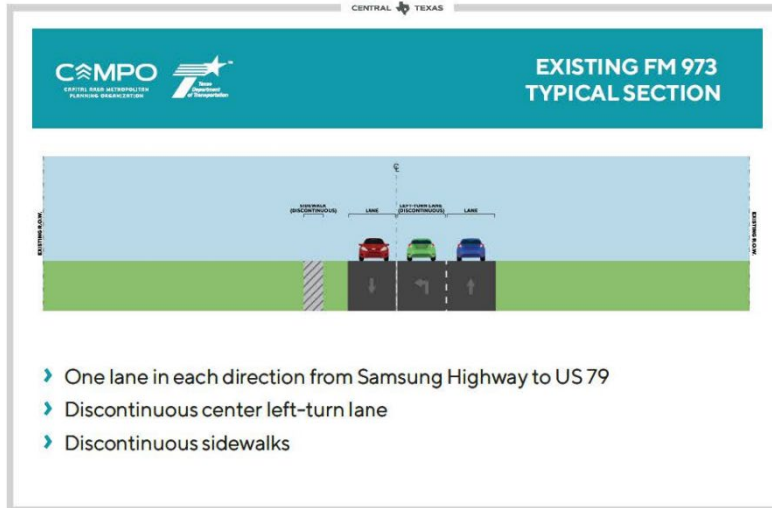
Crash data from 2018 to 2022 was evaluated for the FM 973 Project. During this time, there were 23 reported crashes, including two where serious injuries were likely. Of the 23 crashes, 43 percent occurred at or near intersections, and 35 percent were same-direction collisions.

This evaluation shows that FM 973 has a lower crash rate than the statewide average for rural Farm-to-Market (FM) roads and rural two-lane, two-way roads. However, the average daily traffic is anticipated to increase significantly over the next 25 years. As traffic increases and congestion gets worse on existing FM 973, the number of crashes and crash rate are anticipated to increase as well.



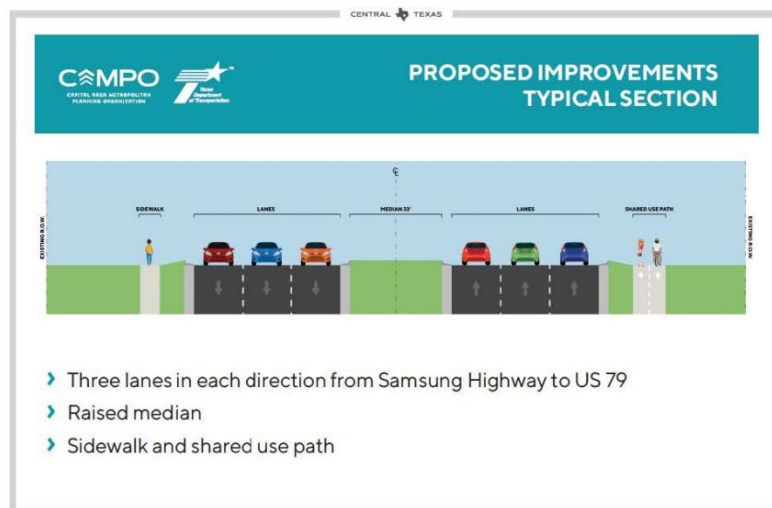
Existing FM 973

This graphic shows what the existing FM 973 roadway from Samsung Highway to US 79 looks like today. This segment of FM 973 is currently two or three lanes total, one lane in each direction, with a discontinuous center left-turn lane and discontinuous sidewalks.



Proposed Improvements

CAMPO and TxDOT are proposing to widen the existing two or three-lane road to six lanes that stays within existing right of way. The image shows what the proposed improvements could look like from a driver's perspective. The proposed roadway would consist of three lanes in each direction from Samsung Highway to US 79, a raised median, and a sidewalk and shared use path on either side.



Timeline

Analysis of existing traffic and safety information and environmental features and constraints in the project area has been completed. This information was used to develop preliminary designs which are being shared for public input at this open house.

The proposed improvements will be further evaluated and refined based on community input and additional environmental analysis.

Future project development phases to advance recommendations from this study is a multi-year process and may also include additional environmental analysis, detailed design, right-of-way acquisition and utility coordination, and construction.

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 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TIMELINE

1
Collect Data and Develop Preliminary Design Plans
 SPRING-SUMMER 2025

- Analyze existing traffic and safety information including existing traffic volumes and projections, crash data, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Identify environmental features and constraints in the project area
- Develop preliminary design plans for FM 973 improvements
- Collect input from the community on preliminary design plans

2
Refine and Finalize Environmental Analysis and Design
 LATE 2025

- Use community input from previous step to refine preliminary design plan and conduct additional environmental analysis
- Present final design to the public

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How to Comment

Your input is an important part of the project, and there are several ways you can share your input with the project team:

Email comments to CAMPOstudies@projectinformation.com

[Click the interactive map link at the bottom of the page to leave mapped comments](#)

Mail comments to the address listed on the screen

You are welcome to share input at any point during the project development process, but to be included in the open house record, comments must be received or postmarked by Monday, September 22, 2025.

Thank you again for your time and participation in the FM 973 project.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

FM 973 Project

Bienvenidos

Bienvenidos a la jornada de puertas abiertas virtual del Proyecto FM 973. Agradecemos que se tome el tiempo para ver esta información y agradecemos sus comentarios. Haga clic en el botón 'Iniciar sesión' para iniciar sesión y avisarnos de su participación.

FM 973 Project

CAMPO 101

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Una MPO, es una entidad de planificación de transporte regional designada por el gobierno federal. Las MPOs fueron introducidas por la Ley de Carreteras de Ayuda Federal de 1962, que exige la formación de una MPO para cualquier área urbanizada con una población superior a 50,000 habitantes.

CAMPO es responsable de crear dos documentos de planificación regional, uno a largo plazo y otro a corto plazo: el Plan Regional de Transporte, o RTP, es un plan a más de 20 años y se aprueba cada cinco años. El Programa de Mejora del Transporte, TIP (por sus siglas en inglés), abarca cuatro años de proyectos y se aprueba cada dos años.

Programa de preparación de proyectos de CAMPO: Una asociación CAMPO/TxDOT

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CORREDOR	CONDADO
FM 973 desde US 290 hasta US 79	Travis/Williamson
FM 728 (Parker Lane) desde FM 1431 hasta SH 130	Travis/Williamson
FM 669 desde SH 130 hasta SH 21	Bastrop/Texas
SH 29 desde CR 258 hasta el límite del Condado de Williamson	Burton
SH 21 desde SH 130 hasta SH 7	Bastrop/Caldwell
US 79 desde SH 20 hasta SH 69	Williamson
SH 80 desde FM 110 hasta I 10	Caldwell/Levy
RM 1431 desde I 35 hasta US 223	Burton/Travis/Williamson
FM 1100 desde Crosslinkway hasta SH 69	Travis/Bastrop
US 79 desde FM 1460 hasta FM 619	Williamson

Introducción al proyecto

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CAMPO y TxDOT proponen ampliar la carretera existente de dos a tres carriles a una de seis carriles que permanezca dentro del derecho de paso existente. El proyecto incluye un análisis del volumen de tráfico actual y previsto, el uso actual y futuro del suelo, los puntos críticos de choques, las características ambientales y las necesidades e inquietudes identificadas por las partes interesadas y el público.

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POR QUÉ ES NECESARIO EL PROYECTO

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Población del Condado de Williamson

INCREMENTO DEL 179%

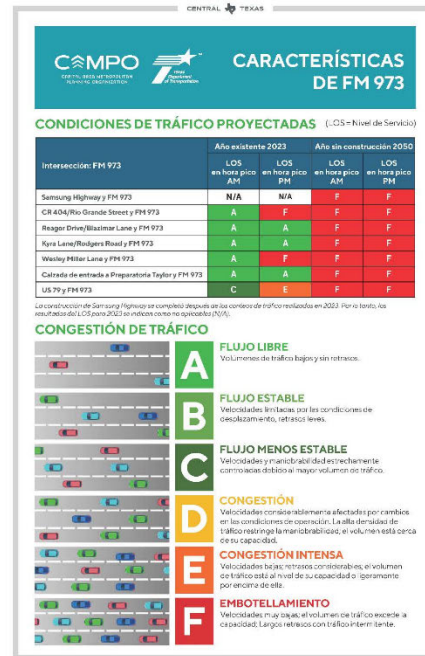
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 POBLACIÓN 2050 (PROYECTADA): 1.7M

LO QUE EL PROYECTO LOGRARÁ

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Características de FM 973

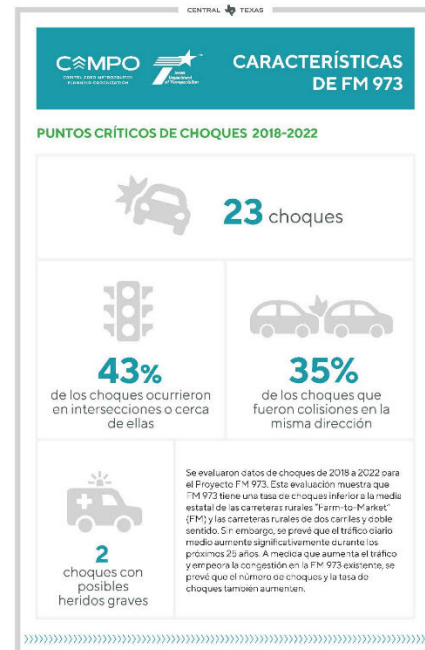
Esta tabla muestra los conteos de tráfico en 2023 y las condiciones de tráfico proyectadas para 2050 en FM 973 sin las mejoras propuestas. Los niveles de servicio (LOS, por sus siglas en inglés) actuales y proyectados en hora pico de la mañana y de la tarde se representan por color: el verde representa el tráfico fluido y el rojo la mayor congestión vehicular. En 2050, bajo el escenario de no construcción en el cual no se harán mejoras, se espera que las intersecciones a lo largo del corredor experimenten largos retrasos con tráfico intermitente.



Características de FM 973

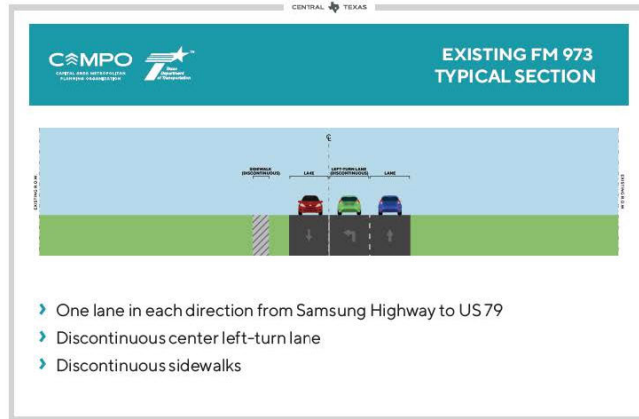
Se evaluaron datos de choques de 2018 a 2022 para el Proyecto FM 973. Durante este periodo, se informaron 23 choques, incluyendo dos con probables lesiones graves. De los 23 choques, el 43% ocurrió en intersecciones o cerca de ellas, y el 35% fueron colisiones en la misma dirección.

Esta evaluación muestra que FM 973 tiene una tasa de choques inferior a la media estatal de las carreteras rurales de la "Farm to Market" (FM) y las carreteras rurales de dos carriles y doble sentido. Sin embargo, se prevé que el tráfico diario promedio aumente significativamente durante los próximos 25 años. A medida que aumenta el tráfico y empeora la congestión en la FM 973 existente, se prevé que el número de choques y la tasa de choques también aumenten.



FM 973 existente

Este gráfico muestra el aspecto actual de la carretera FM 973, desde Samsung Highway hasta US 79. Este segmento de FM 973 cuenta actualmente con dos o tres carriles en total, uno en cada dirección, con un carril central discontinuo de giro a la izquierda y aceras discontinuas.



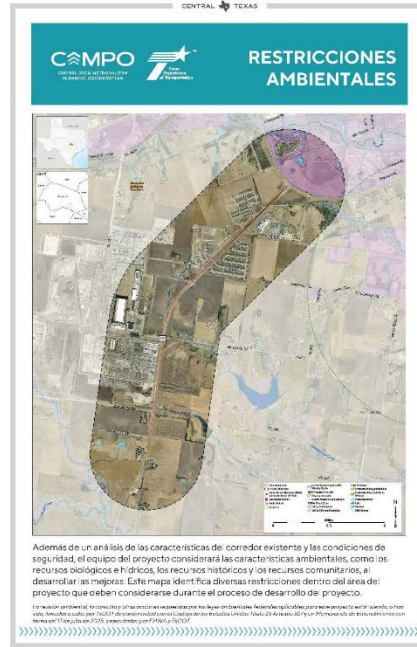
Mejoras propuestas

CAMPO y TxDOT proponen ampliar la carretera existente de dos o tres carriles a una de seis carriles que permanezca dentro del derecho de paso existente. La imagen muestra cómo se verían las mejoras propuestas desde la perspectiva del conductor. La carretera propuesta constaría de tres carriles en cada dirección, desde Samsung Highway hasta US 79, una mediana elevada, una acera y un sendero de uso compartido a ambos lados.



Limitaciones ambientales

Además de un análisis de las características del corredor existente y las condiciones de seguridad, el equipo del proyecto considerará las características ambientales, como los recursos biológicos e hídricos, los recursos históricos y los recursos comunitarios, al desarrollar las mejoras. Este mapa identifica diversas restricciones dentro del área de estudio.



Análisis de ruido del tráfico

La planificación de este proyecto incluye un Análisis de ruido del tráfico para predecir los niveles de ruido en función de las mejoras propuestas. Se modelarán los niveles de ruido del tráfico existentes y previstos en las ubicaciones adyacentes al proyecto que podrían verse afectadas por el ruido del tráfico y que podrían beneficiarse posiblemente de una disminución del ruido viable y razonable. La disminución del ruido suele consistir en una barrera acústica o muro antirruído.

El modelo de ruido considera diversos factores al predecir los niveles de ruido, entre ellos:

- Número, tipo y velocidad de los vehículos;
- Alineación y pendiente;
- Cortes, rellenos y bermas naturales;
- Características del terreno circundante;
- Y ubicación de las áreas de actividad que probablemente se verán afectadas.



Cronograma

Se ha completado el análisis de la información existente sobre tráfico y seguridad, así como de las características y limitaciones ambientales en el área del proyecto. Esta información se utilizó para desarrollar diseños preliminares que se compartirán para la participación del público en esta jornada de puertas abiertas.

Las mejoras propuestas se evaluarán y refinarán en base a los aportes de la comunidad y un análisis ambiental adicional.

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Cómo enviar comentarios

Sus comentarios son una parte importante del proyecto y hay varias maneras de compartirlos con el equipo del proyecto:

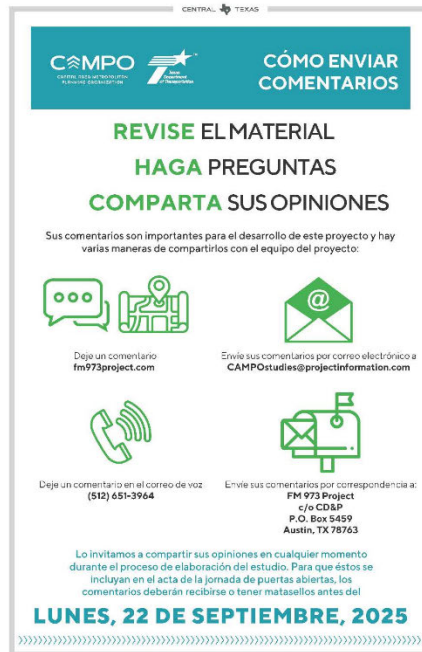
Envíe sus comentarios por correo electrónico a CAMP0studies@projectinformation.com

Haga clic en el enlace del mapa interactivo en la parte inferior de la página para dejar sus comentarios

Envíe sus comentarios por correspondencia a la dirección que aparece en la pantalla

Lo invitamos a compartir sus opiniones en cualquier momento durante el proceso de desarrollo del proyecto, pero para que se incluyan en el registro de la jornada de puertas abiertas, deben recibirse o tener matasellos del lunes, 22 de septiembre, 2025.

Gracias nuevamente por su tiempo y participación en el proyecto FM 973.



Mapped Comment Activity

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FM 973 Corridor Study Interactive Map

Mapa Interactivo del Estudio del Corredor Carril FM 973

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The map displays an aerial view of a rural and semi-rural area in Texas. A red line indicates the proposed FM 973 corridor, which runs north-south through the center of the map. Blue lines and markers along the corridor represent specific project features or comments. Key locations labeled on the map include Hutto, Frame Switch, Norman, Rices Crossing, Taylor, and Baytown. Major roads shown include Highway 70, Highway 10, and Highway 190. The terrain is a mix of agricultural fields and some developed areas.

FM 973 Project

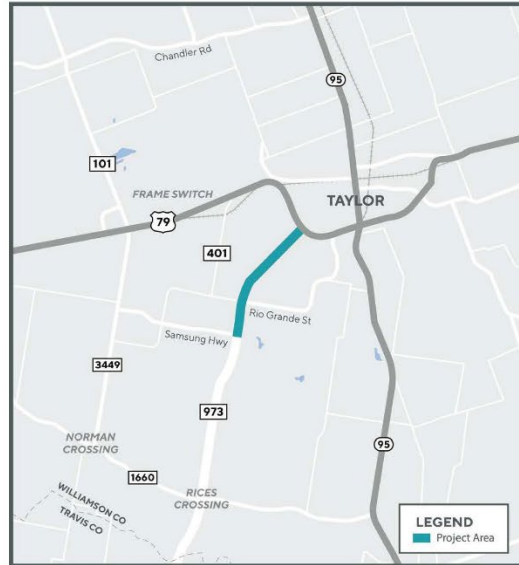


PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to widen FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79 in Taylor.

WHY THE PROJECT IS NEEDED

FM 973 serves as a critical arterial route between Travis and Williamson counties and connects the growing cities of Manor and Taylor. CAMPO and TxDOT are proposing these improvements because there is a need to improve mobility and reduce congestion along FM 973 from Samsung Highway to US 79. Existing conditions should be updated to accommodate projected traffic volumes and travel patterns.



FM 973 AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC



2023 VEHICLES PER DAY:
16,400

2050 VEHICLES PER DAY (PROJECTED):
58,100

WILLIAMSON COUNTY POPULATION



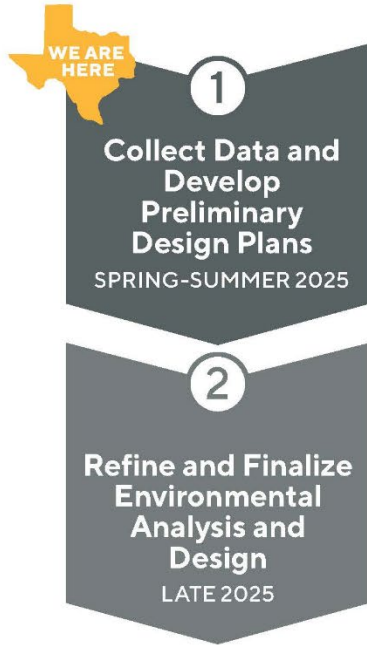
2020 POPULATION (ACTUAL):
609K

2050 POPULATION (PROJECTED):
1.7M

Sources: US Census Bureau, CAMPO 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

WHAT THE PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH

CAMPO and TxDOT are proposing to widen the existing two- to three-lane facility to a six-lane boulevard section within existing right of way to address rapid growth in the area. The project will include an analysis of current and projected traffic volumes, existing and future land use, crash hotspots, environmental features, and needs and concerns identified by stakeholders and the public.



PROJECT TIMELINE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- › Analyze existing traffic and safety information including existing traffic volumes and projections, crash data, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
 - › Identify environmental features and constraints in the project area
 - › Develop preliminary design plans for FM 973 improvements
 - › Collect input from the community on preliminary design plans
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- › Use community input from previous step to refine preliminary design plan and conduct additional environmental analysis
 - › Present final design to the public

NOTE: Future project development phasing to advance recommendations from this project is a multi-year process that will require additional funding. Future phases will include gathering additional community input, and may also include detailed design, right-of-way acquisition and utility coordination, and construction.



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Proyecto de la FM 973

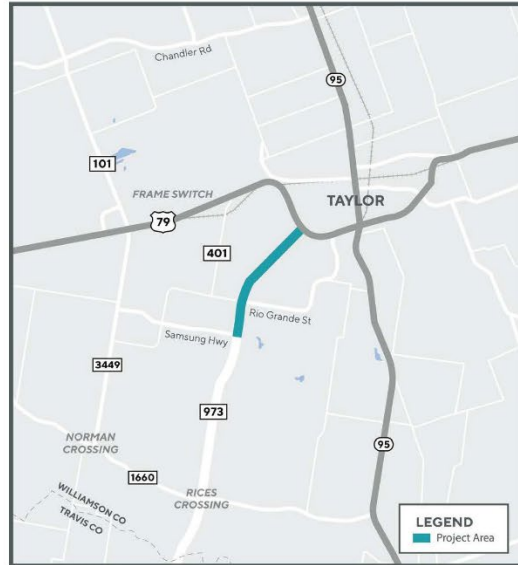


RESUMEN DEL PROYECTO

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana del Área Capital (CAMPO) y el Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) proponen ampliar la FM 973 desde Samsung Highway hasta la US 79 en Taylor.

POR QUÉ ES NECESARIO EL PROYECTO

FM 973 sirve como una ruta arterial crítica entre los condados de Travis y Williamson y conecta las ciudades en crecimiento de Manor y Taylor. CAMPO y TxDOT proponen estas mejoras porque existe la necesidad de mejorar la movilidad y reducir la congestión a lo largo de FM 973 desde Samsung Highway hasta US 79. Las condiciones existentes deben actualizarse para adaptarse a los volúmenes de tráfico proyectados y los patrones de viaje.



PROMEDIO DIARIO DE LA FM 973



INCREMENTO DEL
255%

2023
VEHICULOS
POR DIA:
16,400

2050 VEHICULOS
POR DIA
(PROYECTADOS):
58,100

POBLACIÓN DEL CONDADO DE WILLIAMSON



INCREMENTO DEL
179%

POBLACIÓN
2020
(ACTUAL):
609K

POBLACIÓN
2050
(PROYECTADA)
1.7M

Fuentes: Oficina del Censo de EE. UU., Plan de Transporte Regional CAMPO 2050

QUÉ CONSEGUIRÁ EL ESTUDIO

CAMPO y TxDOT proponen ampliar la instalación existente de dos a tres carriles a una sección de bulevar de seis carriles dentro del derecho de paso existente para abordar el rápido crecimiento en el área. El proyecto incluirá un análisis de los volúmenes de tráfico actuales y proyectados, el uso de la tierra existente y futuro, los puntos críticos de accidentes, las características ambientales y las necesidades y preocupaciones identificadas por las partes interesadas y el público.

CRONOGRAMA DEL PROYECTO Y PARTICIPACIÓN DE LA COMUNIDAD



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Recopilar datos y desarrollar planes de diseño preliminares

PRIMAVERA-VERANO 2025

- Analizar la información existente sobre el tráfico y la seguridad, incluidos los volúmenes y proyecciones de tráfico existentes, los datos de accidentes, las adaptaciones para bicicletas y peatones
- Identificar las características y limitaciones ambientales en el área del proyecto
- Desarrollar planes de diseño preliminares para las mejoras de FM 973
- Recopilar información de la comunidad sobre los planes de diseño preliminares

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Refinar y finalizar el análisis y el diseño ambiental

FINALES DE 2025

- Utilizar los comentarios de la comunidad del paso anterior para refinar el plan de diseño preliminar y realizar análisis ambientales adicionales
- Presentar el diseño final al público

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