



FM 1626

Brodie Lane – FM 2304/Manchaca Road



PUBLIC HEARING | January 14, 2016

Open House 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Presentation and Hearing 6:00 p.m.

Manchaca Elementary School Cafeteria
12120 Manchaca Road
Austin, Texas 78748

AGENDA



- ▶ Open House - 5 PM to 6 PM

- ▶ Formal Presentation – 6 PM
 - Introductions and Meeting Format
 - Technical Overview
 - Environmental Overview
 - Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance
 - Project Schedule

- ▶ Public Comments

- ▶ Adjourn

INTRODUCTIONS



- ▶ Elected Officials Present
- ▶ Travis County Staff
- ▶ TxDOT Representatives
- ▶ Project Consultant Team

MEETING FORMAT



- ▶ Purpose of the Public Hearing: To solicit feedback from the community regarding proposed improvements
- ▶ Options for Commenting:
 - Verbal comments can be provided after presentation and/or with the court reporter
 - Written comments can be placed in the comment box
 - E-Mail comments to: agray@cdandp.com
 - Fax comments to: 512-832-7157
 - Mail comments to: Austin District Environmental Coordinator
PO Box 15426
Austin, Texas 78761-5426
- ▶ Deadline for comments: January 25, 2016
- ▶ Public Hearing Report will be posted at www.txdot.gov when analysis is complete



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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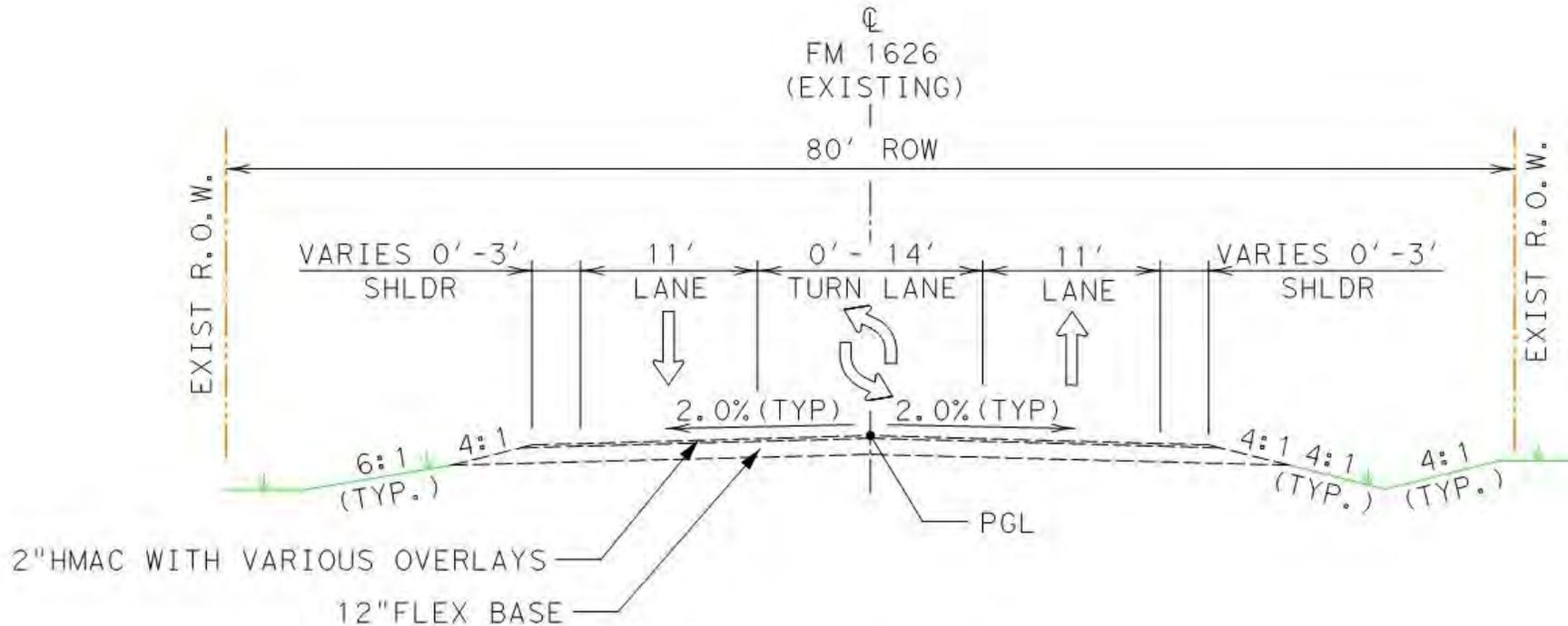


PROJECT OVERVIEW

- ▶ Project limits are from Brodie Lane to FM 2304 (Manchaca Rd.) – approximately 1.2 miles
- ▶ Widen FM 1626 from a 2-lane to 5-lane facility with two 12-foot lanes each way, a center turn lane, and five-foot shoulders
- ▶ Provide six-foot sidewalks throughout the length of the project on the north side of the road and from Manchaca Baptist Church to Manchaca Road on the south side of the roadway
- ▶ Provide new bridge over Bear Creek parallel to the existing bridge

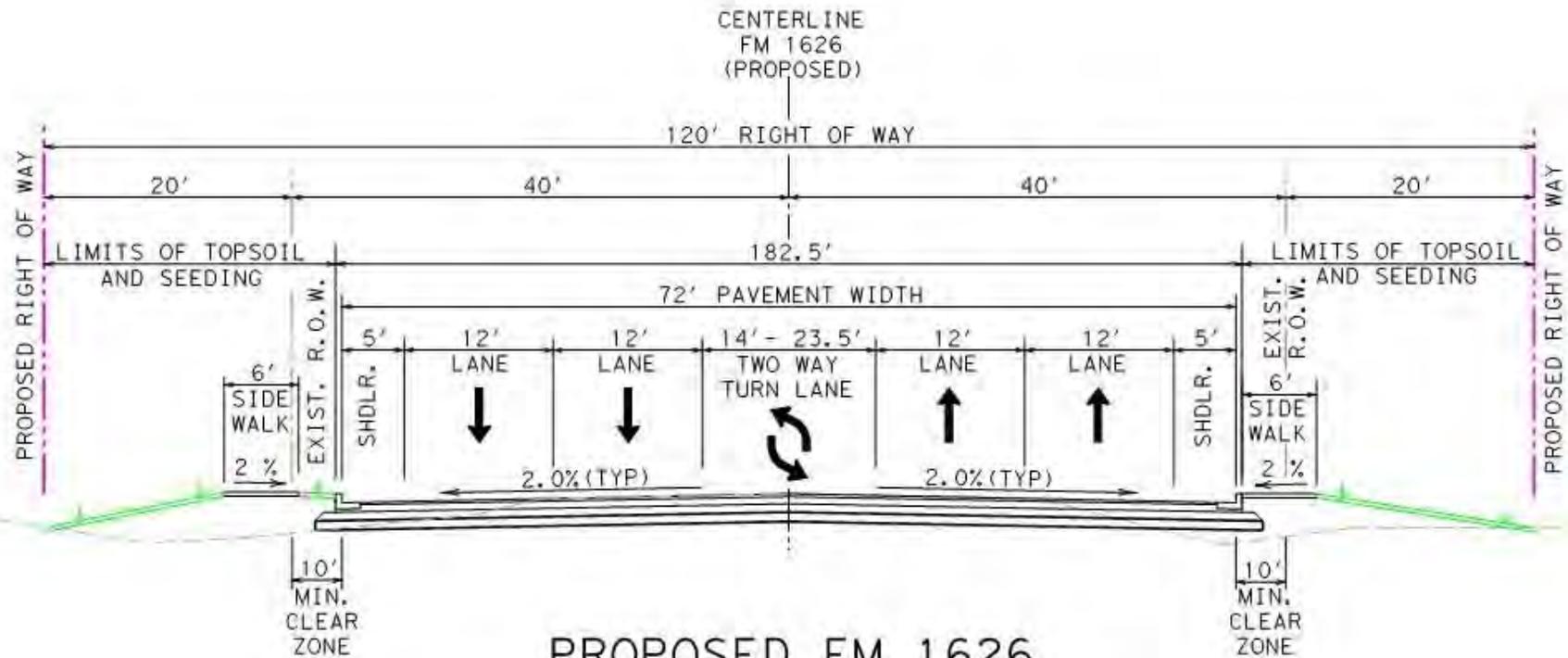


EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION



EXISTING FM 1626
BRODIE LANE TO FM 2304 (MANCHACA RD)

PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION



PROPOSED FM 1626
BRODIE LANE TO FM 2304 (MANCHACA RD)

NEED AND PURPOSE



NEED

- ▶ High traffic counts and projections for increasing traffic volumes in the future on this section of FM 1626
- ▶ Population growth in this part of Travis County is escalating the need for an improved road system

PURPOSE

- ▶ Improve mobility and maintain safety for the traveling public
 - Provide wider lanes with shoulders (for bicycle traffic)
 - Provide sidewalks for safe pedestrian travel

PROJECT INFORMATION

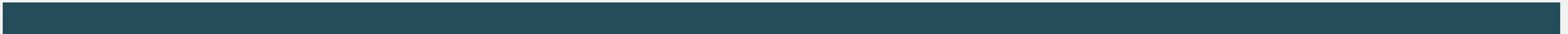


- ▶ Project was part of the TXDOT Pass-Through Finance Program implemented to provide partial funding for local projects
- ▶ Collaborative effort between agencies:
 - Travis County
 - TxDOT
 - City of Austin
 - CAMPO



ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

FM 1626



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



- ▶ The Draft Environmental Assessment was developed in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements

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 December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



Air Quality & Traffic Noise



Hazardous Materials



Historic & Archaeological Resources



Land Use & Parkland



Indirect & Cumulative Impacts



Biological Resources

- Vegetation
- Wildlife



Threatened & Endangered Species

- Karst Invertebrates
- Barton Springs Salamander



Water Resources

- Edwards Aquifer & other water resources
- Floodplains
- Surface Water
 - *Bear Creek and its tributaries*



Social & Community Impacts

- Aesthetic & visual resources
- Community cohesion
- Environmental justice
- Limited English proficiency populations
- Bicycle & pedestrian facilities

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



- ▶ Cultural resource (historical and archeological) Approximately 5.3 acres of additional right-of-way needed for the project, resulting in a displacement and a relocation.
- ▶ Right-of-Way would be acquired in accordance with the TxDOT and Travis County Right-of-Way acquisition policies and procedures.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



- ▶ Right-of-way required from Menchaca Elementary School recreational area, a Section 4(f) resource.
- ▶ A Section 4(f) De Minimis determination was made that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the required portion of the recreational facility for the FM 1626 project.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



- ▶ Project plans and the draft environmental document are available for viewing:
 - Public Hearing
 - Project website at www.txdot.gov or www.traviscountytexas.gov
 - Travis County TNR Offices or the TxDOT South Travis Office from 8am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday

Travis County TNR

700 Lavaca Street, 5th Floor
Austin, TX 78701

TxDOT South Travis Area Office

9725 South I-35
Austin, Texas 78744

PROJECT SCHEDULE



ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE EARLY 2016

Current Let Date: First Quarter 2017

Anticipated Construction Completion: 2018



PROJECT FUNDING



PROJECT IS LOCALLY AND STATE FUNDED

Current Total Project Cost:
\$12.2 Million



PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS



OPTIONS FOR COMMENTING

- ▶ Make a verbal comment now
- ▶ Give comment card to project team tonight
- ▶ Provide comments to onsite court reporter
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VERBAL COMMENTS





3:00 MINUTES FOR EACH SPEAKER

3:00

CLOSING REMARKS



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION!**

