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## **City moves forward with new improvements to Gus Thomasson Road (US 80 to Town East Blvd.)**



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**The Plan:** The project is designed to include the reconstruction of Gus Thomasson from US 80 to Town East Blvd. with heavily reinforced concrete pavement. Additional features of the project include: a 12-foot-wide trail, sidewalk enhancements, traffic signal improvements at four intersections to optimize traffic flow, five new pedestrian pushbutton poles as well as improvements to underground water, sewer and storm sewer. There will also be special monument markers placed on the streets named in honor of astronauts. The contractor has special incentives for milestone completion dates on the project.

**What's happening now:** On Dec. 3 the City Council awarded the project to Tiseo Paving. Contracts are now being assembled for execution.

**What's next:** A Pre-Construction Conference will be scheduled so that the Notice to Proceed can be issued Jan. 7, 2019.

**Estimated completion date:** Winter 2020

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## Real. Texas. Roads.

[Watch a video update on the Real. Texas. Roads. street bond program.](#)

**The Plan:** The repair and rehabilitation of grade 4 residential streets, curbs and sidewalks, over an eight-year period.

The repair method chosen for each street depends on the existing condition of the street. However, the usual order of repairs is: 1) pavement lifting; 2) localized concrete repair; 3) new surface reconstruction; and 4) miscellaneous repairs and cleanup. To view the current construction status of streets selected for the program, visit [cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).



**What's happening now:** Miscellaneous repairs and cleanup on Morgan Circle, Rockne, Statler, Chappelle, Evans, Embassy, Mark Drive, Shorewood and Greenhill are complete. Localized concrete repairs are still in progress on Cascade, Cresthill and Crestpark. Royal Crest, Upland, Pebble Creek, Redmill and Green Leaf are being resurfaced.

**What's next:** Milling and resurfacing is scheduled for Morgan Dr, Statler, Sidney and Rockne for Jan. 14, 2019. Crews will continue localized concrete repairs on the 2018 list of streets. Milling and resurfacing will be scheduled for streets after completion of all localized concrete repairs.

**Estimated completion date:** The original program includes the repair and rehabilitation of a large portion of grade 4 residential streets during a 10-year period. However, the City Council has decided to accelerate the program to complete it within eight years. The program is expected to be completed fall 2024. Construction on the second-year list of streets is scheduled to be completed fall 2018. Construction on the third-year list of streets began late summer 2018.



## Gus Thomasson Road (Karla Drive to Moon Drive) Reconstruction Project

**The Plan:** Reconstruction of Gus Thomasson Road from Karla Drive to Moon Drive. The reconstructed roadway will be a four-lane divided thoroughfare with the addition of a bicycle path, a wider sidewalk and other pedestrian improvements. In addition, drainage, water and sanitary sewer improvements are being constructed.

**What's happening now:** Traffic is driving on the new concrete roadway. Milling and demolition is underway on the eastern side of Gus Thomasson. Water lines and drainage in the section from Karla to Oates will be completed in the next two weeks.

**What's next:** Utility and drainage work started week of Nov. 12 and will continue for the

next 30 days in various locations.

**Estimated completion date:** The project is scheduled to be completed summer 2019.

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## Motley Drive (Gus Thomasson Blvd. to Town East Blvd.) Reconstruction Project

**The Plan:** Reconstruction of Motley Drive from Gus Thomasson Boulevard to Town East Boulevard. The reconstructed roadway will be a four-lane divided roadway on the north and south ends, and a two-lane divided roadway with some on-street parking through the residential area. In addition, there will be drainage, sanitary sewer and water improvements.



**What's happening now:** The contractor has finished all major items on the project and was issued substantial completion on Nov. 6. The City and the Contractor will walk the entire project to compile a "punch list" which contains a list of all items that need to be corrected, including any cleanup required. There is some work still being completed in the drainage channel that was held up due to circumstances beyond the contractor's control. The work in the drainage ditch will take about six weeks to complete.

**What's next:** The contractor will be working his way through the "punch list" which will include cleanup and correcting any outstanding issues on the project. Oncor should start installing the light poles soon.

**Estimated completion date:** Substantial construction completed fall 2018. Drainage channel improvements will extend until beginning of 2019.

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## Town East Boulevard Phase 1 (Military Parkway to Skyline Drive) Reconstruction Project

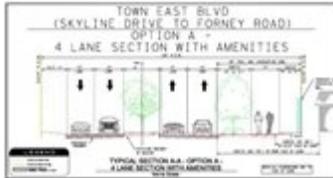
**The Plan:** Reconstruction of Town East Boulevard from Military Parkway to Skyline Drive. The reconstructed roadway will be a four-lane divided thoroughfare with two lanes in each direction. In addition, there will be drainage, sanitary sewer and water improvements. The newly paved roadway will have a thick concrete pavement section to accommodate the large volume of heavy truck traffic.

**What's happening now:** Extensions will be completed for water services and fire hydrants after traffic is moved to new pavement. Drainage installation is nearly finished, several inlet tops remain. The roadway paving for the southbound lanes is 95 percent completed. The City is working with AT&T to address underground cables so paving work can be completed.

**What's next:** Paving of the southbound lanes (western lanes) will continue. The western lanes of pavement from Military Parkway to Skyline Drive are scheduled to be completed in December. Anticipated switching of traffic to the new roadway pavement will occur Dec. 17.

**Estimated completion date:** Spring 2019

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## Town East Blvd. Phase 2 (US 80 to Skyline Drive) Reconstruction Project

**The Plan:** The existing six-lane section road will be reconstructed as a four-lane section from Skyline Drive to Forney Road and the section from Forney Road to US 80 reconstructed as a six-lane section. The newly paved roadway will have a thick concrete pavement section to accommodate the large volume of heavy truck traffic. In addition there will be extensive water, sanitary sewer and drainage improvements along the length of the project. View the Town East webpage at [cityofmesquite.com/TownEast](http://cityofmesquite.com/TownEast).

After extensive input from the public at various meetings and surveys, City Council selected the option that the existing six-lane section road will be reconstructed as follows: Four-lane divided roadway section from Skyline Drive to Forney Road. This segment will also have an eight-foot-high screening wall next to the residential homes, the roadway will shift away from the homes to provide a significantly larger buffer between the homes and new roadway and a 12-foot-wide trail between the roadway and the screening wall. Forney Road to US 80 will remain a six-lane divided roadway.

**What's happening now:** The project is currently under design. Project is scheduled to bid in January 2019 and start construction in March 2019.

**Estimated completion date:** Summer 2020

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## I-635 to US 80 Service Road Extension and Ramp Reconfiguration

**The Plan:** This Texas Department of Transportation project will remove the US 80 N. Galloway Avenue exit ramp and construct a new northbound frontage road along I-635 from Gross Road to US 80 and from I-635 to N. Galloway Avenue. More than 1.6 miles of frontage road will be reconstructed with access to the I-635/US 80 interchange improved.

**What's happening now:** All frontage road pavement is complete. Punch list items are being addressed.

**What's next:** Minor items will be addressed and corrected.

**Estimated completion date:** Winter 2018

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## **Military Parkway Trail (I-635 to Sam Houston Road)**

**The Plan:** This project includes the construction of a 12-foot-wide shared-use path along the south side of Military Parkway from Sam Houston Road to Rodeo

Center Boulevard. The project is 80 percent grant funded through the Transportation Alternative Program.

**What's happening now:** The contractor is completing final cleanup along the project area and addressing minor deficiencies.

**What's next:** The project is expected to be completed within 30 days.

**Estimated completion date:** Fall 2018

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## **Scyene Road Paving and Utility Improvements**

**The Plan:** Reconstruction of Scyene Road from Clay-Mathis Road to Lawson Road to support industrial development near the Mesquite Metro Airport. Water, sewer and drainage improvements will also be constructed to make industrial sites ready for development. The newly paved roadway will have a thick concrete pavement section to withstand heavy truck traffic.



**What's happening now:** All waterlines are complete and passed. Scyene Road pavement is in place from Clay Mathis to the entrance of Ashley Furniture. Franchise utilities are being relocated for pavement to be placed.

**What's next:** AT&T, Oncor, and Spectrum are to relocate their facilities to the south of pavement along Scyene from Clay Mathis to Lawson. No removal of Phase II paving for reconstruction is scheduled from Airport Road to Lawson until utilities are relocated.

**Estimated completion date:** Winter 2019

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## I-635 (US 75/Central Expressway to I-30)

**The Plan:** The Texas Department of Transportation is reconstructing I-635 from US 75 to I-30. The reconstruction will provide five main lanes and two managed lanes in both directions, continual frontage roads starting at Town East Boulevard and full

reconstruction of the I-30/I-635 interchange. The project will improve safety and mobility, enhance system continuity, and accommodate projected growth throughout the region. Increasing capacity will relieve congestion and reduce travel time as well as provide social and economic benefits locally, regionally and statewide. The Texas Transportation Commission approved design and construction of the full LBJ East project on July 26.

Phase 1 (sound wall construction) is underway, this includes the construction of six sound wall segments along I-635. Four of the new sound segments are in the City of Mesquite. For more information concerning I-635 LBJ East Project, please visit the [Texas Department of Transportation webpage](#).

**What's happening now:** The existing sound walls along I-635 in Mesquite have been removed. The sound walls on the west side of I-635 are being prepared to have the foundation installed. The full project has gone to bid for the design-build contract.

**What's next:** A design-build contractor for the full project is being considered from three teams. Texas Department of Transportation currently working with cities to determine project phasing and identify utilities that are affected. Interstate construction anticipated to begin fourth quarter of 2019.

**Estimated completion date:** 2024

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## Front Street Station – Aesthetic Improvements, Paving, Drainage, Water and Sewer



**The Plan:** Project is for the design of Front Street Station between Galloway and Ebrite. The design contract will also provide construction documents, bid as alternates, for Ebrite, Lancaster and Broad between Main Street and Front Street. The exact elements for each corridor will be determined by the Downtown Infrastructure Plan.

**What's happening now:** Design concepts are being finalized and 90 percent design will be submitted Dec. 21. Atmos and Oncor utility adjustments are ongoing.

**What's next:** Completion of design, schedule receipt of bids and acquire easements.

**Estimated completion date:** Spring 2019 - Summer 2020

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