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City moves forward with new improvements to Gus Thomasson Road (U.S. 80 to Town East Boulevard)



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The Plan: This project is for the total reconstruction of Gus Thomasson Road from US 80 to Town East Boulevard within the existing 100' right-of-way. This project will replace and upgrade the aging infrastructure along Gus Thomasson Road including the roadway, water, sanitary sewer and drainage. The project will add a 12-foot-wide hike and bike trail on the west side of the roadway, and landscaping and hardscaping enhancements adjacent to the existing residential homes.

What's happening now: Preconstruction meeting was held Dec. 20, 2018. The Notice to Proceed will be issued for Jan. 7, 2019, for the contractor to begin active construction.

What's next: Traffic control will be set up for the outside lanes to be closed so that construction can get underway.

Estimated completion date: Winter 2020

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.

What's happening now: Localized concrete repairs are still in progress on Cresthill Drive, Crest Park Drive and Viva Drive. Localized concrete repairs are complete on Cascade Street. Royal Crest Drive, Upland, Pebble Creek, Redmill and Green Leaf lanes are undergoing resurfacing.

What's next: Milling and resurfacing is scheduled for Morgan Drive, Statler Drive, Sidney Drive and Rockne for Jan. 14. 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 second program is expected to be completed fall 2024. First construction on the third-year list of streets began 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 Road. Water lines and drainage in the section from Karla Drive to Oates Drive will be completed in the next two weeks.

What's next: Utility and drainage work started the week of Nov. 12 and will continue in various locations until completed.

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

Motley Drive (Gus Thomasson Boulevard to Town East Boulevard) 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 contractor has completed the sewer work in the drainage ditch and will now begin to place the concrete block to help stabilize the channel bank. A list of items, known as the punch list, has been sent to the contractor detailing work that still needs to be completed. Typical work on the punch list includes correcting grading issues on residential lots, cleanup items and concrete joint sealing.

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 through beginning of 2019.



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: The southbound lanes are paved and completed. Traffic has been switched to the new pavement. Demolition of the old pavement and utility construction ongoing.

What's next: Demolition and utility work is underway on the northbound lanes. Work has been slow due to weather conditions.

Estimated completion date: Spring 2019



Town East Boulevard Phase 2 (U.S. 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 U.S. 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.

After extensive input from the public through 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, a 12-foot-wide trail between the roadway and the screening wall, and the roadway will shift away from the homes to provide a significantly larger buffer between the homes and new roadway. The segment between Forney Road to U.S. 80 will remain a six-lane divided roadway.

What's happening now: The project is currently in design. Project is scheduled to bid in January 2019 and start construction in April 2019. The three lanes will be milled and repaired during the week of Jan. 14 to address potholes and failing road conditions. Two-way single-lane traffic will be switched to the eastern lanes and western lanes will be closed by the end of February.

Estimated completion date: Summer 2020



I-635 to U.S. 80 Service Road Extension and Ramp Reconfiguration

The Plan: This Texas Department of Transportation project will remove the U.S. 80 North Galloway Avenue exit ramp and construct a new northbound frontage road along I-635 from Gross Road to U.S. 80 and from I-635 to North Galloway Avenue. More than 1.6 miles of frontage road will be reconstructed with access to the I-635/U.S. 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 2019



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: A walk-through inspection of the trail was completed Dec. 27, 2018. The contractor is correcting any deficiencies noted during the walk through.

What's next: The project is scheduled to be completed.

Estimated completion date: January 2019

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 facilities along Scyene from Clay Mathis to Lawson. No removal of Phase II paving for reconstruction is scheduled from Airport Road to Lawson Road until utilities are relocated in mid-January.

Estimated completion date: Winter 2019



I-635 (U.S. 75/Central Expressway to I-30)

The Plan: The Texas Department of Transportation is reconstructing I-635 from U.S. 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 construction of six sound wall segments along I-635. Four of the new sound segments are located in Mesquite. For more information concerning the 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 is working with cities to determine project phasing and identify utilities that are affected. Interstate construction is anticipated to begin mid-2020.

Estimated completion date: 2024

Downtown Mesquite: Front Street Station – Aesthetic Improvements, Paving, Drainage, Water and Sewer





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

What's happening now: Final design is proceeding. Coordination with property owners is taking place. Atmos and Oncor utility adjustments are ongoing.

What's next: Continue design and determine schedule for receipt of bids and construction.

Estimated completion date: Summer 2020

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