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## 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:** Contractor continues to work on utility installations. A 12-inch water line is being installed in the area of North Mesquite Drive. Storm sewer is being installed between U.S. 80 and Towne Centre Blvd.

**What's next:** Utilities will continue to be installed in the high priority areas, which include U.S. 80 to Towne Centre Drive and North Mesquite Drive and Town East Boulevard.

**Estimated completion date:** Winter 2020

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## Real. Texas. Roads.

**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 [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).

**What's happening now:** Localized concrete repairs are still in progress on, Crest Park and Viva Drive (Palm to Emerald). Localized concrete repairs are complete on Cascade and Cresthill and they are awaiting scheduling for mill and rehabilitation. Resurfacing for Royal Crest, Upland, Pebble Creek, Redmill and Green Leaf are finished.

**What's next:** Milling and resurfacing has started on the following streets: Morgan, Statler, Sidney Rockne and Viva Drive (the section between Town East Blvd. and Palm Drive). Localized concrete repairs are in progress for Summit, Northridge and Royal Crest. Clean-up for Royal Crest (between Kearny and Grubb), Upland, Pebble Creek, Redmill and Green Leaf are scheduled for the next 35 days.

The approved 2018 list of streets that are awaiting localized concrete repairs include **Alta Vista, Buena Vista, Willow Brook, Lee, Larchmont, Northview and Mark Drive**, (between Baker and Larchmont). Milling and resurfacing will be scheduled for streets after completion of all localized concrete repairs.

**Estimated completion date:** The next round of construction is expected to be completed fall 2024. First construction on the third-year list of streets began summer 2018.

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## 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. Water lines and drainage connections are underway. Subgrade lime stabilization and paving for northbound lanes underway.

**What's next:** Subgrade preparation and paving is underway on the eastern side of Gus Thomasson. Pavement placement will continue as utilities are cleared and weather allows. Utility and drainage work is almost completed. Karla intersection to be closed periodically over the next two weeks for storm drainage and water line installation.

**Estimated completion date:** Summer 2019

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

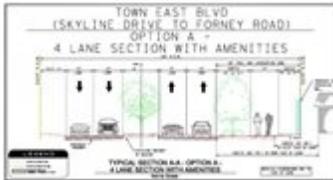
**The Plan:** Reconstruction of Town East Boulevard from Military Parkway to Skyline Drive. The reconstructed roadway will be a four-lane divided thoroughfare with two lanes in each direction. In addition, there will be drainage, sanitary sewer and water improvements. The newly paved roadway will have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

**What's happening now:** The southbound lanes are paved and completed. Traffic has been switched to the new pavement. Utility construction is ongoing. Subgrade preparation is underway. Pavement to be started in the middle of March.

**What's next:** Lime stabilization of pavement is underway with paving beginning in March.

**Estimated completion date:** Spring 2019

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## **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 [www.cityofmesquite.com/TownEast](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/TownEast).

The four-lane section south of Forney Road will be shifted to the west side of the right-of-way to provide the maximum buffer distance between the industrial traffic and the residential neighborhood. This shift will also allow the design to include a 12-foot wide multi-use pedestrian trail and an eight-foot screening wall adjacent to residential properties.

**What's happening now:** Construction plans and specifications are completed. Project is being prepared for advertisement and bidding.

**What's next:** Project will be bid in March and will start construction in the spring of 2019. Eastern lanes are being milled and repaired to address potholes and poor road conditions. Two-way traffic will be switched to the eastern lanes and the western lanes will be closed.

**Estimated completion date:** Fall 2020

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## **Stream Bank Stabilization & Bridge Replacement –South Mesquite Creek**

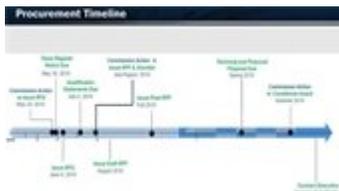
**The Plan:** Improvements planned on South Mesquite Creek between Town East Boulevard and Towne Centre Drive will reduce erosion along the drainage channel and address flooding of MISD facilities. The channel improvements between Town East Boulevard and North Mesquite Drive will address erosion and remove the MISD facilities from the floodplain while the channel improvements between North Mesquite Drive and Towne Centre Drive will address erosion, increase stream valley storage and improve maintenance access. This project also includes removal and replacement of the bridge on North Mesquite Drive for improved drainage capacity.

**What's happening now:** Construction began in February. North Mesquite Drive is closed to all traffic due to the bridge being removed. Utilities construction will commence on North Mesquite High School athletic fields in March.

**What's next:** North Mesquite Drive will remain closed to all traffic until August 2019 due to the bridge on North Mesquite Drive being removed. Utilities construction will begin in March on North Mesquite High School athletic fields.

**Estimated completion date:** December 2019

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## **I-635 (U.S. 75/Central Expressway to I-30) LBJ East Project**

**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.

**What's next:** A design-build contractor for the full project is being considered from three teams. The Texas Department of Transportation is working with cities to relocate utilities that are affected. Interstate construction anticipated to begin mid-2020.

**Estimated completion date:** 2024

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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:** Full width concrete pavement has been completed from Clay Mathis Road to the new Airport Boulevard and serves as the Airport's sole access while Phase 2 of construction is completed to Lawson Road. Concrete pavement for the eastbound lane from Airport Boulevard to the APAC asphalt plant will be placed mid-March.

**What's next:** McMahon will grade and place full width concrete from Airport Boulevard to the APAC asphalt plant, weather permitting. Access to APAC will be switched, from the east to the west utilizing the new pavement, once complete.

**Estimated completion date:** Winter 2019

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## 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:** A meeting was held on Jan. 23. Staff briefed Council on preferred design option on Feb. 4. The referred option includes pull-in parking behind businesses. Staff proceeding with final design. Coordination with property owners is taking place. Oncor utility adjustments are ongoing.

**What's next:** Complete design in Spring 2019. Anticipate receipt of bids in May or June and construction set to begin in Summer 2019.

**Estimated completion date:** December 2020

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