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## Gus Thomasson Road (U.S. 80 to Town East Boulevard)

**The Plan:** This project is for the total reconstruction of Gus Thomasson Road from U.S. 80 to Town East Boulevard. This project will replace and upgrade the roadway and utilities underground, and will also add a bike trail, landscaping and other roadway improvements.



**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** Current construction includes paving drive approaches off the northbound lanes on Gus Thomasson Road, between Towne Centre Drive and North Mesquite Drive. Once complete, the traffic will be shifted onto the northbound lanes for the removal of the deteriorated southbound lane pavement.

**Estimated completion date:** January 2021

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## Real. Texas. Roads.

Real. Texas. Roads. is the program name for the road repairs funded by the \$125 million bond sale approved by voters in November 2015. Repairs under this program are for residential, two-lane roadways. The repairs began in 2016.



**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** Surface reconstruction is complete on Cascade Street, Summit Street, Northridge Drive, Crest Park Drive and Royal Crest Drive. Crews are now applying a sealant on those streets to help protect them

from water and preserve them long-term. Concrete spot repairs are complete on Alta Vista Street, Longview Street and Larchmont Drive. Alta Vista Street is being resurfaced. Full depth panel replacement and concrete spot repairs are underway on Mark Drive, between Baker Drive and Larchmont Drive, Northview Place and Willowbrook Drive.

The contractor is finishing extensive concrete repairs on the curb, gutters and sidewalks in the Valley View Heights neighborhood. The repairs costs have been lower than expected and this allowed the city to have the contractor repair a section of the concrete pavement on Sandy Lane. This additional concrete work will delay the asphalt pavement repair for Valley View Heights a couple of weeks. The portions of Sandy Lane that are not repaired with this contract will be repaired in the next contract, which is expected to start in the summer of 2020. The contractor is now planning to start asphalt pavement work on Oriole Street and Ervin Lane in the Valley View Heights neighborhood. It will take about three weeks to complete once they start the asphalt process.

Staff is working to prepare a proposed schedule by the end of the year for the next set of streets to be completed in the Real. Texas. Roads. program in the next three years. The schedule will be reviewed and approved by City Council. Staff will be incorporating feedback received from City Council during the briefing that was given on September 16, 2019. [Watch the video.](#)

**Estimated completion date:** Funds made available by the 2015 Street Bond Election are expected to continue funding street repairs through 2024.

To view the current construction status of streets selected for the program, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).

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

**The Plan:** The reconstruction of Gus Thomasson Road from Karla Drive to Moon Drive will be a four-lane divided road with the addition of a bicycle path, a wider sidewalk and improvements to underground water and sewer lines.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** Current construction includes creating a path to the South Mesquite Creek Pedestrian Bridge and installing lighting. Oncor is working to relocate electric lines and they are installing a new traffic signal service. The contractor is installing pavement markings.

**Estimated completion date:** Spring 2020

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## **Town East Boulevard Phase 2 (U.S. 80 to Skyline Drive) Reconstruction Project**

**The Plan:** This \$12.9 million project is a partnership between Dallas County and the City of Mesquite to reconstruct Town East Boulevard from U.S. Highway 80 to Skyline Drive. The existing six-lane section road will be reconstructed as a four-lane section road from Skyline Drive to Forney Road, and the section from Forney Road to U.S. 80 will be reconstructed as a six-lane section.

The pavement section for Town East Boulevard will be substantially thicker to support the large volume of heavy truck traffic. This project will also include improvements to underground water and sewer service lines as well as drainage. The four-lane section south of Forney Road will be shifted to reduce the impacts of the industrial traffic on residents living in the nearby neighborhood. This shift will also allow for the addition of a walking/biking trail and an eight-foot screening wall for the nearby neighborhood. The trail will connect the community to the Westover Greenbelt and the existing trail system at Military Parkway and Town East Boulevard, which is part of the Mesquite Heritage Trail.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** AT&T has finished installing underground infrastructure. The City contractor is preparing the site for road construction and installing traffic signals.

**Estimated completion date:** January 2021

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

**The Plan:** The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 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. Phase 1 which includes 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](http://www.txdot.gov).

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The sound walls on the west side of I-635 are being constructed. TxDOT selected a contractor for the full project to begin in May and is working with all cities to relocate underground water, sewer, gas, electrical and communication lines that will be affected by the construction. The City is negotiating a contract with TxDOT for relocation of city utilities. IH-635 construction is anticipated to begin mid-2020.

**Estimated completion date:** 2024

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



**The Plan:** The project is for the design of Front Street Station between Galloway Avenue and North Ebrite Street as the first phase to improve Downtown Mesquite with new underground infrastructure, pedestrian-friendly elements, special event areas and additional parking.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** Water line work between Ebrite Street and Galloway Avenue is ongoing. Complete reconstruction of Ebrite Street between Main Street and the Union Pacific Railroad began in December. Storm drainage lines will continue to be installed from Ebrite Street to Galloway Avenue.

**Estimated completion date:** December 2020

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## TXDOT - U.S. 80 Improvements Project (I-30 to FM 460)



**The Plan:** The U.S. 80 proposed improvements consist of the reconstruction and widening of U.S. 80 from I-30 in Dallas County to FM 460 in Kaufman County, within the cities of Dallas, Mesquite, Forney, and the Town of Sunnyvale. The proposed plan will reconstruct the I-635 interchange and widen main lanes and frontage roads. Frontage roads will be completed between Lawson Road and FM 460 over the East Fork of Trinity River. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will perform the work in phases. The first phase will be primarily within the Mesquite city limits.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** TxDOT is in the process of selecting a design consultant for the Mesquite section of the project and is working with the North Central Texas Council of Governments to update planning documents and approve the environmental assessment.

**Estimated completion date:** To be determined by TxDOT.

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