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

**The Plan:** This project is for the total reconstruction of Gus Thomasson Road from U.S. Highway 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:** The northbound and southbound lanes are now open. The remaining concrete work for trail sections is being done. The astronaut plazas are now under construction.

**Estimated completion date:** January 2021

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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:** The City contractor is installing trash cans, bicycle racks and decorative lighting. Oncor will continue to work on

relocating electric lines on the north end of the project.

**Estimated completion date:** September 2020

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## Gus Thomasson Road (IH 30 to Whitson Way and Santiago Drive to Maylee Boulevard) Road Rehabilitation Project

**The Plan:** The segments of Gus Thomasson Road will be repaired through the use of an asphalt overlay. The existing asphalt surface will be replaced with a new asphalt surface. Prior to the new asphalt pavement surface, several spots will undergo full-depth repair to correct areas where the ground underneath the pavement has failed.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The City is working with Dallas County on funding options. Once the funding agreement is executed, the City will move forward with bidding the project out for construction.

**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:** Street repair has been progressing through the Indian Trails Subdivision. Road work on Edwards Church Road is progressing with the goal to complete the work before school starts. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/IndianTrails](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/IndianTrails) for details and updates.

Repairs have begun in the Peachtree Road and South Parkway Boulevard area. The contractor has started on Choctaw Drive and will be moving onto Wichita Drive, Hastings Street, Colby Circle and Mahan Circle in the next month. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/PeachTreeandSouthParkway](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/PeachTreeandSouthParkway) for details.

City Council awarded a contract for street rehabilitation for Mimosa Lane, Park Avenue, Holley Street (Galloway Avenue to Lakeside Drive) and Lakeside Drive (Holley Street to

Parkview Street) on July 20, 2020. Staff is currently working to finalize all the paperwork and work is scheduled to begin in early September. This project will utilize the asphalt reclamation repair method, where asphalt streets are first cut into small pieces and mixed with soil before a new layer of asphalt is placed on top of the prepared base. Please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/MimosaParkHolleyLakeside](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/MimosaParkHolleyLakeside) for details.

**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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## **Town East Boulevard Phase 2 (U.S. Highway 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. Highway 80 will be reconstructed as a six-lane section. The new 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:** The old pavement has been removed from the southbound lanes and dirt excavation is underway. The contractor has almost finished installing underground water lines on the west side between Skyline Drive and Forney Road. The contractor will start installing an underground storm sewer on the west side this month.

**Estimated completion date:** Fall 2021

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

**The Plan:** The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reconstructing IH 635 from U.S. 75 to IH 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 IH 30/IH 635 interchange. For more information concerning the IH 635 LBJ East Project, please visit the [Texas Department of Transportation webpage](https://www.txdot.gov/projects/central-expressway-to-ih-30-lbj-east-project). You can also email [info@635east.com](mailto:info@635east.com) or text “635 East” to 31996.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** TxDOT has selected a contractor, Pegasus Link Contractors, for the full project and is working with all cities to relocate underground water, sewer and communication lines that will be affected by the construction. The contractor has started working on the IH 635 /IH 30 interchange by adjusting traffic signals and widening the frontage roads for future work. Pegasus Link started relocating City water and sanitary sewer lines at IH 30 and Galloway Avenue with anticipated completion of this phase by the end of the year. The eastbound exit ramp for Northwest Drive and the westbound entrance ramp from Northwest Drive are closed for the duration of the project. Future ramp and frontage road improvements will provide access to Northwest Drive upon completion of the project.

[Click here](#) to see a full list of lane closures related to the IH 635 Project. [Watch the presentation to City Council on February 17, 2020.](#) [Click here to see the project brochure.](#)

**Estimated completion date:** 2024

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## TxDOT - U.S. Highway 80 Improvements Project (IH 30 to FM 460)



**The Plan:** The U.S. Highway 80 proposed improvements consist of the reconstruction and widening of U.S. 80 from IH 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 IH 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 has selected a design consultant for the Mesquite section of the project and conducted an environmental report on the project, which found the project has “No Significant Impact.” [Read the report.](#)

TxDOT is currently performing appraisals on required right-of-way parcels and easements.

The City is coordinating completion of Mesquite Heritage Trail underneath U.S. Highway 80 at South Mesquite Creek. The City and Dallas County will construct the trail outside of TxDOT right-of-way between Gross Road and Towne Centre Drive.

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

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## Lucas Bridge at South Mesquite Creek Erosion Control Project

**The Plan:** This project is to remove debris, restore the creek channel and reinforce the embankment of the bridge for Faithon P. Lucas Sr. Boulevard over South Mesquite Creek. Rain events have eroded soil around the bridge columns and embankments for the bridge. It

has become necessary to restore the embankment and place stone walls along the channel to protect the bridge from future erosion.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** Contracts were recently executed; construction will begin this month.

**Estimated completion date:** Winter 2020

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



**The Plan:** The project is for the construction 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:** Ebrite Street is closed from Main Street to the Union Pacific Railroad, including the railroad crossing. Front Street is closed from Walker Street to Galloway Avenue. Paving work along Front Street is almost complete. Piers have been drilled and set for the pavilion at 209 W. Main Street. Paving along Broad Street and Lancaster Avenue will begin soon with new sidewalks for businesses along Main Street. Streetlights, trash cans and other site amenities will continue to be placed along Front Street. Watch the [Mesquite Minute](#) to learn more about

the project.

**Estimated completion date: December 2020**

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## **Military Parkway Trail (Galloway Avenue to Rodeo Drive)**



**The Plan:** The project connects the downtown area to the Mesquite Arena with a 10 to 12-foot wide community trail that will run along the south side of Military Parkway, pass under IH 635 and turn north on Rodeo Center Drive to connect to an existing sidewalk at Rodeo Drive. Sidewalks in most of the downtown area and under IH 635 have already been constructed. Bridge structures with trails were done with the previous Military Parkway project by Dallas County. The length of the trail is approximately 1.5 miles. This project is being led and partially funded by Dallas County.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The project design is being completed by Dallas County. A Pre-Project Public Meeting will be scheduled by the City to inform contractors and the public about the project prior to bid advertisement.

**Estimated completion date:** Summer 2021

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## **Mesquite Heritage Trail, Phase 2 (Towne Centre Drive and South Mesquite Creek)**



**The Plan:** Design and construction of a segment of the Mesquite Heritage Trail. This segment of the trail runs along the south side of Towne Centre Drive from North Mesquite Drive to Gus Thomasson Road, then south along the west bank of South Mesquite Creek to U.S. Highway 80, under U.S. Highway 80 to the trailhead just west of AMC theater. Work being pursued in conjunction with Dallas County Public Works. This trail will be concrete and 12-foot wide.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** All right-of-way easements have been acquired and the design is complete. The City is reviewing the crossing of U.S. Highway 80 with TxDOT and coordinating with Dallas County on the plans, contract specifications and bidding project.

**Estimated completion date:** Summer 2021

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## Skyline Drive (Town East Blvd. to Peachtree Road) Reconstruction Project

**The Plan:** Skyline Drive will be designed as a four-lane section. The location of the roadway will be shifted south in the wide right-of-way to provide an additional buffer for the residential neighborhood to the north. The buffer will include an area for a 12-foot wide trail and screening

wall. The roadway section will consist of a thicker pavement to accommodate heavy truck traffic.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The City has selected Nathan D. Maier engineering consultants to begin working on a project team and submitting a design proposal. The design process is projected to start in September of 2020. Coordination will take place with Dallas County regarding potential funding and the execution of a project Specific Agreement.

**Estimated completion date:** 2023

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## South Parkway, West Fork of South Mesquite Creek - Paving, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Drainage and Erosion Control Project

**The Plan:** Reconstruction of South Parkway including pavement, drainage and utilities from Sybil Drive to U.S.

80. Improvements to the South Mesquite Creek channel will include straightening of the channel and adding slope stabilization to address the severe channel erosion. Project will be constructed in segments to be identified based on funding.

**What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days:** The City's consultant will analyze the stream flow and how it's affected by the bridge underneath Sybil Drive, and will also evaluate drainage of the street.

**Estimated completion date:** To Be Determined

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