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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 monuments profiling the United State's participation in the early space programs of NASA will be completed this month.

**Estimated completion date:** January 2021

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

**The Plan:** This \$1.8 million project in partnership with Dallas County will repair segments of Gus Thomasson Road. The existing surface will be replaced with a new asphalt surface. Prior to the repairs, 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:** City Council awarded the construction contract at their meeting on Dec. 21, 2020. Staff is coordinating with the contractor and work is expected to start in February 2021.

**Estimated completion date:** Spring 2022

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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 is almost complete in the Indian Trails Subdivision. The contractor will finish pouring concrete in the area and then will finish the remaining clean-up items. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/IndianTrails](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/IndianTrails) for details and updates. [Watch a Road Warrior video with an overview of the project.](#)

Repairs are progressing in the South Parkway Boulevard area. The contractor is currently focusing on concrete repairs on Woodlawn Parkway, Shadwell Lane, Bluefield Road, Potomac Avenue, Falls Church Lane, Portsmouth Drive and Yorktown Road. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/PeachTreeandSouthParkway](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/PeachTreeandSouthParkway) for details.

Repairs in Quail Hollow No. 2 Subdivision have started. This work is expected to take six months to complete and will involve full depth concrete repair at select locations throughout the neighborhood. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/QuailHollow](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/QuailHollow) for details.

In December, the \$4.1 million Town East Estates Phase II project began, and it is expected to take twelve months to complete. Currently, the contractor is working on Aloha Drive and Luau Street. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/TownEastEstates](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/TownEastEstates) for details. In the latest Road Warrior video, the Public Works Department updates us on new road constructions in the Town East Estates and Quail Hollow Drive areas as well as the ongoing road work in the Peach Tree and South Parkway areas. [Watch here.](#)

Bids were received for road repairs on Powell Road, Powell Circle, Melton Lane, Magnolia Drive and Douglas Drive and they are being evaluated. Staff plans to present City Council with a recommendation of an award in February. Construction is expected to begin in late March.

**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



## 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 contractor has completed installing the new 24-inch water line on the west side of Town East Boulevard to individual water lines to connect homes and businesses. The contractor is also completing underground storm sewer lines on the west side. Paving on the west side of Town East Boulevard will start in February.

**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](http://TexasDepartmentofTransportationwebpage). 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:** The contractor, Pegasus Link Contractors, is currently in Phase 1 of reconstruction of the interchange of IH 30 and IH 635. Starting Saturday, Jan. 23 all lanes of both eastbound and westbound IH 30 at Galloway Avenue will be closed to perform a bridge demolition. Full closures of Galloway Avenue at IH 30 and certain IH 30 and IH 635 direct connectors will also be required. Pegasus Link is working with all cities to relocate underground water, sewer and communication lines that will be affected by the construction and is adjusting traffic signals and widening the frontage roads for future work. Work for the new overpass at Oates Drive (partial demo) will begin in early February and will tie into the final improvements over time as the overall project progresses. Partial demo of the bridge at La Prada Drive will also begin in February. Partial demo means the road will remain open but there may be lane adjustments or may have some lanes closed to accommodate construction. [View the attached first quarter project flyer](#) for the TxDOT 635 East Project description and schedule.

The eastbound exit ramp for Northwest Drive and the westbound entrance ramp from Northwest Drive are closed permanently. 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 and associated detour maps related to the IH 635 Project. [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’s land acquisition agent is contacting property owners regarding acquisition.

The City is coordinating completion of Mesquite Heritage Trail underneath U.S. 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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## 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. The City is reviewing the crossing of U.S. 80 with TxDOT and Dallas County. The plans will be revised in the next couple of months so bidding for the project can start in the Spring of 2021. The crossing of US 80 will be funded by City of Mesquite and constructed by TxDOT after US 80 is completed.

**Estimated completion date:** Winter 2022

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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 has reopened. Front Street remains closed from Walker Street to Galloway Avenue. Streetlights are being placed along Front Street. Hardscape and sidewalks will be completed. Front Street between Ebrite Street and Walker Street will be resurfaced. Watch the [Mesquite Minute](#) to learn more about the project.

**Estimated completion date:** March 2021

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



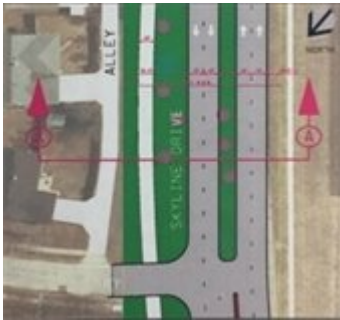
**The Plan:** The project connects the downtown area to the Mesquite Arena with a 10 to 12-foot wide community trail that will run along the south side of Military Parkway, pass under IH 635 and turn north on Rodeo Center Drive to connect to an existing sidewalk at Rodeo Drive. Sidewalks in most of the 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 bid documents are being completed by Dallas County. A pre-project public meeting will be scheduled in the spring by the County to inform contractors and the public about the project prior to bid advertisement.

**Estimated completion date:** Fall 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:** Engineering contracts with Nathan D. Maier have been executed and site surveying is complete. The preliminary design for the project is underway. The first monthly task force meeting will take place in February. 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. The consultant has prepared a schematic of possible street improvements for the City to review.

**Estimated completion date:** To Be Determined

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