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Faithon P. Lucas Boulevard Alignment Study (McKenzie Road to Cartwright Road)



The Plan: Faithon P. Lucas Boulevard was approved for \$12.86 million in the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program 7th Call for Projects, where the County participates in 50% of paving and drainage improvements (\$6.43 million). A plan design had previously been completed by Dallas County in 2015, where the existing two-lane asphalt roadway was designed to a four-lane divided concrete section. An alignment study of the preliminary design plan will determine which aspects of the 2015 plan need to be updated. When the proposed layout in the study is approved an updated project description will be completed as soon as possible so that construction can start in conjunction with the Solterra development.

What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days: An engineering consultant has been selected and a contract is being negotiated to perform the alignment study.

Estimated completion date: Study to be completed Fall 2021



Lawson Road Alignment Study (Milam Road to US 80)

The Plan: An alignment study will be conducted to present a conceptual layout with up to two alternatives for defined sections of the project, including an estimate of costs.

What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days: The engineering contract with Halff Associates, Inc. has been executed and the study is underway.

Estimated completion date: Study to be completed Summer 2021.

Lawson Road Safety Improvements (North of Milam Road to South of Cartwright Road)



The Plan: The City was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant of \$400,000 for interim improvements to Lawson Road. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant will help fund 90% of the project that will add three more feet of road shoulder and a safety guardrail on both lanes of Lawson road near East Cartwright Road and Milam Road. Construction will begin in 2022. The grant allows immediate improvements while the city undertakes the larger project of designing the full reconstruction of the roadway. The deadline for project bidding is Summer of 2022.

What's happening now and work expected in the next 30 days: Halff Associates, Inc. has submitted a proposal for an engineering services contract.

Estimated completion date: Fall 2022



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 segments of Gus Thomasson Road will be repaired using an asphalt overlay. The existing asphalt surface will be replaced. 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: Work on this project is almost complete. The contractor is making the final utility adjustments. After there will be some small clean-up items and re-stripping of the roadway.

Estimated completion date: Summer 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: There was little progress over the month of May due to the rainy weather but things are moving forward with the drier weather in June. Repairs are progressing in the South Parkway Boulevard area. The contractor has completed most of the concrete and is focused on completing clean-up and re-sodding on Woodlawn Parkway, Shadwell Lane, Bluefield Road, Potomac Avenue, Falls Church Lane, Portsmouth Drive and Yorktown Road. Hermitage Drive street replacement from Mount Vernon to Skyline Drive is complete. Spot repairs on the remainder of Hermitage Drive from Mount Vernon to South Parkway is moving forward now that school is out. The contractor has recently moved to Warm Springs Road to rehabilitate the pavement. The contractor has a second crew working on Timberview Drive, Meadowbrook Drive, Kenneth Hopper Drive and Catskill Drive. The contractor is also constructing sidewalk on Catskill Drive and Meadowbrook Drive. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads/PeachTreeandSouthParkway for details.

The Quail Hollow No. 2 Subdivision is undergoing localized full depth concrete repairs. The contractor is almost finished in this neighborhood and only has large concrete repair areas left on Brushwood Lane and Quail Hollow Drive to complete. There is some minor concrete work, including clean-up, sod and irrigation repair left to complete on the other streets. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/QuailHollow for details.

In the Town East Estates Phase II project, the contractor has finished most of the work on Aloha Drive and Luau Street, and continues to work on Eastbrook Drive, Charles Drive, Anthony Drive, Bamboo Street, Eastbrook Circle and Parkside Drive. In the next month the contractor will be moving to Lagoon Drive, Lagoon Circle, Emerald Drive, and Bahamas Drive. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/TownEastEstates for details.

Work has started on Powell Road, Powell Circle, Melton Lane, Magnolia Drive and Douglas Drive. The contractor is working on utility replacements, including water and sewer replacement, before they start on the pavement. The first area the contractor will work on is on Douglas Drive and Magnolia Drive. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/PowellOrchid 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.



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 subgrade treatment is being completed which prepares the ground before pavement is placed. An asphalt base will be applied this month as a first layer with final concrete paving scheduled to start in July.

Estimated completion date: End of 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 text "635 East" to 1-833-HWY-635E to sign up for text alerts.

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. Columns for the new interchange with IH 30 are being constructed. Beams for the new overpass for Galloway Avenue over IH 30 were set at the beginning of May.

The contractor 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. [View the Spring 2021 E-Newsletter for the latest news and construction progress.](#) [Click here to see a full list of lane closures](#) and associated detour maps related to the IH 635 Project.

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. Design is approximately 60% complete and plans for utility coordination were provided to the City in March. The City will review the plans for potential conflicts and make adjustments by mid-2022.

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 Summer 2021 so bidding for the project can start in the Fall of 2021. The crossing of U.S. 80 will be funded by City and constructed by TxDOT with the U.S. 80 reconstruction project.

Estimated completion date: Summer 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: A ribbon cutting and a community celebration of completion was held May 22 . The first Farmer's Market was held on June 12. There are two pending items to complete the project. A sidewalk will be constructed over the Union Pacific Railroad at Galloway Avenue. Lights will be placed in the overhead trellis in McCullough Plaza.

Estimated completion date: June 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. Dallas County plans to hold another Bidding Risk Assessment this month which is a short study that helps the City understand current construction costs and schedules to help make an informed decision on the price and time-frame of the project. A pre-project public meeting will be scheduled in the summer by the County to inform contractors and the public about the project prior to bid advertisement.

Estimated completion date: Summer 2022

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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: A preliminary schematic design for paving and landscaping has been submitted and reviewed. Work on a more detailed design is being developed to include drainage and all other portions of the plans.

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 analyzed 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, utility, drainage and sidewalk improvements for the City to review. City comments to complete the study will be submitted to the consulting engineers.

The consulting engineer will complete the analysis and study of existing conditions and recommendations this summer. The consultant is working on a scope of services for reconstruction of South Parkway in 2022 and drainage improvements and reconstruction of Sybil Street culvert over the creek in 2023.

Estimated completion date: Study to be completed in Summer 2021

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