



COLLIN COUNTY OUTER LOOP

U.S. 75 to Rockwall County

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Collin County Outer Loop Study Continues East of U.S. 75

The Collin County Outer Loop is one of many future transportation improvements which is proactively being planned to accommodate the anticipated growth in Collin County. The County is one of the top growth areas in the State of Texas with a population growth of over 15 percent since the 2000 census and 270 percent since the 1980 census. Transportation planning for future mobility and growth is essential.

At the request of the Collin County Commissioners Court, the Outer Loop Study from U.S. 75 to the Rockwall County Line is now underway to plan for future mobility needs. This study area starts at U.S. 75 and runs east then south, around Lake Lavon, to Rockwall County. It will tie into a section of the



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proposed Collin County Outer Loop that is west of U.S. 75, which has been under study for a few years. This study will also be coordinated with a potential Outer Loop in Rockwall County.

Analysis of the Collin County Outer Loop east of U.S. 75 has been divided into three sections: U.S. 75 to S.H. 121, S.H. 121 to U.S. 380, and U.S. 380 to the Rockwall County line. Initial data collection is complete. Constraints including lakes, rivers, cemeteries, cultural resources, and existing/proposed developments have been identified and documented. Alternative corridors which represent general areas for future study, approximately 3,000-feet in width, have been developed and evaluated. Alternative alignments 500-feet in width have been developed in the general vicinity of the preferred corridor. The alternative alignments represent the alternative locations for the proposed roadway.

U.S. 75 to S.H. 121

With rapid development occurring in the cities of Anna and Melissa in the section from U.S. 75 to S.H. 121, only one corridor was identified. Three

alternative alignments were developed within this corridor. The alternative alignments were located immediately north of the TxU transmission line tying into C.R. 366, adjacent/along the TxU transmission line tying into C.R. 366, and south of the TxU transmission line tying into C.R. 364. Enhanced mobility and safety, cost effectiveness, engineering feasibility, public input, and environmental impacts of the alternative alignments were evaluated. The alternative alignment adjacent/along the TxU transmission line was determined to be the technically preferred alignment. The alternative alignments north of the TxU transmission line had



additional jurisdictional waters and wetland impacts, and the alternative alignment south of the TxU transmission line was not supported by the public. The alignment adjacent/along the TxU transmission line was recommended as the technically preferred alignment and was approved by the Collin County Commissioners Court on November 22, 2005.

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S.H. 121 to U.S. 380

Three alternative corridors were developed in the section between S.H. 121 and U.S. 380. These corridors were located north of Blue Ridge, south of Blue Ridge, and north of Lake Lavon. After evaluating the enhanced mobility and safety, cost effectiveness, and engineering feasibility, along with public input, and environmental impacts of the three alternative corridors, the north of Blue Ridge corridor was determined to be the technically preferred corridor. The corridors located south of Blue Ridge and north of Lake Lavon generated negative comments from the public. In addition, the corridor located north of Lake Lavon had potentially adverse impacts to jurisdictional waters and wetlands, cultural resources and utilities. The technically preferred corridor was approved by the Collin County Commissioners Court on January 24, 2006. The study team will be developing and evaluating alternative alignments, approximately 500-feet in width, located north of Blue Ridge.

U.S. 380 to the Rockwall County Line

Two alternative corridors were developed in the section between U.S. 380 and the Rockwall County Line. These corridors were located east and west of Nevada. After evaluating the enhanced mobility and safety, cost effectiveness, and engineering feasibility, along with public input and environmental impacts of both corridors, the east of Nevada corridor was the technically preferred corridor. The corridor located west of Nevada was not supported by the public and had more negative impacts to existing structures, subdivisions, jurisdictional

waters and wetlands. The technically preferred corridor was approved by the Collin County Commissioners Court on January 24, 2006. The southern limit of the east of Nevada corridor may be refined to coordinate with the Outer Loop Study in Rockwall County. The study team will be developing and evaluating alternative alignments, approximately 500-feet in width, east of Blue Ridge.

Public Meetings Conducted—More to Come

Public meetings were held in 2005 in Melissa, Nevada and Farmersville to provide information about the Collin County Outer Loop Study. Hundreds of citizens attended these meetings and had the opportunity to provide input into the proposed corridor and alignment alternatives. Public involvement and securing the public's input are important components of the study process.

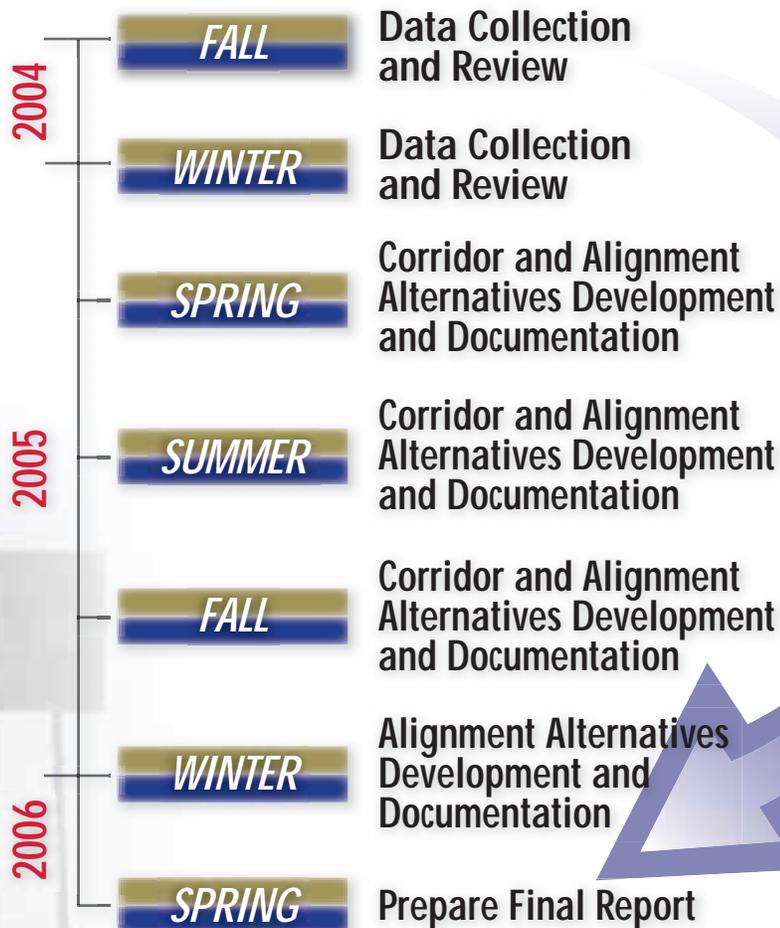
Additional public meetings are planned. These sessions will be announced in local newspapers, postcard mailings and on the Collin County website, www.collincountytx.gov

Public feedback is welcomed at all Collin County public meetings.

The Study Timeline

The Collin County Outer Loop Study was initiated in November 2004 and is anticipated to be complete in late Spring 2006. The following graphic illustrates the steps in the process:

STUDY TIMETABLE



Your Input Is Important

Collin County citizens have an important role in the decision making process in the Collin County Outer Loop Study. Our goal is to provide you with information regarding the study and listen to your comments. Your input is very important to us. While many citizens have provided input into this project, your thoughts and ideas will continue to impact Collin County's future transportation system.

For more information on the Collin County Outer Loop Study Project or to contact the Study Team, you may:

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 Visit: www.collincountytx.gov

Or
 ATTEND one of the upcoming public meetings and sign in to be added to the mailing list to be notified of future public meetings.

Mailing List

Add name to the study mailing list

Postcards

Receive postcards in the mail

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Open House

Open to all interested parties

Public Meetings

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Submit Comments

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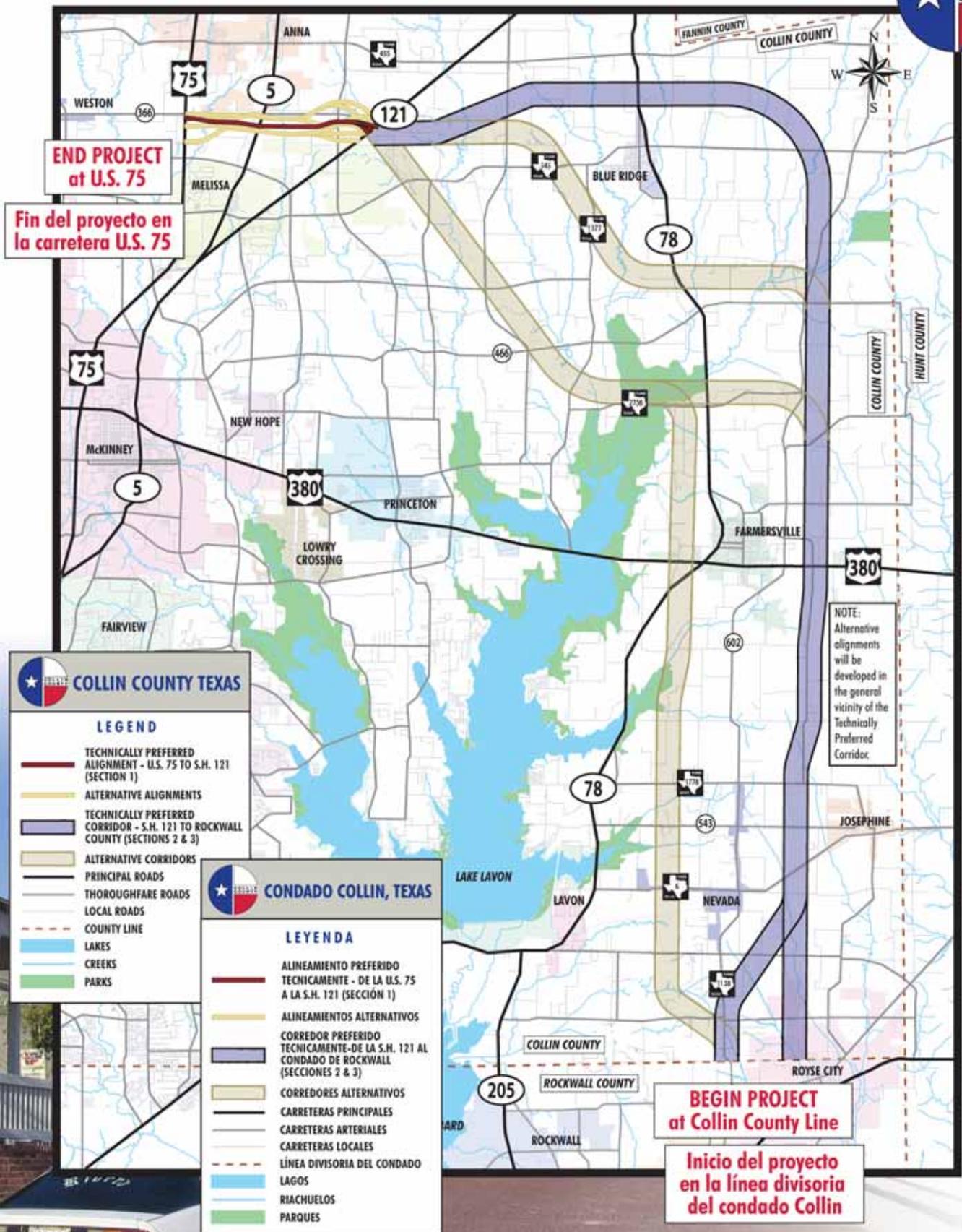
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Study Area Map Mapa del área de estudio





Planning Ahead: Your Collin County Commissioners

Planeando con anticipación: Sus comisionados del condado Collin

The Collin County Outer Loop Study was authorized by the Collin County Commissioners Court in October 2004. Your Collin County Commissioners are:

El estudio del circuito exterior del condado Collin fue autorizado por los comisionados del condado Collin en octubre del 2004. Sus comisionados del condado Collin son:

Ron Harris,
County Judge

Ron Harris,
juez del condado

Phyllis Cole,
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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