

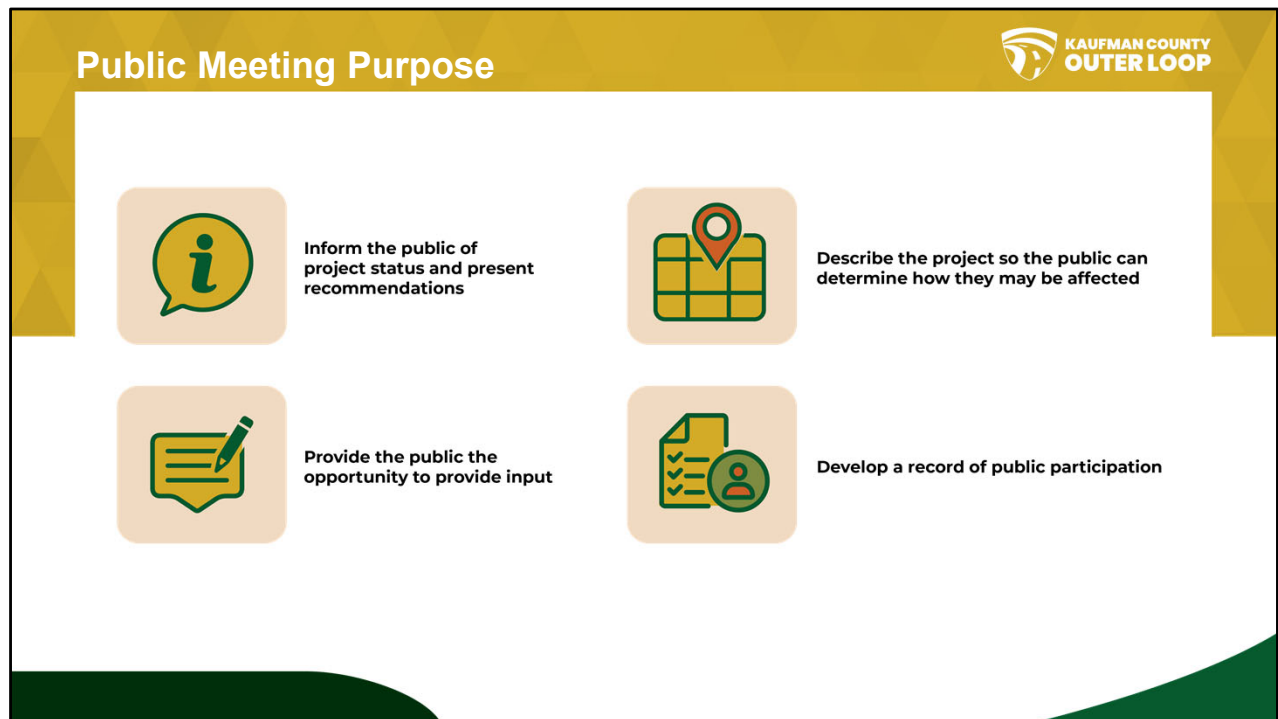


## **Welcome Kaufman County Outer Loop**

Public Open House  
November 17, 2022

Hello and welcome to the Kaufman County Outer Loop public meeting. We appreciate your interest in this project and thank you for your participation.

Please note, you can pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to view the slides.



This public meeting has been convened by TxDOT and Kaufman County and is being held to receive and consider comments regarding the Kaufman County Outer Loop.

A public meeting has four essential purposes:

1. To inform the public of the project status and to present recommendations.
2. To describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected.
3. To provide the public an opportunity to provide input.
4. And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation.

This public meeting is being held in compliance with both federal and state laws. Documentation of this meeting will be made available for the official record.



## **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT

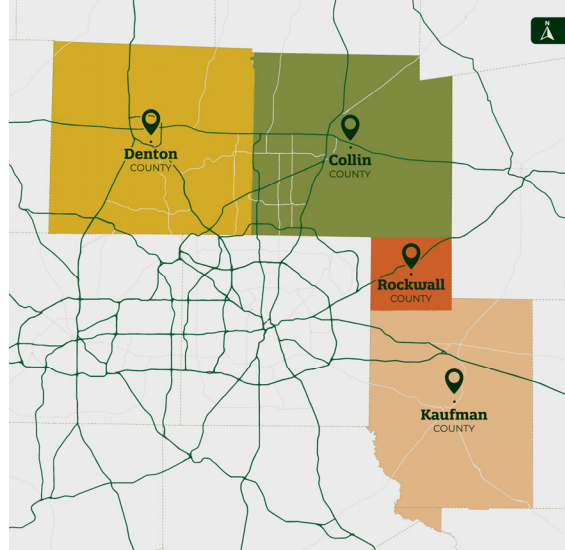
This project is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act also known as NEPA. NEPA requires federal agencies to evaluate the environmental and related social and economic effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions and to provide opportunities for the public to review and comment on those evaluations.

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## Project Overview



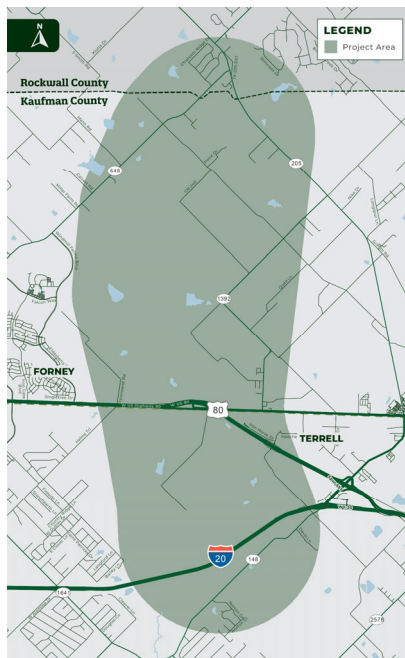
- The Kaufman County Outer Loop project is part of a larger movement toward greater regional connectivity. The Kaufman County Outer Loop project will connect to the regional outer loop.
- This is a joint coordination effort between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Kaufman County.



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## Project Overview

- Project Limits
  - New alignment in Kaufman County
    - From SH 205 to south of I-20
- Project Length
  - 9 miles



The Kaufman County Outer Loop project will study a proposed 9-mile new location north-south alignment through Kaufman County, connecting at SH 205 to south of I-20, with interchanges at SH 205, US 80 and I-20. The project will evaluate multiple alternatives to identify the preferred alignment for the new location roadway.

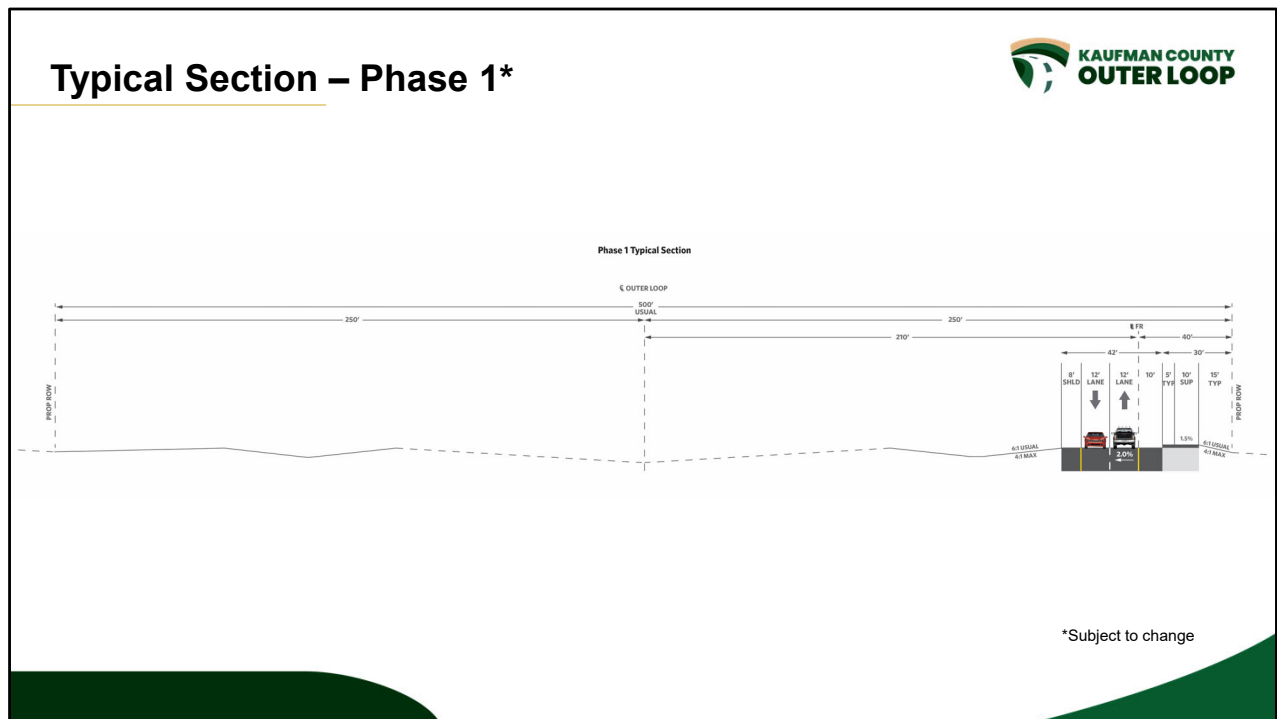
## Why is the Project Happening?



- The project area is experiencing significant growth.
- Residential and commercial developments are coming to the area at a rapid pace, bringing more people and traffic to the region.
- This project is part of a larger movement toward greater regional connectivity.

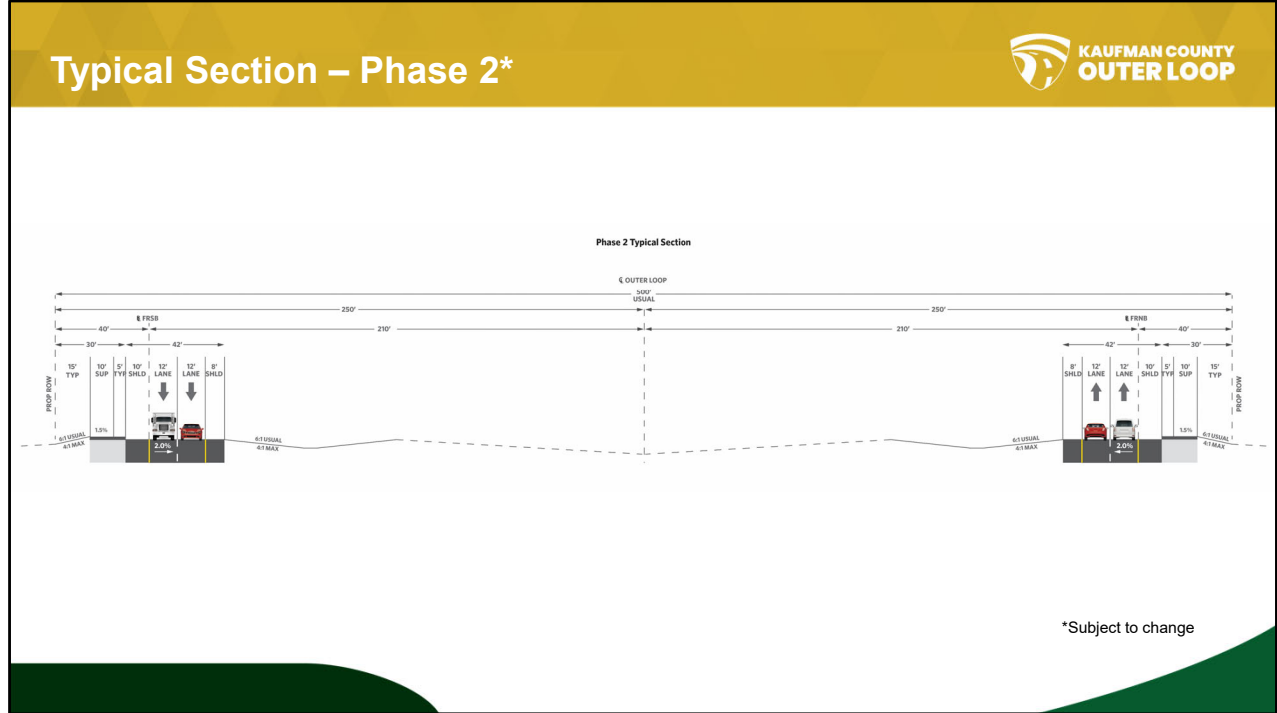
The project is being conducted because the project area is experiencing significant growth and is part of a larger movement toward greater regional connectivity. Residential and commercial developments are coming to the area at a rapid pace, bringing more people and traffic to the region. The existing facilities in and around western Kaufman County do not currently provide adequate mobility and regional connectivity, nor are they able to accommodate current and future travel demands and projected population growth, leading to operational deficiencies and congestion issues. The proposed project would provide improved access across the eastern part of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and have a positive impact on congested urban areas in Kaufman County and the DFW region.





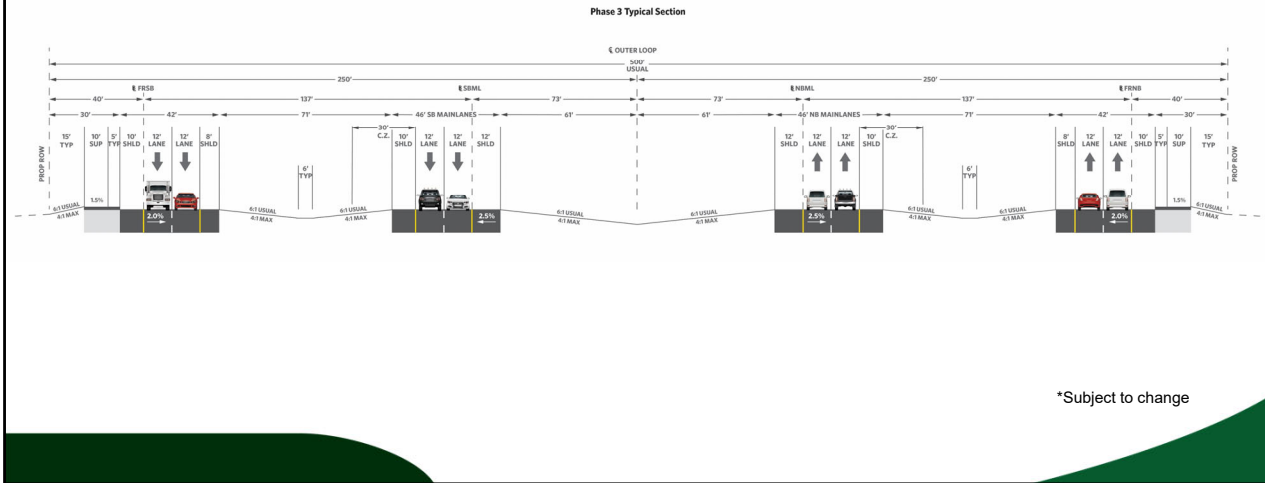
The phase 1 typical section for the Kaufman County Outer Loop is a one two-way frontage road with a 10-foot shared used path, and it's anticipated to open in 2028.





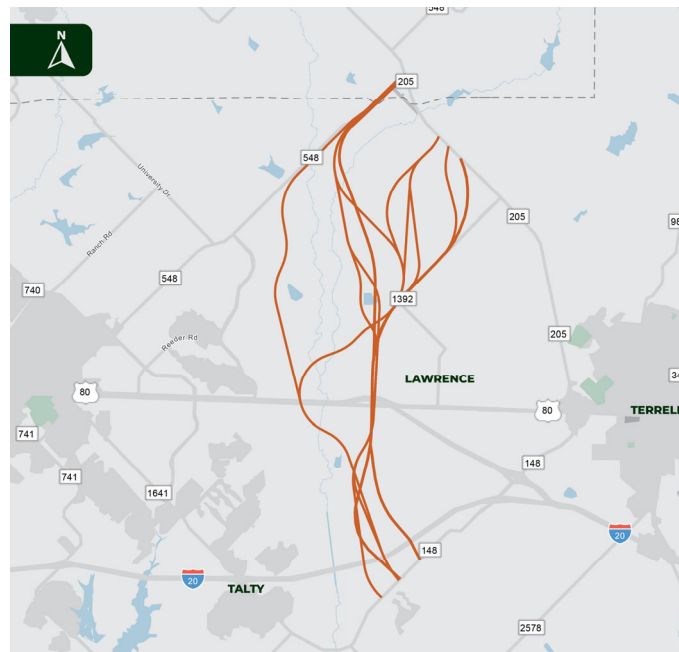
The phase 2 typical section for the Kaufman County Outer Loop includes two one-way frontage roads with 10-foot shared use paths, and it is anticipated to open in 2036.

## Typical Section – Phase 3\*

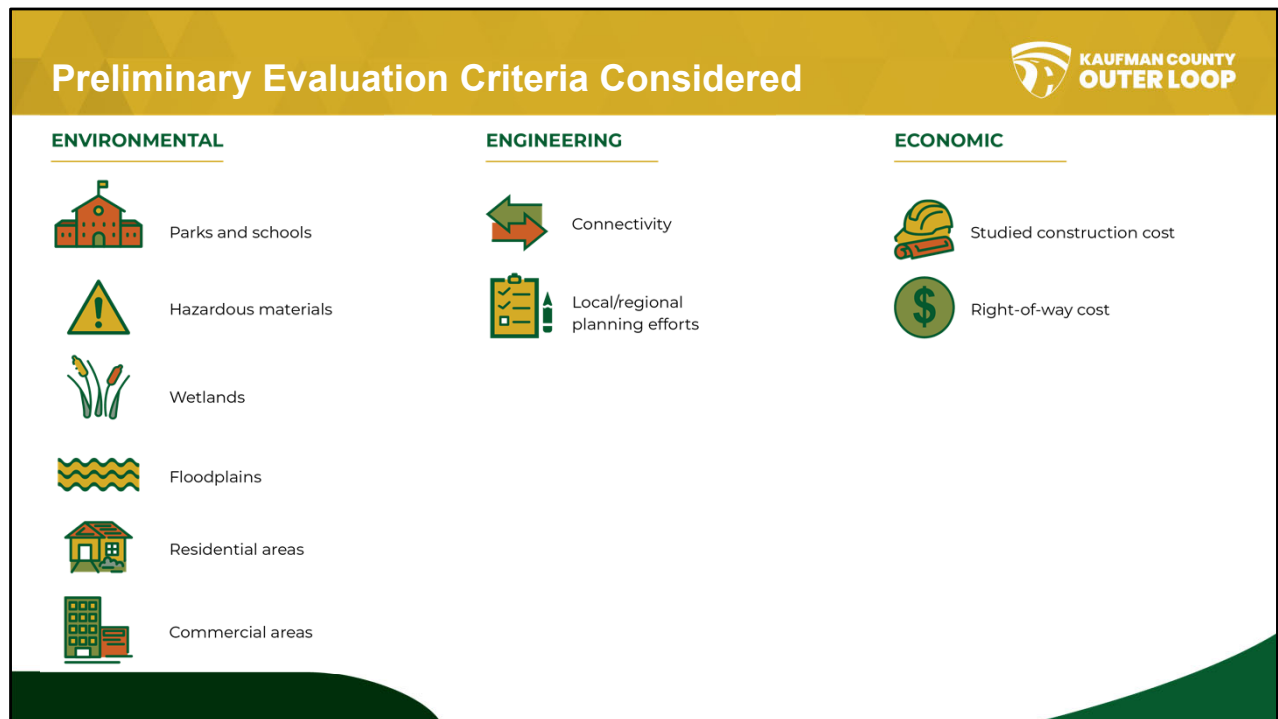


The phase 3 typical section for the Kaufman County Outer Loop is a four-lane rural freeway with a wide median and 10-foot shared use paths, and it is anticipated to open in 2045.

























## Preliminary Alignments



The project team developed 62 possible alignments for the Kaufman County Outer Loop considering the existing approved thoroughfare plans. The project team is working to avoid both community and environmental impacts, as well as improve connectivity within the region. The team is evaluating interchange alternatives at I-20, US 80 and SH 205.

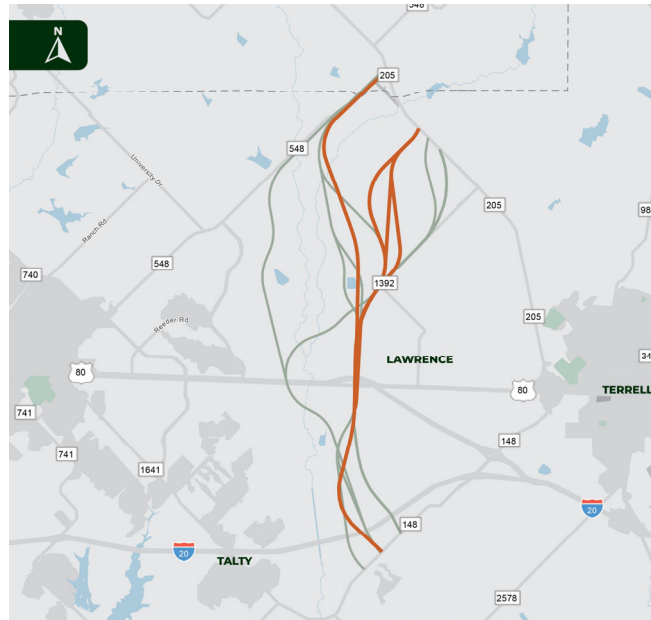


The project team evaluated the preliminary alignments using several different criteria. The criteria fell into the following categories: Environmental, Engineering and Economic. For environmental, they studied community elements, like parks and schools, hazardous materials, wetlands, floodplains, and residential and commercial areas. For engineering, they studied connectivity and local/regional planning efforts. And lastly, for economic, they studied construction cost and right-of-way cost.

Alternative Matrix					
					
Preliminary Evaluation Criteria	Reasonable Alternative 1	Reasonable Alternative 2	Reasonable Alternative 3	Reasonable Alternative 4	Average of Preliminary Alternatives
 Environmental					
 Engineering					
 Economic					
These will be evaluated further					
<b>LEGEND</b>					
 <b>EXEMPLARY</b> Highly Meets Criteria  <b>GOOD</b> Mostly Meets Criteria  <b>ADEQUATE OR NEUTRAL</b> No Change  <b>INADEQUATE</b> Sometimes Meets Criteria  <b>POOR</b> Does Not Meet Criteria					

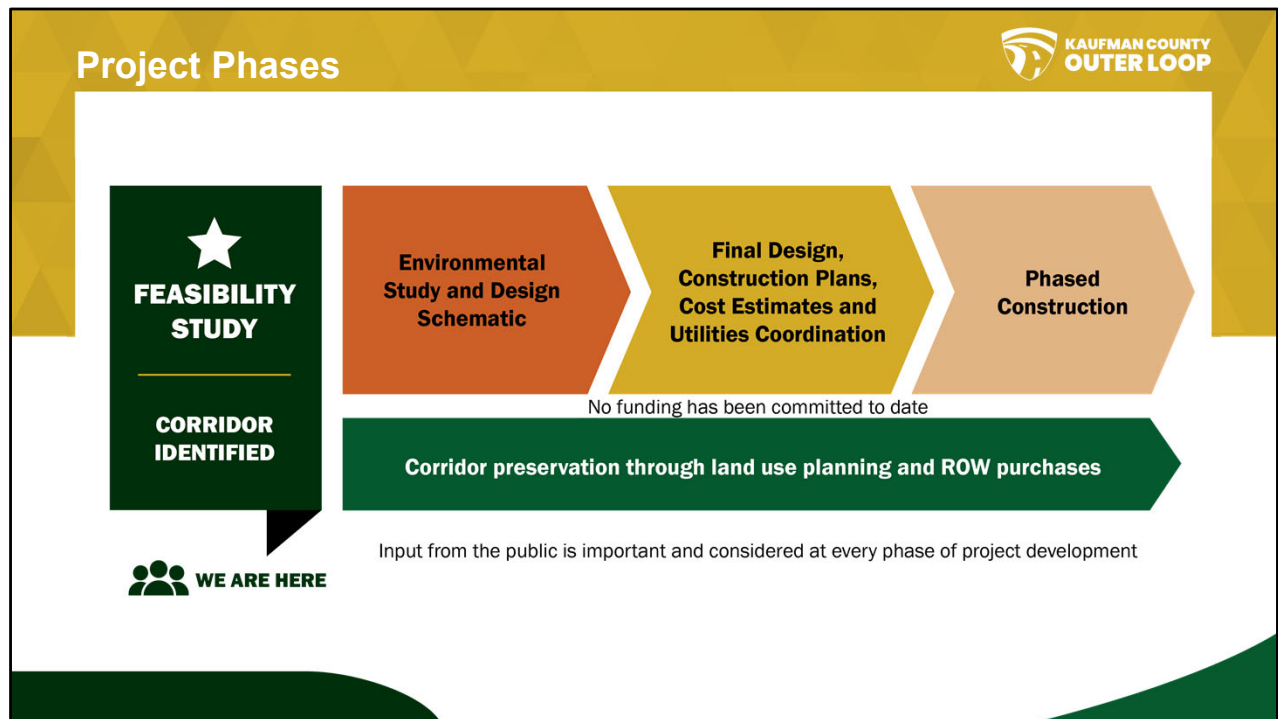
The table on this slide shows the four alignments that received the highest score based on the preliminary evaluation criteria. As previously stated, each of the top four alignments were evaluated based on Environmental, Engineering, and Economic criteria. The Reasonable alternatives will be further evaluated with additional studies and analysis.

## Reasonable Alternatives for Further Consideration



The screen shows the 4 reasonable alternatives for further consideration.

The draft alignments shown on the screen are preliminary, subject to change, and intended to solicit input. It is possible that, based on public comments received, alignments could be revised, removed and or added, which is why public input and feedback is critical to this project development process.

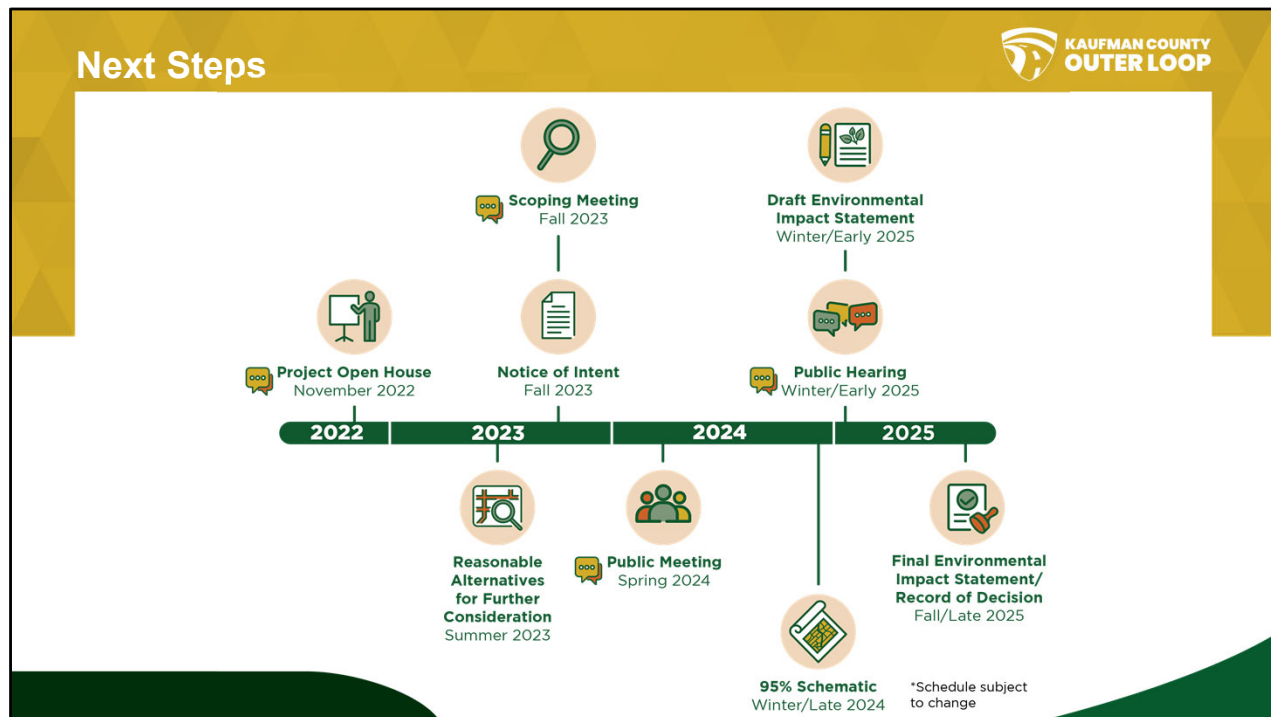


Planning the next steps for the Kaufman County Outer Loop will take time. That is why it is so important work begins now to plan for the future.

The feasibility study is the first step for any major corridor improvement. Should the state, municipalities, and local agencies wish to proceed with the proposed improvements, funding will be required. It should be noted that no funding has been committed at this time.

Following the feasibility study, corridor preservation through land use planning and right of way purchases will happen concurrently with the environmental study, final design and phased construction. Right of way for this project would be acquired in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

The State of Texas provides information on Landowner rights, which is included on the open house web page.



Next steps for the feasibility and environmental studies are shown on the screen, beginning with the public open house in November 2022. The reasonable alternatives for further consideration will be developed in summer 2023, followed by a scoping meeting and notice of intent being developed in fall 2023. A public meeting will be held in spring 2024, and the project team anticipates reaching 95% schematic in winter/late 2024. In winter/early 2025, there will be a public hearing and the draft environmental impact statement will be prepared. Lastly, the final environmental impact statement and record of decision will be developed in fall/late 2025. Please note the schedule is subject to change.



## How to Get Involved





**Attend a Public Meeting!**

Project Open House  
Agency and Public Scoping Meetings  
Fall 2023

Public Meeting  
Spring 2024

Public Hearing  
Fall 2024



**Sign up to receive project updates**



**Check out the project website**  
[kaufmanouterloop.com](http://kaufmanouterloop.com)




**Contact our project team with questions**


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There are many ways to get involved with the project:


- You can attend a public meeting, such as this open house, an agency or scoping meeting in fall 2023, another public meeting in spring 2024, and our public hearing in fall 2024.
- You can sign up to receive our project updates.
- You can check out our project website at [kaufmanouterloop.com](http://kaufmanouterloop.com)
- You can reach out to our project team if you have questions on the proposed project. The contact information is shown on the screen.

## How to Provide Input







**Comment form**



**Email**  
[connect@kaufmanouterloop.com](mailto:connect@kaufmanouterloop.com)



**Mail**  
Kaufman County  
Outer Loop  
17111 Preston Road  
Suite 300  
Dallas, TX 75248



**Interactive  
Comment Map**

All comments must be received or postmarked no later than **Tuesday, December 20, 2022** to be included in the public meeting summary.

We appreciate your feedback! Kaufman County and TxDOT are available to answer questions anytime during the project development process. Comments are welcome on this project. You can submit comments using the online comment form, you can send comments via email to [connect@kaufmanouterloop.com](mailto:connect@kaufmanouterloop.com), you can mail in your comments to Kaufman County Outer Loop, 17111 Preston Road, Suite 300, Dallas, TX 75248, and you can use our interactive comment map. All comments must be submitted on or before Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022.



Thank you for your interest in this public open house. We thank you for your participation.