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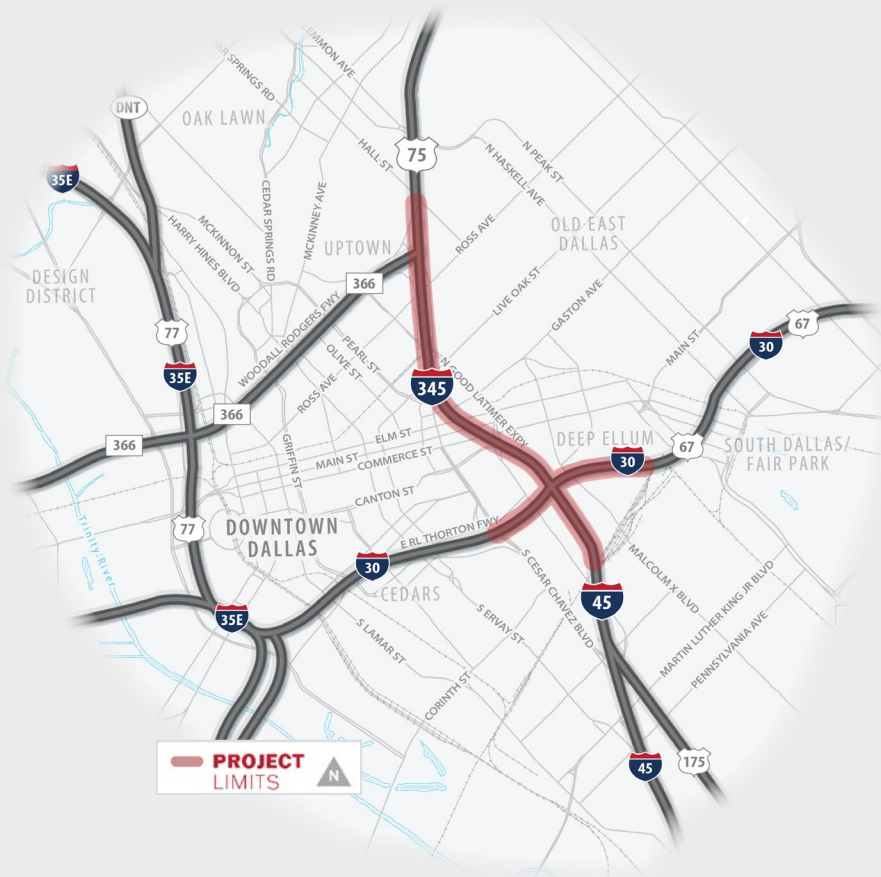
# I-345 CONNECTS

City of Dallas  
City Council Briefing

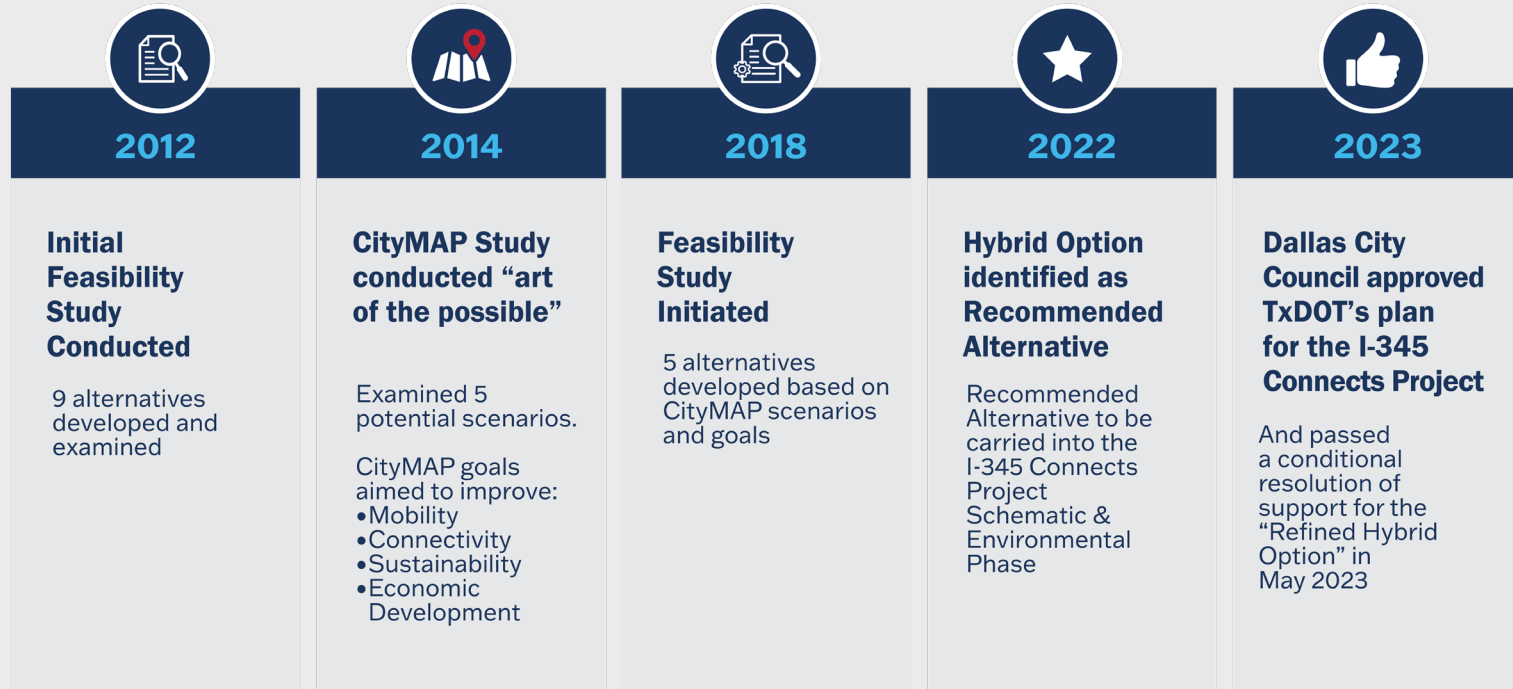
From I-30 to Woodall Rodgers (Spur 366) | Dallas County

## Project Update



- From I-30 to Woodall Rodgers Freeway (Spur 366)
- Length: Approximately 2.8 Miles



# Project History



# City of Dallas May 24, 2023 | Resolution Recap

	<b>Section 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interface with D2</li><li>- Freeway capping opportunities</li><li>- Restoration of the surface street grid</li><li>- Development of future surplus ROW</li><li>- Connect Dallas</li></ul>
	<b>Section 2</b>	Integration of relevant city design elements, plans, and policies
	<b>Section 3</b>	Council briefings every six months
	<b>Section 4</b>	Structural engineering for capping/decking
	<b>Section 5</b>	Truck re-routing
	<b>Section 6</b>	City of Dallas independent study or grant requests
	<b>Section 7</b>	Meet the needs of all multimodal users
	<b>Section 8</b>	Effective immediately (May 24, 2023)

**Section 1****Subcommittee Formation**

- Subcommittees were formed to address Section 1 of the city council resolution.
- Subcommittees formed:
  - Street Grid, including DART and streetcar accommodation
  - Surplus ROW/Potential Capping
  - Connect Dallas, including:

**Safety****Environmental  
Sustainability****Economic  
Vitality****Housing****Equity****Innovation**

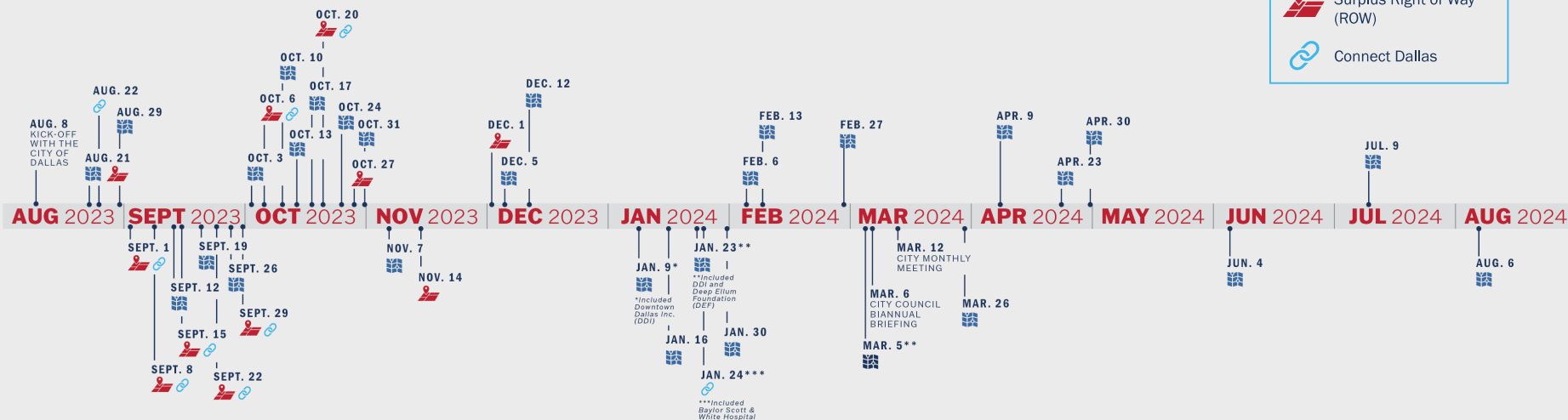
- Subcommittees include representation from appropriate city departments.



## Section 1

# Subcommittee Meeting Timeline

-  Restoration of Surface City Street Grid
-  Surplus Right of Way (ROW)
-  Connect Dallas



**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans**

<b>City of Dallas Report</b>	<b>Subcommittee</b>
<b>Comprehensive Environmental &amp; Climate Action Plan</b>	Restoration of Surface City Street Grid & Connect Dallas
<b>Racial Equity Plan</b>	Restoration of Surface City Street Grid & Connect Dallas
<b>Economic Development</b>	Surplus ROW
<b>Street Design Manual</b>	Restoration of Surface City Street Grid & Connect Dallas
<b>Bicycle Plan</b>	Restoration of Surface City Street Grid & Connect Dallas
<b>Forward Dallas</b>	Surplus ROW & Connect Dallas
<b>Dallas Housing Policy 2033</b>	Restoration of Surface City Street Grid, Surplus ROW & Connect Dallas
<b>Strategic Mobility Plan 2021</b>	Restoration of Surface City Street Grid & Connect Dallas
<b>Dallas 360</b>	Restoration of Surface City Street Grid & Connect Dallas

**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan*****I-345 Connects Project**

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared for the I-345 Connects Project. The EA will identify and assess potential impacts to the natural and human environment



Potential impacts analyzed include air quality, archaeological resources, non-archeological historic properties, community impact assessment, biological resources, hazardous materials, indirect and cumulative impacts, traffic noise, water resources and public involvement



The draft EA will be available for review at the public hearing

**Committees**

**Restoration of Surface  
City Street & Grid**



**Connect Dallas**



**Surplus ROW**



**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Racial Equity*****I-345 Connects Project**

Ensures drainage does not impact nearby communities



Enhances neighborhood connectivity



Ensure Historically Disadvantage Communities are not disproportionately impacted by project developments

**Committees**

**Restoration of Surface  
City Street & Grid**



**Connect Dallas**



**Surplus ROW**

**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Economic Development Plan*****I-345 Connects Project**

Provides 6.7 acres of potential surplus ROW



Provides 6.4 acres of potential capping (to identify priority areas with City of Dallas)



Support community connectivity through creating green space or development over I-345

**Committees**

**Restoration of Surface  
City Street & Grid**



**Connect Dallas**



**Surplus ROW**

**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Street Design Manual*****I-345 Connects Project**

Provides 10' sidewalks on both sides of all cross streets



Separated bike lanes on several cross streets in coordination with City of Dallas to improve safety



Opportunity for amenities such as planters and park benches on proposed bridges (by others, not TxDOT)

Cross streets can accommodate future street cars

**Committees**

**Restoration of Surface  
City Street & Grid**



**Connect Dallas**



**Surplus ROW**

**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Bicycle Plan*****I-345 Connects Project**

Provides 10-foot sidewalks with a 5-foot buffer between the curb and sidewalk along local streets that will provide safe travel options for bicyclists



Proposed bicycle lanes are 5-feet-wide and are median or curb separated from vehicles and pedestrians

**Committees**

**Restoration of Surface  
City Street & Grid**



**Connect Dallas**

**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Forward Dallas*****I-345 Connects Project**

Addresses pedestrian and cyclist safety and future connectivity, ensuring wider sidewalks along local streets and collaboration on streetcar plans, cycle connections and trails to ensure bridge and cross-street designs accommodate future projects

**Committees****Connect Dallas****Surplus ROW**

**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Dallas Housing Policy 2023*****I-345 Connects Project**

Provides 6.7 acres of potential surplus ROW

Addresses the goals of the Dallas Housing Policy 2023 by increasing community connectivity through creating green space or development that can provide pedestrian, bicycle and transit friendly connections over I-345, that nearby residents will be able to utilize

**Committees**

**Restoration of Surface  
City Street & Grid**



**Connect Dallas**



**Surplus ROW**

**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Strategic Mobility Plan 2021*****I-345 Connects Project**

Designs community connections (streets and sidewalks) over I-345 to provide better connectivity to nearby employment opportunities and improved access to affordable housing options



Considering land use and economic priorities into design considerations to help improve the quality of life for adjacent communities



Modernizes the interstate corridor to bring it up to current design standards, including improving signage

**Committees**

**Restoration of Surface  
City Street & Grid**



**Connect Dallas**

**Section 2****City of Dallas Plans****Report | *Dallas 360*****I-345 Connects Project**

Provides 6.7 acres of potential surplus ROW available for the City of Dallas to purchase from TxDOT



Provides 6.4 acres of potential capping areas/future decking



These improvements support community connectivity through creating green space or development that can provide pedestrian, bicycle and transit friendly connections over I-345

**Committees**

**Restoration of Surface  
City Street & Grid**



**Connect Dallas**





## Section 3

# City Council Briefings

**MARCH 6, 2024**

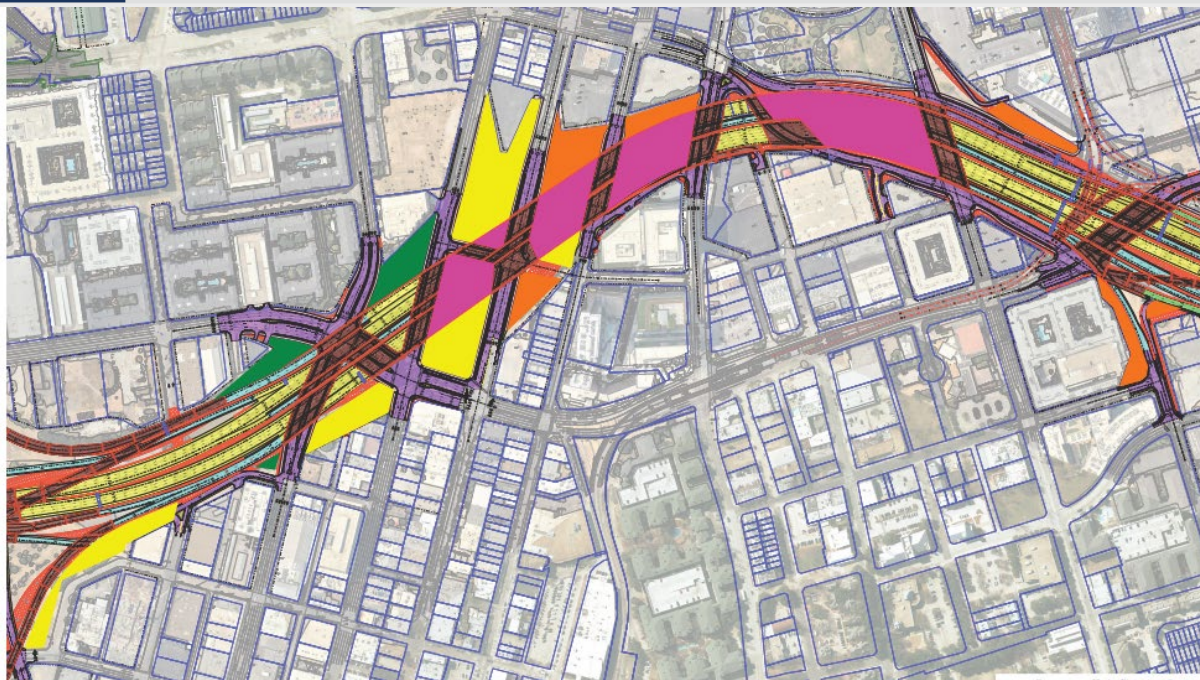
**OCTOBER 16, 2024**  
*(in advance of public hearing)*

**MARCH 2025**  
*(tentative before  
environmental  
clearance)*



## Section 4

# Potential Capping



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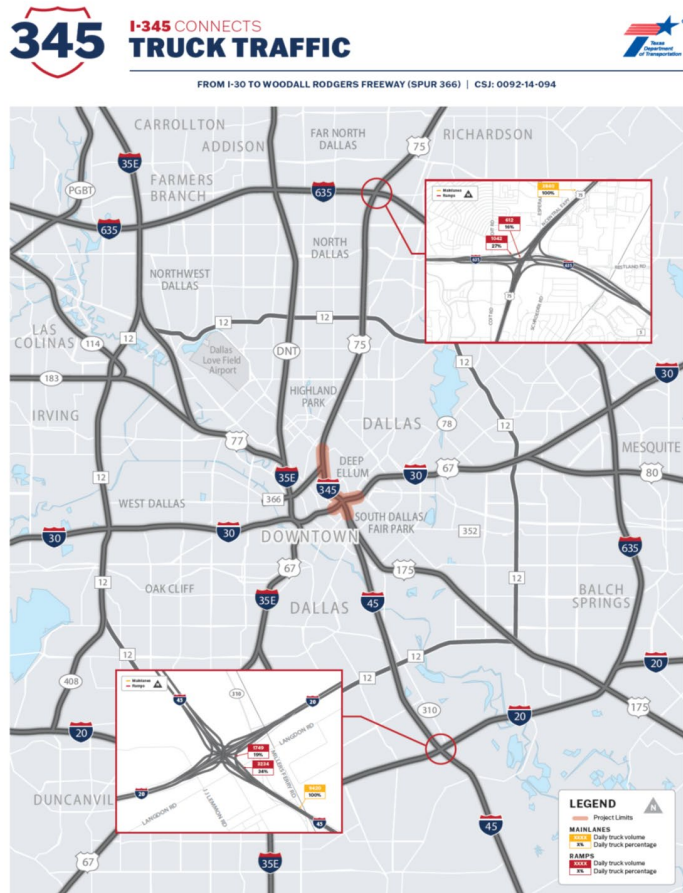
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## Section 5

# Truck Re-Routing

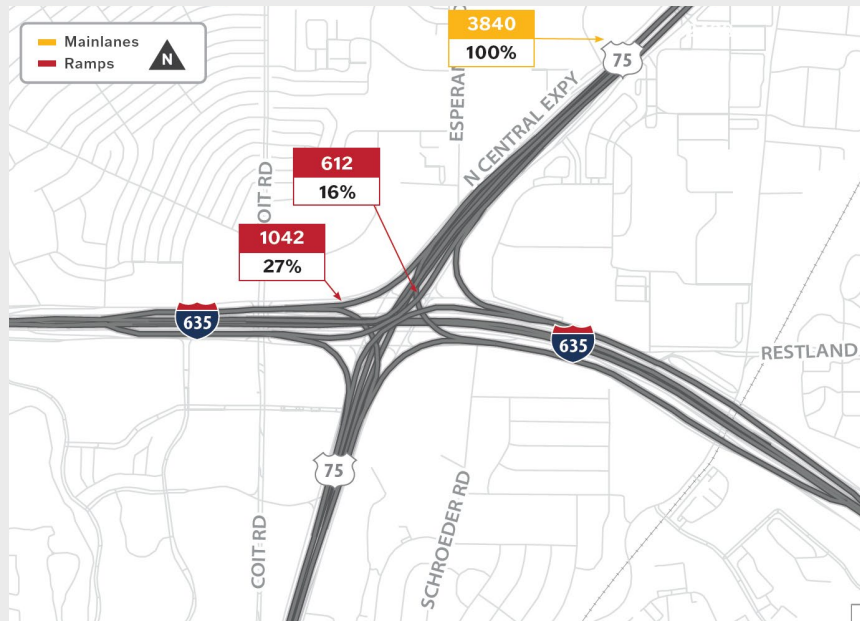
- Evaluated truck volumes/percentages that divert away from I-345 using I-20, and I-635





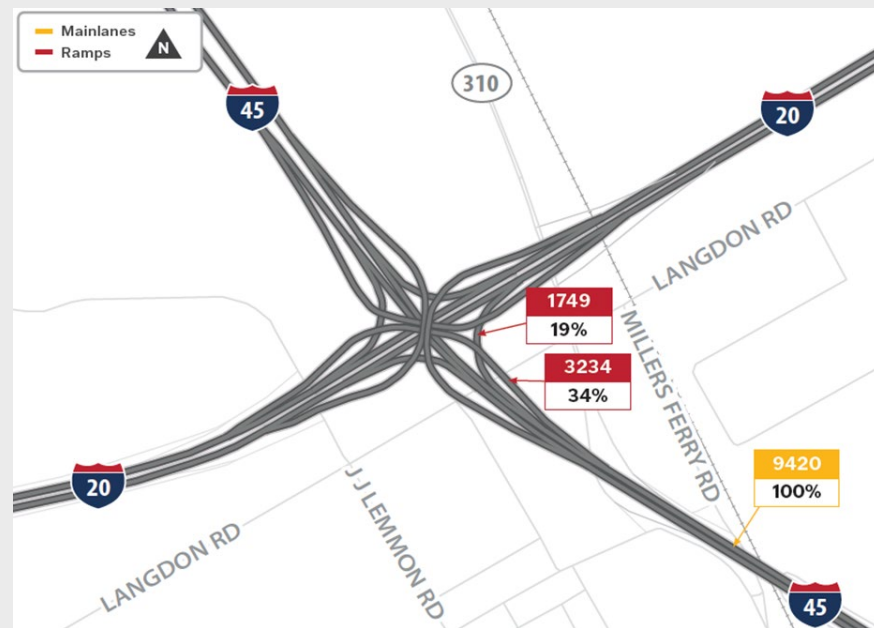
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# Truck Re-Routing



- At I-635/US 75 interchange
  - 43% of daily truck traffic from US 75 SB diverted to I-635

- At I-20/I-45 interchange
  - 53% of daily truck traffic from I-45 NB diverted to I-20



**Section 6****Grant Requests**

- City staff evaluated Reconnecting Communities federal grant but determined a submission would be competing with the NCTCOG's applications for Klyde Warren Park, Southern Gateway, and I-30 Canyon application
- Challenge would be gaining TxDOT approval for any other alternative use of I-345



## Section 7

# Multimodal Accommodations



**Coordination  
with DART**



**Streetcar  
Accommodations**



**Pedestrian/  
bicycle  
coordination  
with the City**



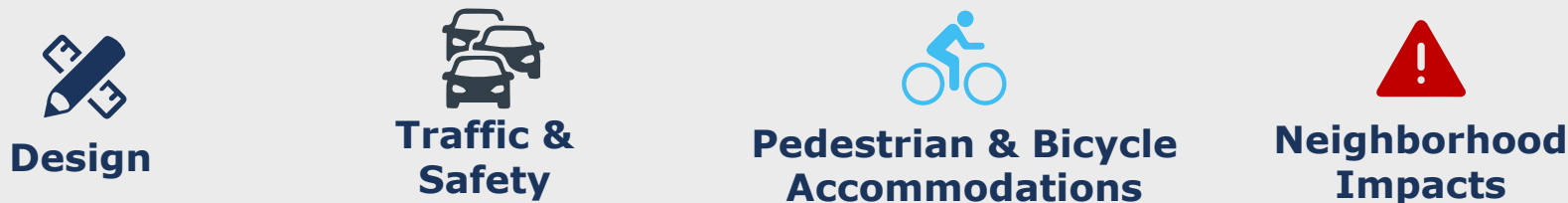
**Stakeholder  
coordination  
with Uptown  
Dallas, AIA,  
DDI, Deep Ellum  
and  
Baylor Scott & White**

## Public Meetings March 2024 (Virtual and two in-person)

**Information presented** included the latest for:



**Feedback** focused on the following categories:

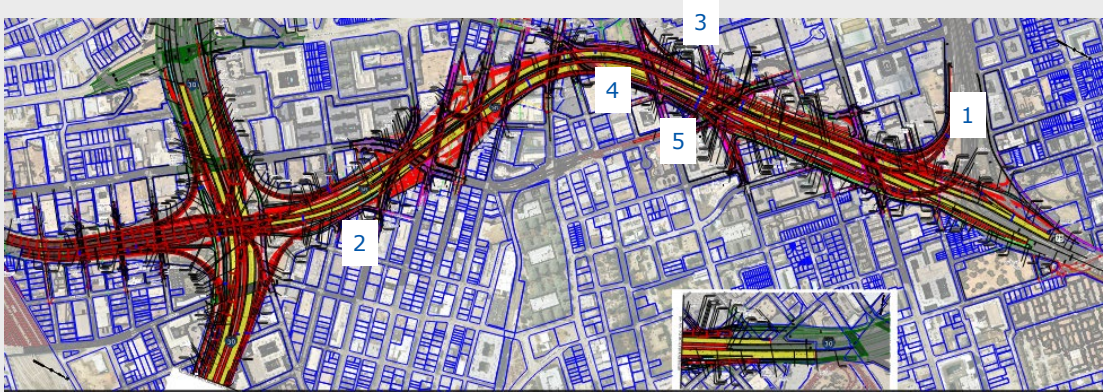




## Public Meetings March 2024 Revisions to Date

In coordination with the City of Dallas, based on public comments, the team has:

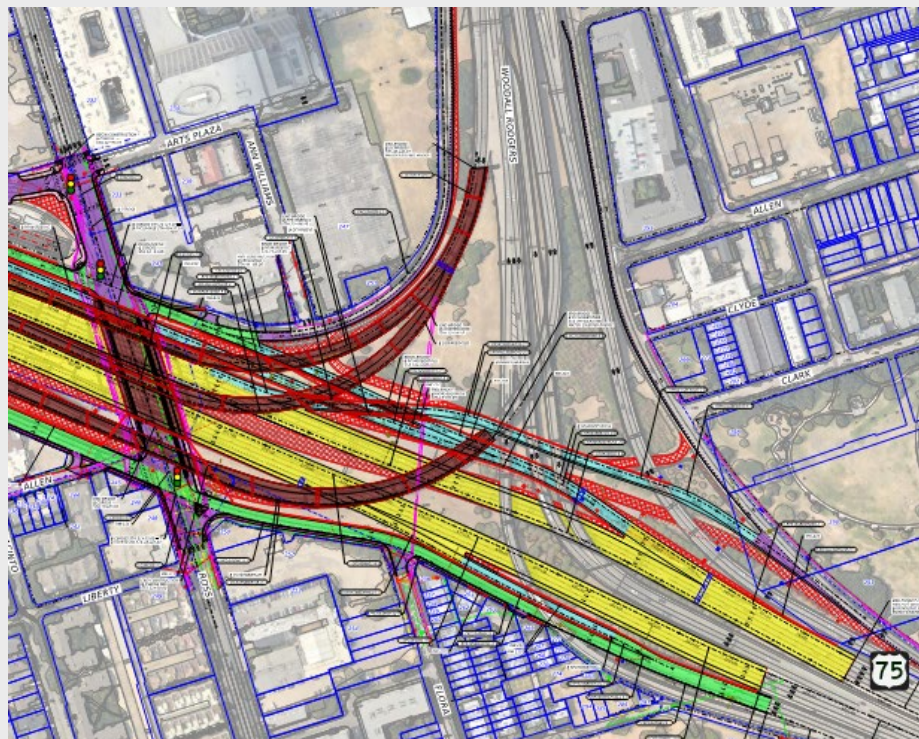
1. Removed Allen Street connection.
2. Added Northbound I-345 exit ramp to Canton Street.
3. Revised Southbound I-345 exit ramp to Live Oak Street/Cesar Chavez Boulevard.
4. Reconfigured Cesar Chavez Boulevard.
5. Removed Hawkins connection over I-345.



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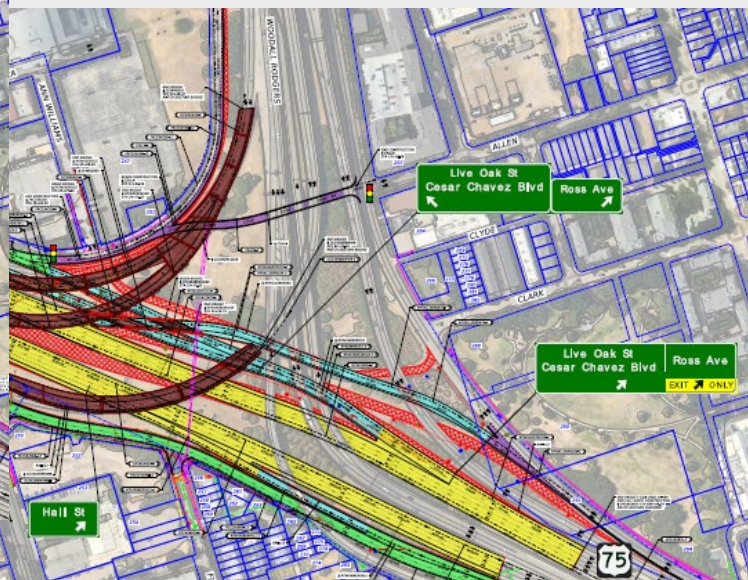


## Removed Allen Street connection (No. 1)



Revised Schematic (August 2024)

Public Meeting Schematic  
(March 2024)



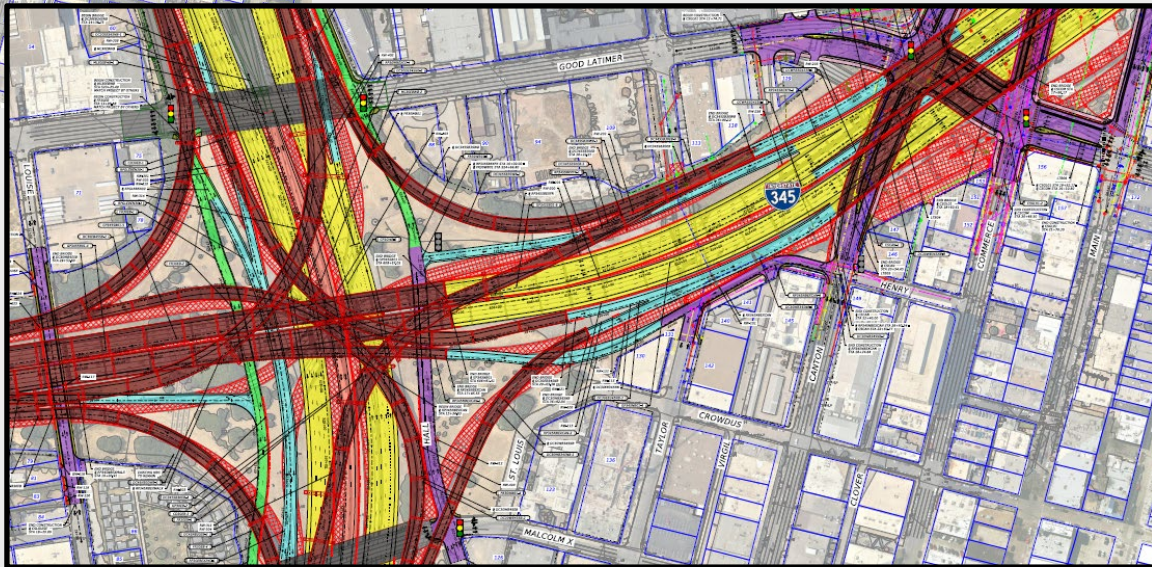
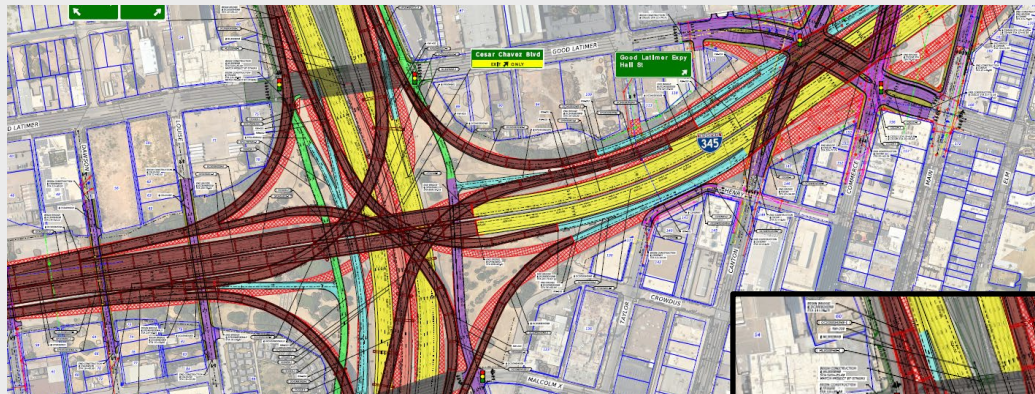


# I-345 Northbound Exit to Canton (No. 2)

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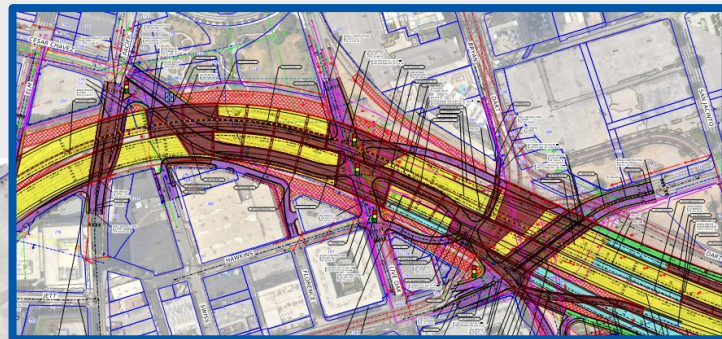
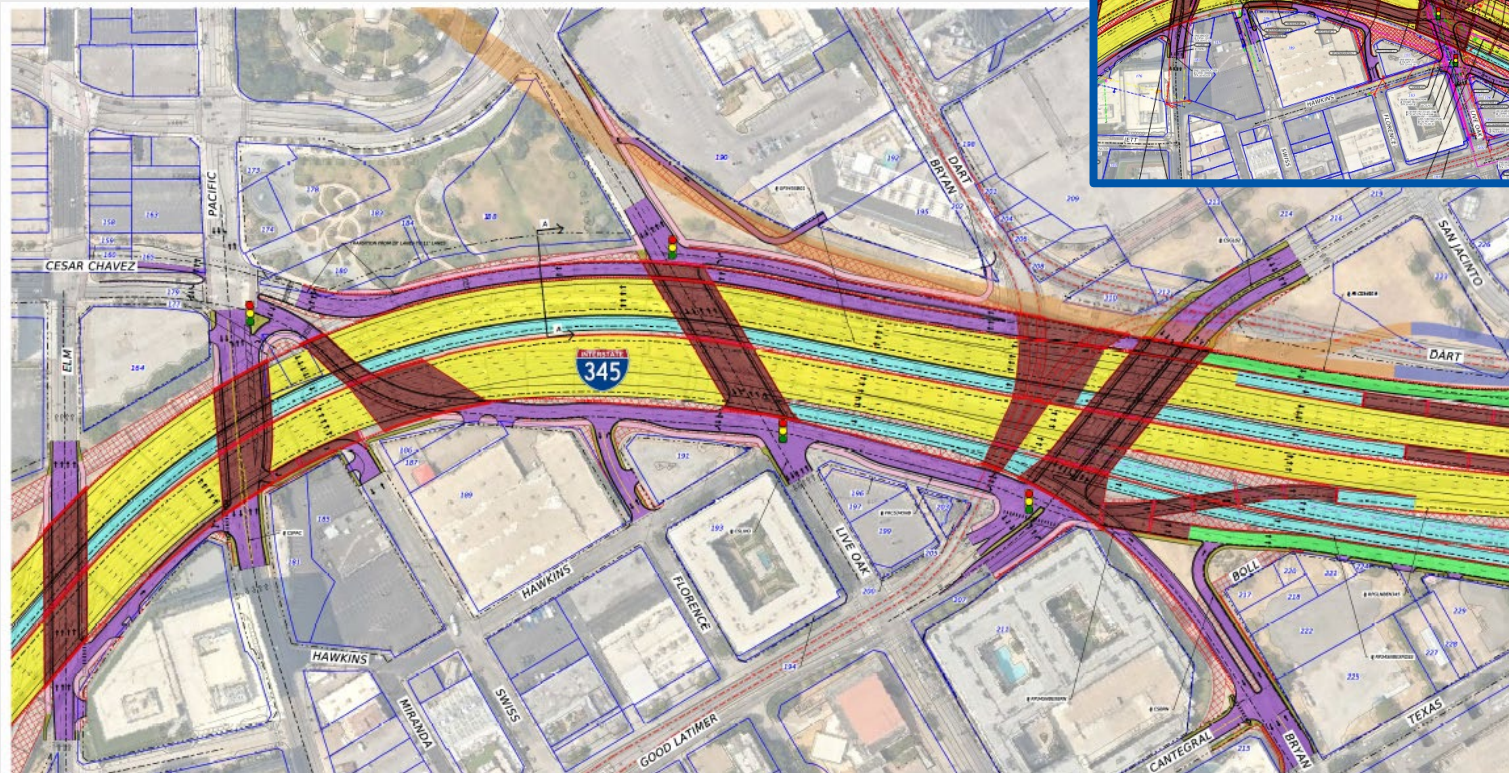
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# I-345 Southbound Live Oak Bypass (No. 3)

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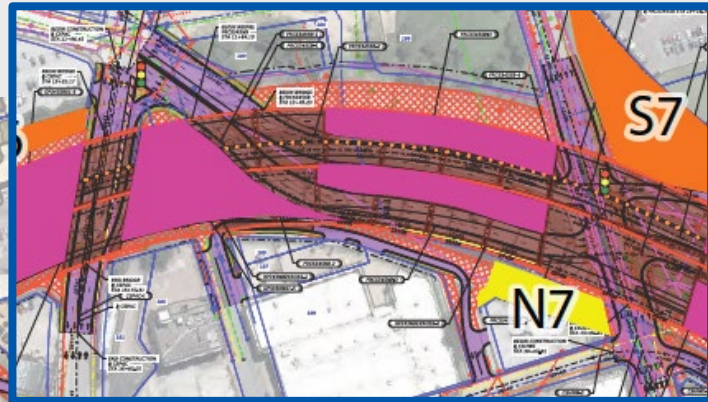
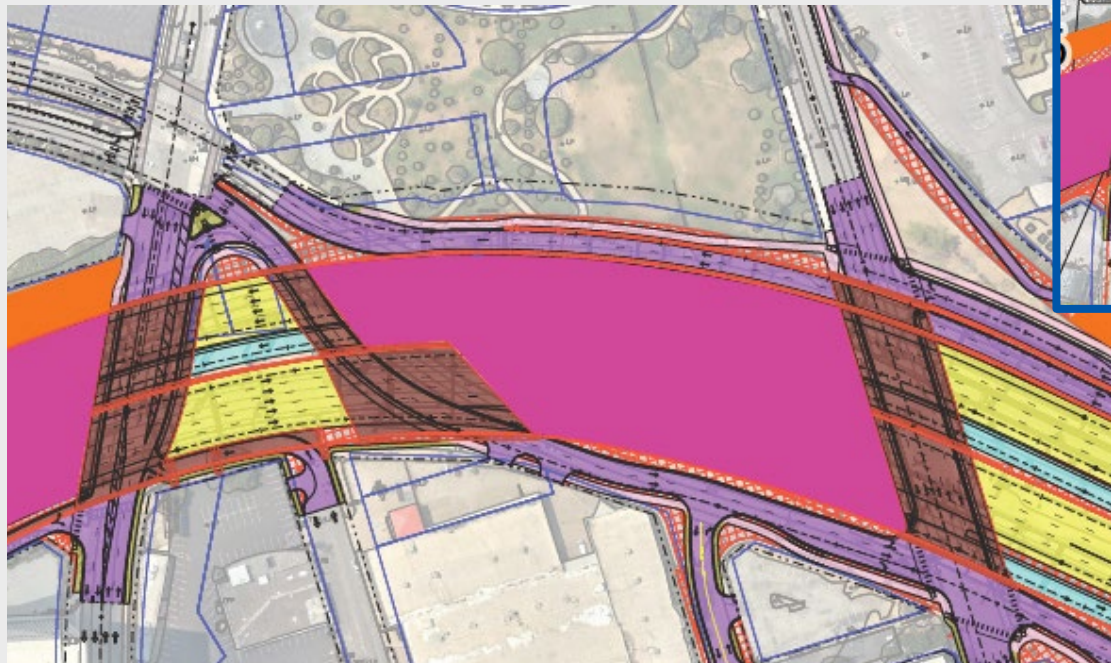
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# Reconfigured Cesar Chavez (No. 4) March 2024 Public Meeting Exhibit

August 2024 Revised



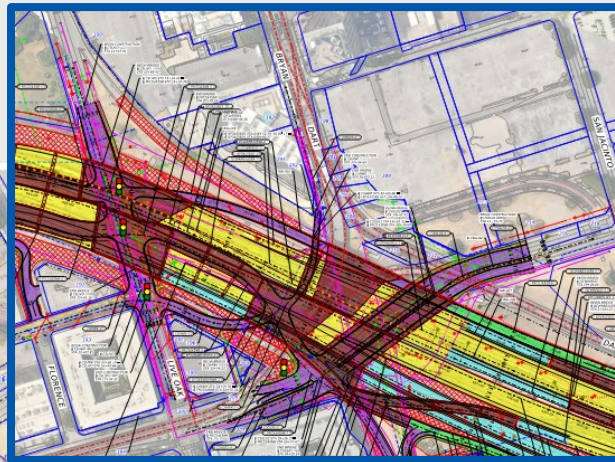
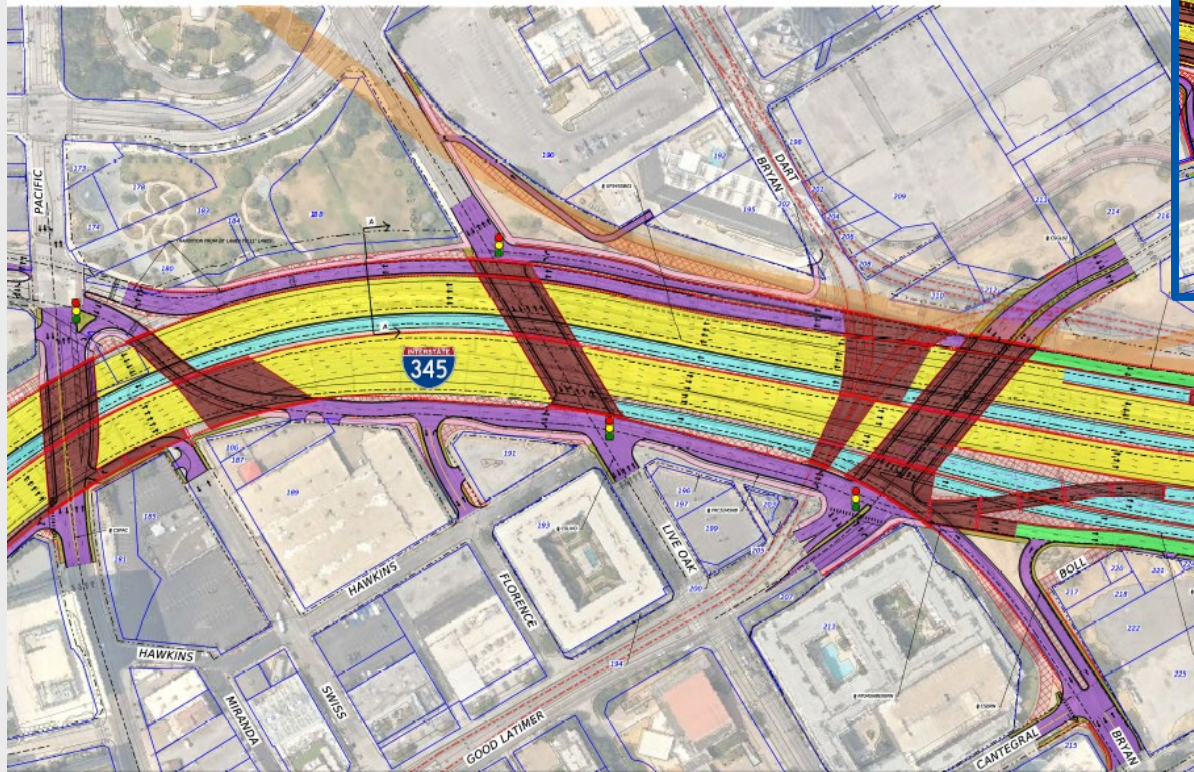
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# Removed Hawkins over I-345 (No. 5)

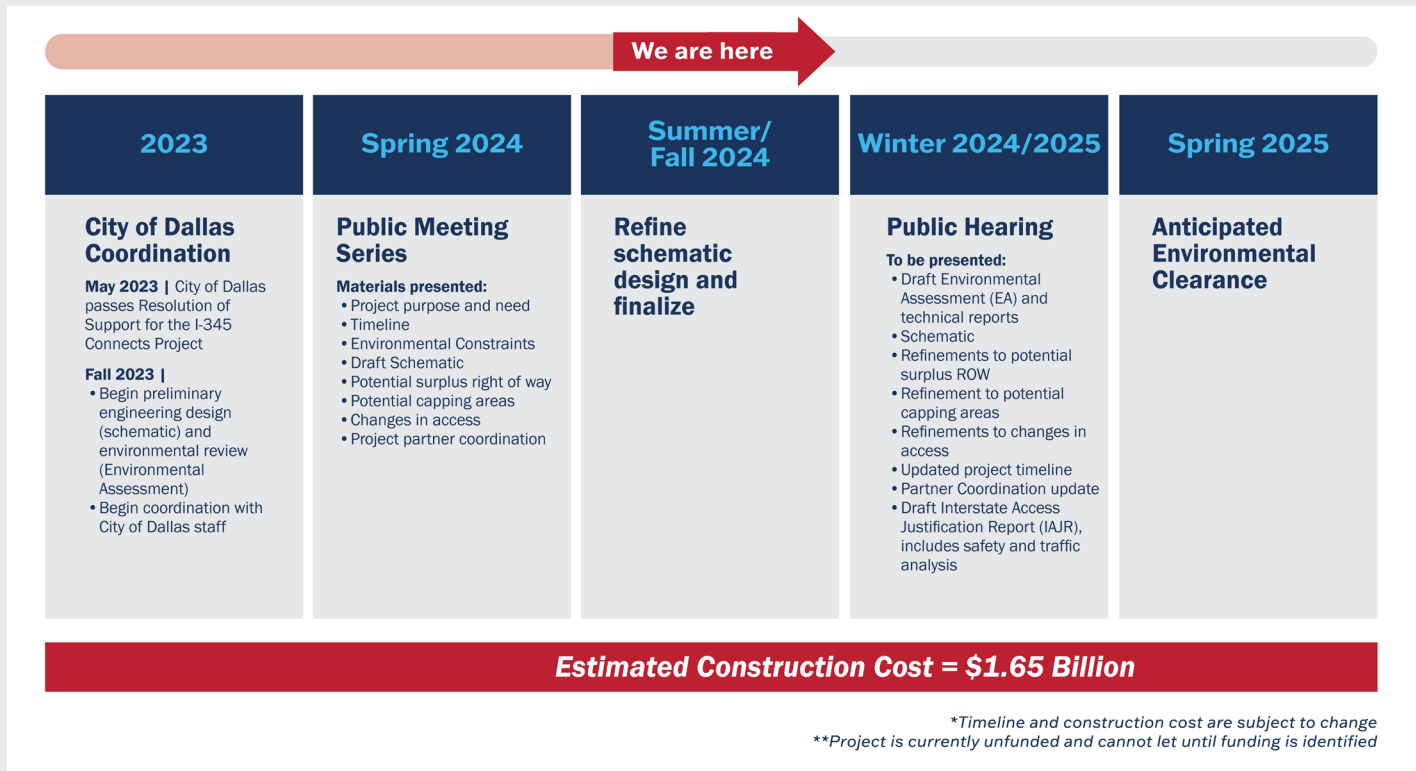
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# Project Timeline



## Questions

