

LOCATION: Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Josey Lane

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

PLANNER: Kierra Williams

APPLICANT: City of Dallas Department of Transportation and Public Works

REPRESENTATIVE: Kierra Williams

REQUEST

Amendments to the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to remove: (1) Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Harry Hines Boulevard; and (2) Forest Lane between Harry Hines Boulevard and Josey Lane.

BACKGROUND

The City of Dallas Department of Transportation and Public Works has requested amendments to the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to remove (1) Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Harry Hines Boulevard; and (2) Forest Lane between Harry Hines Boulevard and Josey Lane. The section of Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Harry Hines Boulevard is on the Thoroughfare Plan as a community collector with the designation of a four-lane undivided roadway in 60 feet of right-of-way and 44 feet of pavement (S-4-U). The section of Forest Lane between Harry Hines Boulevard and Josey Lane is on the Thoroughfare Plan as a principal arterial with the designation of a four-lane undivided roadway in 60 feet of right-of-way and 44 feet of pavement (S-4-U). The proposal is to remove these segments of Forest Lane from the Thoroughfare Plan.

In 2015, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) completed a project on the I-635 corridor between I-35E and US 75 known as “LBJ Express/IH 635 Managed Lanes” project. This project impacted the operations of Forest Lane between Harry Hines Boulevard and Josey Lane. For multiple segments of this roadway, Forest Lane now operates as one-way instead of two-way. It also functions similarly to a frontage road as a result of the project improvements.

Furthermore, TxDOT is currently in the planning process for a project aimed at improving the I-635/I-35E interchange. Based on the current draft of this project, all of Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Josey Lane will function as a one-way continuous frontage road.

Due to the way in which I-635 was constructed and due to anticipated future improvements to the I-635/I-35E interchange, Forest Lane’s current Thoroughfare Plan designation between Reeder Road and Josey Lane is not feasible to implement now or in the future. Because of this and because some segments of Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Josey Lane are within TxDOT right-of-way, staff is recommending this segment of Forest Lane be removed from the Thoroughfare Plan. Removing the roadway

from the Thoroughfare Plan will not result in the removal of the roadway from the local roadway network or abandon the existing public right-of-way. It is also consistent with the treatment of other frontage roads in the City of Dallas.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

On November 7, 2024, City Plan Commission Thoroughfare Committee acted on this item and followed staff recommendation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval to amend the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to remove: (1) Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Harry Hines Boulevard; and (2) Forest Lane between Harry Hines Boulevard and Josey Lane.

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MAP

Attached

FACT SHEET

PROPOSED COUNCIL AGENDA: June 25, 2025

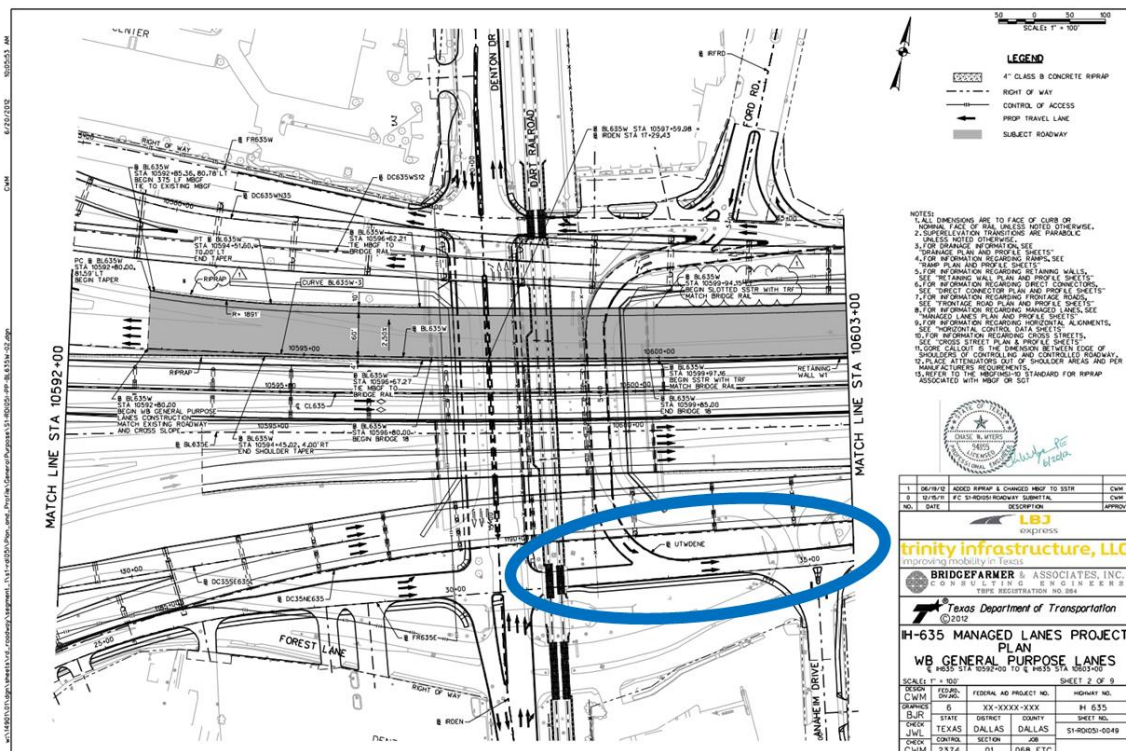
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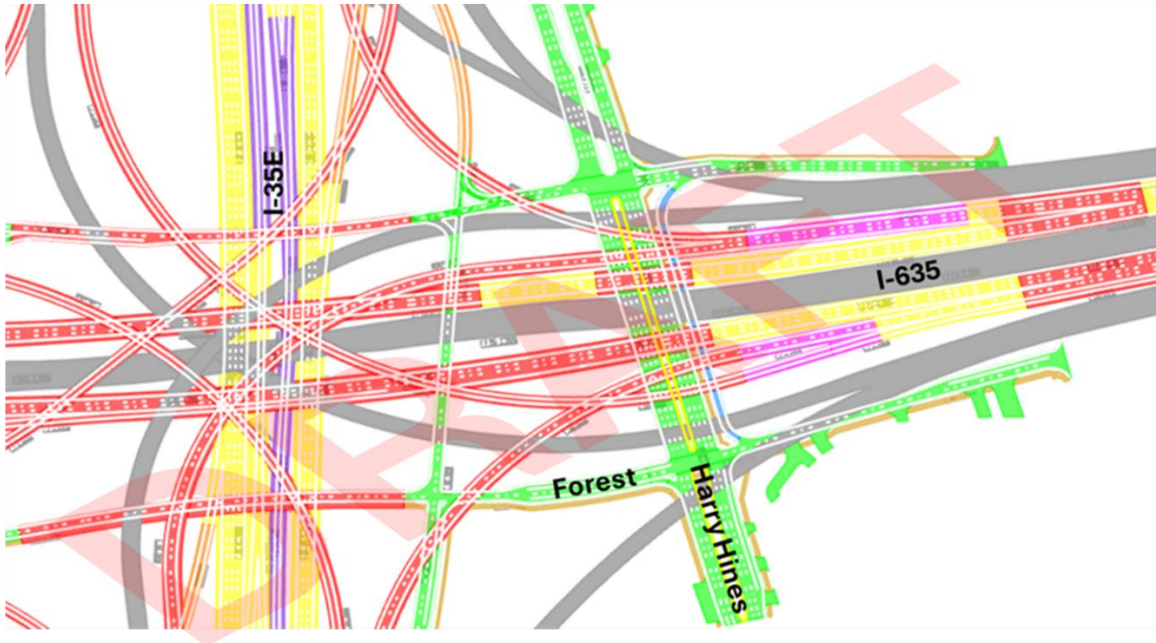
BACKGROUND:

- In 2015, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) completed improvements for the LBJ Express/IH 635 Managed Lanes project, which resulted in Forest Lane being converted from two-way operations to one-way operations in certain areas between Reeder Road and Josey Lane. Two-way operations along the entire stretch of Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Josey Lane are not feasible because of the impacts of this project. The City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan does not identify and protect one-way frontage roads in TxDOT right-of-way.



- TxDOT is currently in the planning process for a project to improve the I-635/I-35E interchange. Based on the current draft concept for this project, Forest Lane will operate as a continuous one-way frontage road between Emerald Street and Harry

Hines Boulevard if the project comes to fruition. The Thoroughfare Plan does not identify and protect one-way frontage roads.



- Removing Forest Lane from the Thoroughfare Plan will not abandon the existing public right-of-way.
- Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Josey Lane is designated as a Commercial Street by the City of Dallas Complete Streets Design Manual.
- Traffic Counts

| Road | Limits | Source, Date | Count (vehicle/day) |
|--------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Forest | Denton and Josey | TxDOT, 2019 | 11,276 |

- Forest Lane between Harry Hines Boulevard and Josey Lane is on the 2011 City of Dallas Bike Plan. No segment of Forest Lane between Reeder Road and Josey Lane is on the proposed 2024 Bike Plan.
- On November 7, 2024, City Plan Commission Thoroughfare Committee acted on this item and followed staff recommendation.
- 47 property owners are in the notification area.

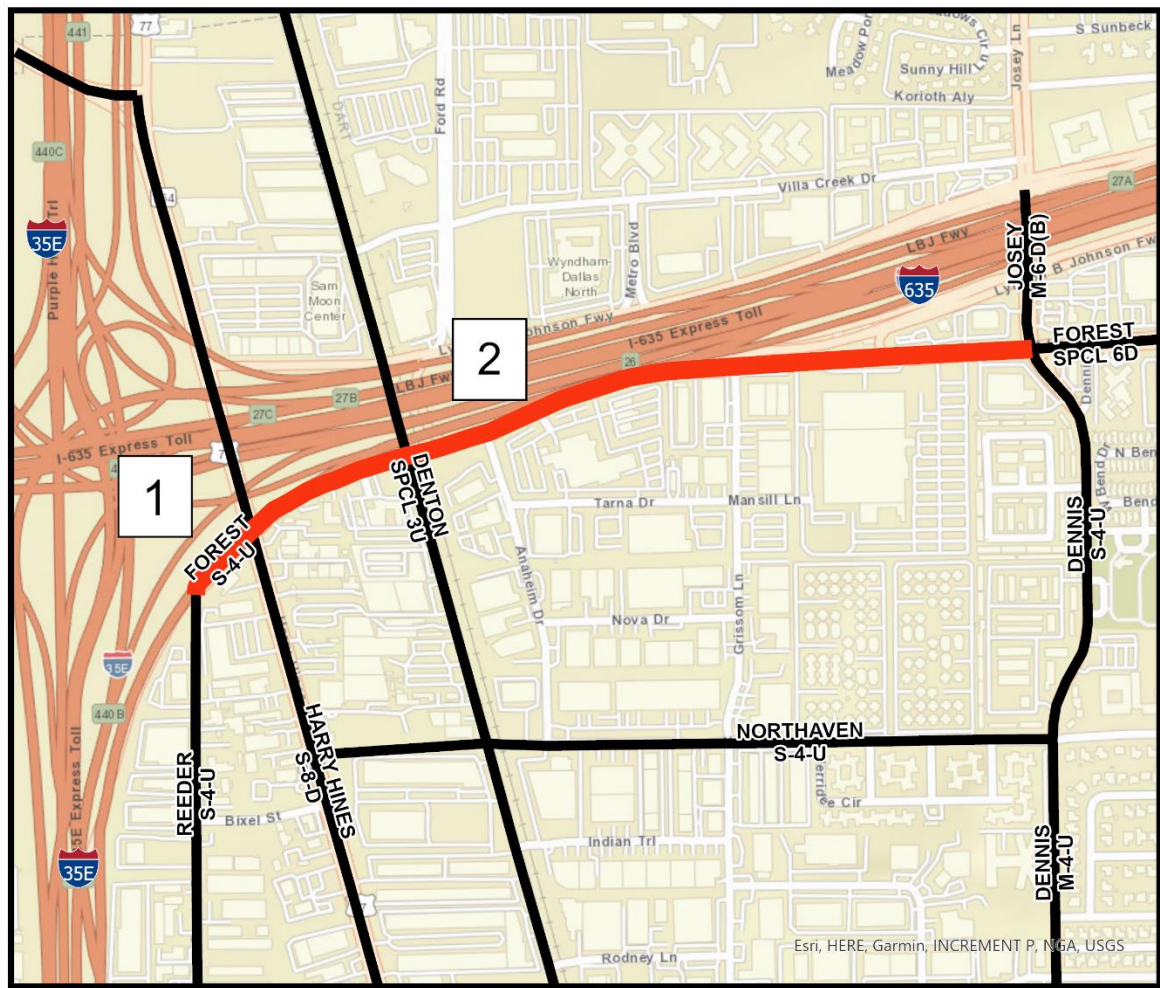
Forest Lane

1. Reeder Road to Harry Hines Boulevard
2. Harry Hines Boulevard to Josey Lane

Council District: 6



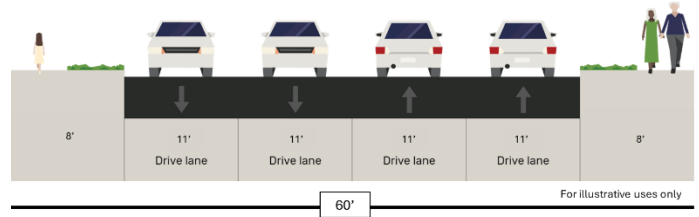
Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Map



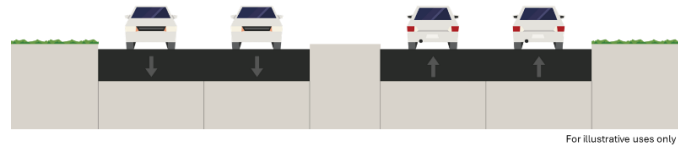
Forest Cross-Sections

Current Thoroughfare Plan

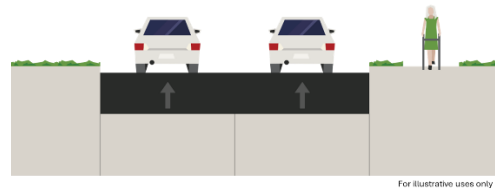
Proposed Designation – 4-lane undivided roadway (S-4-U) within 60 feet of right-of-way and 44 feet of pavement



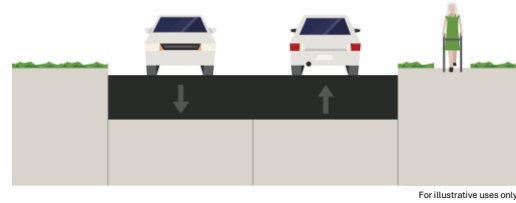
Existing Typical Section from Reeder Road to Harry Hines Boulevard – 4-lane divided roadway



Existing Typical Section from Harry Hines Boulevard to Grissom Lane – One-way operation with 2 eastbound lanes and a sidewalk on one side of the roadway



Existing Typical Section from Grissom Lane to eastern Home Depot driveway – 2-lane undivided roadway with buffered sidewalk on one side of the roadway



Existing Typical Section from eastern Home Depot driveway to Josey Lane – 4-lane divided roadway with sidewalks on both sides of the roadway

