

# Welcome

## Spur 298 Improvements

### Public Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022  
200 Colonnade Parkway, Woodway, Texas

#### Why am I here?

- Learn about Spur 298 Improvements
- Provide comments on the proposed project

Welcome to the second Public Meeting for the Spur 298 Project. We appreciate you taking the time to view this information and welcome your comments. Please click the button to sign in and let us know that you participated.

**HELP**

**#EndTheStreakTX**

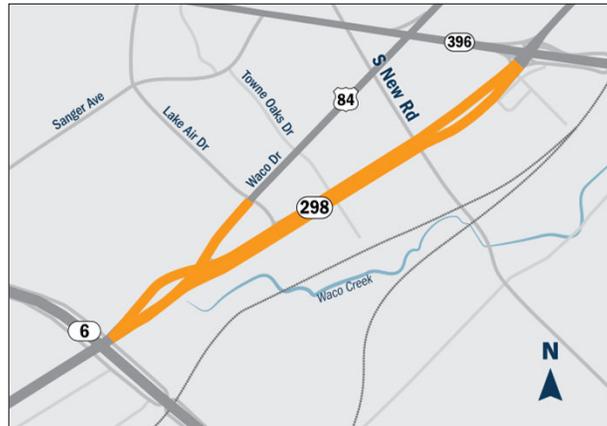
**End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.**

November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for nearly 22 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family.

## Project Overview



TxDOT is planning improvements to Spur 298 (Franklin Avenue) from SH 6 to SL 396 (Valley Mills Drive). This project would provide improvements to travel lanes, upgrade intersections, and improve pedestrian access.



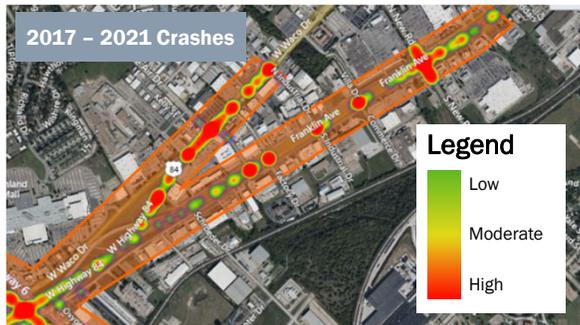
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This project focuses on the segment of Spur 298, or Franklin Avenue, from SH 6 to SL 396, or Valley Mills Drive. This project would provide improvements to travel lanes, upgrade intersections, and improve pedestrian access.

## Project Goals



- Improve safety and mobility through the corridor considering current and future traffic volumes
- Reduce conflict points along the corridor to improve traffic flow and safety
- Improve access and safety for pedestrians



**27,769**

VEHICLES PER DAY  
2020

**60%**

PROJECTED TRAFFIC INCREASE  
2020 - 2044

**44,520**

VEHICLES PER DAY  
2044

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This project aims to improve driver and pedestrian safety and mobility through the corridor as traffic volumes increase. In 2020 there was an average of over 27,000 vehicles traveling on this segment of Spur 298 each day. Traffic volumes are expected to increase by 60% over the next 20 years resulting in almost 45,000 vehicles each day.

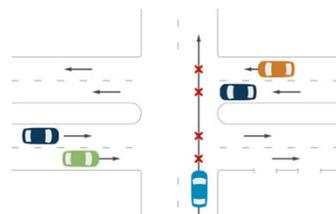
The heat map shows the frequency and location of crashes within the project limits from 2017-2021.

## Proposed Improvements



Spur 298 (Franklin Avenue) currently consists of multiple tightly spaced intersections that restrict traffic flow and reduce safety due to a large number of conflict points. Proposed improvements include:

- Reconfiguring and improving ramps at the US 84 interchange
- Consolidating travel lanes
- Removing crossings and redirecting cross traffic to new U-turn lanes
- Constructing an overpass at New Road to allow through east-west traffic to bypass the intersection
- Reconfiguring driveways to reduce conflict points
- Constructing continuous sidewalks



Examples of existing conflict points



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Spur 298, also known as Franklin Avenue, currently consists of multiple tightly spaced intersections that restrict traffic flow and reduce safety due to a large number of conflict points.

Proposed improvements to Spur 298 include reconfiguring ramps at the US 84 interchange, consolidating travel lanes and redirecting cross traffic to new U-turn lanes, constructing an overpass at New Road to allow east-west traffic to bypass the intersection, reconfiguring driveways to reduce conflict points, and adding continuous pedestrian facilities. These improvements would improve traffic flow and provide safer conditions for the current and projected volumes of traffic.

The image below provides a snapshot of improvements along the corridor. A more detailed look at the design can be viewed by clicking on the link to the Schematic on the virtual meeting webpage.

## Environmental Considerations



**Environmental Documentation will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).**



**Social & Community Impacts**



**Air Quality**



**Biological Resources**



**Construction Impacts**



**Water Resources**

*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 (MOU) dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*

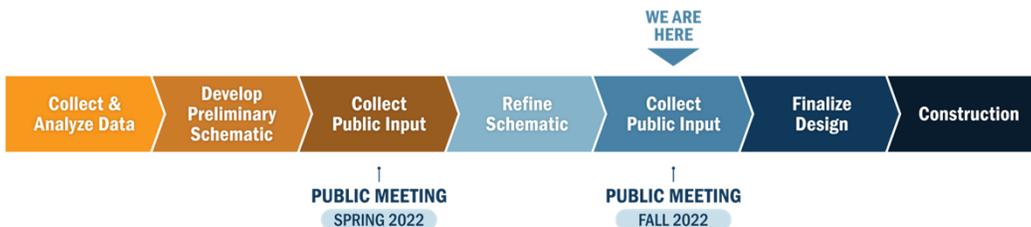
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As this project is developed, TxDOT is evaluating potential impacts to the environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Those evaluations include the study of community impacts, air quality, biological resources such as vegetation, construction impacts, and water resources and drainage.

# Project Development and Timeline



## Project Schedule



## Project Construction

Funded for Construction starting in 2026\*

## Project Funding

\$47.2 M

\* Project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.

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TxDOT has completed preliminary design and is seeking feedback from the community before designs are finalized.

Construction of improvements is expected to begin in 2026, however the schedule is subject to change. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$47.2 million to construct.

## How to Provide Comments



- Your comments and questions are requested. To submit a comment, please use one of the options provided. Meeting materials will continue to be available through the Virtual Open House through Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022.
- **All comments must be received or postmarked by Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 to be included in the public meeting record.**

### Share Your Comments



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Online  
Comment Form



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Your comments are an important part of developing this project, and there are several ways you can share your input with TxDOT and the project team.

Click the email icon to send us an email.

Click the mailbox icon to print and mail a comment form.

Click the computer icon to leave a comment on the online comment form.

You are welcome to share comments at any point during the project development process, but comments must be received or postmarked by Thursday, December 8, 2022 to be included in the public meeting record.