



Dripping Springs Southwest Connection

OPEN HOUSE MEETING



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**Hays County
Road Improvements**



Project Background

Hays County is advancing additional planning and design for a new roadway southwest of Dripping Springs. The need for additional roadway capacity south and west of Dripping Springs has been consistently identified in long-range plans and studies such as:

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| ✓ 2013 Hays County Transportation Plan | ✓ 2020 CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan |
| ✓ 2014 Dripping Springs Transportation Plan | ✓ 2021 Hays County Transportation Plan |
| ✓ 2015 CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan | ✓ 2021 Dripping Springs Transportation Plan |
| ✓ 2017 RM 150 West Character Plan | ✓ 2025 CAMPO 2050 Regional Transportation Plan |
| ✓ 2018 Dripping Springs Transportation Plan | |

Activities to Date

2020

Hays County begins feasibility study to identify a recommended route and develop preliminary engineering plans (up to 20% design).

2022

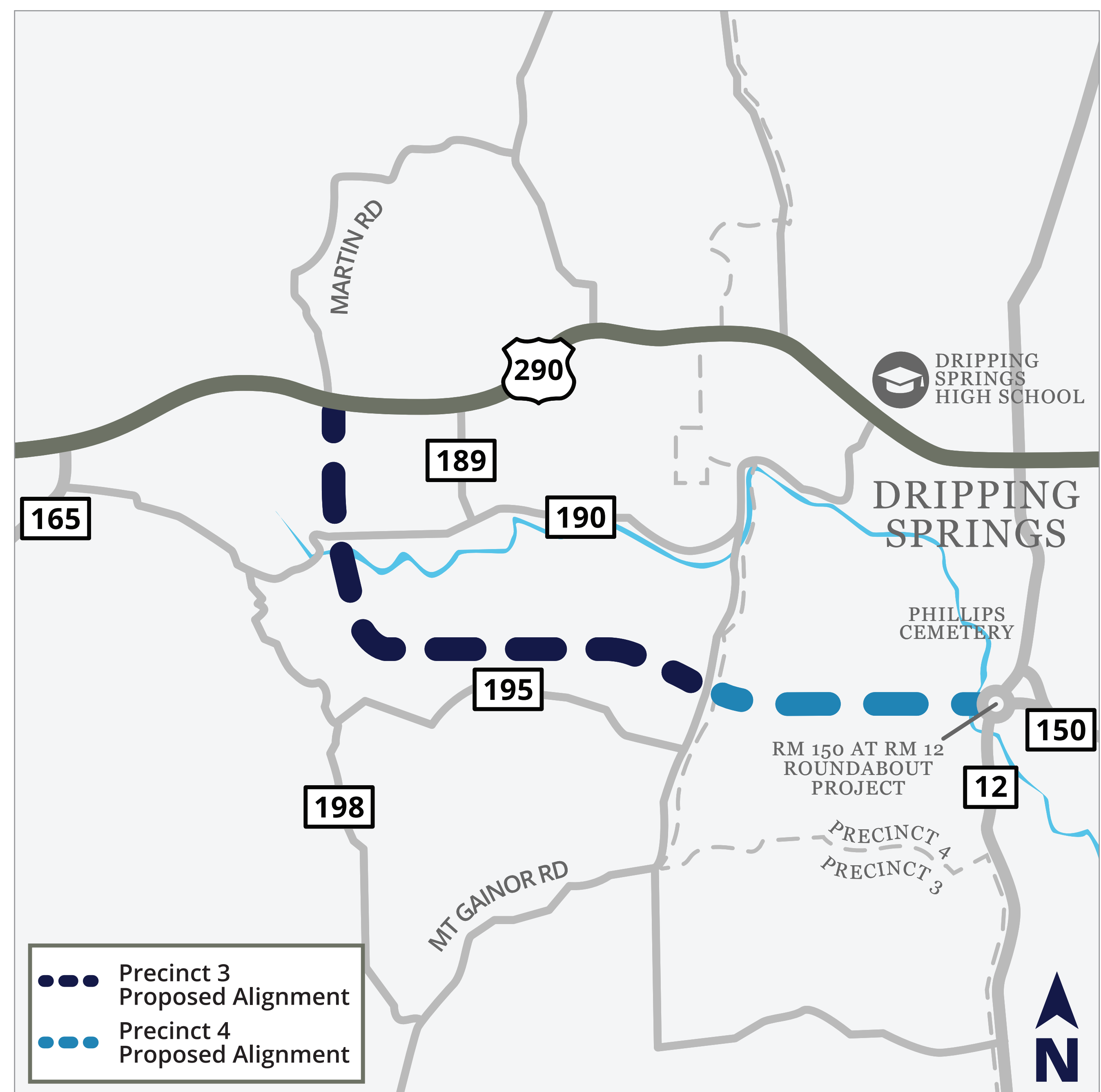
Recommended route is identified, and preliminary engineering plans are completed.

2025

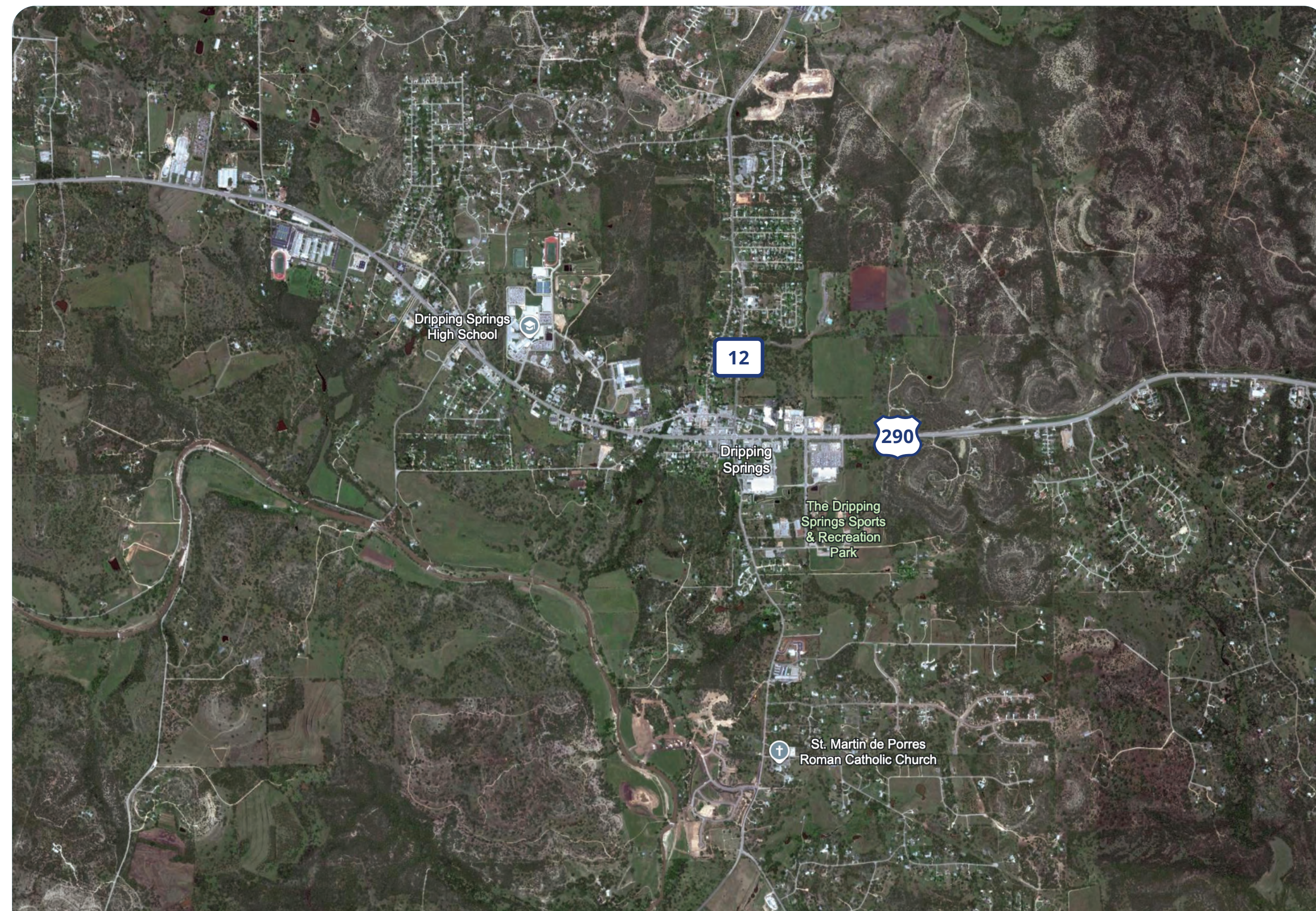
Funding for additional studies secured through Certificate of Obligations (COs).

2026

Additional planning and design continue based on the recommended route

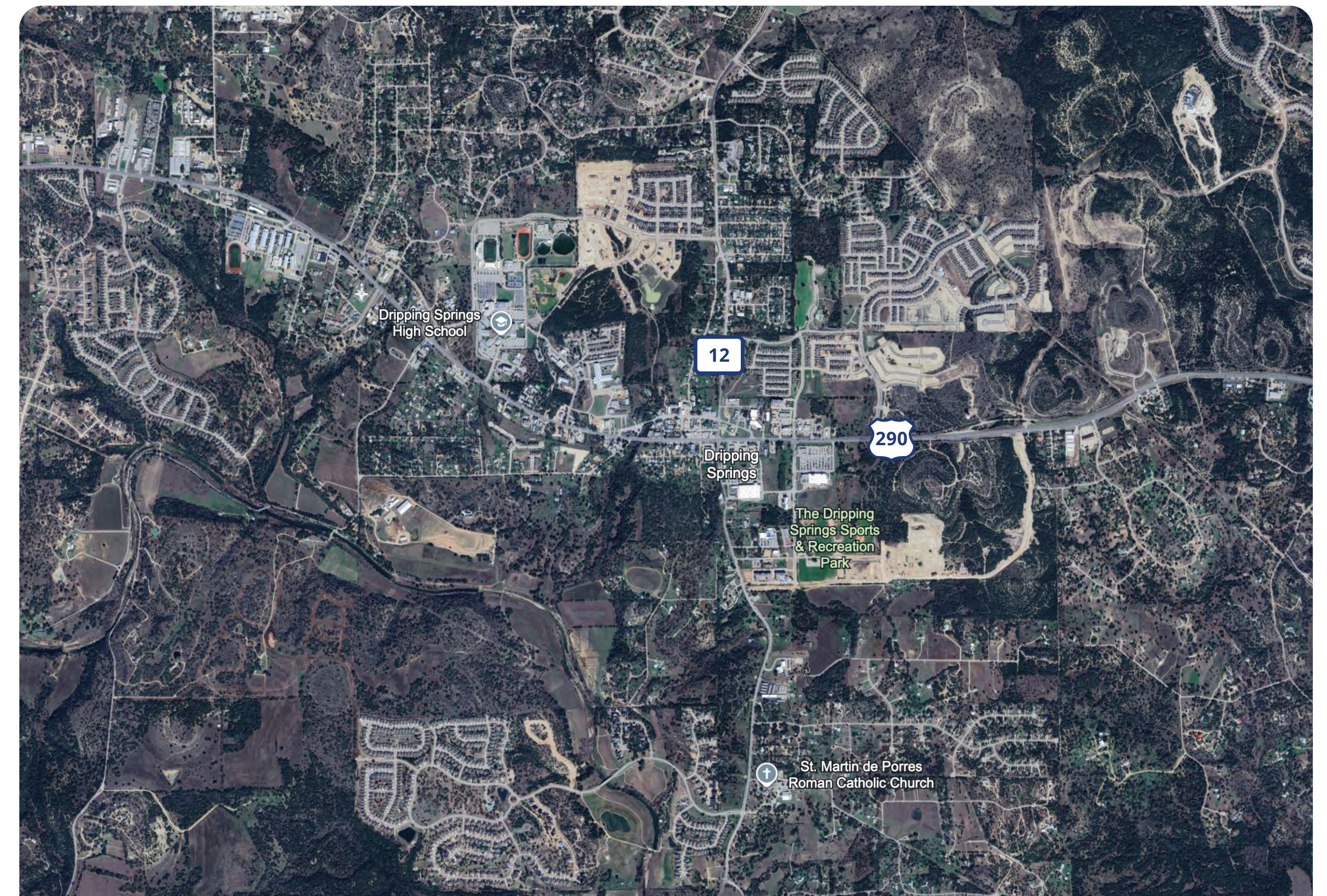
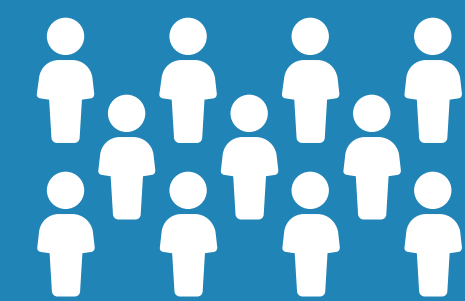


Population Growth



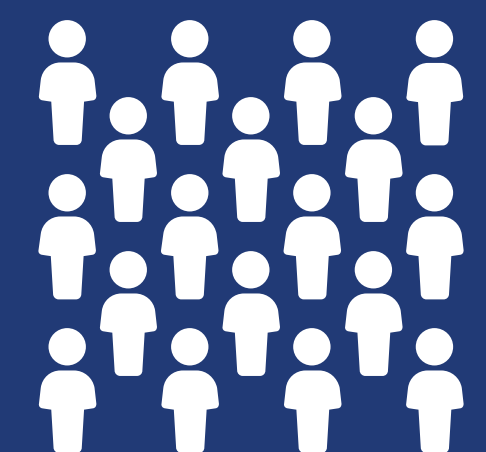
2016

204,345



2025

304,390



Previous Engagement

Beginning in 2020, Hays County initiated outreach with stakeholders, property owners, and community members in the project area to inform project development. As the project moves forward, continued engagement and coordination help ensure the community remains informed and involved.



OPEN HOUSES

2021 Spring

2022 Spring



PROPERTY OWNERS & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

40+ Meetings Held

150+ Property Owners and Stakeholders

6 Citizens Advisory Panel Meetings

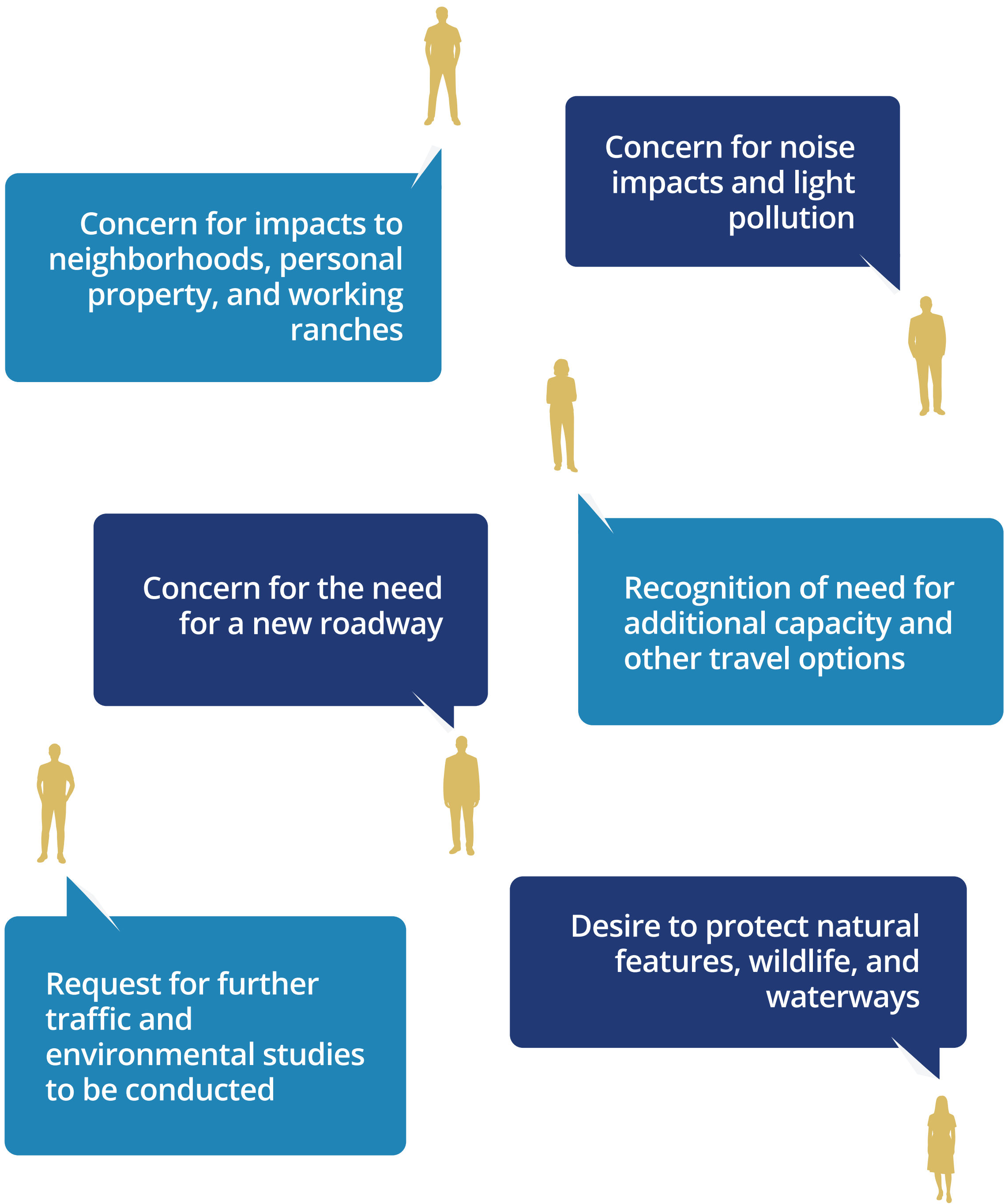


COMMENTS

700+ Comments Received



What We Heard



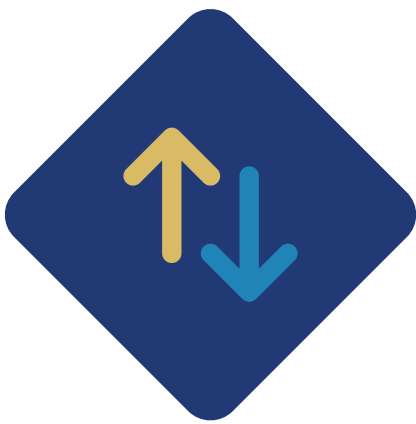
Timeline & Next Steps

Current Activities Funded by COs



Future Activities

RIGHT OF WAY



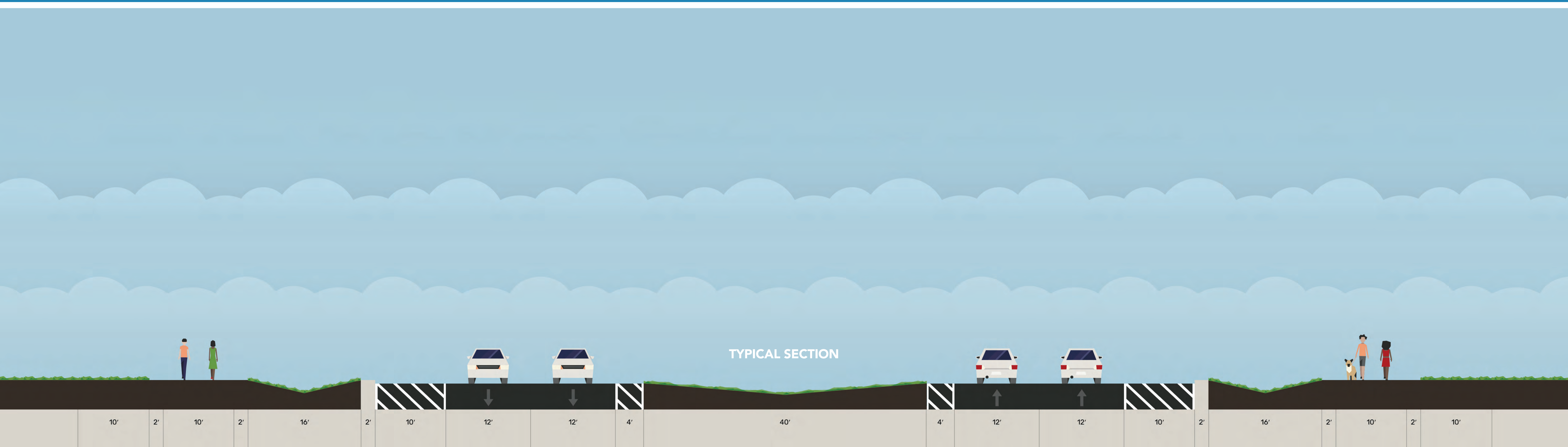
Due to the new roadway alignment, this project will require additional right-of-way. The County will continue to coordinate with property owners as the design progresses. Additional funding would be needed to acquire the right of way.



CONSTRUCTION

As the project advances, the County will establish a construction timeline including ongoing coordination with community members and property owners. The project may be constructed in phases with the interim construction consisting of two lanes (one lane in each direction) and the ultimate four lane being constructed when needed. Additional funding is necessary for construction.

Southwest Connection



ANTICIPATED RIGHT OF WAY WIDTH: 200 FT*

Project Overview

The Dripping Springs Southwest Connection aims to improve safety, connectivity, and mobility while addressing current and future travel needs as the region continues to grow. The County is committed to ensuring the roadway system can support growing traffic volumes and meet the needs of travelers in the area.

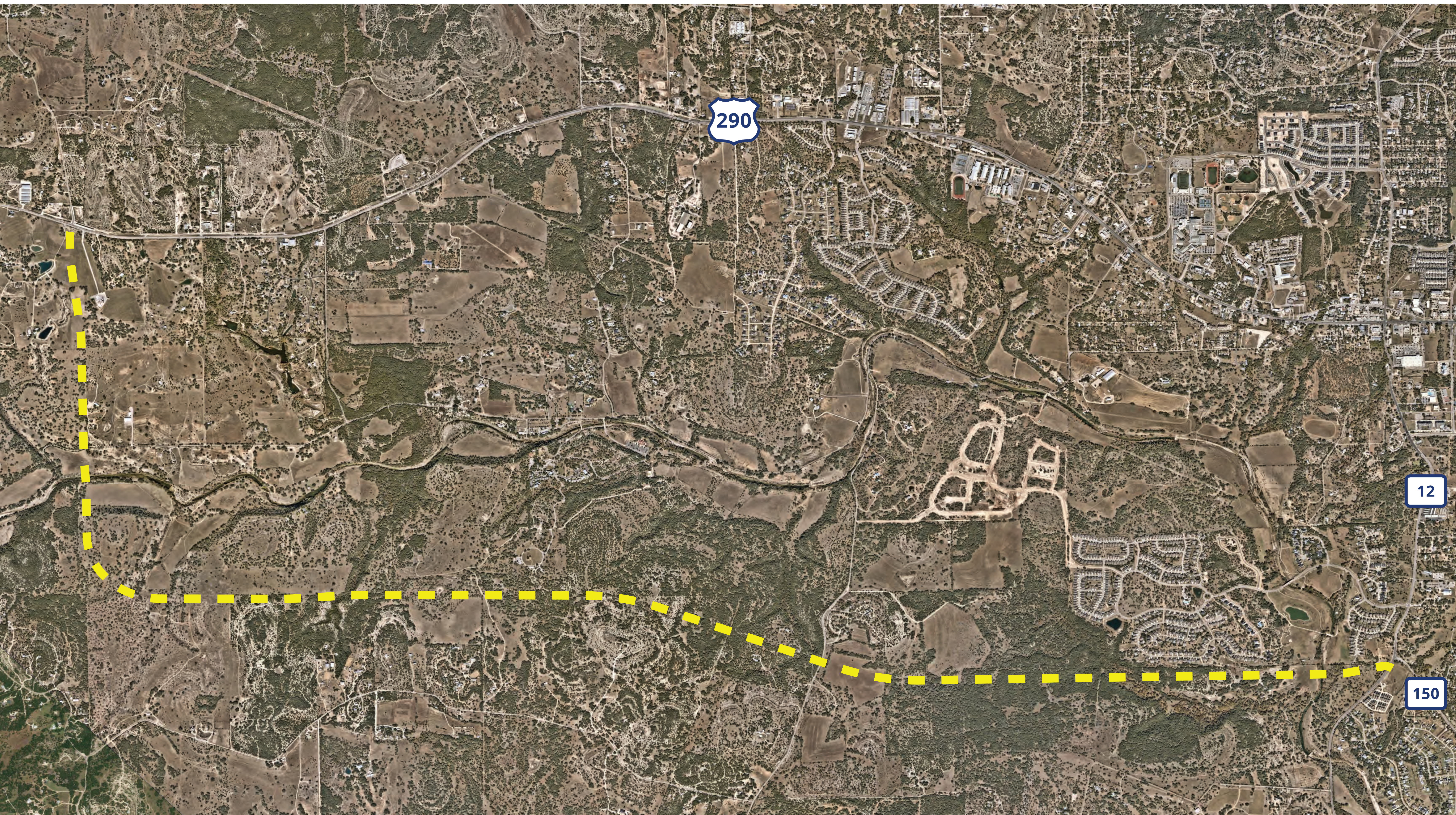
* There may be areas that require additional right of way for drainage and water quality or topography needs.

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

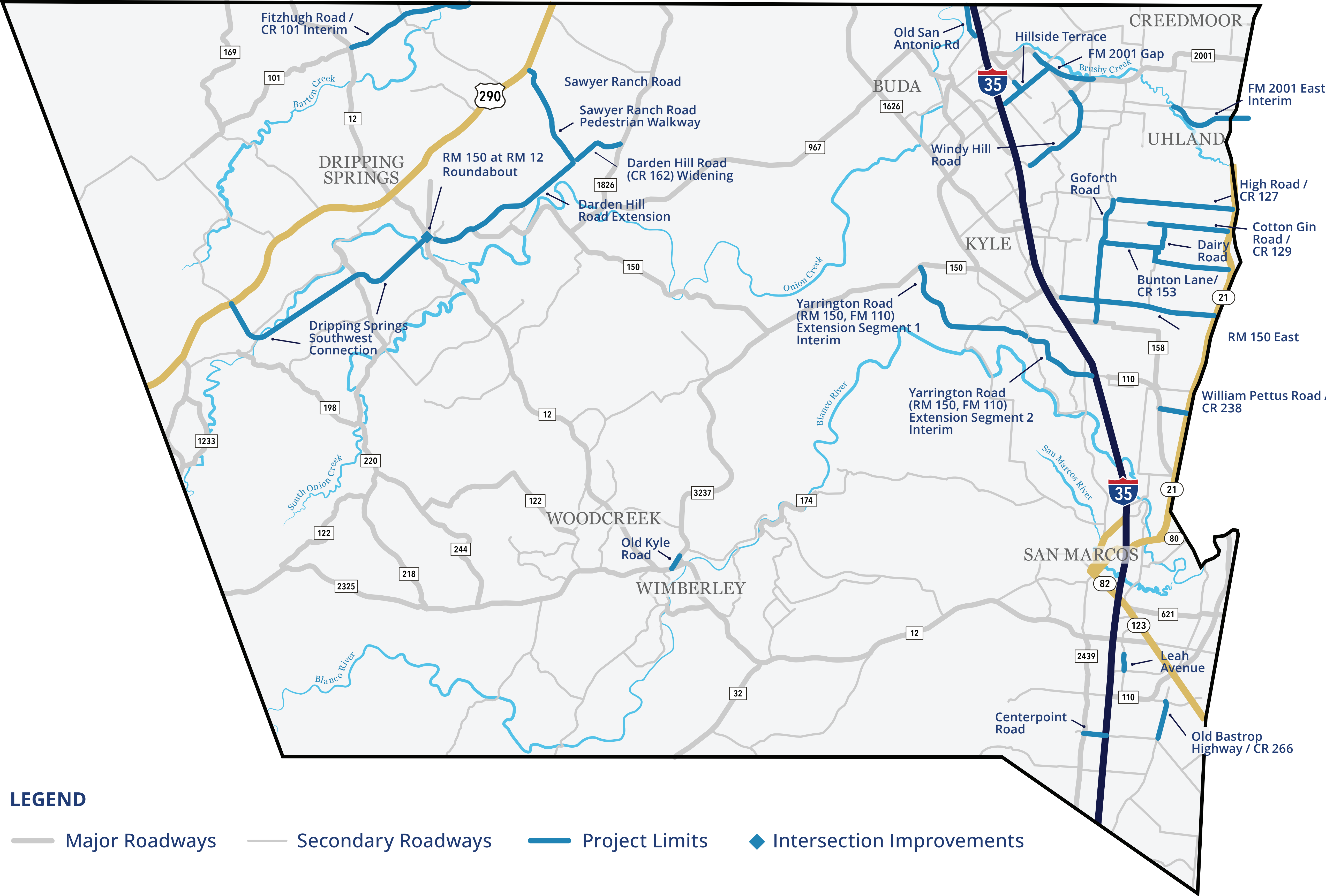


- Two lanes in each direction with a median
- Shoulders on both sides of the roadway
- Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations
- Water quality protection features

Recommended Route



Road Improvement Projects



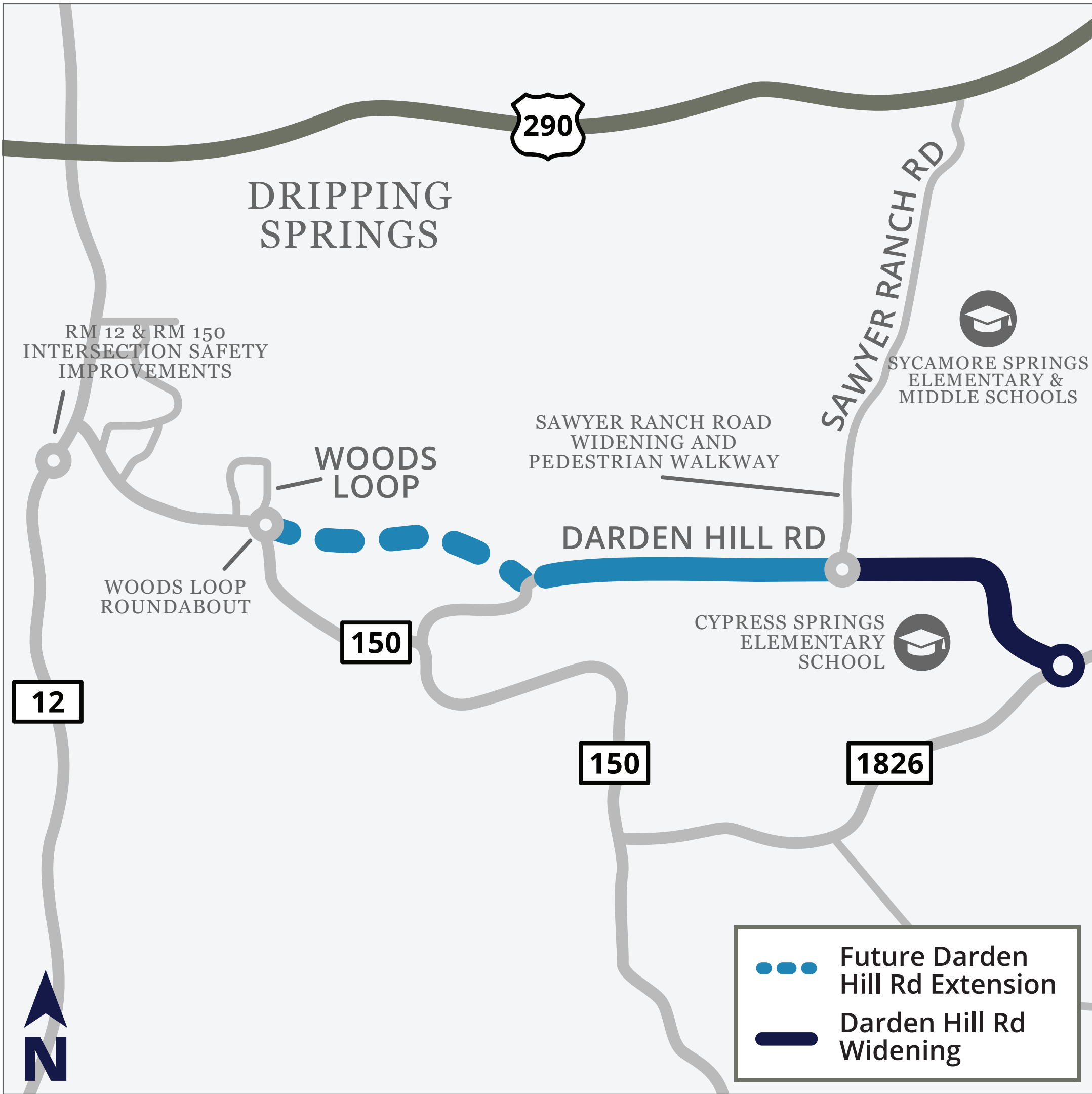
Darden Hill Road Widening

The widening project includes expanding Darden Hill Road from RM 1826 to east of Sawyer Ranch Road and adding a roundabout at the intersection of Darden Hill and RM 1826.

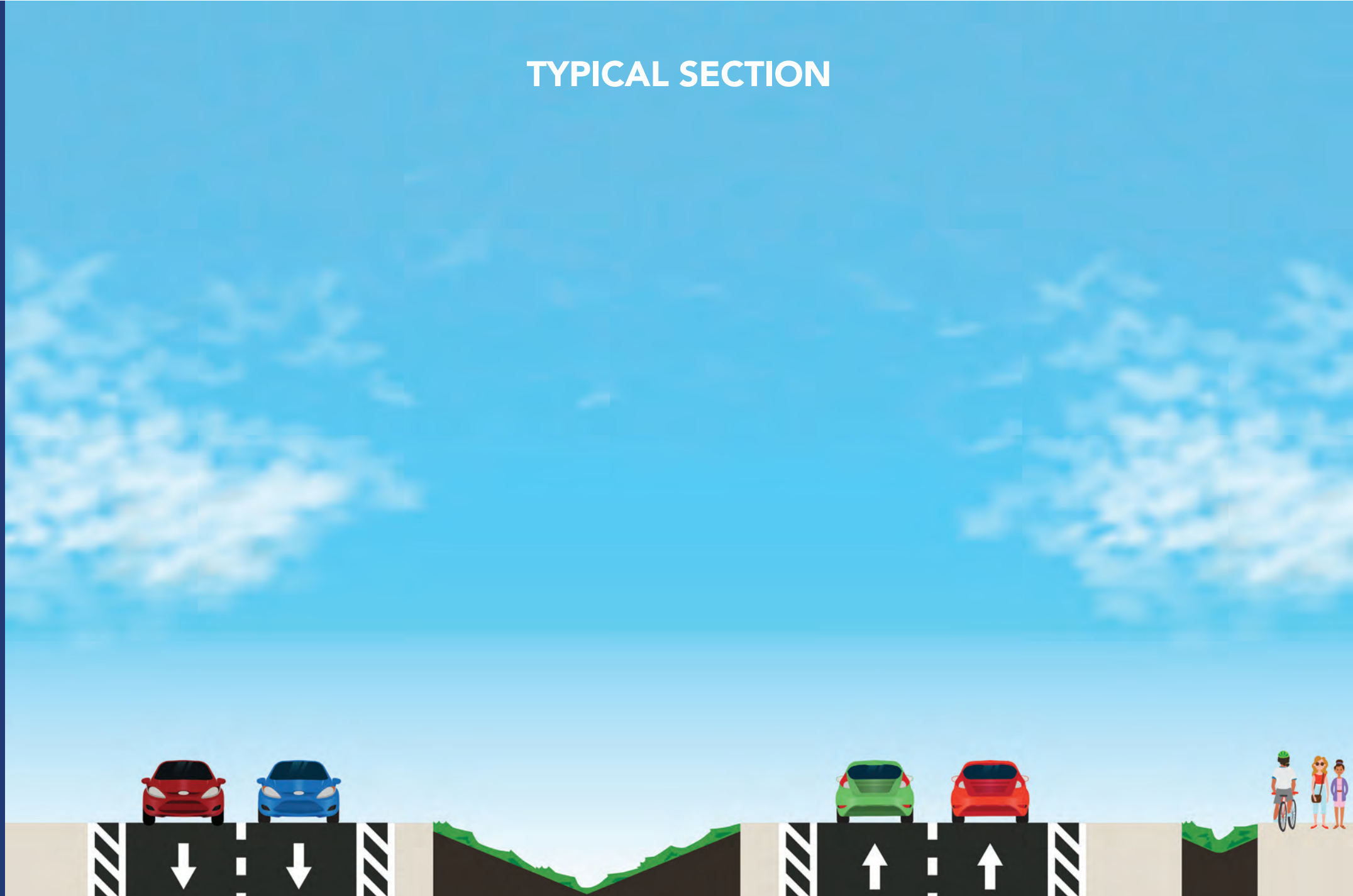
PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

Widen the existing roadway to include:

- ✓ Two lanes in each direction separated by a median
- ✓ Shoulders on both sides of the roadway
- ✓ A shared-use path on the south side of the roadway
- ✓ Roundabout at Darden Hill and RM 1826



Anticipated Timeline



Darden Hill Road Extension

The extension project includes design to extend the widened road from east of Sawyer Ranch Road and for a new extension to connect near Woods Loop and eventually tie into planned improvements at RM 150 and RM 12. These improvements will create a more direct and efficient connection between RM 1826 and RM 12. This segment is funded for design, right-of-way acquisition, utility coordination, and construction.

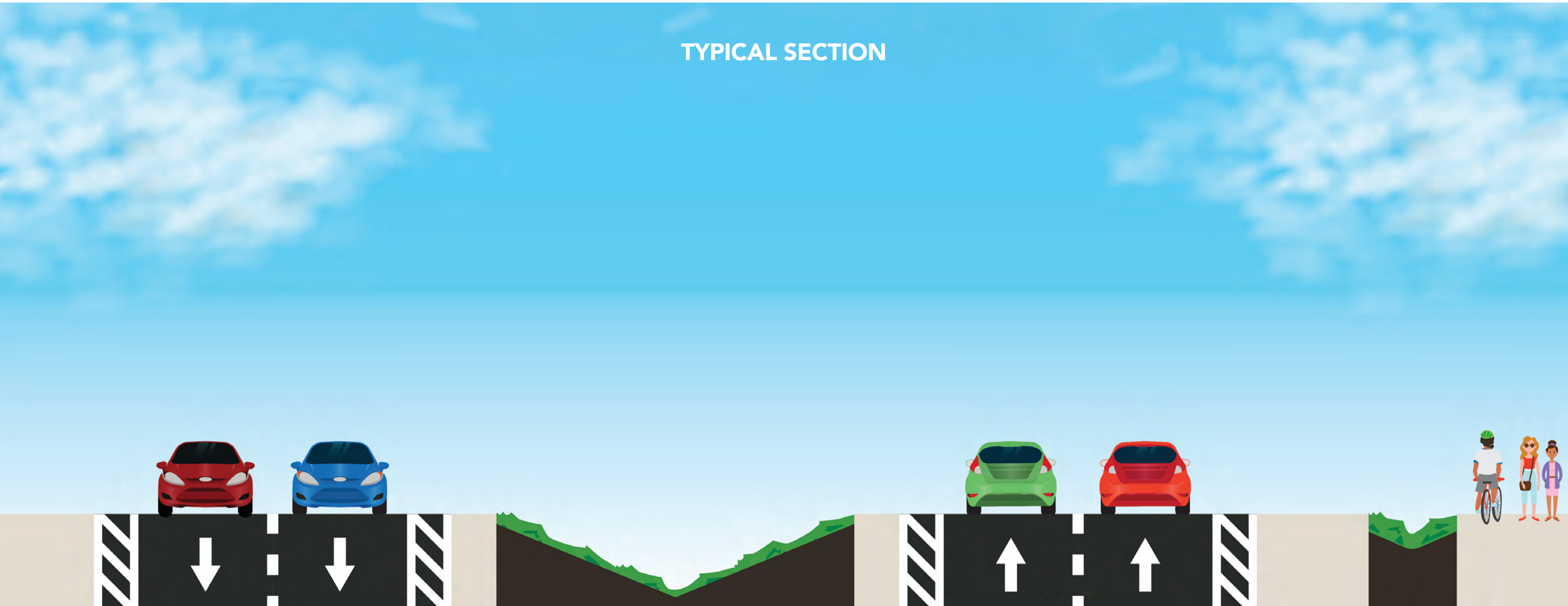
PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

Widen the existing roadway and extend it to include:

- Two lanes in each direction separated by a median
- Shoulders on both sides of the roadway
- A shared-use path on the south side of the roadway



Anticipated Timeline



RM 150 at RM 12 Roundabout

The project will include shifting the existing intersection south to avoid impacts to Phillips Cemetery and align with the Dripping Springs Southwest Connection.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Shifting the intersection to the south to avoid impacts to Phillips Cemetery and align with the planned Dripping Springs Southwest Connection.
- Building a two-lane roundabout that will be striped for one lane until the second lane is needed.



Anticipated Timeline



ROUNDAABOUT RENDERING AT RM 150 AND RM 3237

Comments and Questions

Submit comments and questions by Thursday, August 20, 2026 for inclusion in the open house record.



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