



Shepherd and Durham Drives From I-610 to I-10



January 14, 2021



Welcome to the Public Hearing

The Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority (MHRA), City of Houston, and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcome you to the public hearing for the proposed reconstruction of Shepherd and Durham Drives from I-610 to I-10. The purpose of this virtual public hearing is to afford the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed project.

This public hearing is being conducted virtually. You are invited to view the narrated presentation, exhibit boards, and the schematics showing the proposed improvements.

Public comments are encouraged at any time during the project development process.

Project Summary

Project Location:

Harris County

Project Length:

Approximately 2.4 miles

Project Limits:

I-610 to I-10

Estimated Construction Cost:

\$115 Million

Anticipated Construction Dates:

Phase I—Fall 2021 to 2025

Phase II—Winter 2023 to 2026

Project Reference Number:

CSJ 0912-72-607

Right-of-Way Required:

0.046 Acres

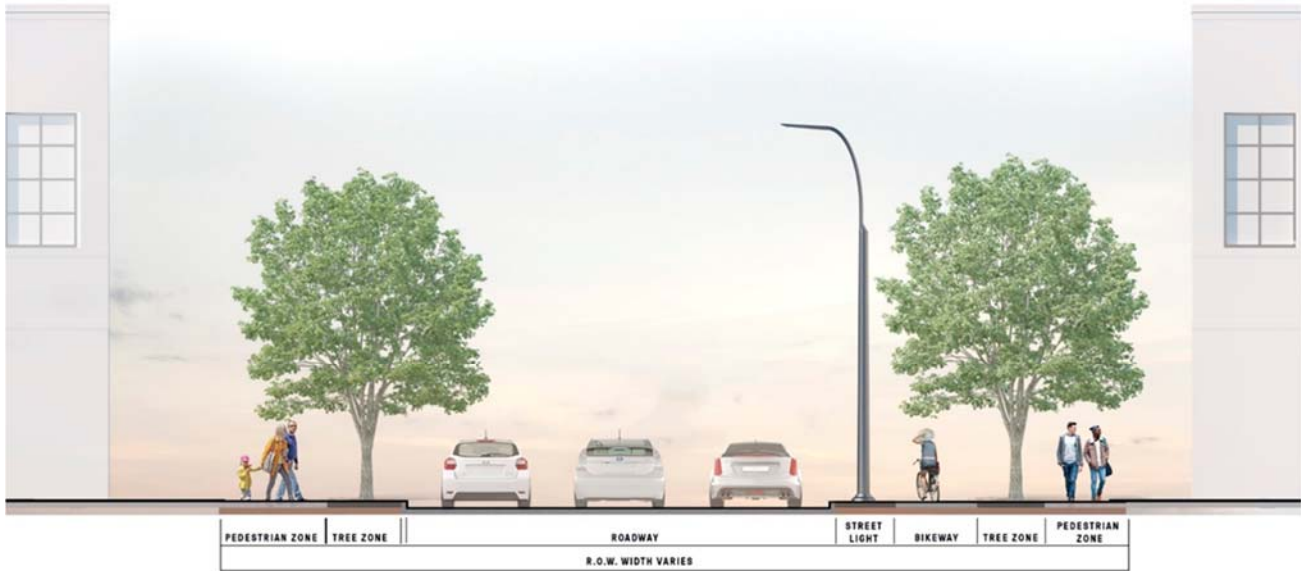
Potential Displacements:

None

Proposed Project Description

The proposed project would reduce the number of through lanes from four to three and install pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the form of six to ten-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Shepherd and Durham Drives and bike lanes on the east sides of both Shepherd and Durham Drives. Work on the connecting streets would also include sidewalks. Sanitary and water lines would be replaced and upgraded. Improvements to traffic signals, landscaping, crosswalk striping, and storm-water utilities would also be part of the project. The proposed project would primarily take place within the existing right-of-way on Shepherd and Durham Drives, and within the connecting cross streets. The project may require minor “corner clips” at West 20th, West 19th, and West 11th to accommodate turning movements and sight-line improvements. The project would be constructed in two phases: Phase I from I-610 to West 15th Street and Phase II from West 15th Street to I-10.

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 Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



Why is this project proposed?

Project Need:

- High crash rate
- Roadway is in serious disrepair/no significant roadway improvements since the 1950s
- Lack of multi-modal and regional access
- Flooding
- Congestion

Project Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to address regional priorities most related to safety, state of good repair, multi-modal access, storm-water mitigation, and congestion relief.

Next Steps

- Consider public comments (Winter 2021)
- Finalize environmental analysis (Winter 2021)
- Document environmental decision (Spring 2021)
- Complete final design (Spring 2021)
- Begin right-of-way acquisition (Spring 2021)
- Construction begins (Fall 2021)

How to Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by reviewing the materials online and submitting comments at any time during the process.

You may submit comments in English or Spanish in the following ways:

- Via U.S. Mail to:
Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority
President
1980 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1380
Houston, TX 77056
- Via email to: Comments@memorialheightstirz5.com
- Via the project website:
memorialheightstirz5.com/projects/shepherd-and-durham-major-investment-project
- Via voice mail at (832) 429-6237

All comments are due by **January 29, 2021** in order to be considered in the official public meeting summary.

Documentation of this Public Hearing will be available online at the above web address approximately three months after the close of the comment period. This Report will contain responses to all comments received by the comment deadline.

Please reference the Project Reference Number, found on the front of this handout, in any communication.