POSEY ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Hays County, Texas

January 2017

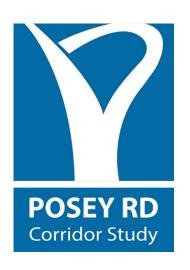




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PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Hays County is studying Posey Road (CR 235) from Hunter Road (FM 2439) to Old Bastrop Highway (CR 266) with a possible extension to SH 123. Below is a summary and analysis of the public open house meeting that was conducted for Posey Road Corridor Study on January 19, 2017.

Recent growth in the area has made Posey Road a major east-west route for travelers. This growth is expected to continue with several residential and commercial developments underway in the area. This study will make corridor recommendations intended to enhance safety and improve mobility for all travelers using Posey Road.

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Baptist Church

325 W. McCarty Lane San Marcos, Texas 78666

The public meeting was conducted in an open house format and no formal presentation was given. Attendees were able to come and go at their convenience to view exhibits and speak with project team members.



Public Meeting-January 19

Seventy-nine community members signed in at this meeting including eight project team members and Hays County staff.





Public Meeting-January 19

PUBLIC NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING

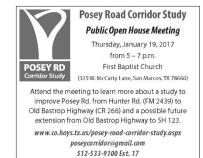
Published Notifications:

Meeting notices were placed in the following papers:

- San Marcos Daily Record on December 22, 2016 and January 8, 2017.
- El Mundo Newspaper (Spanish) on January 5 and 12, 2017

Media Release: A media release was sent to media contacts on January 13, 2017 to promote the public meeting.

Postcards: Postcards with meeting details and project information were mailed to 260 property owners and businesses along the project limits on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

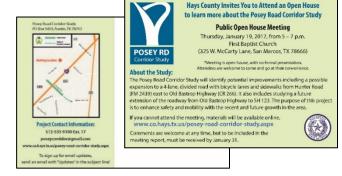


Open House Notice in San Marcos Daily Record

Emails: Email addresses were collected from all those interested in receiving project updates and added to the study mailing list. A meeting notice was emailed to this mailing list of 170 people on January 11, 2017.

Phone Outreach: Project team members reached out to 10 additional business and offices along the project limits by phone to share meeting and project information and to collect email addresses.

Signage: The project team placed 15 signs in various locations along and near the project limits from January 13, 2017 to January 19, 2017 with meeting details and contact information.

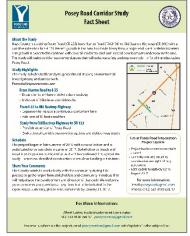


Front and Back of Postcard

MEETING MATERIALS

Attendees were asked to sign in at the registration table as they entered the meeting and were provided with project fact sheets and comment cards.

Large presentation boards of the project details, timeline, environmental constraints, and the Hays County Transportation Plan Map were displayed on easels. A rollout of the project schematic was displayed on tables for attendees to view. Project team members were available to visit with attendees and answer questions at each exhibit.

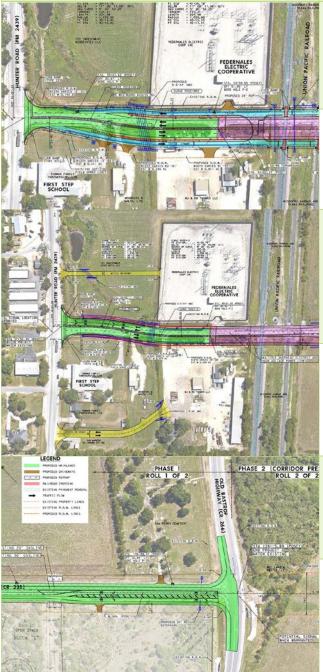


Public Meeting Fact Sheet

MAPPED COMMENTS

Meeting attendees were given the opportunity to leave location-specific comments on roll-out maps of the corridor. Five mapped comments were received at the meeting and are shown below with the associated map section.





Comments & Responses

Comment – Signal at Posey & Hunter.

Comment – Intersection of Posey/Hunter in need of a signal light for safety. Too many people run stop sign.

Response – A traffic study is underway and this intersection is currently being analyzed for possible signalization.

Comment – Personally prefer bridge option A for railroad removing grade level access to railroad ROW.

Comment – I like this because the increased land value added by frontage roads doesn't seem to justify the cost. Access for the Gilbert tract is still pretty good.

Response – Comments have been noted and will be considered as the study moves forward.

Comment – I like the improvements. Would recommend 3 way stop Posey & Old Bastrop.

Response – A traffic study is underway and this intersection is currently being analyzed. Recommendations will consider safety and maintaining an acceptable level of service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

All comments were postmarked or received by January 31, 2017 and are included in this report. An email reminder of the official comment period was sent to the project distribution list on Thursday, January 26 to 182 recipients and on Monday, January 30 to 181 recipients.

One written comment and five emailed comments were received.

Steven Knight – Please consider a roundabout at the Coffee and Posey Road Intersection. What allowances are being made for city bus stops along this route that will soon be in city limits? I noticed no mention of 2 streets planned by the city to intersect from the north. Ignoring the city master plan doesn't make it go away.

Response – Thank you for your comments and interest in the Posey Road Corridor Study. Analysis of the Coffee Drive and Posey Road intersection is included in the Study. Initial results of the analysis indicate the intersection can operate at an acceptable Level of Service (LOS) with the anticipated future traffic volume as a conventional intersection. While a roundabout could also provide an acceptable level of service, it would also require additional right-of-way to construct. The Posey Road proposed traffic lane widths and turning radii at the intersections will accommodate the city bus design vehicle. The study team is consulting the City's master plan and has been coordinating with the City of San Marcos.

Josh Gary – I live on Hunter Ridge Road. I have only one concern with the Posey road Corridor project. If this project does come to fruition and Posey Road is widened. My concern is with the Posey road and Hunter road intersection. For those of us on Hunter Ridge Road, turning north onto Hunter Road has become quite risky at times since the three way stop was installed at the Posey and Hunter road intersection. I can see in the future especially if the corridor project is approved that there will ultimately be a red light installed at Posey Road and Hunter Road. This will no doubt backup traffic (especially the gravel trucks) heavily making it pretty much impossible for us on Hunter Ridge Road to turn north onto Hunter Road. It would be great if this potential issue can be taken into consideration for the Posey Corridor project. Thank you for the opportunity to leave a comment.

Response – Thank you for your comments and interest in the Posey Road Corridor Study. The County understands the need and we have had TxDOT do a signal warrant study of the intersection. The existing condition of the intersection does not meet signal warrant, but if the improvements that were proposed in the study were to be built, signalization would likely be warranted and necessary.

Mary Gerard Lenihan – To The Posey Road Corridor Team: I, Mary Lenihan, represent the owner of the 85 acres with frontage on the east side of IH-35, also with frontage on Old Bastrop Highway, just south of Posey Road. The north border of the 85 acre property borders the southern border of the 420 acre Trace development by Highpointe Communities. The southern border of the 85 acre property borders the northern border of Las Colinas San Marcos Phase I LLC. We strongly feel that the upgrades TXDOT has planned for the Posey Road overpass are extremely needed upgrades and will be a great service to the community with the current and future growth in the area. It will definitely be safer and less congested. The Posey Road potential improvements that are being presented by the Posey Road Corridor Study are an excellent way to provide the infrastructure to serve the community at large, and will provide a much better experience traveling in these areas, if implemented. We

appreciate the forward thinking of TXDOT and The Posey Road Corridor Team getting ahead of the curve to handle the current and future growth and traffic patterns.

Response – Thank you for your comments and interest in the Posey Road Corridor Study. Your support for the study and approach is appreciated.

CK Cheng – Dear Posey Road Corridor Team: My name is Chean-Kung Cheng, manager of TSY Investment Associates LLC who owns the tract (ID R19080) at corner of Posey Road and Hunter Road, would like to submit my comment to you as stated in the following. For road safety consideration and there is no other foreseeing reason that the4 lane road improvement study has no needs to make the road a curve near Hunter Road. The study for the road improvement should consider to build the road a continuous straight lane to Hunter Road after pass the Railroad track when drive on Posey Road toward Hunter Road.

Response – Thank you for your comments and interest in the Posey Road Corridor Study. The Posey Road improvements are designed to improve safety while reducing the impacts to all property owners along the alignment. The roadway alignment curves to avoid the spray limits of the school's existing septic field on the south side of Posey Road. This was accomplished by designing flat curves on the alignment. In addition, the posted speed limit for the Posey Road approach to the Hunter Road is low speed (25 mph) and all traffic approaching Hunter Road from Posey Road will need to slow down, if not stop, because this is a T-intersection.

Ryan Harrell – Hello, With the addition of the highway upgrades and the upcoming TRACE project, is zoning going to remain Hays county or is San Marcos city expanding its zoning to incorporate this area? If so, what does that mean for current residents? Additionally, are you adding city sewer lines to allow converting our existing septic systems? If you are going to upgrade the area anyway, I'm formally requesting running sewer lines. On the same subject, are cable TV lines getting upgraded? Currently only low-speed DSL is offered. Would formally request this too if while you are digging up the streets. Below: City is shaded and the rest is the county per Google Maps.



Response – Thank you for your comments and interest in the Posey Road Corridor Study. Your zoning and utilities concerns will be shared with the City of San Marcos. Hays County does not possess zoning authority, currently only the frontage road on I-35 is zoned as light industrial according to the city of San Marcos' maps. The City is planning on extending utilities at some point in the future but no definite date or funding has been identified. The County does not fund the installation of private internet and cable lines. We do coordinate with different service providers and can coordinate construction schedules with them.

Reagan Dickerson – I believe that the projects that TXDOT has planned for Posey Road and the Posey Road overpass will have a very positive effect on area traffic safety and flow. Another set of positive steps is the planned changing of the access roads to one-way traffic along with the swapping of the entrance and exit ramps between York Creek Road and Posey Road. These planned changes will be instrumental in relieving some of the congestion around some of the northbound exits near the outlet malls; thereby creating a much safer and efficient flow of traffic for the area. It is a very positive thing to see TXDOT planning ahead with our county commissioners and officials to address the impact of our explosive area growth.

Response – Thank you for your comments and interest in the Posey Road Corridor Study. Your support for the study and approach is appreciated.



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January City Hall

(Meetings listed below are subject to change. Please check with the City Clerk's office for official postings)

Monday, January 2

City offices closed for New Year's Day holiday.

Tuesday, January 3

City Council, 4:30 p.m. Executive Session, 5:30 p.m. Regular Session, Council Chambers, City Hall, 630 E. Hopkins. (Televised live on Time Warner Ch. 10 and Grande Ch. 16 or 123-16 and video streamed).

Historic Preservation Commission, 5:45 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 630 E. Hopkins.

Saturday, January 7

Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., San Antonio Street on south side of the courthouse. Fresh produce, arts and crafts every Saturday downtown.

Monday, January 9

Tuesday, January 17

City Council, 4 p.m. Proclamations, 5 p.m. Regular Session, Council Chambers, City Hall, 630 E. Hopkins. (Televised live on Time Warner Ch. 10 and Grande Ch. 16 or 123-16 and video streamed).

Wednesday, January 18

CVB Advisory Board, 11:30 a.m., Grin's Restaurant, 802 N LBJ Drive

Main Street Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Main Street Program Office, 317 N LBJ Drive.

Arts Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Grant Harris, Jr. Building, 401 E. Hopkins.

Neighborhood Commission, 6:15 p.m., City Hall conferom, 630 E. Hopkins

Think Tank Meeting, 6 p.m., location TBD

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Posey Road Corridor Study Public Open House Meeting

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Attend the meeting to learn more about a study to improve Posev Rd. from Hunter Rd. (FM 2439) to Old Bastrop Highway (CR 266) and a possible future extension from Old Bastrop Highway to SH 123.

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Death sentences decline sharply

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early 19/0s and a further sign of the steady decline in use of the death penalty. The number is a sharp drop from the 49 death sentences last year and just a fraction of the peak of 315 in 1996, according to a report from the Death Penalty Informa-tion Centes, a nonprofit organization that opposes capital punishment and tracks the issue.

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"I think we are watching a major political climate change concerning capital punishment and it's reflected among reduced death sentences across the country," said Robert Dunham, the group's executive director. The growing reluctance of juries to sentence defendants to death is one of several factors contributing to the overall drop in executions. Twenty people were executed this year, the fewest since 1991, when 14 people were put to death. The high-water mark was in 1999, when there were 98 executions.

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Other factors leading to a drop in executions include shortages of the drugs needed
to carry out lethal injection and more
robust legal challenges by defendants in

capital cases.

About half of Americans still support the Center poll earlier this year, but that is the lowest level in more than four decades. lowest (evel in more than four decades. Public support for capital punishment peaked in the mid-1990s, when 80 percent of Americans favored it. Yet the issue still causes deep divisions. Voters in California and Nebraska declined to abolish the death penalty in their states

when they considered referendums last month. And states like Ohio and Oklaho-ma that have halted executions over prob-lems with lethal injection drugs are trying

to figure out how to resume. Capital punishment remains legal in 31

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Only five states conducted executions this year, the fewest number of states to do so since 1983. Georgia led the way with nine, followed by Texas with seven, two in Alabama and one each in Missouri and Florida. And just five states sentenced more than one person to death in 2016. California imposed nine death sentences, followed by five in Ohio, four in Texas, three in Alabama and two in Florida. But California hasn't executed any of the 741 inmates on its death own since 2005 due to legal challenges over its lethal injection method.
"As fewer states use the death penalty and as it's used more sparingly in the states that do, we can expect long-term numbers to remain low and perhaps continue to drop," Dunham sald.
Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer last week renewed his call for the high court to consider whether the death penalty is unconstitutional. Breyer dissented from the court's refusal to take up a Florida death row immates appeal. He sald defendants who face death sentences are not society's worst criminals but are 'chosen at random, on the basis, perhaps of geography, perhaps of the views of the Individual prosecutors, worst criminals but are chosen at random, on the basis, perhaps of geography, perhaps of order or still worse on the basis of race."

So far, only Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has joined Berger in questioning the constitutionality of the death penalty.



Academy donates bikes to Travis Elementary

A Travis Elementary student (above) sits on his new bike after an assembly at the school. He was one of 30 straight "A" students randomly chose wto receive a new bicycle donated to the school by the local Academy Sports and Outdoors store. Below, other students at the assemb DAILY RECORD PHOTOS BY RUSSELL WILDE





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Hays County Invites You to Attend an Open House to learn more about the Posey Road Corridor Study

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*Meeting is open house, with no formal presentation.

Attendees are welcome to come and go at their convenience.

Project Information:

The Posey Road Corridor Study will identify potential improvements including a possible expansion to a 4-lane, divided road with bicycle lanes and sidewalks from Hunter Road (FM 2439) east to Old Bastrop Highway (CR 266). It also includes studying a future extension of the roadway from Old Bastrop Highway to SH 123. The purpose of this project is to enhance safety and mobility with the recent and future growth in the area.

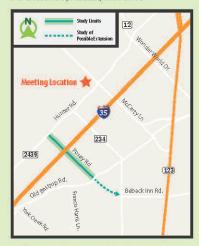
If you cannot attend the meeting, materials will be available online.

www.co.hays.tx.us/needADD

Comments are welcome at any time, but to be included in the meeting report, must be received by January 31.



Posey Road Corridor Study PO Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763



Project Contact Information:

512-533-9100 Ext. 17 Email: poseycorridor@gmail.com Web: www.co.hays.tx.us/needADD

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Information for the News Media January 13, 2017

COUNTY HOLDING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETING JAN. 19th FOR POSEY ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX – The County is looking forward to holding a public meeting to share information on the Posey Road Corridor Study and collect input from the community. The area around Posey Road has experienced recent growth. Commissioner Will Conley states, "With many residential and commercial developments under construction and planned in the area, growth is going to continue. We want to work now to be prepared for this growth and ensure we can maintain the quality of life we all enjoy here in Hays County."

The County is conducting a study to be prepared to accommodate current and projected traffic in the area and enhance safety. This study will identify roadway improvements from Hunter Road to Old Bastrop Highway (CR 266) and a review of a possible future extension from Old Bastrop Highway to SH 123. The study is anticipated to be complete by summer of 2017 and is being funded by Hays County.

Study Highlights from Hunter Road to Old Bastrop Highway Study

- Traffic analysis, geotechnical studies, and environmental investigations
- Survey work
- Evaluation of expansion anticipated to be a future 4-lane divided urban roadway section with bike lanes and sidewalks
- Development of a preliminary schematic for interim and long term projects

Study Highlights from Old Bastrop Highway to SH 123 Study

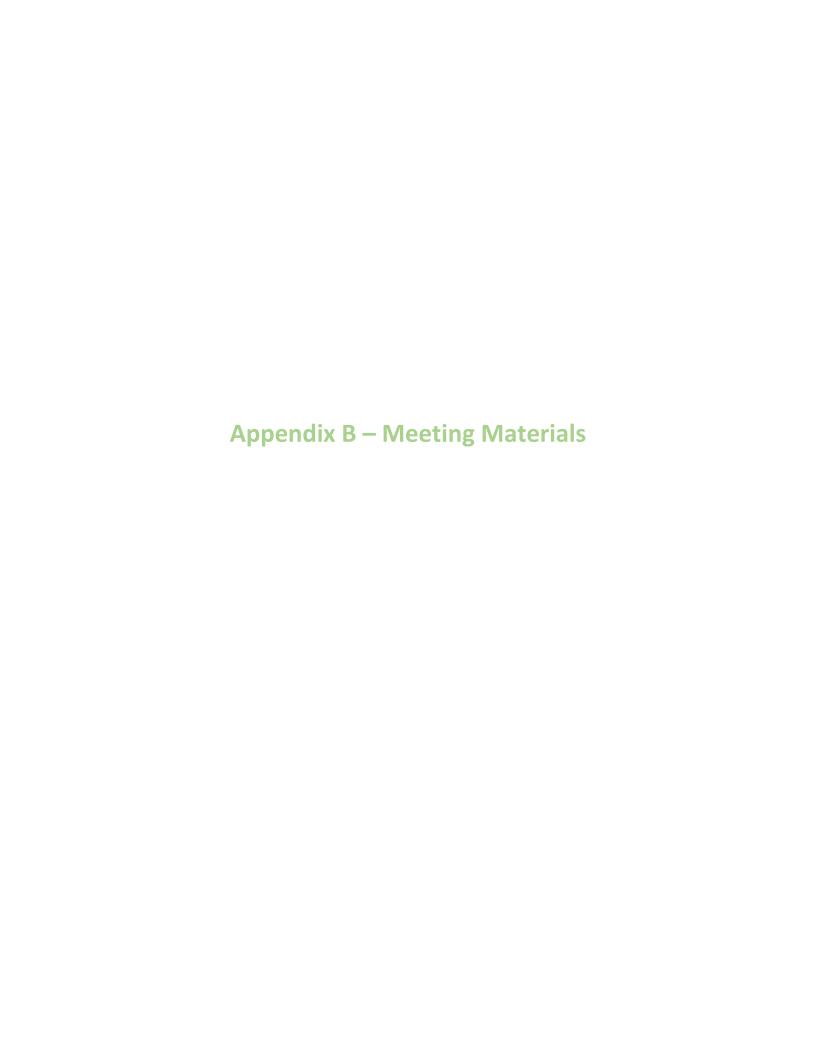
- Possible extension of Posev Road
- Evaluation of corridor preservation options and right-of-way needs

Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe reports "We are looking forward to hearing what the community thinks about this study. We know by working together we can create a great project for the area." Stakeholders and community input will help shape the development and direction of the study. At the public meeting, the team will share a preliminary schematic, background information, an overview of the study, and collect input from stakeholders.

Posey Road Corridor Study Public Open House Meeting:

Thursday, January 19, 2017, from 5 – 7 p.m. First Baptist Church (325 W. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, TX 78666) *Meeting is a come and go open house format

For those unable to attend the public meeting, materials will be posted to the project website. Comments and questions will be accepted after the meeting. For project information, please visit https://www.co.hays.tx.us/posey-road-corridor-study.aspx or posey-road-corridor-study.aspx or <a





Posey Road Corridor Study Fact Sheet



About the Study

Hays County is studying Posey Road (CR 235) from Hunter Road (FM 2439) to Old Bastrop Highway (CR 266) with a possible extension to SH 123. Recent growth in the area has made Posey Road a major east-west route for travelers. This growth is expected to continue with several residential and commercial developments underway in the area. The study will make corridor recommendations that will enhance safety and improve mobility for all travelers using Posey Road.

Study Highlights

The study includes traffic analysis, geotechnical studies, environmental investigations, and survey work.

Potential Improvements are:

From Hunter Road to I-35

- · Expansion to a 4-lane divided urban roadway
- · Inclusion of bike lanes and sidewalks

From I-35 to Old Bastrop Highway

- · Expansion to include a continuous center turn lane
- · Addition of 10 foot shoulders

Study from Old Bastrop Highway to SH 123

- · Possible extension of Posey Road
- · Evaluation of corridor preservation options and right-of-way needs

Schedule

The project began in late summer of 2016 with data collection and is anticipated to be complete in summer 2017. Stakeholder outreach and input is an important consideration and will be continued throughout the study. There is no identified construction schedule or funding at this time.

Share Your Comments

The County wants to work closely with the community during this process to gather input from stakeholders and community members that will help shape the development and direction of the study. We welcome your comments and questions at any time, but to be included in the Open House Summary, please send comments by January 31, 2017.



I-35 at Posey Road Intersection Project Update

- Project has been environmentally cleared
- Currently working on utility coordination and right-of-way acquisition
- Letting date tentatively set for August 2017

For more information:

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For email updates on the project, email poseycorridor@gmail.com with "updates" in the subject line.

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WELCOME PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Purpose:

To share information on the Posey Corridor Study, answer questions, and collect input to help shape the development and direction of the study.

Share Your Comments:

We welcome your comments and questions at any time. Please send any input you may have by January 31, 2017 to be including in the Open House Summary.

- Complete a written comment card and leave with us here at the meeting
- Mail: Posey Corridor Study, P.O. Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763
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PROJECT DETAILS

Due to an increase in recent growth and to enhance safety and mobility, Hays County is studying the Posey Road Corridor for possible improvements

Potential improvement include:

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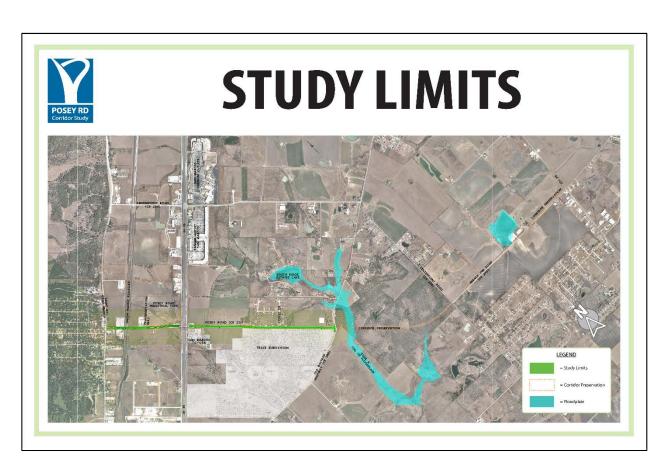
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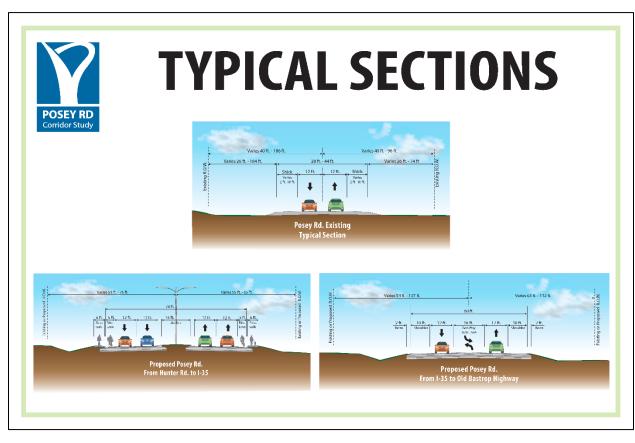
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