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Introduction

The Texas Department of Transportation initiated the East Branch / State Highway 190 corridor study in May 1969 and is processing the project's Environmental Impact Statement. First, the TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division must review and approve a Draft EIS in order to conduct a public hearing. Following the public hearing, a Final EIS will be prepared to recommend a route alternative. 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 the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.

Corridor Updates

- The East Branch/SH 190 transportation study area extends 11 miles between Interstate Highway 30 and I-20. It would connect the proposed Loop 9 in Dallas County to the Eastern Extension of the President George Bush Turnpike.
- The project is part of an outer loop for Dallas County first planned in 1957. In the late 1980s, Dallas County and cities along and near the route conducted a corridor study. In 1994, TxDOT conducted an additional corridor and alignment study that again recommended a route west of Lake Ray Hubbard. In 2000, the North Texas Tollway Authority created a more detailed study to develop the section north of the East Branch/SH 190 project. That section, from SH 78 to I-30, was under construction as the PGBT Eastern Extension. NTTA opened it on Dec. 21, 2011.
- Alignment alternatives, including a no-build option, are now identified for detailed analysis in the Draft EIS.
- TxDOT has conducted three public meetings.
- The Draft EIS remains under preparation and review in anticipation of TxDOT conducting a TxDOT Env-Austin-approved public hearing.
- TxDOT held a public meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 at the Sunnyvale Middle School cafeteria, 216 North Collins Road, Sunnyvale, TX 75182.
- After consultation/coordination with the Town of Sunnyvale, two western alignments were removed and a new alignment west of the lakeside alignment was added.

Project Partners

- TxDOT
- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- NTTA
- Dallas County
- Kaufman County
- Dallas
- Garland
- Mesquite
- Sunnyvale

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