



Public Meeting

Rockwall County Outer Loop Project

From FM 2755 to SH 205
CSJ: 0918-25-027

Rockwall County, Texas
November 9, 2023





HELP #EndTheStreakTX

End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.





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In-Person and Online Virtual Public Meeting



In-Person Public Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2023
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Liberty Hall, Rockwall County Courthouse
1111 E Yellow Jacket Lane #401
Rockwall, Texas 75087

Virtual Public Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to
Friday, November 24, 2023, 11:59 p.m.

<https://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/1234/RCOL-Public-Meeting-2>



The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual meetings.

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Public Meeting Purpose



- Inform the public of the project status and present the project alternative recommended for further study.
- Describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected.
- Offer the public an opportunity to provide input.
- Develop a record of public participation.

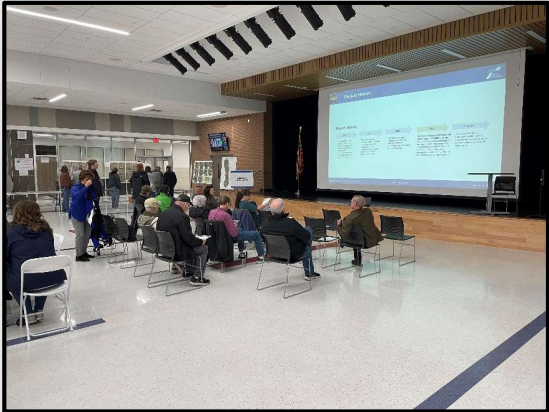


Photo of the Rockwall County Outer Loop In-Person Public Meeting on November 15, 2022.

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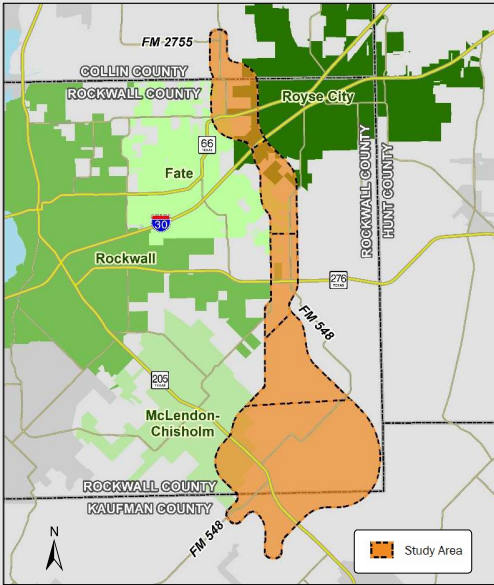
Project Description



Rockwall County Outer Loop

- Project Limits:** From FM 2755 to SH 205
- Project Length:** Approximately 14.4 miles

A feasibility study is being conducted for the Rockwall County Outer Loop, an approximately 14.4-mile-long, new location roadway from FM 2755 to SH 205 in Rockwall County, Texas. The study evaluated alternatives within or near the cities of Fate, Royse City, McLendon-Chisholm, and Rockwall through Rockwall County.



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Project History



2002	2005	2007	2011	2022
Governor Rick Perry directed TxDOT to develop a statewide network of multimodal transportation improvements to meet demands expected in the 21 st Century.	Rockwall County initiated public outreach to develop potential alignments for the Rockwall County portion of an outer loop around Dallas-Fort Worth.	NCTCOG included a regional outer loop in <i>Mobility 2030</i> as a circumferential relief route for the metroplex.	NCTCOG released the Regional Outer Loop Feasibility Study and included studies of corridors on the east side of the region.	Rockwall County, in partnership with TxDOT, have started a new study to refine the Rockwall County Outer Loop. The first public meeting was held in November 2022.

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Regional Outer Loop

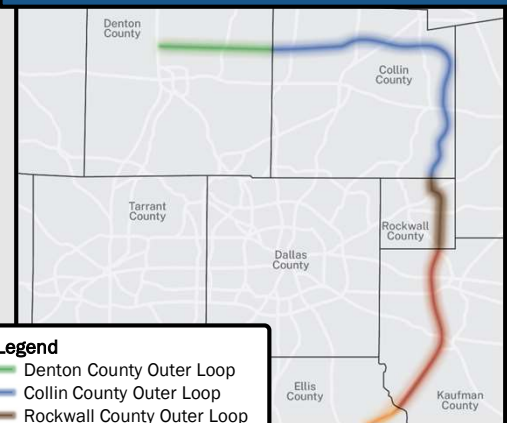
The Rockwall County Outer Loop Project is part of the regional outer loop examined during the 2011 NCTCOG Regional Outer Loop Feasibility Study, spanning 12 counties around the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Denton County Outer Loop Project:
<https://burnsmcd.mysocialpinpoint.com/dentoncountyouterloop/home>

Collin County Outer Loop Project:
<https://www.collincountytx.gov/Services/Engineering/transportation/outer-loop>

Kaufman County Outer Loop Project:
<https://kaufmanouterloop.com>

Eastern Regional Outer Loop



Legend

- Denton County Outer Loop
- Collin County Outer Loop
- Rockwall County Outer Loop
- Kaufman County Outer Loop

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Project Need and Purpose

Need:

The proposed project is needed because there is a lack of north-south connectivity and roadway capacity within Rockwall County to meet local and regional mobility needs and accommodate projected vehicular traffic volume increases on the local roadway network resulting from anticipated development and population growth. A new location roadway is needed within the study area due to the lack of suitable, continuous north-south major arterials.

Purpose:

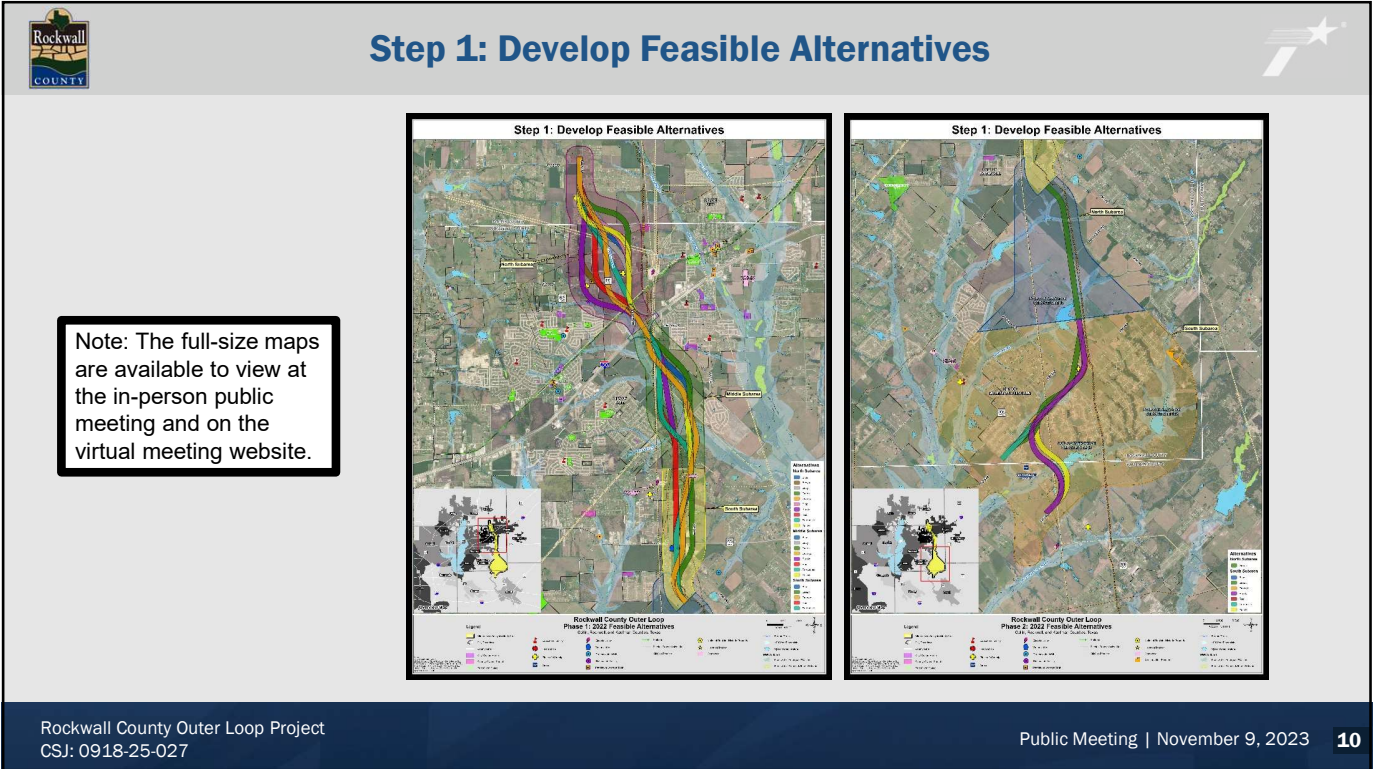
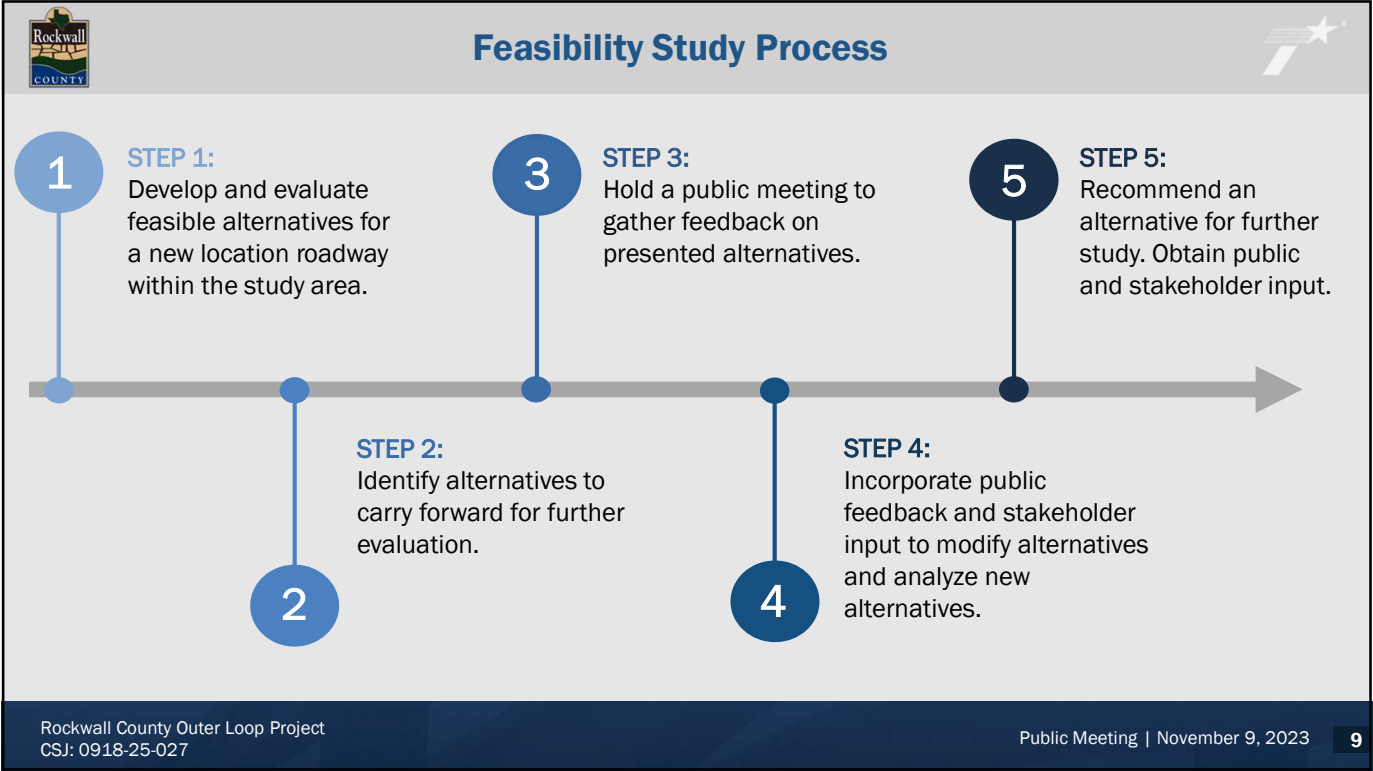
The purpose of the proposed project is to improve north-south connectivity and mobility at the local and regional level and accommodate population and traffic volume growth by providing a new roadway that would connect to existing highways and the planned Outer Loop in Collin and Kaufman counties.

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Evaluation Measures





Engineering / Design Features
Length, Right of Way Areas



Impacts to Natural & Section 4(f) Resources
Parks, Historic, Archeologic, Floodplain, Wetlands



Community & Socio-Economic Impacts
of Displacements, Minority/Low Income, Hazmat Sites



Transportation Performance
Access, Regional Mobility, Consistency with Thoroughfare Plans



Major Infrastructure & Federal Property
Railroads, Airports, Electric & Utility Infrastructure, Soil and Water Conservation Reservoirs and Dams



Other Measures
Costs, Local Support (Cities, County, Agencies, Public)

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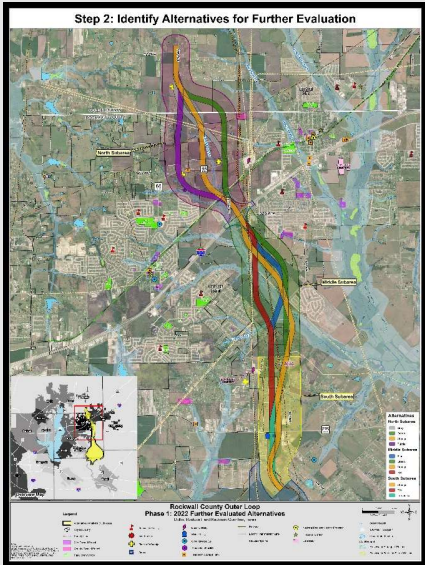
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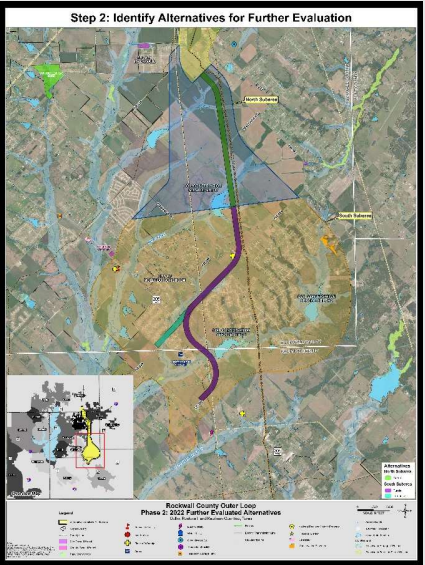
Step 2: Identify Alternatives for Further Evaluation



Note: The full-size maps are available to view at the in-person public meeting and on the virtual meeting website.



Map 1: Step 2: Identify Alternatives for Further Evaluation. This map shows the project area with various colored overlays representing different alternatives and features. A legend at the bottom identifies the symbols used.



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Step 3: Conduct Public Meeting #1

A public meeting was held on November 15, 2022 to gather input from the public. A total of 323 comments from 303 commenters were received.

Comments included the following major themes:

- Proposed project need and purpose,
- Project timeline,
- Requests to consider specific routes,
- Concerns about impacts to property and home value,
- General project support or opposition,
- Concerns about environmental impacts, including air quality, traffic noise, wildlife habitat, and historical resources,
- Safety, and
- Future development and growth.

To view the November 15, 2022 Public Meeting Documentation, scan the QR code or go to the URL below.



URL: www.rockwallcountytexas.com/DocumentCenter/View/9098/RCOL_2022-11-PM-Doc_FINAL

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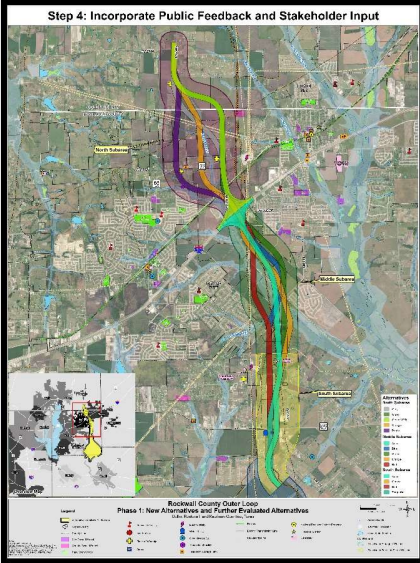
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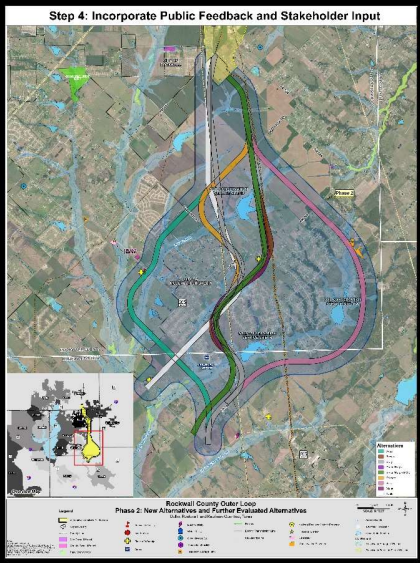
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Step 4: Incorporate Public Feedback and Stakeholder Input

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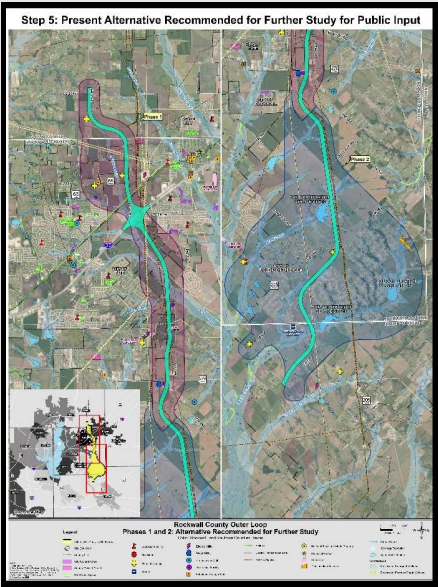
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Step 5: Present Alternative Recommended for Further Study



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Proposed Typical Sections





Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3

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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation



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 dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto, están siendo o han sido realizadas por TxDOT de conformidad con la Reglamentación 23, Sección 327 del Código de Estados Unidos y un Memorando de Entendimiento con fecha del 9 de diciembre de 2019, ejecutado por la FHWA (Administración Federal de Carreteras) y TxDOT.

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Project Timeline and Next Steps



Current Step: Feasibility Study and Public Involvement



2022

November 2022
Public Meeting #1

2023

November 2023
Public Meeting #2
★ We are here

Spring 2023
Identify Alternative Recommended for Further Study

2024

Fall 2024
Public Meeting #3

Winter 2024
Begin Schematic & Environmental Studies

2025

Summer 2025
Approved Schematic & Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

Fall/Winter 2025
Public Hearing
Environmental Clearance

Next Steps

- ▶ Identify Funding
- ▶ ROW Acquisition
- ▶ Utility Relocation
- ▶ Begin Construction

Project timeline is tentative and subject to change.

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We Request Your Feedback



Please submit your comments using any of the four methods below by **Friday, November 24, 2023**, to be included in the Public Meeting Documentation.



Comment Online
Click the provided link on the website
www.rockwallcountytexas.com/1234/RCOL-Public-Meeting-2



Email Us
RCOL@halff.com



Mail-in Comments
Halff
Attn: Matt Craig, P.E.
1201 North Bowser Road,
Richardson, TX 75081



Leave a Voicemail
(903) 218-7909

Questions about the project?
Please contact the Halff Consultant Project Manager, Matt Craig, P.E. at RCOL@halff.com or (214) 346-6200

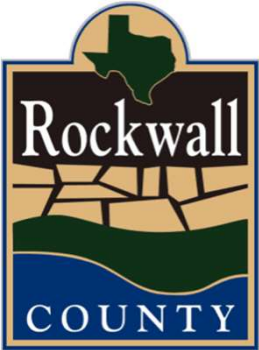
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Thank you!





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