

Plan Maintenance Matters

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Why Plan Maintenance Matters

- Prevents plans from becoming shelf documents
- Keeps implementation moving
- Helps adapt to change
- Strengthens organizational alignment

What Happens When A Plan Collects Dust?

- Outdated assumptions
- Missed opportunities
- Stalled or forgotten projects
- Loss of funding eligibility (for some plans)
- Weak alignment with other community goals

Plan Maintenance Discussion

What Happens When We Maintain Plans

- More grant-ready projects
- Stronger collaboration
- Better data & decision-making
- Increased resilience
- A proactive, not reactive, organization

Who Should Be Involved?

- Internal leadership & program owners
- Key implementers
- External partners or subject matter experts
- People impacted by the plan
- Decision-makers

What to Prepare

- The plan (current version)
- Status updates on action items
- New data, trends, or relevant reports
- Recent events affecting the plan
- Notes from the last review

What to Review- Core Questions

- What have we accomplished?
- What has changed?
- What do we need to adjust?
- What's next?
- Who owns each next step?

Reviewing Progress

- Completed items
- In-progress items
- Delayed or stalled
- No longer relevant/feasible

Identify What's Changed

- New data
- Emerging trends (or hazards)
- Organizational changes
- New priorities
- Lessons learned

Adapt and Adjust



- Reprioritize
- Add new actions
- Retire outdated actions
- Improve language or clarity
- Update timelines

Tips for Making Maintenance *Actually Happen*

- Schedule annual reviews at the start of the year
- Use simple tracking tools
- Celebrate progress
- Keep meetings short
- Document decisions clearly

A Simple, Effective Review Agenda

1. Welcome & purpose
2. Review last meeting
3. Progress updates
4. What's changed
5. Adjustments
6. Next steps
7. Next meeting reminder or scheduling

Meeting Alternatives

- **Periodic presentations:**
 - Provide short “plan progress” reports to elected officials, at school board or utility district meetings
- **Annual questionnaires/surveys:**
 - Quick community pulse-checks on emerging hazards
 - Staff surveys on capability changes or resource needs
 - “What changed this year?” self-assessment for action owners
- **Public engagement options:**
 - Pop-up booths at farmers’ markets or community fairs
 - School programs or resident workshops that update maps in real time
- **Digital engagement:**
 - Posting annual progress summaries on social media
 - Interactive online dashboards that show action status
 - Web-based “report a risk” for capturing community observations

Planning Leads to Funding

How Livable Centers Studies are implemented

Planning Leads to Funding

- Demonstrate that you have a plan in place when applying for funds.
- Up-to-date plans are ready to go when funding becomes available.



Livable Centers – Near Northwest MD

- Completed in 2012
- Secured \$18.5M in funding
 - H-GAC TASA
 - TxDOT
 - Harris County
- Current branding developed during Livable Centers Study.

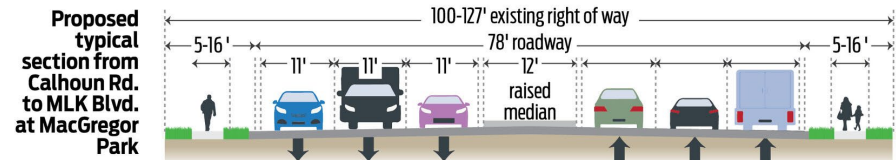
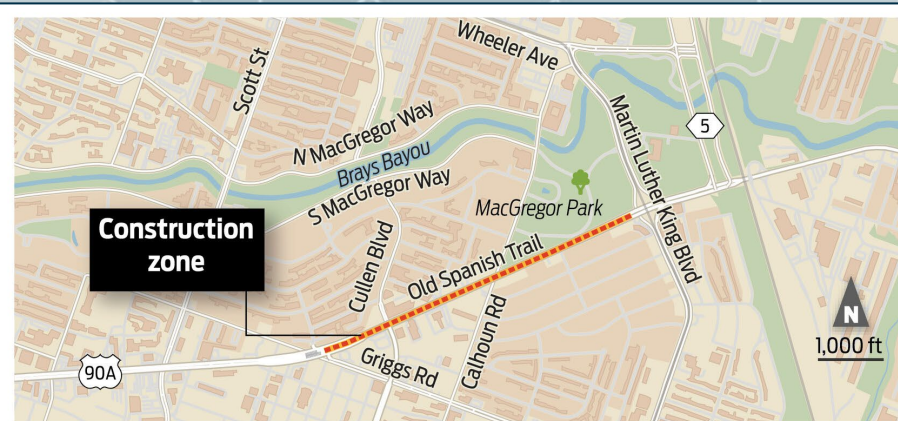


Livable Centers – OST/Palm Center

- Completed in 2022
- \$11.2M TxDOT Project
- \$1.5M in other funding

More median

An \$11.2 million rebuild of Old Spanish Trail from near Spur 5 to Griggs Road will add a landscaped median along with pedestrian improvements. Sidewalks, however, stay at the normal five-foot width but will be extended along the entire route.

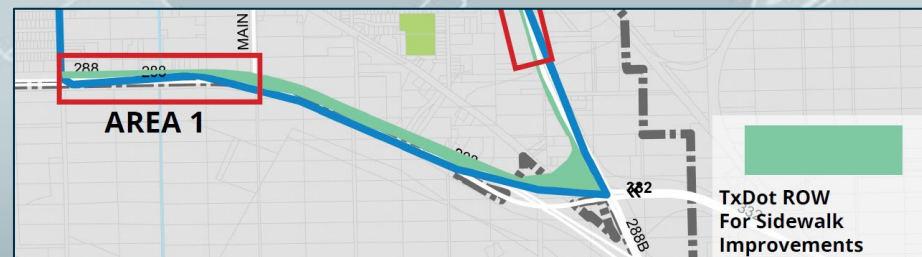


Source: Texas Department of Transportation

Staff graphic

Livable Centers – City of Clute

- Completed in 2023
- 2025 Housing Vision Plan
 - Developer Interest
- 2026 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives



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- USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All – Notice of Funding Opportunity (\$1 Bil.)
- 2 grant types
 - Planning and Demonstration
 - Implementation
- Implementation - **REQUIRES** an existing safety action plan.
- Deadline: May 26, 2026



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