

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD

ADA Compliant Sidewalks and Curb Ramps in
Downtown Friendswood



Friendswood Facts

- Population Approx. 42,051
- 15,178 Households
- Land Size 21.2 Square Miles
- Downtown 1.4 Miles in Length

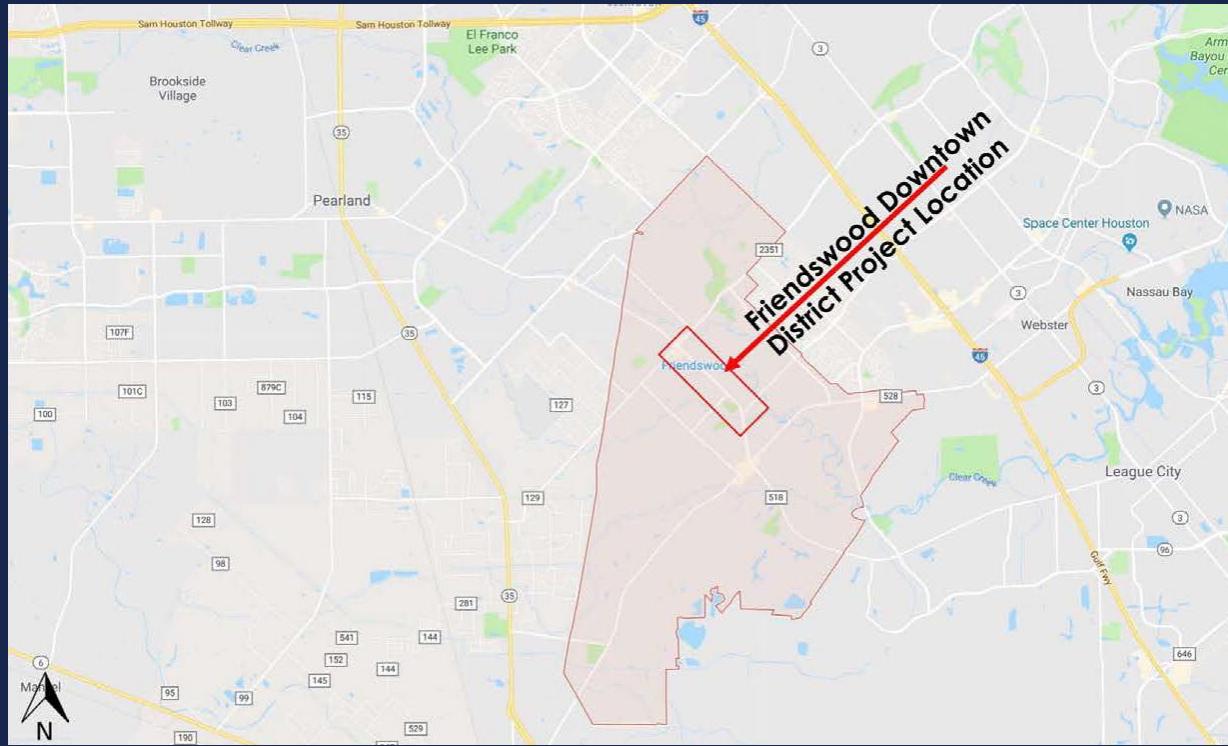


Mayor and City Council

- Mike Forman Mayor
- John Ellisor Position 1
- Sally Branson Position 2
- Trish Hanks Position 3
- Robert J. Griffon Position 4
- Joe Matranga Position 5
- Michael P. Ross Position 6



Downtown Focus – Mayor & Council



- June 2008 Council designates the Downtown District's Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ Number 1) waiving construction and impact fees.
- May 2016 Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation created as result of voter approval.
- October 2018 City Council adopts the Friendswood Downtown District Improvement Plan. Implementing a guide for the FDEDC identifying future projects for Downtown.

Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation (FDEDC)

Dr. Rebecca Hillenburg	President
Elmer “Bubba” Johnson, Jr.	Vice President
Paul Marx	Sec./Treasurer
Ron Cox	Board Member
Arden “Trey” Hill	Board Member
Chris Richardson	Board Member
Scott MacKenzie	Board Member



Downtown Focus – The FDEDC

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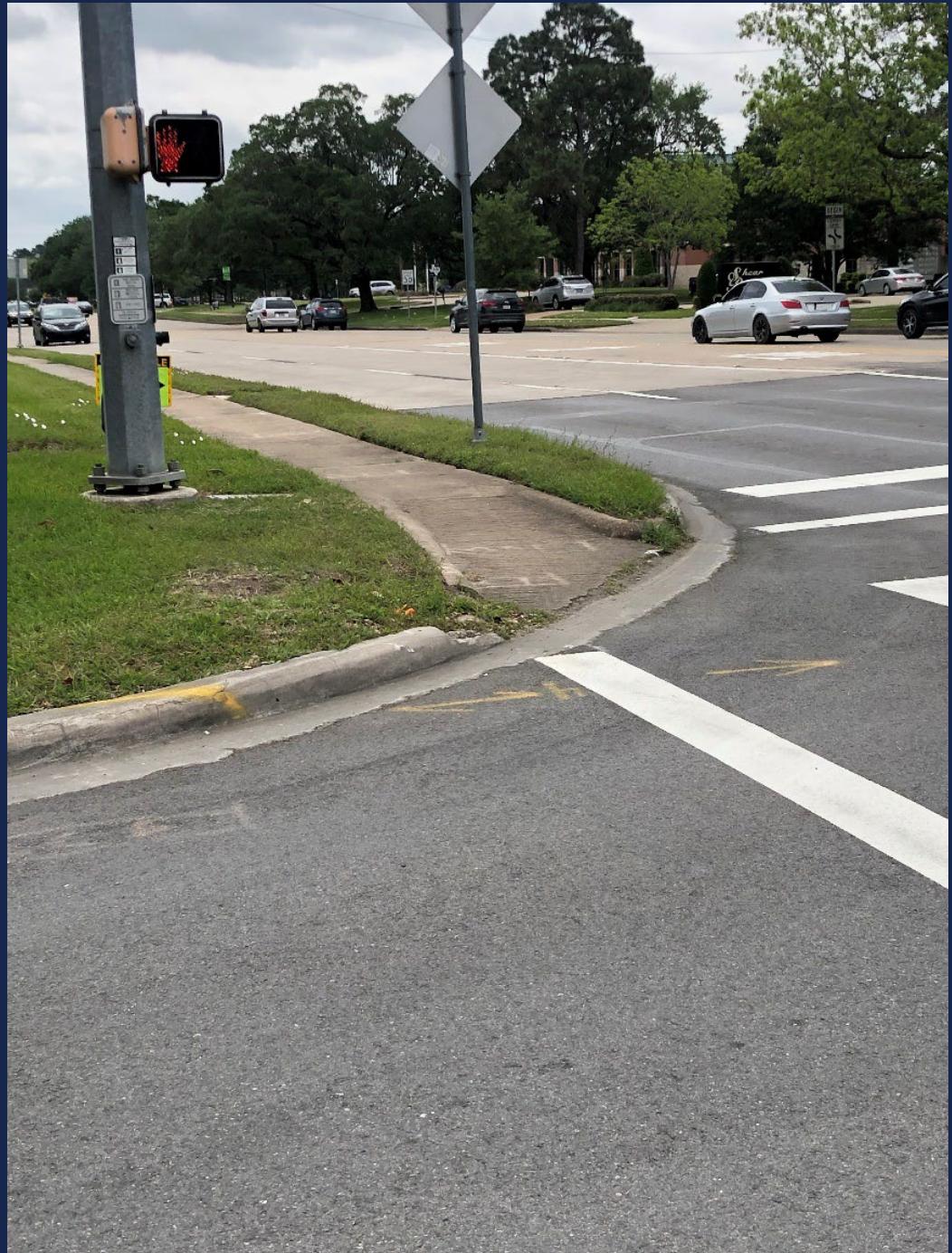
Friendswood Downtown District
Improvement Plan



- May 2016 Creation of Type B Economic Development Program
- Utilizes 1/8 cent sales and use tax to promote new or expanded business enterprises in downtown area.
- Includes streets, infrastructure, sidewalks, pedestrian amenities and other related public improvements along with maintenance and operations expenses.
- Established improvement plan overview and schedule while expanding public involvement.

Previous Sidewalk Conditions

Non-existent – Disrepair – Non-compliant







Searching For Solutions

Funding – Transportation Improvement Projects

- October 31, 2018 applied unsuccessfully for H-GAC TIP Call for Projects.

MEETING OUTLINE August 21, 2018

1. Introductions
2. Downtown Friendswood Project Background
3. Potential TIP Project and Draft Cost Estimate
4. Discussion



City of Friendswood – Potential TIP Application Discussion

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Existing Conditions - Sidewalks



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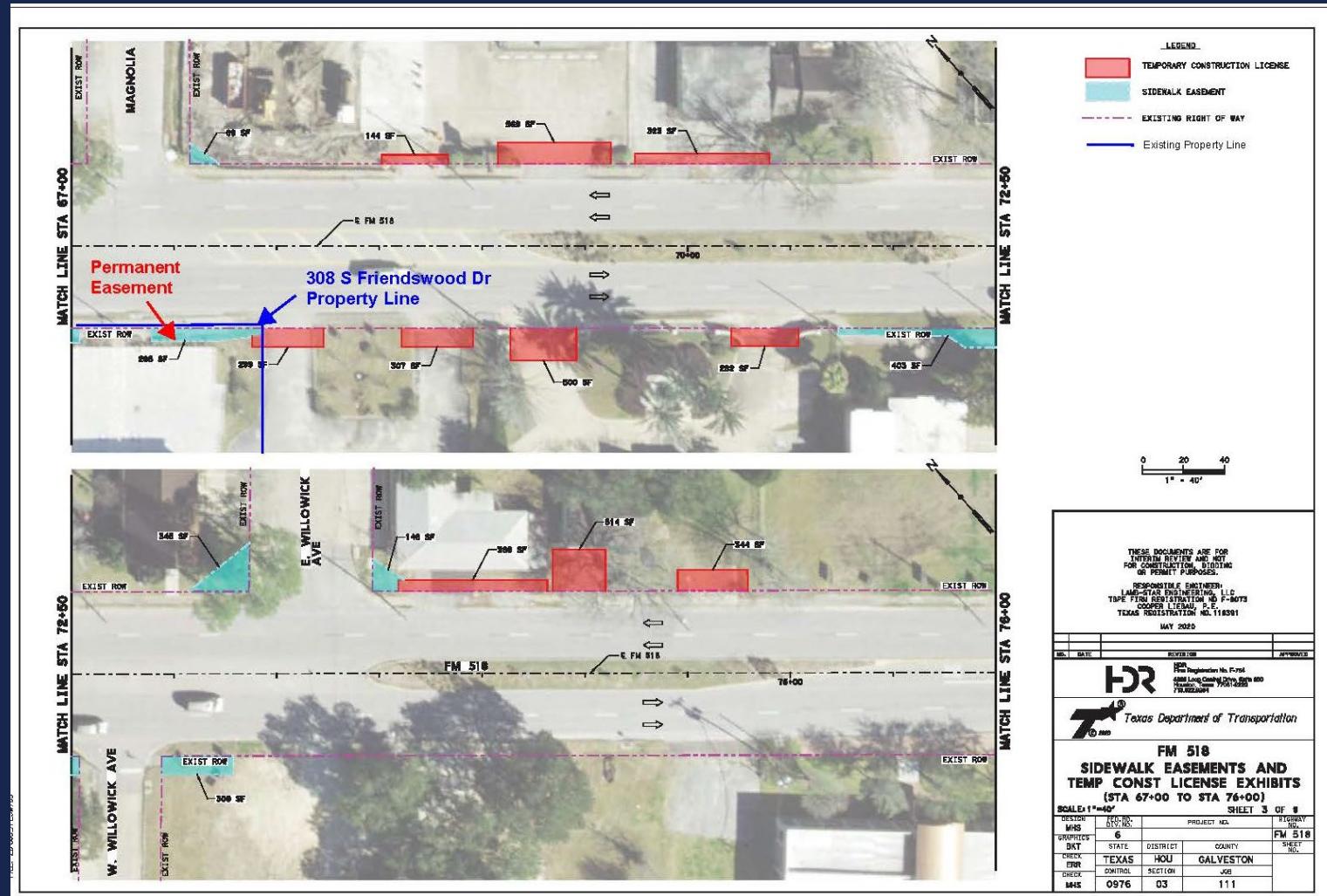
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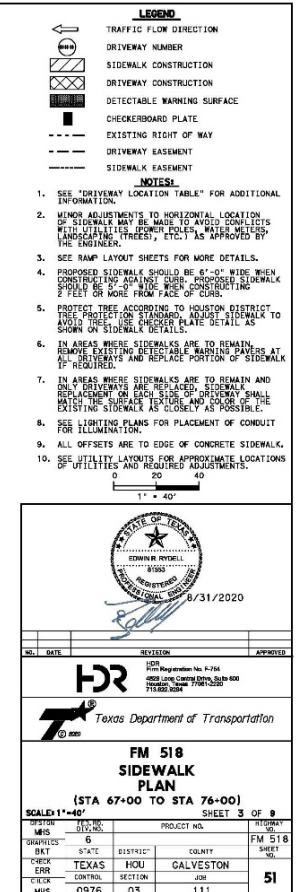
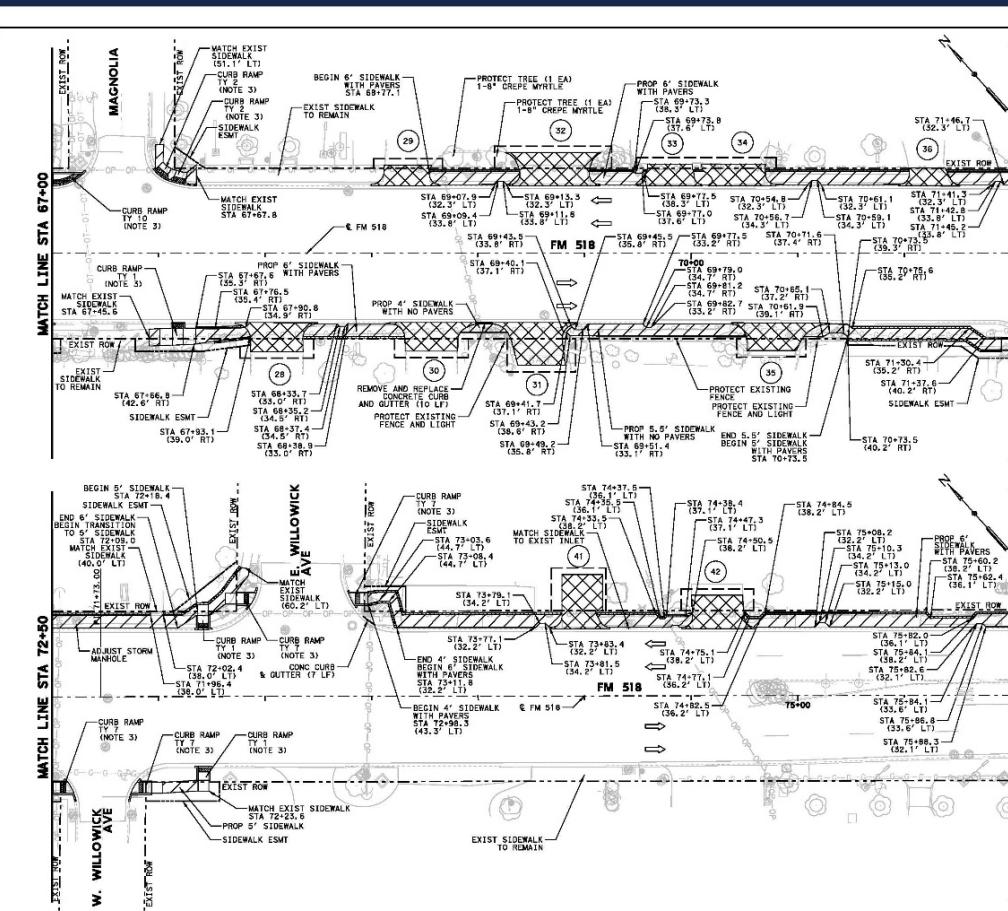
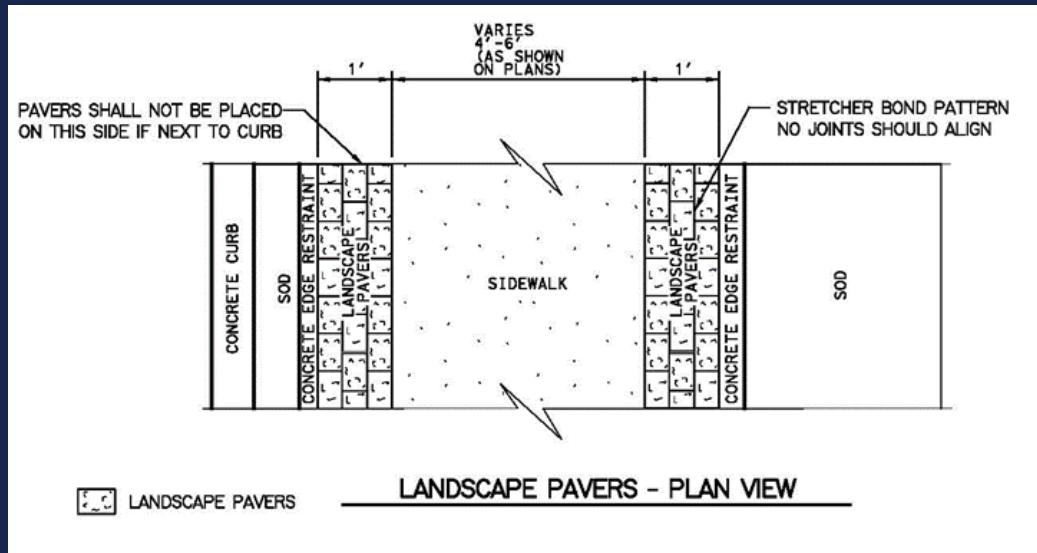
TXDOT Curbs Ramps, Sidewalks & Signals

- Construction of pedestrian infrastructure over 2.8 miles.
- Includes Curb Ramps, Sidewalks, Signals & Pedestrian Signals.
- City of Friendswood responsible for obtaining easements and future maintenance.



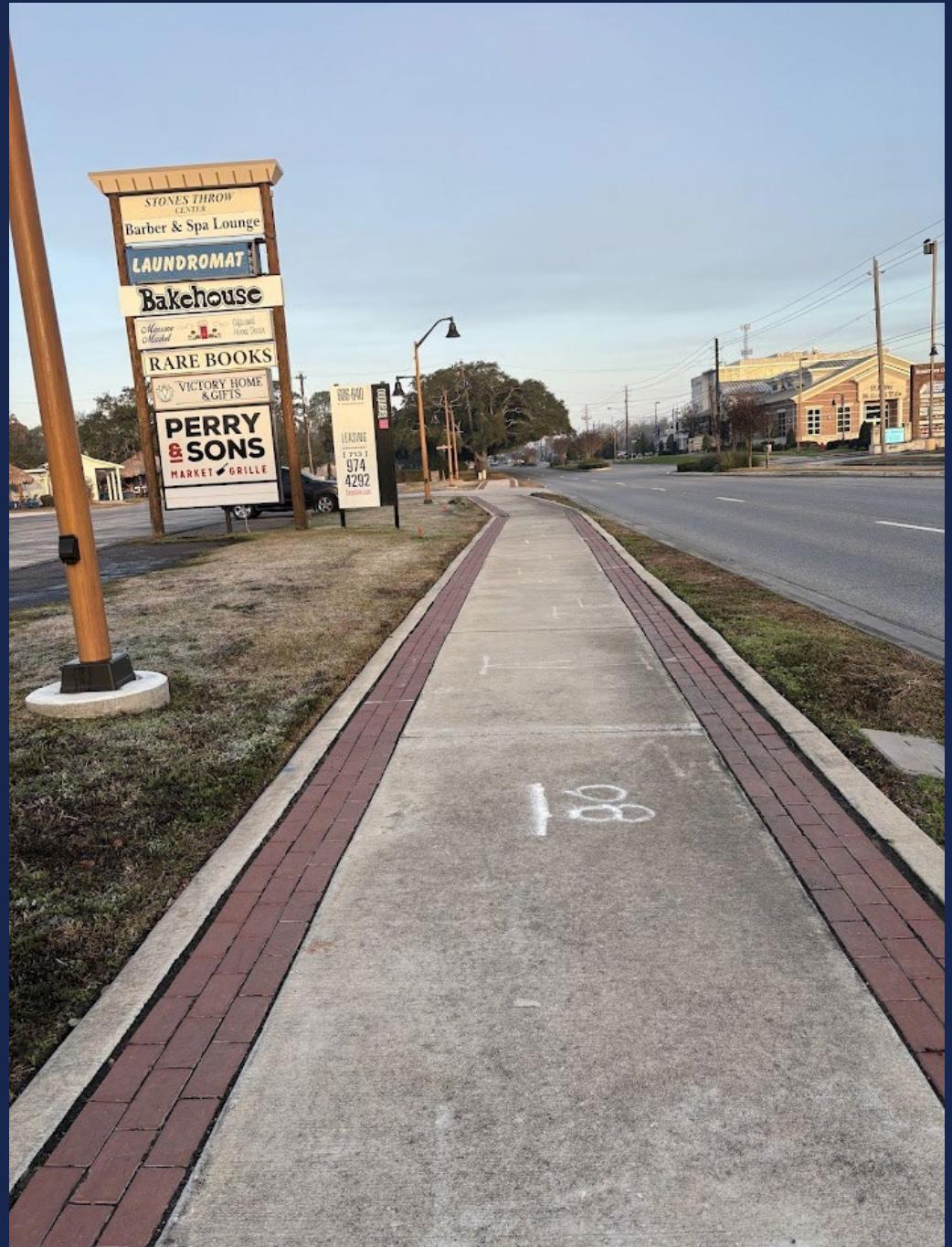
- August 21, 2019 – TXDOT gauges interest.
- September 16, 2019 Kick-off meeting
- October 24, 2019 Scoping Meeting
- 2020 Completion of Environmental, Surveying & Engineering.
- February 2021 Project Let to Contract.
- May 2021 Project Start
- December 2021 Estimated Project Completion

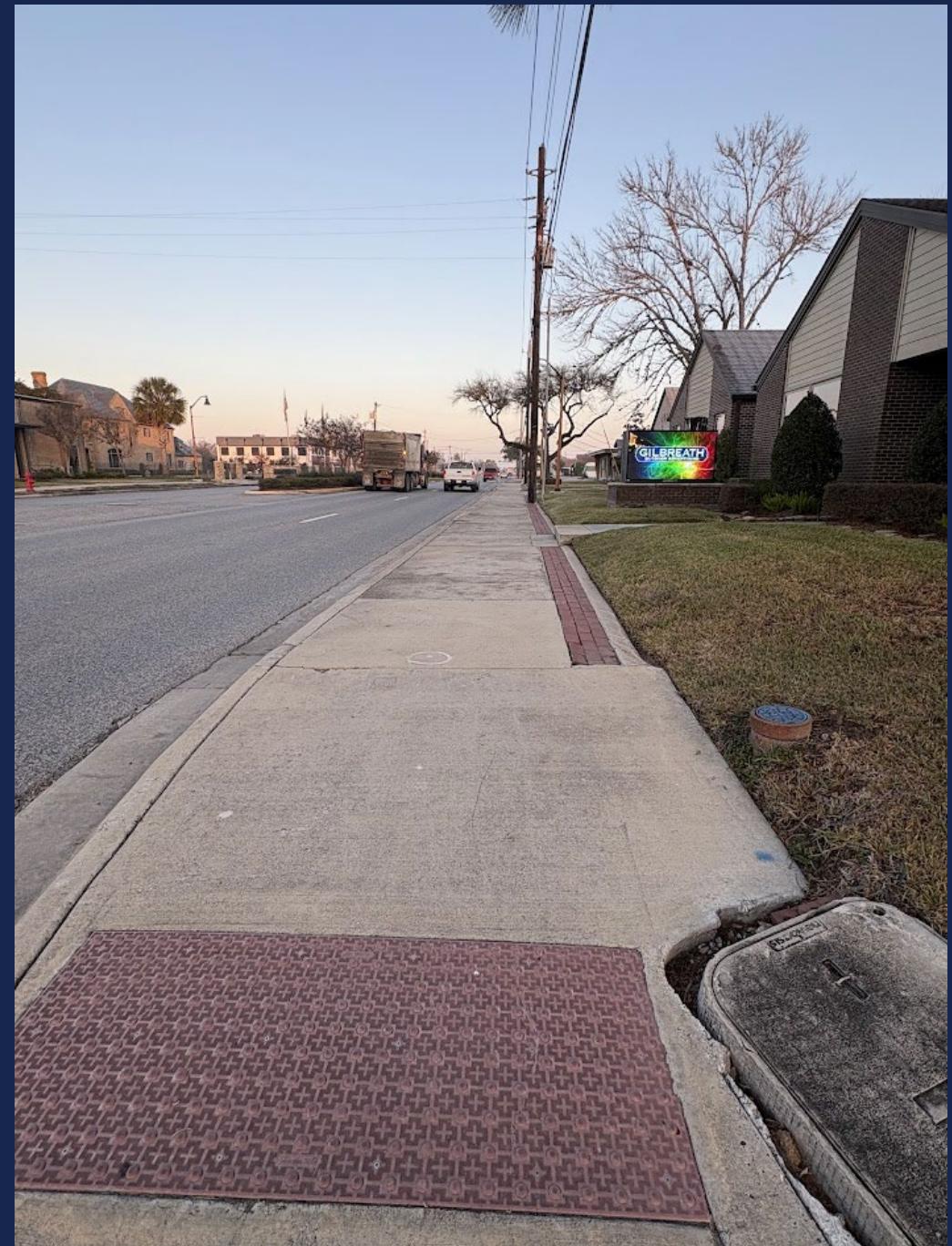
TXDOT Funding Provided – \$2.8M



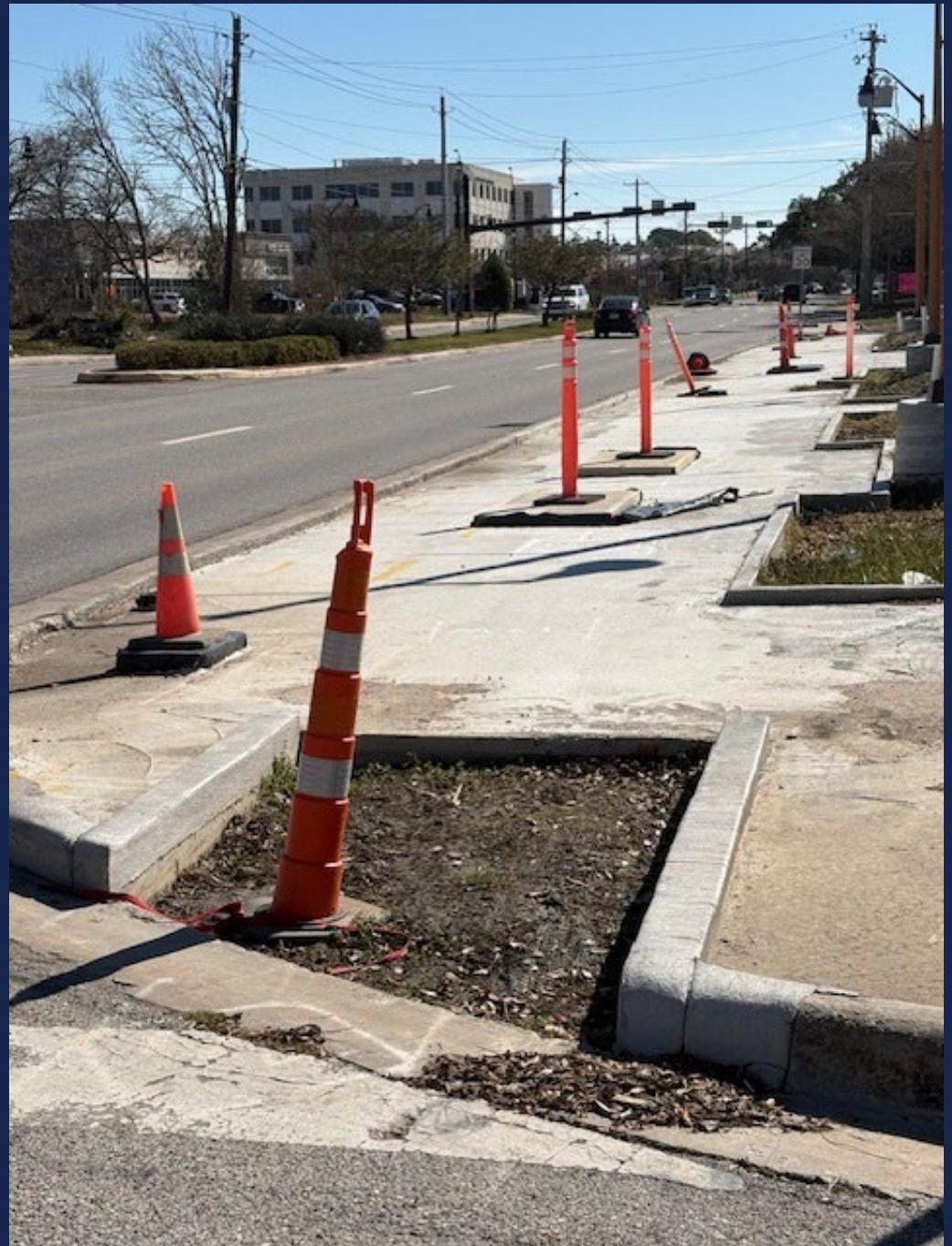
Present Conditions

ADA Compliance +
Increased Connectivity & Walkability

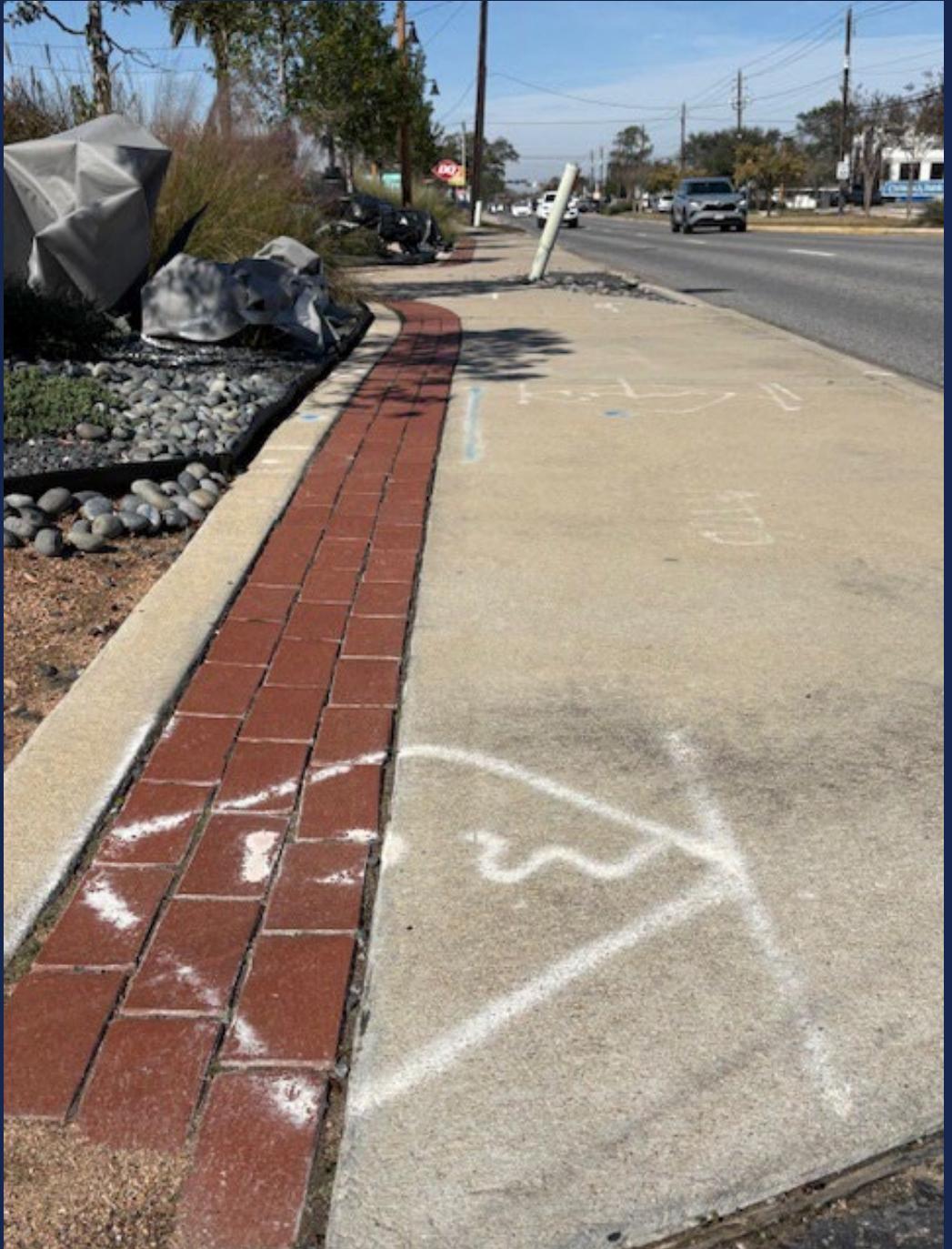




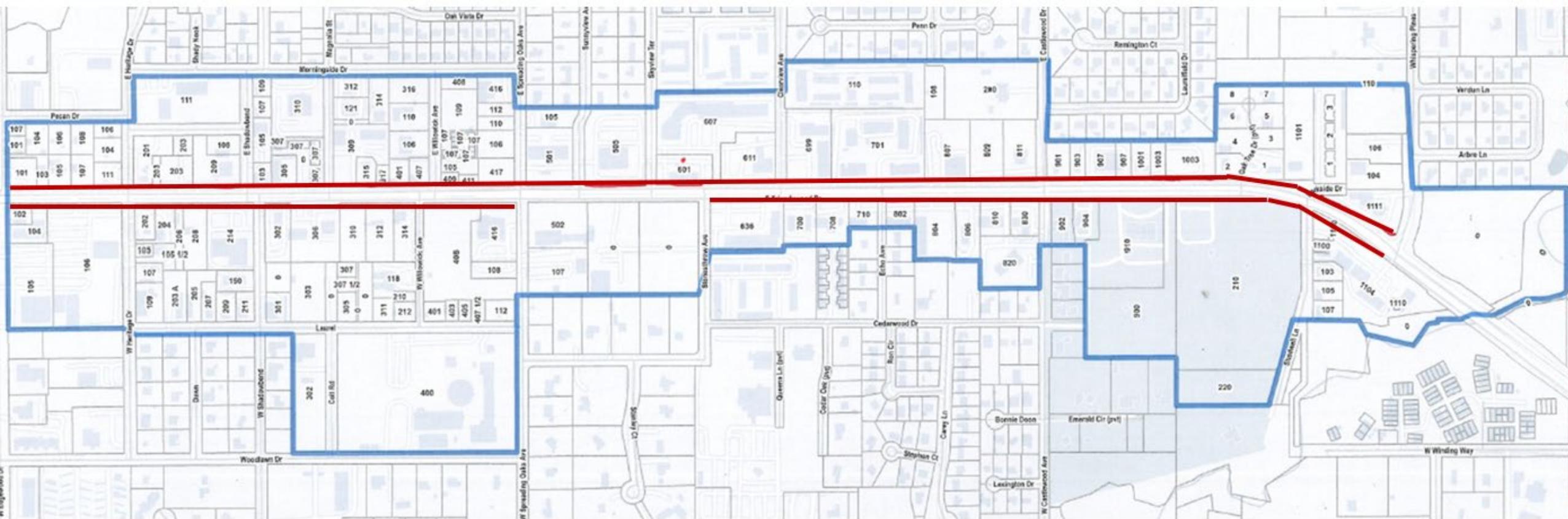
Current Challenges







Project Completion



Thank You!

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