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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 (EIS). 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 Dec. 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 I-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.
- TxDOT held a public meeting Dec. 16, 2014, at Sunnyvale Middle School.
- After consultation/coordination with the town of Sunnyvale, two western alignments were removed, and a new alignment west of the lakeside alignment was added.
- The Environmental Impact Statement is currently in draft form in anticipation of TxDOT Austin's approval for a public hearing. A public hearing is anticipated in fall 2017.

### Project Partners

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

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