

Website gives news on project progress

Road construction meets the 21st Century

www.colleyvilleblvd.com

Where can you find the latest about project plans, get answers to the most frequently asked questions or see the schematic roadway via the Internet? Take a minute to look at the Highway 26/Colleyville Boulevard website.

Hosted by the design engineering firm, Teague Nall and Perkins, the site is a collaboration between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the City of Colleyville and the consulting team.

“With a large number of our residents online, we are thrilled to have the information available 24-hours a day, seven days a week in cyberspace. Our emails have seriously outpaced telephone calls to our city officials in all areas which demonstrates our citizens often

communicate over the Internet,” said Dianne McWethy, Colleyville acting city manager.

“The website is just one of the communication tools that will be used by the project team to impart information and answer questions for Colleyville residents and businesses,” said Gary Teague, project manager with Teague Nall and Perkins.

Colleyville residents should continue to look in area newspapers, the City of Colleyville’s city newsletter, Public Service Announcements on the city’s cable channel and in their mailboxes to learn more about the project’s status.

Meet the project team

Owner

Texas Department of Transportation

TxDOT, Fort Worth District

- ▶ Steven E. Simmons, P.E.- District Engineer
- ▶ John Tillinghast, P.E. - Project Manager

Design Consultant

Teague Nall and Perkins, Inc.

- ▶ Gary Teague, P.E. - Project Manager
- ▶ Michael Jones, P.E.- Assistant Project Manager
- ▶ Ty Hilton, P.E. - Project Engineer

Sub-consultants

▶ **Parsons Transportation Group**

Traffic Engineering

▶ **Lina T. Ramey & Associates, Inc.**

Hydraulics, Bridge Design & Traffic Control

▶ **Wendy Lopez & Associates, Inc.**

Environmental Assessment, SWPPP & Illumination Design

▶ **Gorronдона & Associates, Inc.**

Surveying

▶ **Newman Jackson Bieberstein, Inc.**

Landscape Architecture

▶ **Pavlik and Associates**

Community Information & Public Involvement

Project will expand Colleyville Boulevard

Two lanes to be added with protected turn lanes

Growth and development brings more traffic and people wanting to live in what *D Magazine* termed the best suburb in the Metroplex 1997 and third in 1998, behind only Highland Park and University Park, both in Dallas County.

With more than 20,000 residents in 2001, it only makes sense that Colleyville Boulevard has to grow to meet the demand.

The expansion of Colleyville Boulevard (SH 26) is best described as the reconstruction of SH 26 from the existing 4-lane highway (with continuous 2-way left turn lane) to a 6-lane, divided boulevard with channelized turn lanes at major intersections (a major urban roadway).

The new roadway will have curb and gutter and an underground storm drainage system in lieu of open ditches, and a raised landscaped median in lieu of a center two-way turn lane.

“We appreciate TxDOT’s help in making our main thoroughfare safer,” said Dianne McWethy, acting city manager. “We are working closely with TxDOT and the entire project team to make the Colleyville portion a model for other sections of SH 26. Because many of our businesses are along this stretch of roadway, it is important to keep everyone informed about the progress.”

The project begins just south of Cheek-Sparger Road and ends just to the north of the Pool

We will provide safe, uncongested, visually pleasing roadways and attractive landscaped residential and commercial environments.

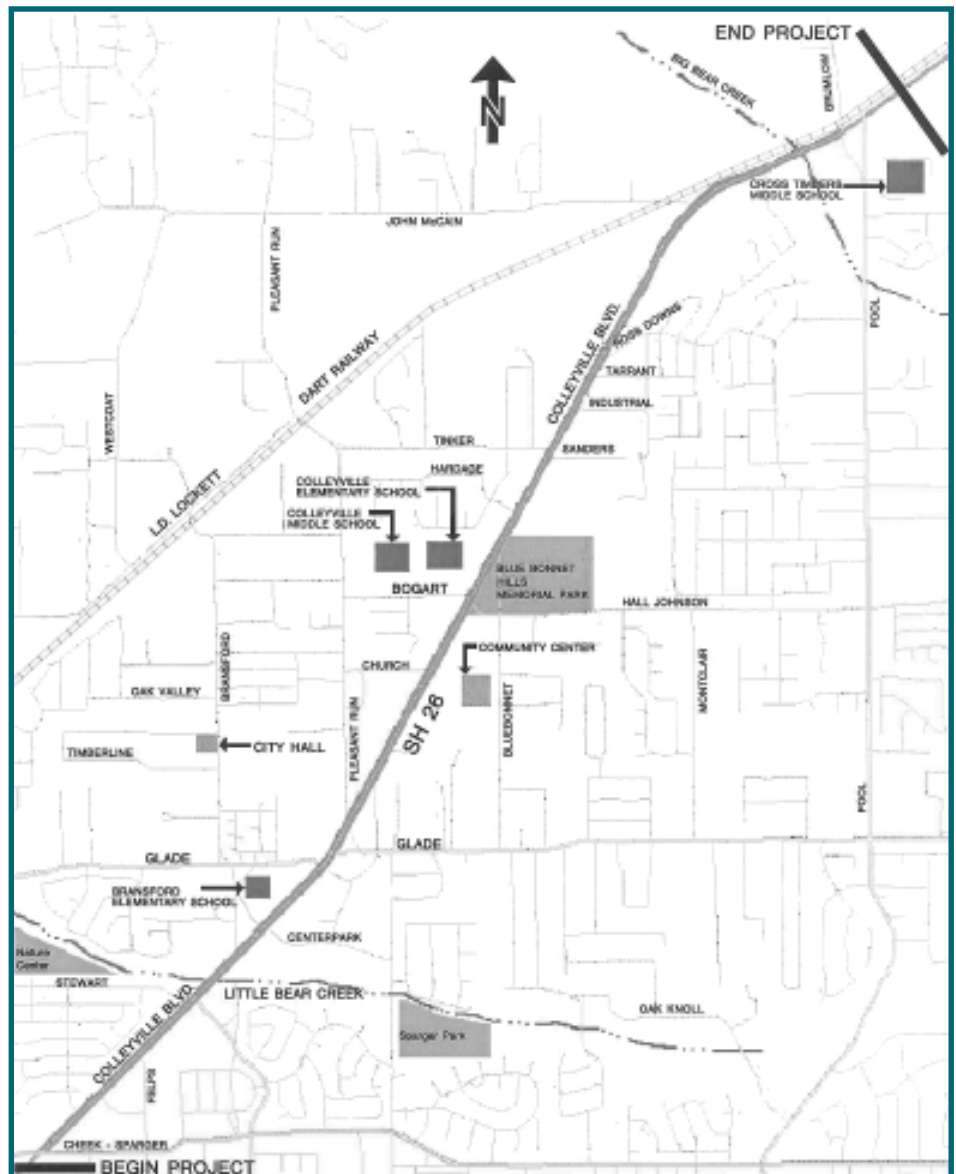
Colleyville Vision Statement, 1998

Road/Brumlow Avenue intersection. A map showing the project boundaries is below.

There are also two other improvement projects being

proposed for SH 26. One of these extends from IH 820 to Cheek-Sparger Road through the cities of Hurst and North Richland Hills, and the other from Pool Road to SH 114 through the City of Grapevine.

The Colleyville section will be constructed first, next the Hurst portion from IH 820 to Cheek-Sparger. The last portion to be completed is the one that extends into Grapevine.



The project limits extend from just south of Cheek-Sparger Road and ends just to the north of the Pool Road/Brumlow Avenue intersection.

Frequently asked questions

About the expansion of SH 26 through Colleyville

Who is funding the project?

The majority of the funding is federal. However, portions of the funding are also being provided by the Texas Department of Transportation, the City of Colleyville and Tarrant County. The estimated construction cost is \$22 million.

What will the impact of this project be to Colleyville residents and business owners?

The improvement of SH 26 will reduce traffic congestion by allowing for more efficient and effective movement of traffic. The proposed improvements will also provide a safer roadway facility through improved access management along the entire roadway and channelized turn lanes at intersections. Overall, the project will enhance the aesthetics of SH 26 through the City of Colleyville and improve mobility between IH 820 and SH 114.

If access to my property is needed by the project team to verify existing improvements, how will I be notified?

Generally, advance notice will be provided by a written announcement attached to your door or a letter sent to your residence or place of business, requesting permission to access your property. Sometimes the need arises quickly and limits the opportunity for advance notice. In those cases, every attempt will be made to make personal contact with you.

Will additional right-of-way be needed for this project?

Yes, additional right-of-way will be needed from some properties, but not all. After completion and approval of the schematic design, a more definitive determination will be made about the right-of-way needs for the project.

When will right-of-way acquisition begin for this project?

At this time, we anticipate right-of-way acquisition will begin by early 2003. However, acquisition cannot begin until after completion of the Environmental Assessment and a Public Hearing.

Will access to my property/business be changed?

Driveways and in some cases public streets may be relocated or realigned to provide better cross traffic at median openings. In other situations, driveways and access to properties may be combined to minimize the total number of driveways onto SH 26. Currently there are some areas where driveway access to property is somewhat unlimited and/or undefined. There are also areas where head-in and off-street parking is occurring within the highway right-of-way. With the addition of curb and gutter, defined driveways access will be provided that may be narrower or different than the prior uncurbed section. These situations will be discussed individually with affected property and business owners in order to develop an appropriate means of ingress-egress for their properties.

Will the project include landscaping and other aesthetic enhancements?

Yes, some landscaping and streetscape enhancements will be included, particularly at key intersections.

Is the project going to affect any historic or archaeological sites in Colleyville?

A significant part of the early development of this project will be the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). This assessment will evaluate potential impacts to any archaeological and historical sites that are identified within the project limits. A draft of the EA will be available later this year.

Will noise barriers be constructed along SH 26?

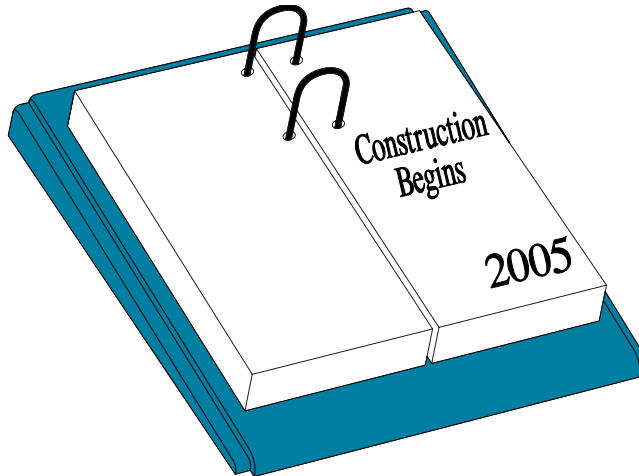
As part of the Environmental Assessment, the need for and effect of noise barriers will be evaluated. Due to the large amount of commercial development along SH 26 which absorbs most of the roadway noise, barriers are not anticipated at this time.

As an interested citizen, how will I be kept informed about this project?

Community involvement plays an important role in making certain highway improvements meet local needs. Meetings will be held to keep landowners and other interested parties informed of project activities and afford citizens an opportunity to have input. Citizens are encouraged to participate in these meetings.

Preliminary project schedule

- ▶ **Complete Project Schematic & Draft Environmental Assessment**
Winter 2001
- ▶ **Complete 30% Design Plans**
Summer 2002
- ▶ **Complete 60% Design Plans**
Spring 2003
- ▶ **Complete 90% Design Plans**
Winter 2003
- ▶ **Complete Final Plans**
Spring 2004
- ▶ **Contract Letting by TxDOT**
Winter 2004
- ▶ **Begin Construction**
Spring 2005
- ▶ **Finish Construction**
Fall 2007



How can you get on the list?

The project team developed an initial list of businesses in Colleyville, along with elected officials, chamber officials and others interested in transportation issues. If you would like to be added to our database to receive periodic updates, please email with **Colleyville Hwy. 26** in the subject line with your name and address to:

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"Because so much of our commercial development is clustered around Colleyville Boulevard, we see this expansion as a major economic development tool."

The Hon. Donna Arp, Mayor of Colleyville

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