

# Merritt Road

From Pleasant Valley Road to North of Sachse Road



## Project Fact Sheet – Updated January 2024

### Project Description

The City of Sachse is proposing improvements to Merritt Road from Pleasant Valley Road to north of Sachse Road, for a total project length of approximately 1.6 miles. Proposed improvements include:

- Widening Merritt Road to a four-lane divided roadway (two lanes in each direction) consisting of a 12-foot-wide inside travel lane and a 14-foot-wide outside shared-use lane for bicycles and vehicles
- Constructing a hike/bike trail on the west side of the roadway
- Realigning approximately 0.2 miles of Merritt Road to connect directly with Woodbridge Parkway and improving safety with a traffic signal at the intersection with Sachse Road
- Raising the elevation of Merritt Road at low points to eliminate temporary closures due to roadway flooding

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is the expected cost of the proposed project? Is the project funded?

The total estimated cost for the project is approximately \$29 million (right of way and construction). Yes, the project is funded for construction with two-thirds of the cost funded with federal and county dollars.

#### Will the project require any displacements of businesses or residences? If my property is to be acquired, what is the process? When will the right of way acquisition process begin?

The proposed project would potentially impact one residential structure. All ROW acquisition would be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act. ROW acquisition is ongoing and anticipated to be complete Spring 2024.

#### When would construction begin, and how long would it take?

Construction is estimated to begin January 2025. Construction of the proposed project is expected to take approximately two years.

#### Will traffic noise walls be included in the project?

Traffic noise analysis of the proposed improvements, in accordance with federal regulations and TxDOT's Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise, does not demonstrate that noise abatement barriers are feasible and/or reasonable. Based on the findings, noise abatement barriers will not be constructed. Detailed results of the traffic noise study will be included in the project environmental documents.

#### How do we request a median opening?

There is insufficient room for median breaks to serve every residential driveway. Residential streets and city infrastructure access are given first priority for cross-median access. Additional median openings have been created to address emergency response considerations and to increase u-turn convenience for residential driveway access. It is safer to limit the number of median breaks to reduce the potential for accidents. The final location of median openings will be evaluated as the project progresses in final design.

#### Submitting Comments

Comments are always welcome and can be submitted via:

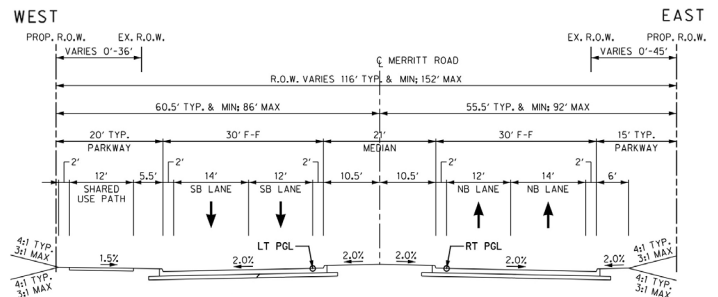
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PROJECT LOCATION MAP



PROPOSED MERRITT ROAD TYPICAL SECTION

