

UNIVERSITY DRIVE & COLLEGE/SOUTH COLLEGE STUDY

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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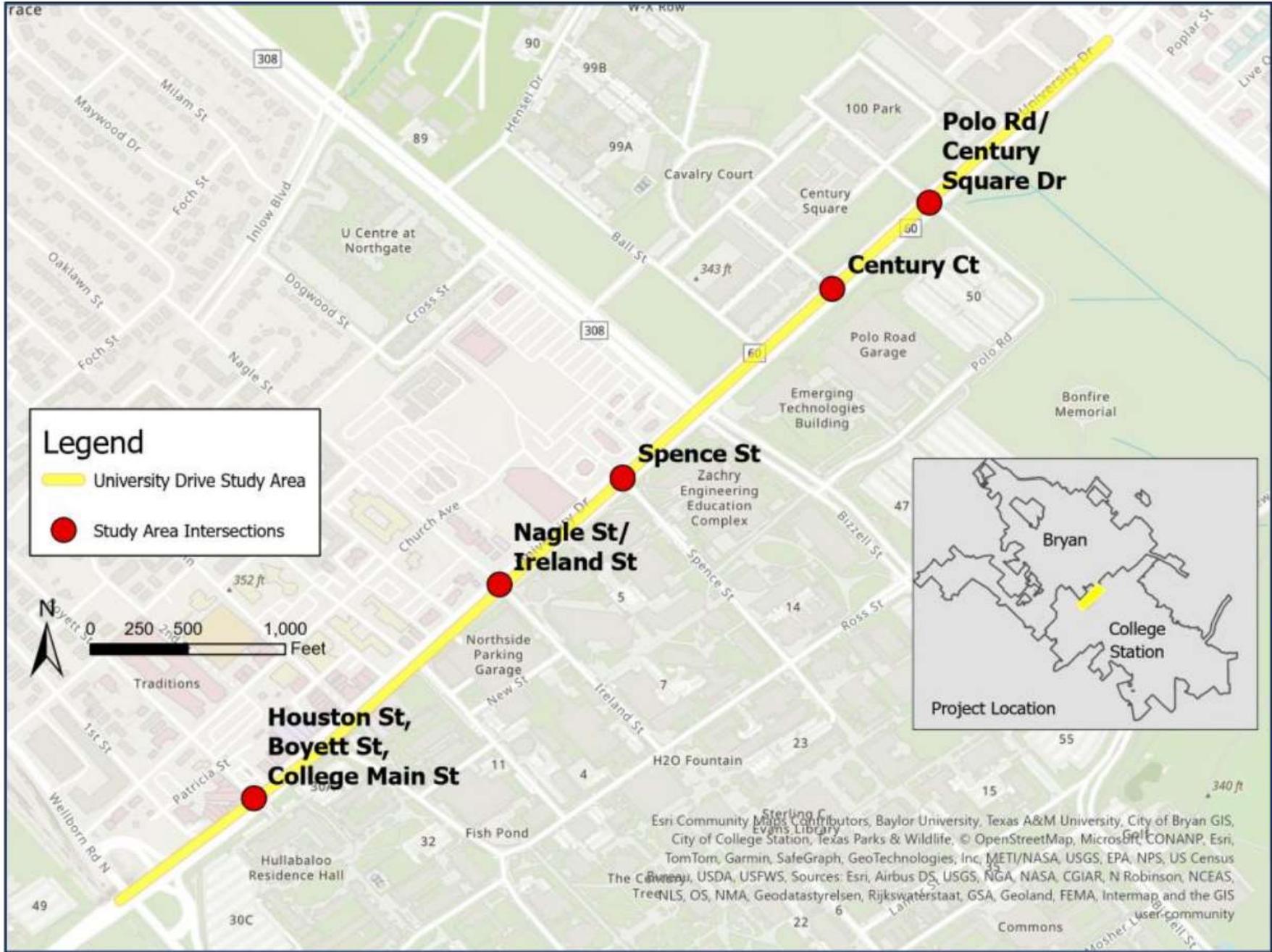


How did we get here?



- **2018: MPO FM 60 (University Dr) Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study**
- **2019: Safety improvements - moved forward with median installations/modifications and traffic signal changes**
- **2022/23: TxDOT study with a narrower focus**
- **2024 Campus Capacity Study also recognized the need for improved pedestrian/bicycle/wheeled connections to campus**

Study Area



Improvement Types

Spiral ramp entry



- Tunnel
- Bridge
- At-grade (raise or lower the street)

Linear ramp entry

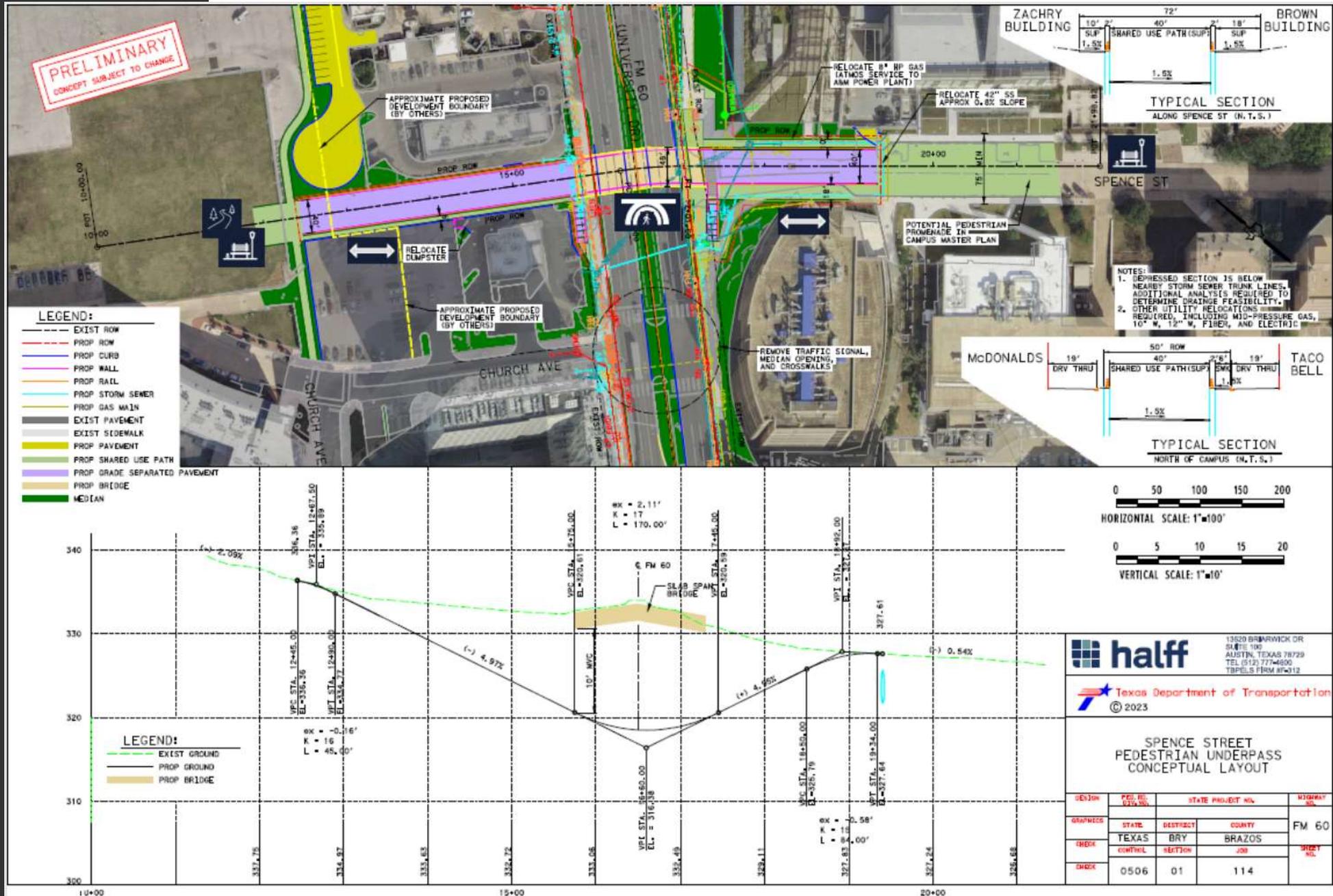


Plaza node

Factors Considered

- **Effects on adjacent properties**
- **Compatibility with adjacent properties**
- **Connectivity**
- **Opportunities for aesthetic enhancements**
- **Environmental**
- **Utilities**
- **Right-of-way**

Conceptual Layout Example



Polo Rd/ Century Square Idea

- **At grade crossing**
- **Accommodates planned development**
- **Reduced footprint**
- **Unimpeded access**
- **Lowered University Dr**



Spence St Idea

- **Tunnel concept**
- **Separate bike and ped areas**
- **Accommodates dense development**
- **Spence St closure**
- **Enhanced collaboration with adjacent properties**



Nagle St/ Ireland St Idea

- **Tunnel concept**
- **Retains access to Northside Garage**
- **Maintain vehicle traffic on Nagle St**
- **Effects one property on the north side**



College Main/ Boyett Open Idea

- At grade crossings
- Accommodates area development
- Less expensive than the covered idea
- Boyett, Houston St closure
- Lowered University Dr



College Main/ Boyett Covered Idea

- At grade crossing
- Accommodates area development
- Unimpeded access
- More expensive
- Boyett, Houston St closure
- Lowered University Dr



Agronomy Rd Ideas

- Outside of the TxDOT study area
- Similar crossing characteristics
- Capture ideas from other locations



Summary

- 2024 dollars
- Cost estimates are high level and will be revisited as projects are developed.

Location – Option	Preferred Option	Time Estimate	Cost Estimate
Polo Road / Century Square Drive / Century Court.	At-Grade Crossing	3 years	\$29 million
Spence Street	Pedestrian Tunnel w/ Linear Ramps	18-24 months	\$12 million
Nagle Street / Ireland Street.	Pedestrian Tunnel	2 years	\$20 million
College Main / Houston Street / Boyett Street	Covered Option	3 years	\$76 million
	Open Option	2 years	\$46 million

Next Steps – MPO Study

- **Implementation focus on University Drive – Texas Avenue to Agronomy Road**
 - Project prioritization, funding analysis, community engagement
- **Corridor study for South College – University Drive to Villa Maria Road**
 - Identify safe connections between Texas A&M and Bryan and College Station
- **Structured similar to the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan**
- **Kicked off in February 2026**

Complete Streets Plan

- **Project jointly funded by the MPO, Texas A&M, Cities of Bryan and College Station and Brazos County**
- **Driven by public engagement and committees to review work and recommend directions**
- **Two Committees**
 - **MPO's Technical Advisory Committee**
 - **Planning Steering Committee**
 - **Each funding partner gets four seats**
 - **MPO staff has invited four members**

Complete Streets Plan

- **What is a Complete Street?**
 - A roadway that provides equal safety, access, and comfort to all users
- **Define all users**
 - Cars
 - Freight Trucks
 - Buses
 - Bicyclists
 - Pedestrians
 - Persons with disabilities
 - Bus patrons

Complete Streets Plan

- Focus of plan is to prioritize grade separations on University Drive and develop a Complete Streets Plan for South College Avenue
- Consultant will review eight planning studies recently completed on the two corridors
- Nothing actionable in terms of implementation from all of these studies

Complete Streets Plan – University Dr.

- **Concepts have already been developed**
- **Need to talk to property owners and tenants about most useful solutions**
- **Need to prioritize the order in which University Drive grade separations will occur**
- **Alternate funding strategies are needed**

Complete Streets Plan – University Dr.

- **Prioritization of grade separations**
 - Maximizes connectivity across University Drive for vulnerable road users
 - Ability of property owners on the north side of University Drive to accommodate proposed grade separations
 - Constructability
 - Cost
 - Traffic disruption during the construction of grade separation(s)
 - Right-of-way
 - Utility conflicts
 - Integration into the transportation network of the cities and the University

Complete Streets Plan – University Dr.

- **Meetings with property owners**
 - What are their plans and timelines for property along the corridor
 - What are municipal plans for improvements along the corridor
 - Since work will be at least partially outside rights-of-way, can a partnership be developed for the separations
 - Explore public-private partnership financing techniques

Complete Streets Plan – University Dr.

- **Prioritized list of grade separations**
- **Project benefits**
- **Funding recommendations**
- **Estimate project costs based on commercially available data**
- **Identify potential partners and funding mechanisms**
- **Provide realistic phasing and timelines for projects with potential project barriers and milestones per recommendation**

Complete Streets Plan – South College

- **Existing conditions and needs assessment**
- **Review existing and proposed plans**
- **South College/College Avenue Existing Conditions Factbook, Inventory Report and Needs Assessment**

Complete Streets Plan – South College

- **Meetings with property owners**
 - Identify their plans, timelines, and interest in using complete street types of projects in future development
 - Identify where curb cuts, access management techniques and mid-block crossings need to occur

Complete Streets Plan – South College

- **Develop multiple scenarios for the corridor by:**
 - **Maximizes connectivity for vulnerable users across and along the College Ave/South College corridor**
 - **Ability of property owners to accommodate bicycle, pedestrian, and other micromobility paths and facilities**
 - **Constructability**
 - **Cost**

Complete Streets Plan – South College

- **Develop multiple scenarios for the corridor by (continued):**
 - **Right-of-way needs**
 - **Existing and needed traffic controls and mid-block crossings**
 - **Traffic disruption during construction**
 - **Utility conflicts**
 - **Integration into the transportation network of the cities and the University**

Complete Streets Plan – South College

- Identify short (0 to 10 years), and long-range (11 to 20 years) mobility recommendations to address the needs/issues
- Identify transportation investments suitable for consideration within the BCSMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (MTP/TIP)

Complete Streets Plan – South College

- **The benefits of the projects/plan must also be incorporated**
- **Quantify the trade-offs, costs and benefits of the recommendations**
- **Additional potential benefits of recommended projects, including safety, reduction in travel times, etc. should be identified**
- **Divide into short and long range needs**

Complete Streets Plan – South College

- **One page project sheets of concepts with ground level and/or bird's eye level artistic renderings and/or computer-generated photo simulations of improvements to help the public visualize recommended improvements of significance for short (0 to 10 years), and long-range (11 to 20 years)**

Complete Streets Plan – South College

- A list of prioritized recommendations/projects for the South College/College Avenue corridor
- Final Plan Map for the South College/College Avenue corridor.
- A checklist template for conducting smaller scale Complete Streets analysis

Complete Streets Plan – Next Steps

- **RFQ responses received on Tuesday, November 18**
- **TAC reviewed and scored submissions to determine who gets contract (early December)**
- **Negotiations with selected consultant to finalize price and scope (mid December)**
- **Start date in February**

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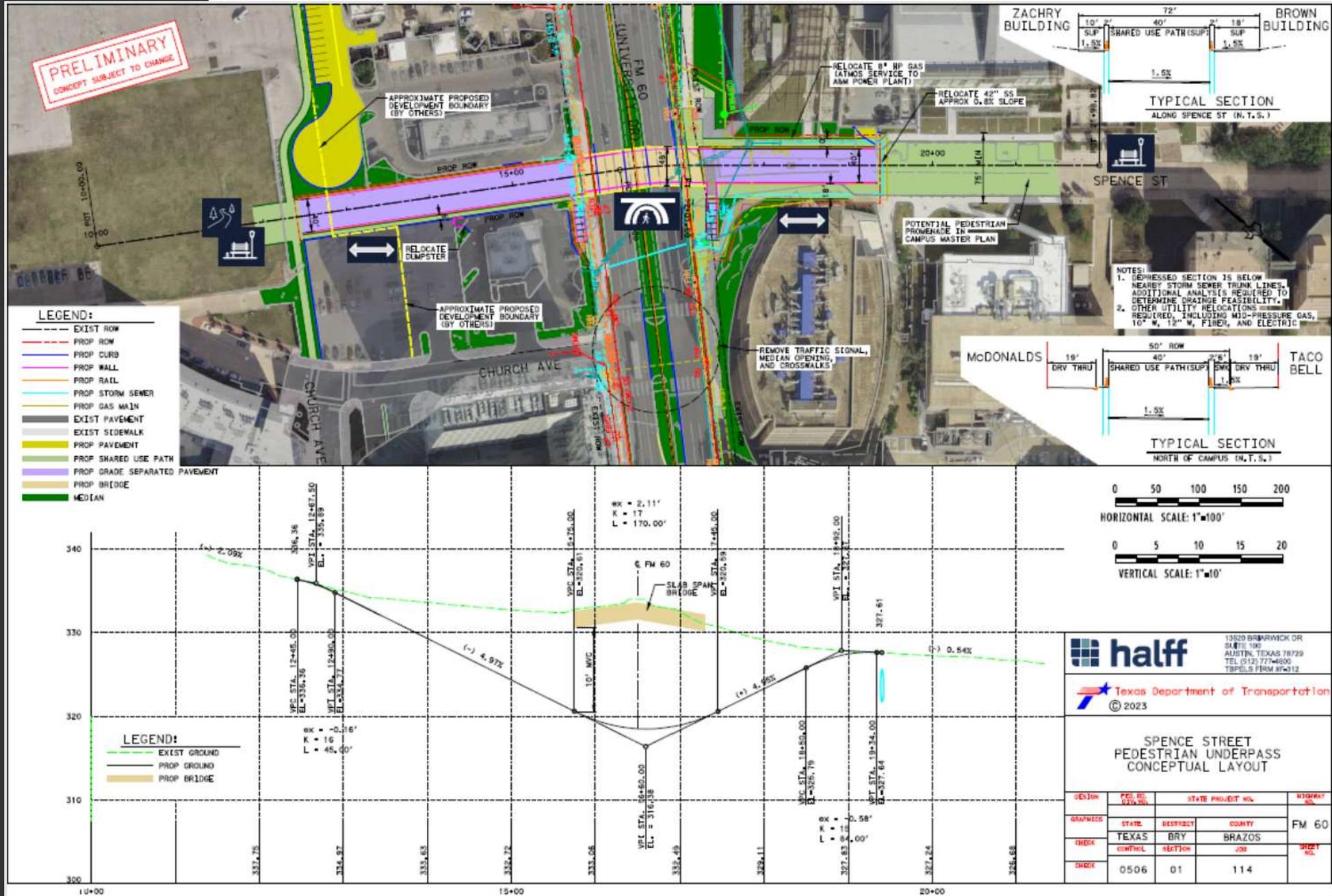


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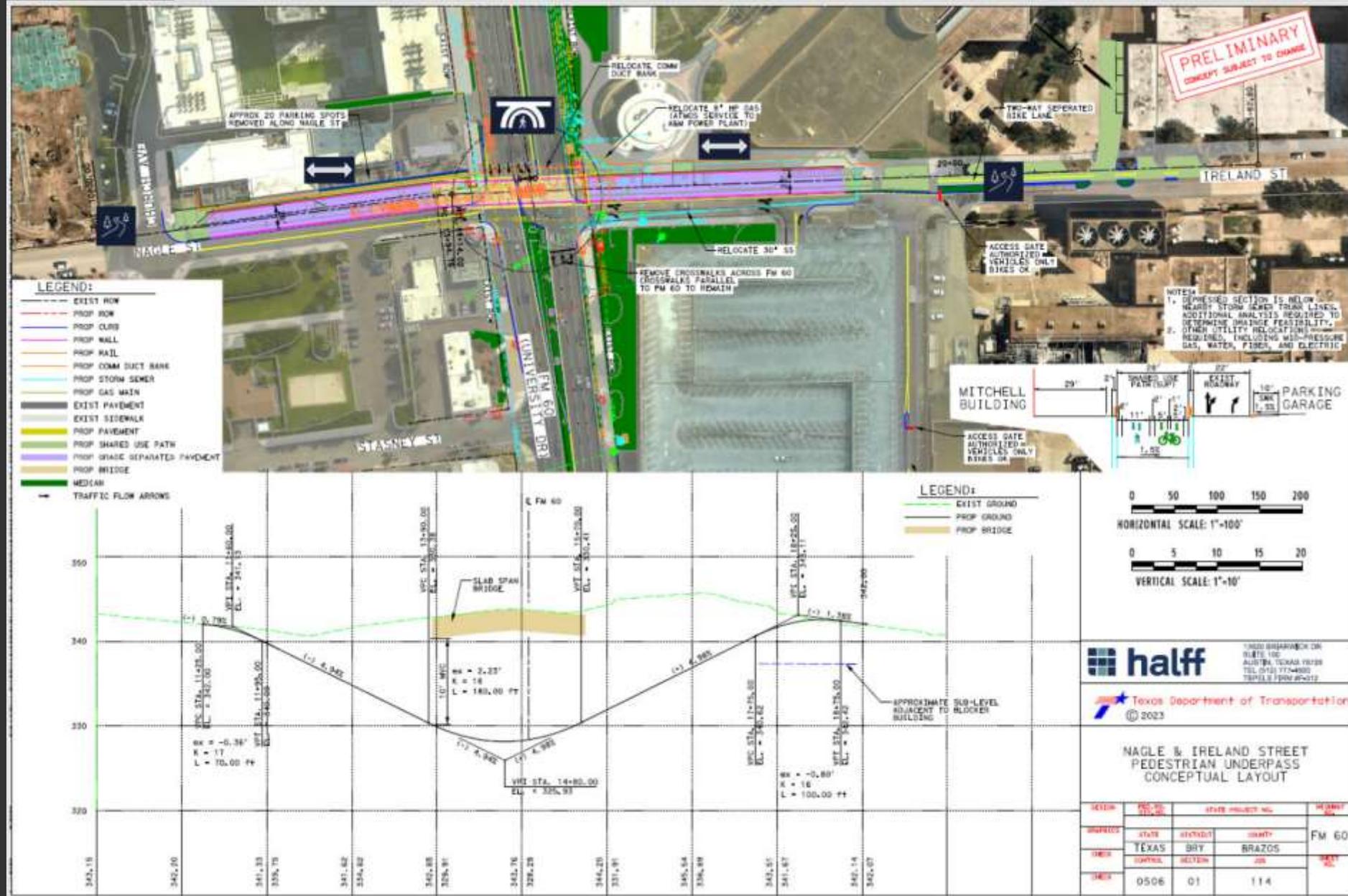
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College Main/ Boylett Idea 2 Conceptual Layout

