



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,
OK 73069

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 5:30 PM

AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF NORMAN'S INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS RELATED TO THE OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY'S ACCESS PROGRAM.

ADJOURNMENT

City of Norman OTA Resolution

City Council Study Session
July 30, 2024



History of OTA

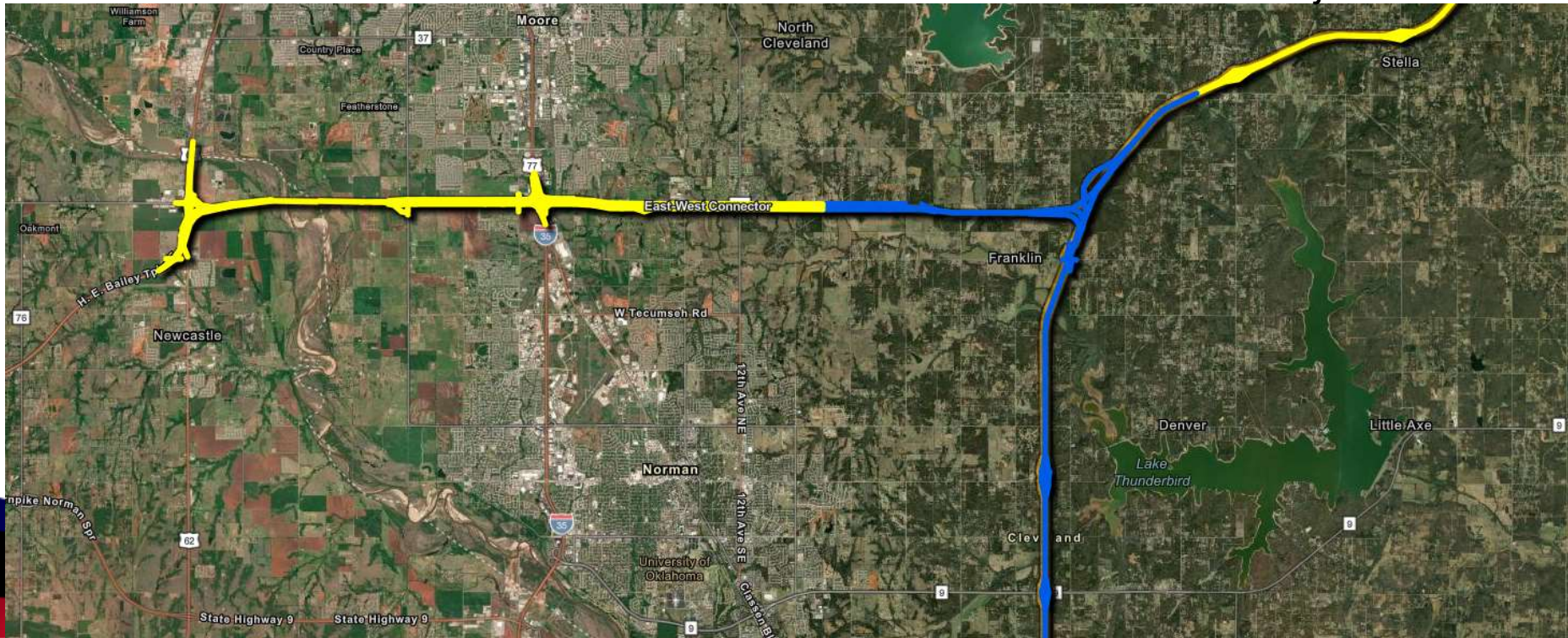


- December 7, 2021 – OTA announces \$5 Billion Access Oklahoma long range plan
 - Included alignment of turnpikes across north and east Norman
- March 22, 2022 – Norman passes resolution opposing the turnpikes in Norman
- June 9, 2022 – OTA resolution to authorize bonds for Access Oklahoma
- August 9, 2022 - Council of Bond Oversight (COBO) gives conditional bond approval resolution pending court actions
- September 6, 2022 – Norman files brief protesting legislative authorization of south extension
- October 10, 2022 - Oklahoma Supreme Court assumed jurisdiction of OTA bond issuance application
- August 1, 2023 - Oklahoma Supreme Court rules the OTA has statutory authority to build new turnpikes included in Access Oklahoma

All lawsuits have been concluded and the OTA is moving forward with Access Oklahoma

OTA Meeting with Staff

- OTA requested a meeting with staff to discuss the Access Oklahoma in Norman
 - July 15, 2024 - Darrel Pyle, Shannon Stevenson and Scott Sturtz attended the meeting at OTA
- Discussions included;
 - Current design for East West Connector (EWC)
 - Norman's plans for roadways in the corridor
 - Norman's requests to be incorporated into the turnpike design
 - Project status and timeline

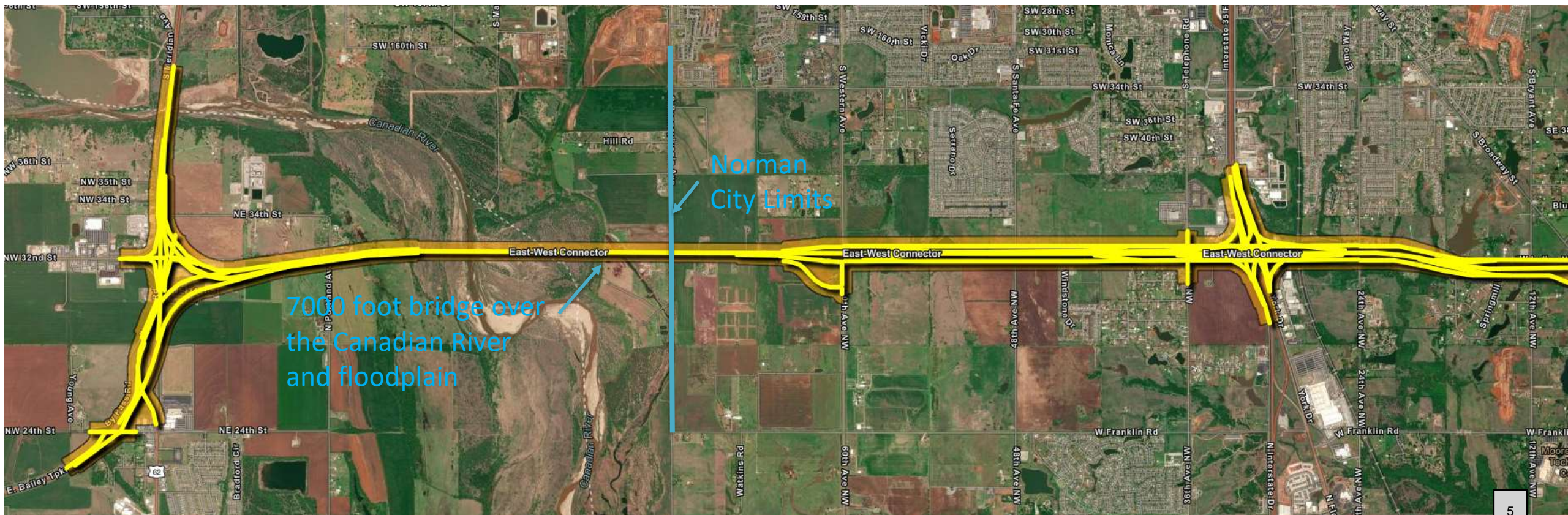


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Blue is future design

East-West Connector

- Current Project

- Design under way for 60% plans from I-44 to 24th Avenue NW
- Drawings generated from www.Accessoklahoma.com

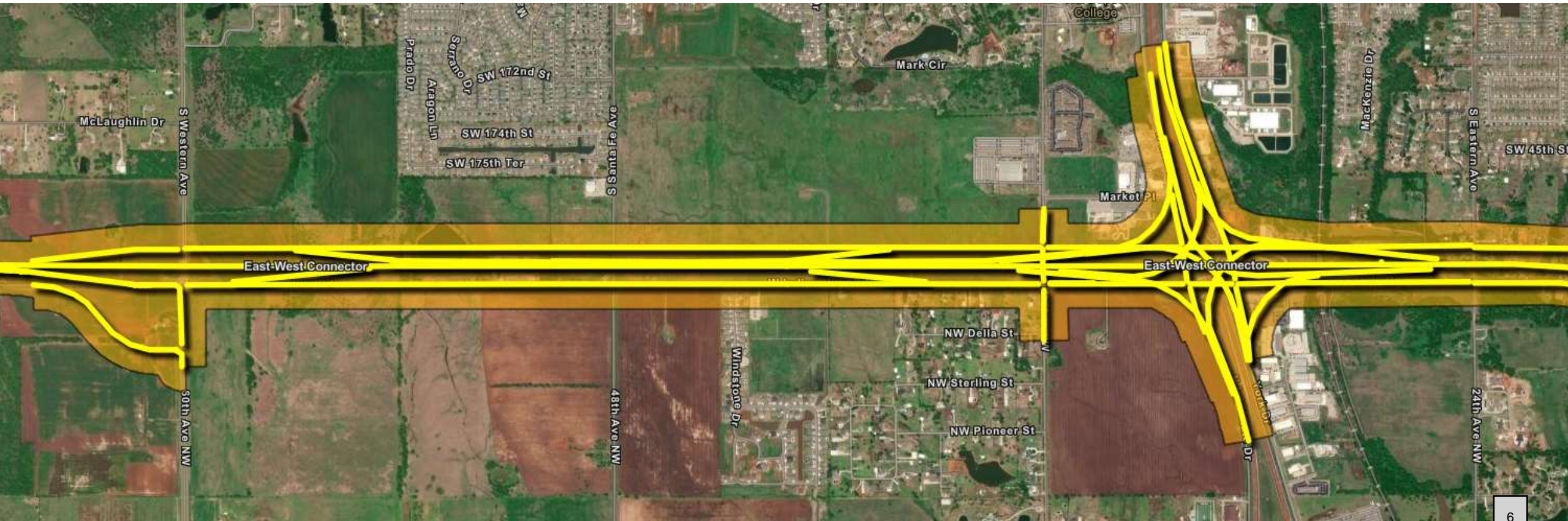


7000 foot bridge over the Canadian River and floodplain

Norman City Limits

East-West Connector – Phase 1

- First Phase
- Access points at
 - 60th Avenue NW
 - 36th Avenue NW
- Norman is requesting
 - One-way frontage roads from 60th Avenue NW to end of project (ultimately built out to 48th Avenue NE)
 - 10 foot multimodal trail on south side
 - 36th Avenue NW constructed to current Norman design
 - Green infrastructure to protect water quality



East-West Connector – Phase 1

- 5 levels at full build out
- Will be completed in phases as traffic volume and construction phases dictate
- Bridge east will extend to include train tracks and floodplain



George W. Bush Turnpike – Dallas, Texas

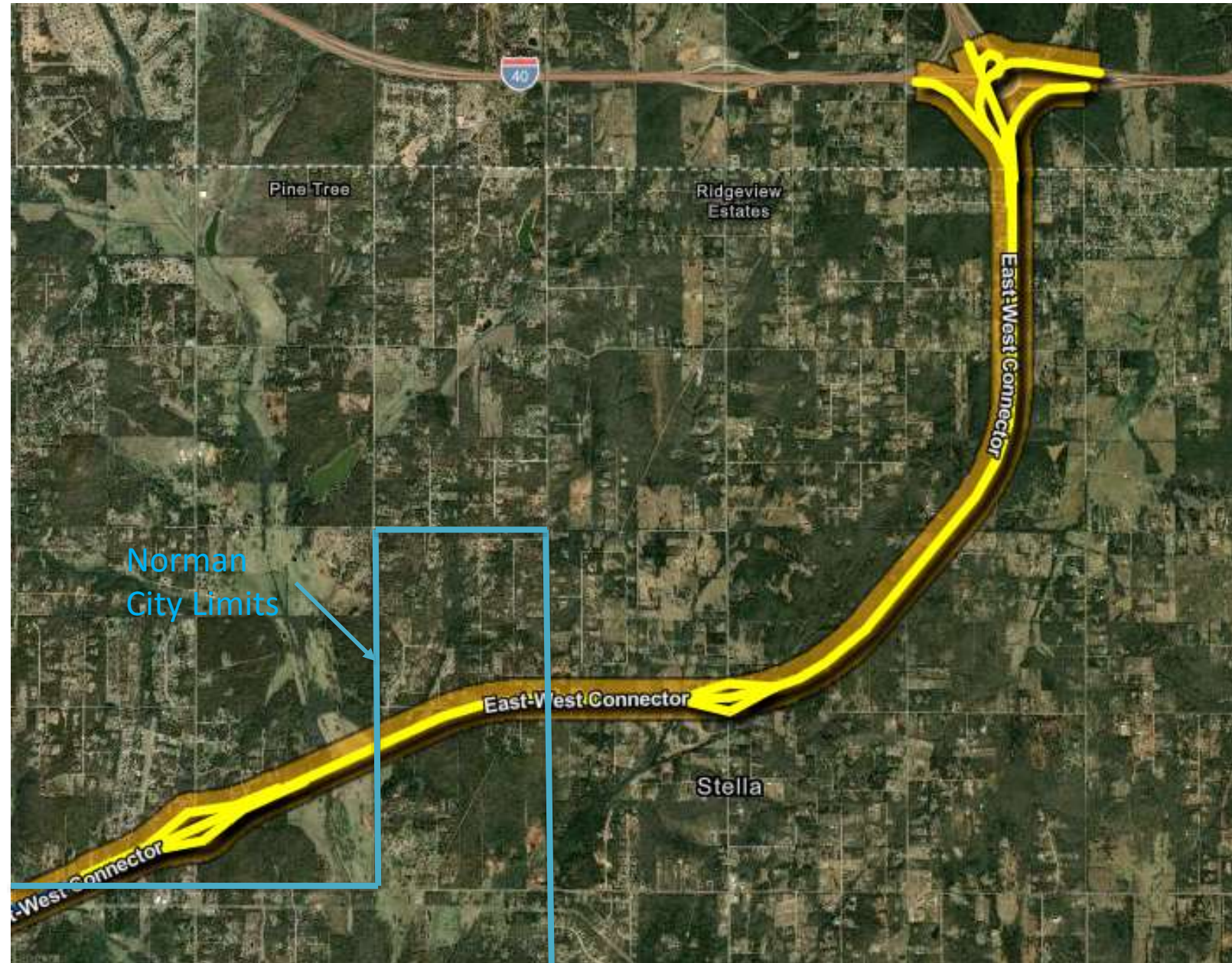
East-West Connector – Future Phases



- Under design
- Access points at
 - 12th Avenue NW
 - 12th Avenue NE
 - 48th Avenue NE
- Norman is requesting
 - One-way frontage roads from 24th Avenue NW to end of project (ultimately built out to 48th Avenue NE)
 - 10 foot multimodal trail on south side
 - Green infrastructure to protect water quality

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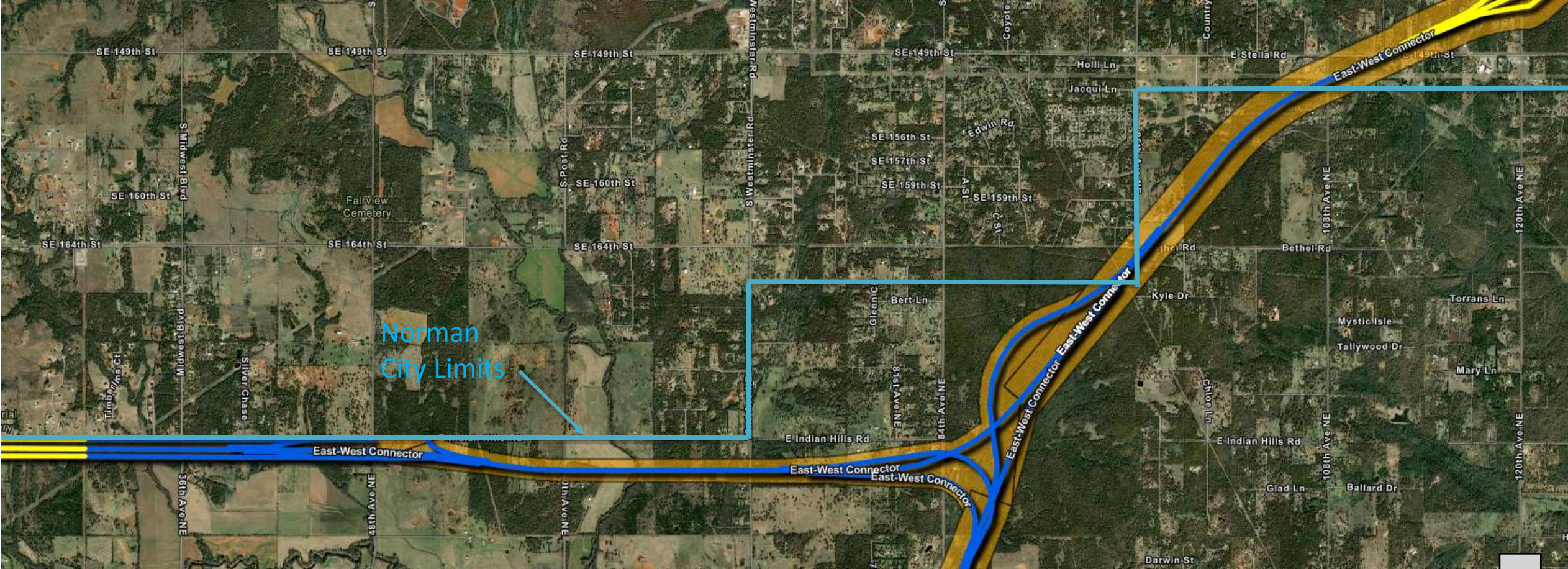
Item 1.



- Under design
- Access points at
 - 120th Avenue NE
 - 156th Avenue NE
- No frontage roads
- Norman is requesting
 - Green infrastructure to protect water quality

East-West Connector – Future Phases

- Design to resume once alignment for South Extension Turnpike (SET) is determined



Current Timelines

- Phase 1

- Environmental studies underway for
 - Water bodies
 - Wetlands
 - Threatened and endangered species
 - Cultural resources (Historic and archaeological)
- Fall 2024 - 60% Plans to be completed
- Mid 2025 - Final plans
- Late 2025 – Begin Construction
- End of 2027 – Mainline open to traffic

- No permits are required from Norman because this is all on State property

- Future phases

- Environmental studies start once design is underway for
 - Water bodies
 - Wetlands
 - Threatened and endangered species
 - Cultural resources (Historic and archaeological)
- Early 2025 - 60% Plans to be completed
- Early 2026 - Final plans
- 2025 - 2027 – Begin construction
- End of 2030 – Mainline open to traffic to I-40

- Begin SET once alignment is determined

Norman Resolution

- The OTA has requested a resolution be provided from the City of Norman
- Indicates cooperation in process
- Includes
 - Statement regarding water quality and coordination with COMCD
 - Green infrastructure to protect water quality
 - Locations of future interchanges on EWC
 - Addition of two-lane, one-way frontage roads from 60th Avenue NW to 48th Avenue NE
 - Requests assistance in construction of 36th Avenue NW
 - 10 foot multimodal trail on south side of the turnpike
- Affirms Norman's partnership and cooperation in the development of the turnpikes
- Adds language that the future SET will be coordinated between OTA and Norman



Kilpatrick Turnpike at night

Should Council not approve the resolution OTA funding for all of the items listed above may be jeopardized

Council Next Steps



- OTA is requesting the resolution by September 2, 2024, so that items can be incorporated into the plans
- Staff can bring the resolution to Council on August 13, 2024 for consideration

Kilpatrick Turnpike
under construction

Council Direction and Questions

