



CITY OF ROLLINGWOOD SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

Monday, December 16, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Rollingwood, Texas will hold a meeting, open to the public, in the Municipal Building at 403 Nixon Drive in Rollingwood, Texas on December 16, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Members of the public and the City Council may participate in the meeting virtually, as long as a quorum of the City Council and the presiding officer are physically present at the Municipal Building, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The public may watch this meeting live and have the opportunity to comment via audio devices at the link below. The public may also participate in this meeting by dialing one of the toll-free numbers below and entering the meeting ID and Passcode.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5307372193?pwd=QmNUbmZBQ1lwUjNjNmK5RnJreIRFUT09>

Toll-Free Numbers: (833) 548-0276 or (833) 548-0282

Meeting ID: 530 737 2193

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The public will be permitted to offer public comments via their audio devices when logged in to the meeting or telephonically by calling in as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. If a member of the public is having difficulties accessing the public meeting, they can contact the city at mrodriguez@rollingwoodtx.gov. Written questions or comments may be submitted up to two hours before the meeting. A video recording of the meeting will be made and will be posted to the City's website and available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

CALL SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens wishing to address the City Council for items not on the agenda will be received at this time. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda.

Citizens who wish to address the Council with regard to matters on the agenda will be received at the time the item is considered.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation from the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) regarding the MoPac South Expansion Project

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rollingwood Municipal Building, in Rollingwood, Texas and to the City website at www.rollingwoodtx.gov at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Makayla Rodriguez

Makayla Rodriguez, City Secretary

NOTICE -

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The City Council will announce that it will go into executive session, if necessary, to deliberate any matter listed on this agenda for which an exception to open meetings requirements permits such closed deliberation, including but not limited to consultation with the city's attorney(s) pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071, as announced at the time of the closed session.

Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code;
discussion of personnel matters pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code;
real estate acquisition pursuant to section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code;
prospective gifts pursuant to section 551.073 of the Texas Government Code;
security personnel and device pursuant to section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code;
and/or economic development pursuant to section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.
Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

City of Rollingwood City Council Update

December 16, 2024



MOPAC SOUTH
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

- **Limits:** Cesar Chavez Street to Slaughter Lane
- **Length:** Approximately 8 miles
- **Designation:** Principal Arterial; freight corridor
- **Project Status:** Environmental Study
- **Recent Activity:**
 - 2045 Traffic Update – March 2024
 - Technical Work Group Meetings – May-June 2024
- **Current Activity:**
 - Open House November 12- December 29, 2024
 - Presenting the Recommended Build Alternative for public comment



- **Online: www.voh.mopacsouth.com**
 - The virtual open house will remain open through Sun., Dec. 29, 2024 (48 calendar days).
- **In-Person**
 - November 12, 2024, 5 p.m. at Austin High School
 - ~100 attendees
 - 23 comments received in-person
- **Official comments can be submitted:**
 - Online: voh.mopacsouth.com
 - By Email: mopacsouth@ctrma.org
 - By Mail: Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority
c/o: MoPac South
3300 N. IH-35, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78705

To be included in the official record for the open house, comments on the Recommended Build Alternative and environmental study elements must be received by Sunday, December 29, 2024.

- **E/W Cesar Chavez Study**
- **Bee Caves Intersection**
 - Organized interagency meeting in June 2024
 - TxDOT offered to take the lead
- **Park and Ride**
- **SH 45 Connection Between IH 35 and FM 1626**
- **Elevated Bike/Pedestrian Crossing at Barton Springs**
- **Continuous 12-foot Shared Use Paths**
- **Design, Construction, and Funding**

The Mobility Authority and Project Team welcome input, partnerships and betterments

- **Presents the Recommended Build Alternative for Public Comment**
- **Continuation of public engagement and input to shape the study**
- **Evaluation for the build alternatives**
- **Evaluation for the operation configurations**
- **Environmental technical studies**
- **Schematic**

- **Technical Work Groups**
 - 8 meetings
 - 18 entities invited
- **City of Rollingwood**
- **City of Austin**
- **Save Our Springs**
- **Austin ISD**



Community input has been a valuable part of the development process for MoPac South, with adjustments made based on public input, including:

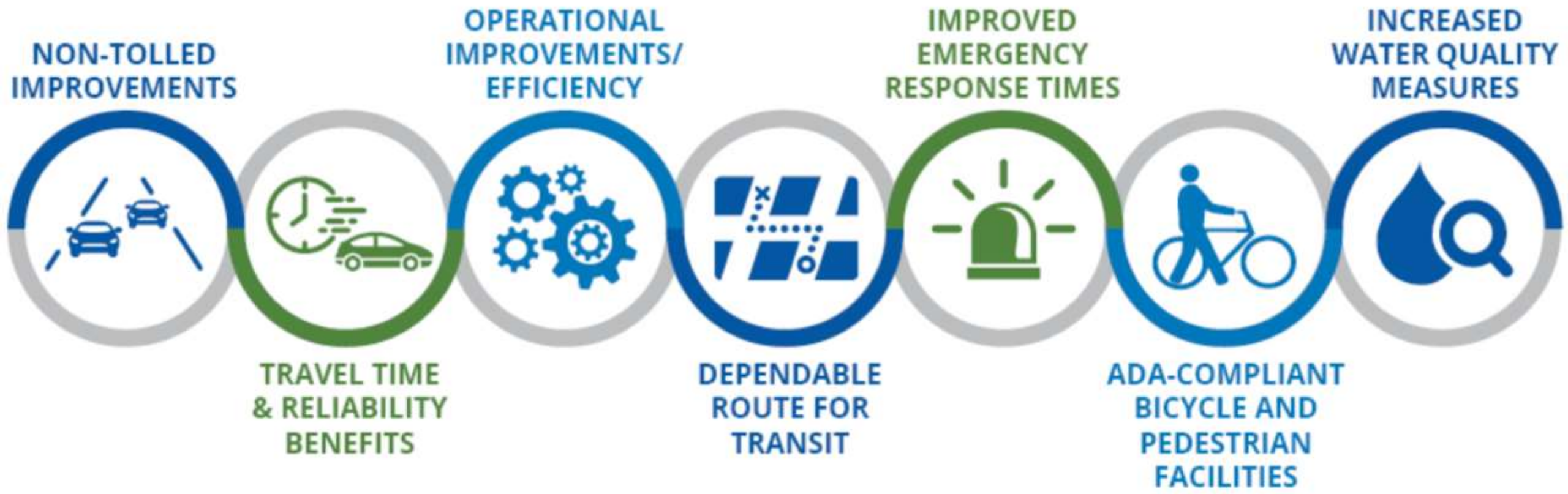
- Added new direct connection at US 290
- Added new bypass lanes from Barton Skyway to Loop 360
- **Added south to north Texas Turnaround at Barton Skyway**
- Lengthen turn lane leading to Texas Turnaround at Loop 360
- **Reconfigured Bee Cave Road/RM 2244 southbound exit ramp**
- Ramp improvements at William Cannon Drive
- Added third southbound and northbound general-purpose lane near William Cannon Drive
- **Additional ADA bike/ped crossings**
- Widened Shared Use Path
- **Additional bike/ped access on each side of the corridor**
- Relocated the Barton Springs Road Shared Use Path crossing to improve safety



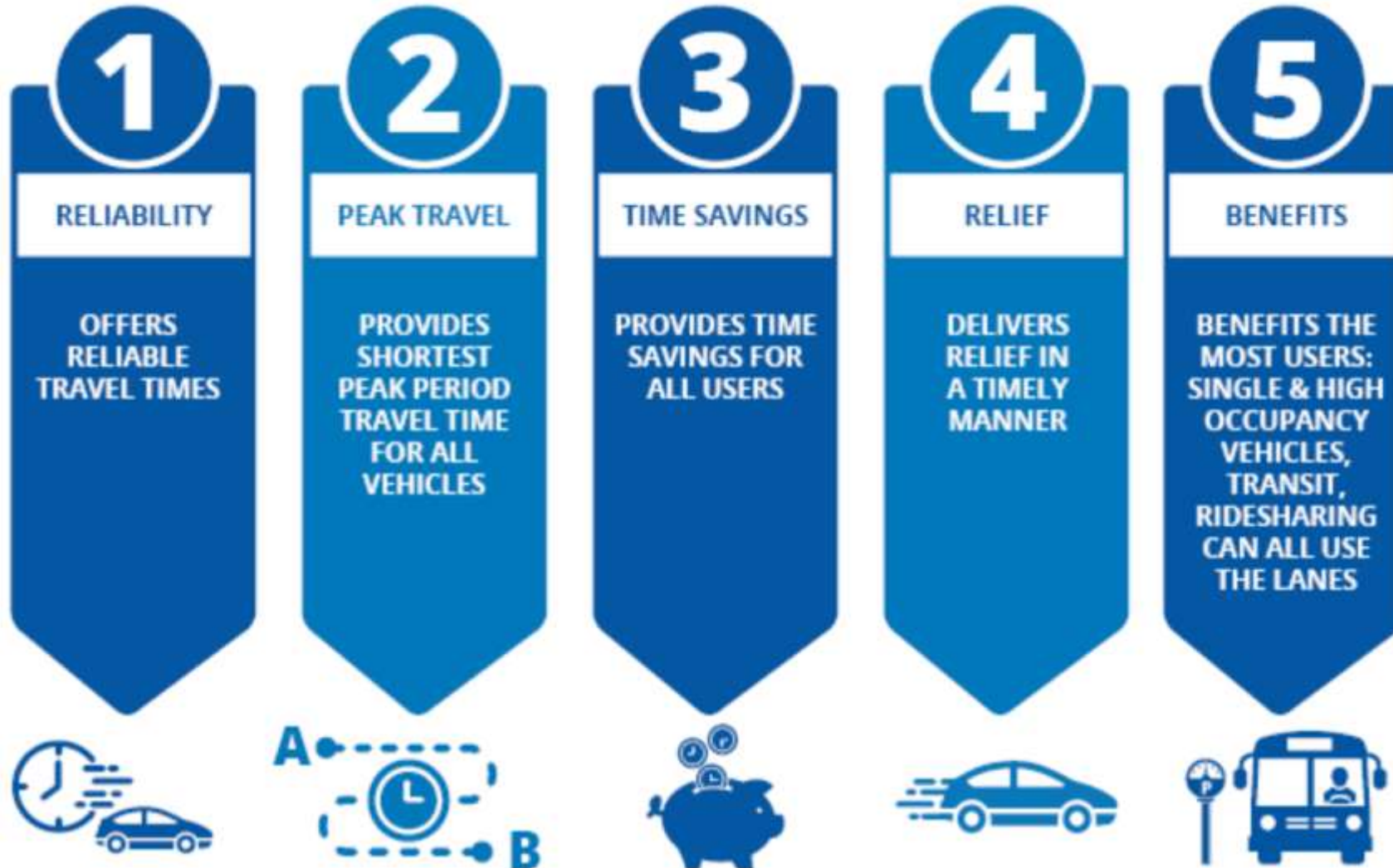
Shared community values:

- Protecting human and natural resources
- No increased elevations over Lady Bird Lake
- No direct connector ramps near Austin High School
- Maximize pedestrian/cyclist routes

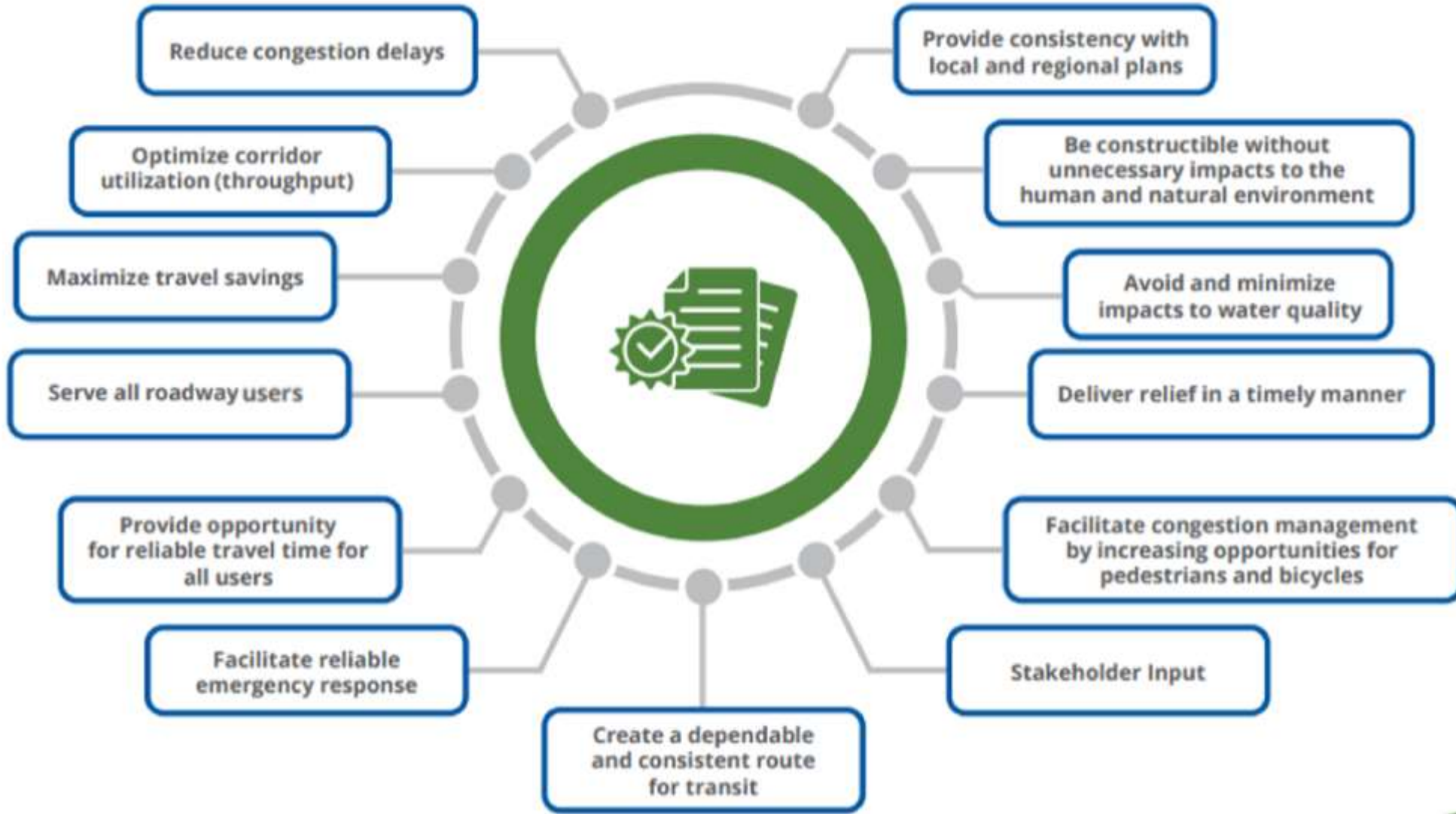
Project Benefits



Why Express Lane(s):



Evaluation Criteria



Key Takeaways:

- Travel times and time savings are only 1 of many considerations in project alternative evaluations.

*Criteria was developed collaboratively with stakeholders and using input gathered from Open Houses #1 and #2.



Air Quality



Biological Resources



Karst Zones



4(f) Considerations



Cultural Resources



Land Use & Parkland



Hazardous Materials



Traffic Noise



Water Resources



Environmental Justice



Indirect and Cumulative Impacts



Social and Community Impacts

Operational Configurations Not Recommended

1A. One Express Lane with Downtown Direct Connection

2A. Two Express Lanes with Downtown Direct Connection

- × Public preference for no elevated lanes over Lady Bird Lake
- × Public concerns about connectivity so close to Austin High School

1B. One Express Lane without Downtown Direct Connection

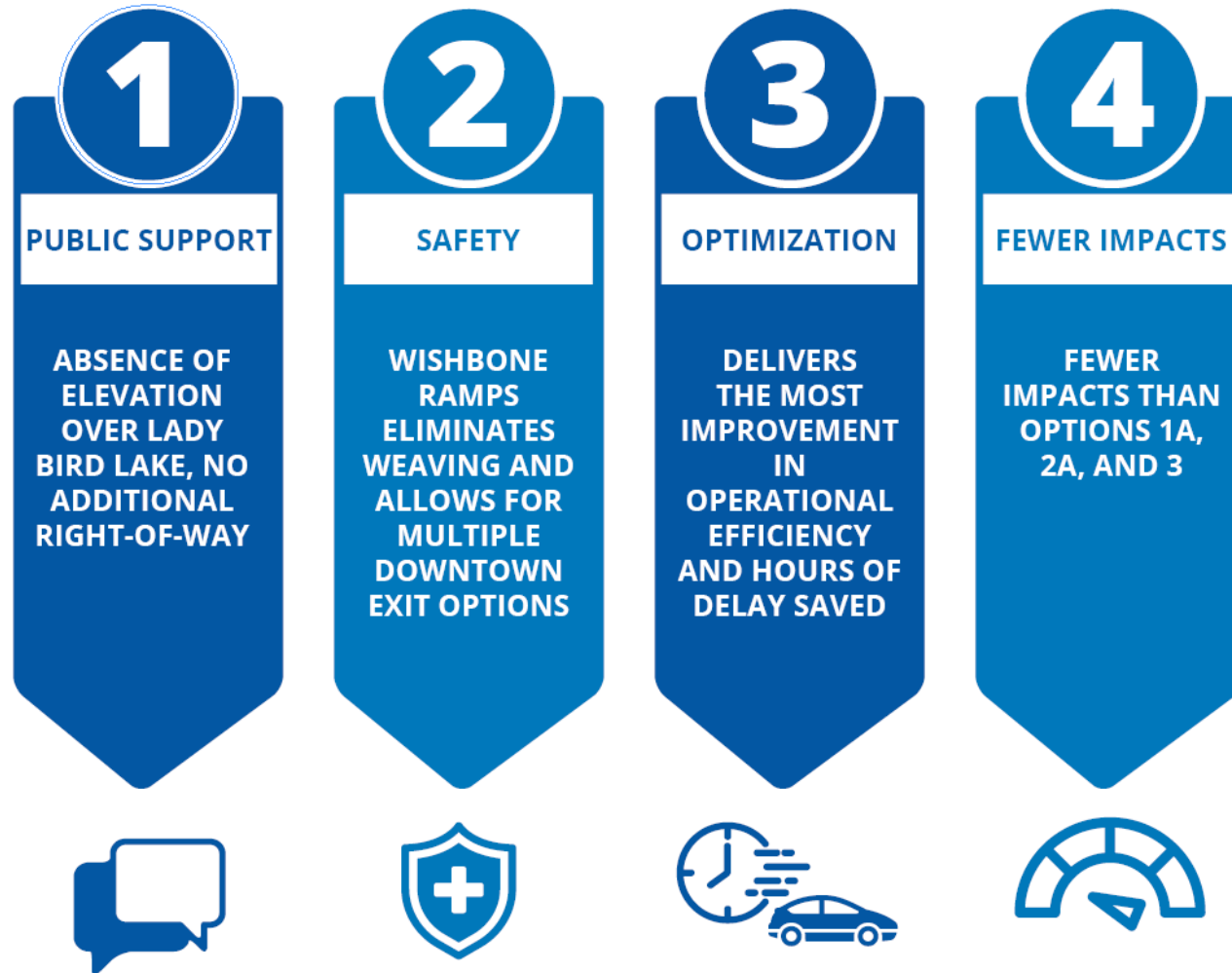
2B. Two Express Lanes without Downtown Direct Connection

- × Operational efficiency and safety reduced due to merging

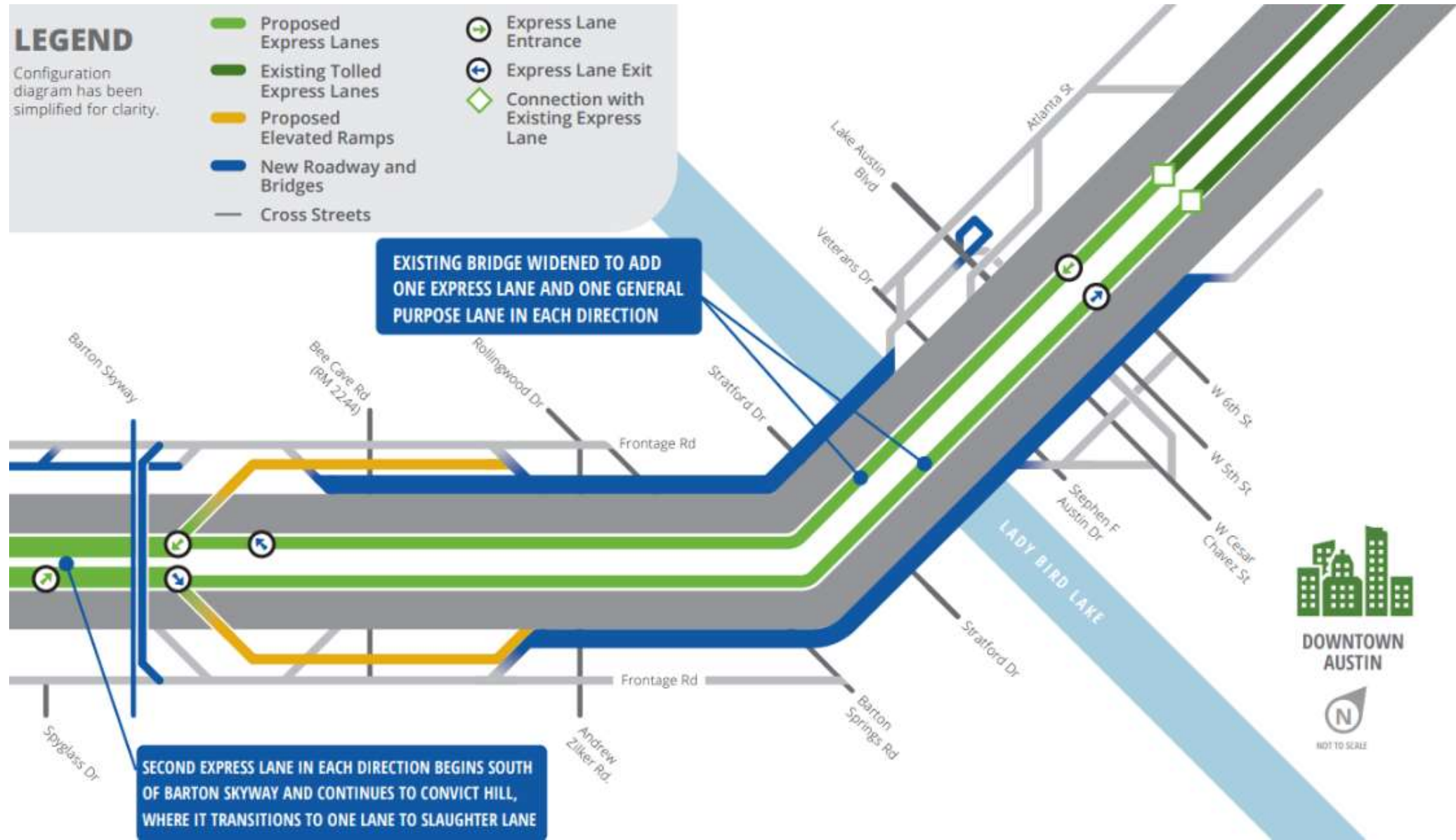
3. City of Austin Proposal

- × Collector distributors require wider bridges and additional right-of-way through Zilker Park.
- × Public preference for less right-of-way

Why 2C: Two Express Lanes with Elevated Ramps near Barton Skyway



Access To/From Downtown via Dedicated Ramps over the Mainlanes



Sixth Street and Cesar Chavez Street entrance ramps to southbound MoPac

Widens existing bridge over Lady Bird Lake to five non-tolled general-purpose lanes in both directions

South-to-north non-signalized U-turn at Barton Skyway

Southbound non-tolled bypass lanes for Bee Cave Road and Barton Skyway entrance to southbound MoPac to bypass signals

Repaved general-purpose lanes throughout corridor

Shift the southbound Bee Cave Road exit ramp further north to allow for safer weaving for westbound Bee Cave Road traffic

Ramp reversal north of Loop 360 northbound frontage road to reduce congestion at northbound Loop 360 intersection

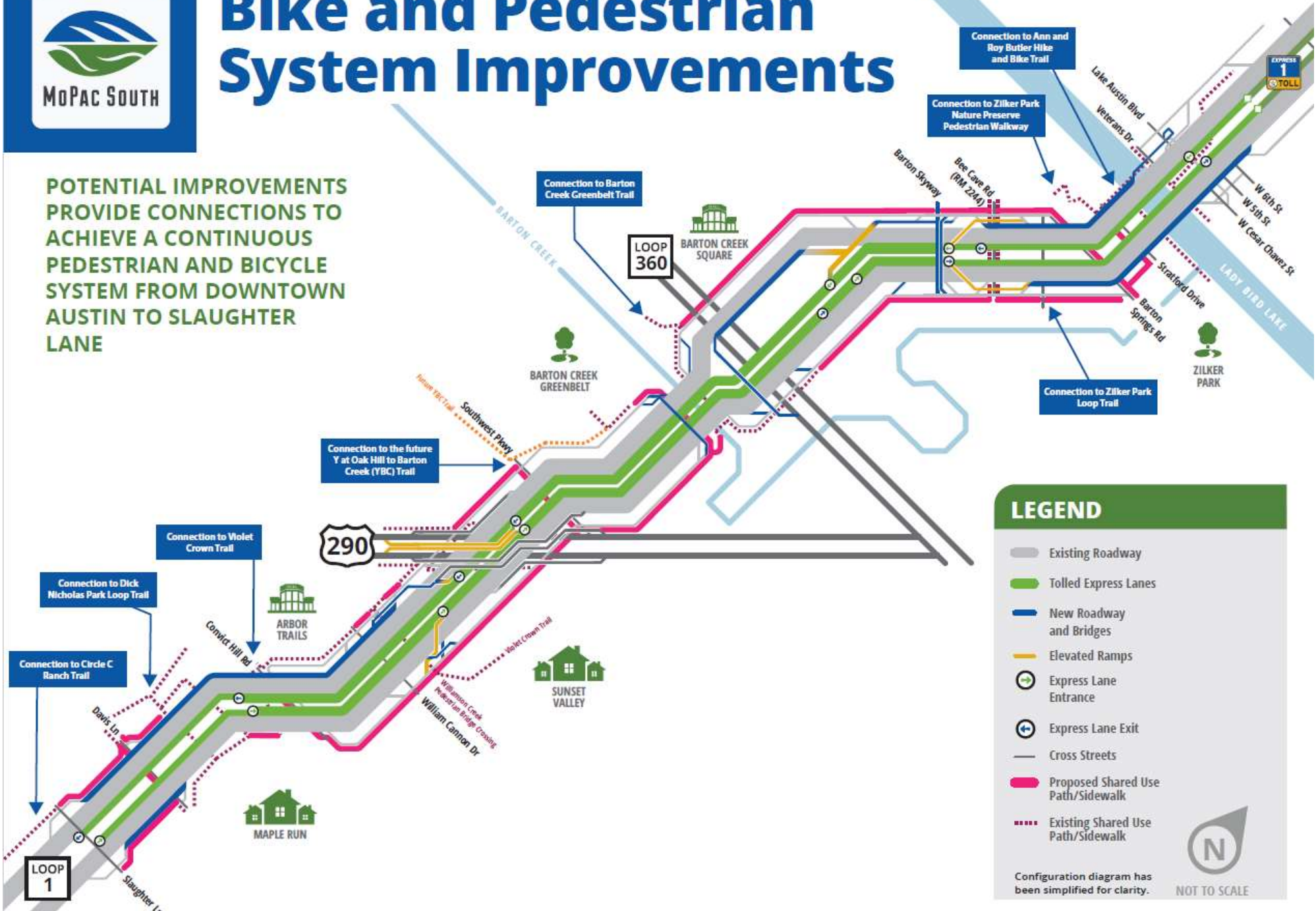
Ramp operational improvements on the northbound frontage road north of William Cannon

Increased pedestrian and cyclist opportunities

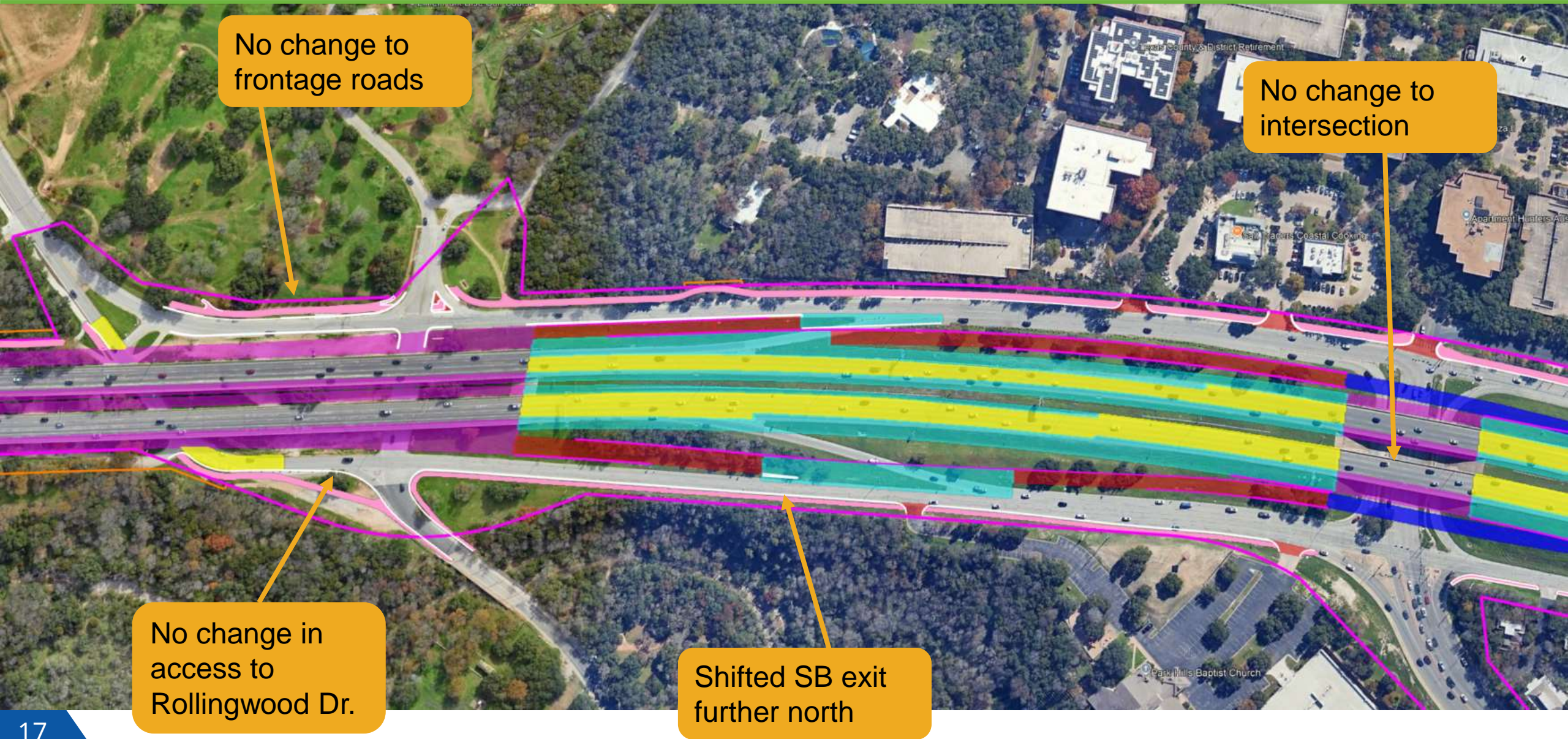


Bike and Pedestrian System Improvements

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDE CONNECTIONS TO ACHIEVE A CONTINUOUS PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SYSTEM FROM DOWNTOWN AUSTIN TO SLAUGHTER LANE



Frontage and Southbound Access



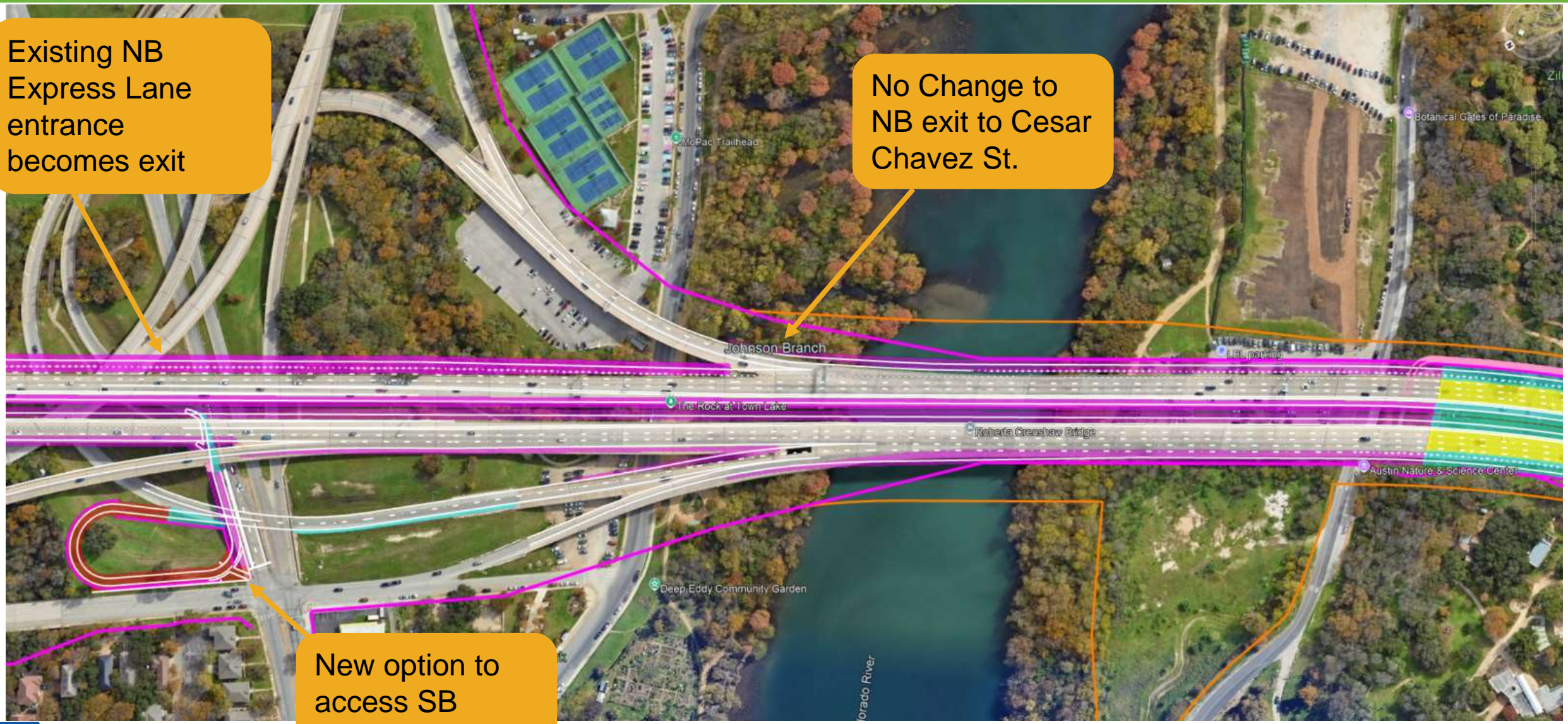
No change to frontage roads

No change to intersection

No change in access to Rollingwood Dr.

Shifted SB exit further north

Downtown Area Schematic Overview



Existing NB Express Lane entrance becomes exit

No Change to NB exit to Cesar Chavez St.

New option to access SB Mopac

- **Virtual Open House #6 in progress**
- **Post Open House #6 documentation and responses to comments**
- **Continue determining how public input can be incorporated**
- **Publish draft Environmental Assessment (EA)**
- **Public Hearing**
- **Submit Final EA**
- **IF the project receives a Finding of No Significant Impact the next step is that the Mobility Authority board of directors votes to decide on moving the project forward to design and construction**

Thank You

Visit www.voh.mopacsouth.com
to explore exhibits in detail
and provide feedback by
Sun., Dec. 29, 2024.



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