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## PROJECT CONCEPT DOCUMENT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is undertaking design plans and environmental studies for improvements to US 175 / SM Wright Freeway. The study area is shown at left and includes improvements to I-45 from SM Wright Freeway (US 175) to south of Lamar Street (1.7 miles); S. M. Wright Freeway from I-45 to SH 310 near Budd Street (2.5 miles); and providing direct connecting (DC) ramps between C. F. Hawn Freeway (US 175) and I-45 (1.5 miles). The S. M. Wright Project would increase mobility and improve safety by eliminating the accident prone C. F. Hawn Freeway to S. M. Wright Freeway curve.

In 2015, TxDOT decided to relet the project due to right of way and utility issues. While maintaining its focus on the traditional disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) program, TxDOT used that time to work with the community to develop 1) a pilot federal program that promotes the use of locally based employees, and 2) establish goals for small, minority- and women-owned

businesses as a pilot S/M/WBE and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Aspirational Participation Program to determine the availability of those types of contractors on major projects.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

### S. M. Wright Phase I (Formerly Trinity Parkway Phase I)

Construct new direct-connecting ramps from C. F. Hawn Freeway to I-45, and widen I-45 to the inside from Lamar St. to the S. M. Wright Freeway ramps. The direct-connecting ramps provide allowance for a potential future connection from Trinity Parkway under study by the NTTA.

### S. M. Wright Phase II (CSJ: 0092-01-052)

#### (Existing S. M. Wright Reconstruction)

Reconstruct S. M. Wright from I-45 to Budd St. as a low speed, landscaped six (6) lane arterial.

### S. M. Wright Phase IIB (0092-01-059; 0092-14-088)

Add a new NB I-45 exit ramp and a new SB I-45 entrance ramp to and from Grand Ave. Extend the I-45 front-

age roads to MLK Blvd. Reconstruct S. M. Wright from Pennsylvania Ave. to Cesar Chavez Blvd. at Grand Ave.

## S. M. WRIGHT PROJECT STATUS

**Phase I and II Project Cost:** \$151.6 M

**Phase IIB Project Cost:** \$26 M

**Funding:** Local and Regional officials have prioritized programming and funding of the C. F. Hawn-to-I-45 ramps in order to accelerate the S. M. Wright construction, with \$151 M anticipated from RTR, STP-MM, Cat. 2 & other funding sources.

**Environmental Assessment:** Phase I and II complete; Phase IIB underway.

**Environmental Clearance:** Phase I and II completed Sept. 2013; Phase IIB expected Fall 2016.

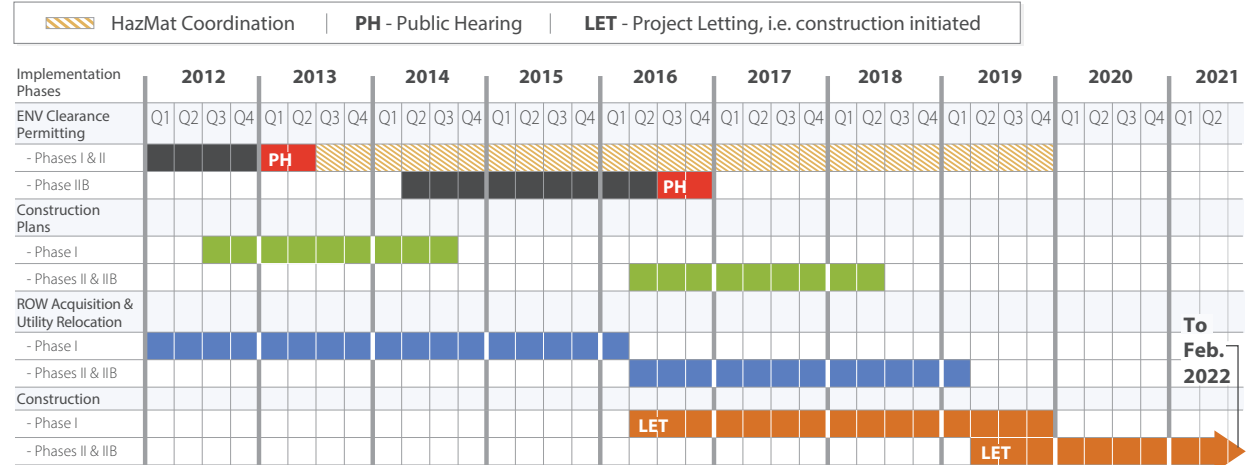
**PS&E:** 100% complete (S. M. Wright Phase I only)

**S. M. Wright Phase I Letting:** Re-let February 2016

**S. M. Wright Phase II and IIB Letting:** February 2019

## OVERALL SCHEDULE

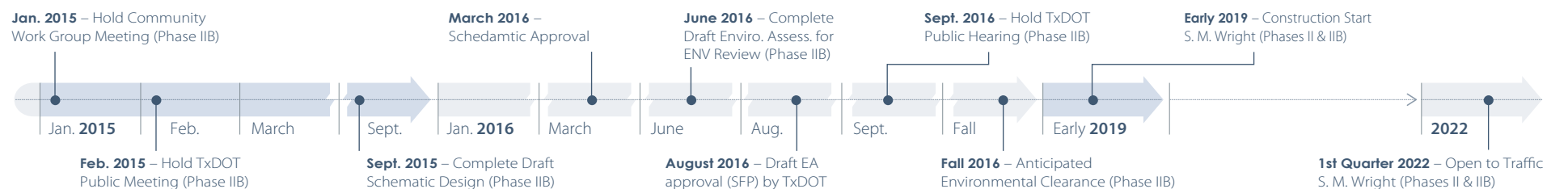
S. M. WRIGHT PHASE I (Formerly Trinity Parkway Phase 1), (I-45 and U.S. 175 Connectors) and S. M. WRIGHT PHASE II (Existing S. M. Wright Reconstruction):



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## S. M. WRIGHT PHASE IIB ESTIMATED DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



NOTE: Dates subject to change.

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