

Documentation of Public Hearing

Project Location

Williamson County, Texas

Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 CSJ: 0914-05-195

Project Limits

From Forest Creek Drive south to State Highway 45 North

Hearing Location

Virtual: https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/

In-Person: 3400 Sunrise Road, Round Rock, Texas 78665

Hearing Date and Time

Dec. 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. through Dec. 18, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

In-person option: Dec. 2, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Translation Services

N/A

Presenters

N/A

Elected Officials in Attendance

N/A

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

Virtual: 143 views

In-person: 6

Total Number of Commenters

18

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1	Amber	12/14/2020	Email	"Is the City of Round Rock going to build a fence before construction begins in order to reduce noise?"	Noise barriers (walls) are proposed for the Preserve at Dyer Creek and Rolling Ridge neighborhoods. A noise workshop will be held prior to making a final decision regarding construction of the proposed noise barriers. At the noise workshop, affected property owners will be allowed to vote on whether or not to include the noise barriers in the proposed project. Assuming a majority of affected property owners vote in favor of the noise barrier, it would be constructed as part of the overall project. The contract for construction of the project would be awarded based on a competitive (low bid) process. The contractor, once selected, would be responsible for determining the most effective plan for execution of the project and construction of the improvements (including noise barriers). It should be noted that if the affected property owners vote against the noise barriers, the city would construct a neighborhood fence (approximately 6 feet high) between the roadway and the neighborhoods.
				"Is the fence going to be sound proof or noise reduction options?"	Noise barriers (walls) are proposed, subject to polling of the affected property owners, for the Preserve at Dyer Creek and Rolling Ridge neighborhoods. The barriers would be placed as close as feasible to the edge of the roadway right-of-way and common property line. The noise barriers would reduce noise by levels by at least 5 dB(A) and would benefit 47 first row noise receivers (existing homes).

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				"How far from the fence is the street/ and sidewalk?"	The noise barriers, if constructed, would be placed as close as feasible to the edge of the right-of-way and common property line. The distance between the noise walls and the shared use path would vary from approximately 5 feet to approximately 18 feet (depending upon the right-of-way width at a given location). The distance between the shared use path and the outside edge of the travel lanes would be approximately 14-16 feet.
				"What hours/ days construction?"	Generally, the City follows a Monday through Friday "standard workweek," but allows contractors the option to work on Saturdays. Work on Sundays and legal holidays may be authorized on a case-by-case basis by the City's Transportation Director. Work is allowed from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm unless impacting traffic or otherwise approved by the City's Transportation Director.
				Requested consideration of noise from the proposed project on remote workers and students during the COVID 19 pandemic.	To minimize construction-related noise, the City requires that "All equipment associated with the work must be equipped with components to suppress excessive noise and these components must be maintained in their original operating condition considering normal depreciation. Noise-attenuation devices installed by the manufacturer such as mufflers, engineer covers, insulation, etc. must not be removed nor rendered ineffectual nor be permitted to remain off equipment while the equipment is in use."
2	Beckon, Michael	11/24/2020	Email	Stated, "I own a house that backs into Gattis Road near Meister Lane. This location for the Northfields subdivision is slated to be impacted by the expansion	Comment noted.

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				of Gattis School Road (part of the Kenny Fort expansion project. I am concerned because this 50% increase in lanes (4 to 6) will increase traffic flow and bring that traffic closer to the homes along that stretch of Gattis Road. This will obviously increase the noise and environmental impacts and decrease safety."	
				Suggested installation of "Noise abatement concrete walls (at least 8 feet high from Meister Lane to the last house on that stretch) that would help to reduce the noise while also adding a safety barrier."	The section of Gattis School Road mentioned by the commenter is outside of the limits of the proposed Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 and 3 project. Because the proposed project would not include improvements to that portion of Gattis School Road, it was not evaluated during the project noise analysis.
				Suggested planting trees to reduce environmental impacts.	Upon completion of construction, the proposed project would be landscaped in accordance with applicable City of Round Rock requirements.
				"we would like to state our objections to the Kenney Fort Boulevard Extension (Segments 2 and 3)."	Comment noted.
3	3 Chen, Shaofei and Cao, Feifei	12/14/2020	Comment	"the communities surrounding the proposed construction area are mature and well established. The construction of such a 6-lane highway through the	Comment noted.
	·			"The City should not simply carry out this project just because it was part of a City plan of 20 years ago. Over the last 20 years, people have settled in these communities due to the very characteristics (peaceful, mature, quiet) that this project is going to destroy."	Although the community and the project area has changed extensively over the past 20 years, Kenney Fort has consistently been seen as a key strategy for addressing growth and transportation demand in the area. Kenney Fort Blvd is a major arterial roadway in the City of Round Rock's Transportation Master Plan.

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					It was included (identified as Arterial A) in the City's first Transportation Master Plan, published in 1994, and has been consistently included in every plan update. In fact, planning for Kenney Fort, which was initiated in 1988, pre-dates development of the City's formal Transportation Master Plan.
				"Instead, the City should continue to reach out to and listen to the voice of the residents in the communities as the demographics have changed over time, carefully examine the alternative solutions to allow for detailed comparisons, and thoroughly study the cost and benefits of this project to the residents and communities."	·
					The environmental assessment was prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act as well as TxDOT rules pertaining to the development of environmental documents. The level of detail and the evaluation of the No Build Alternative is consistent with both sets of regulations.
				improve mobility with less impact to environment and	As stated in the environmental assessment, the purpose of the proposed project is to (1) enhance mobility in the project area, (2) facilitate north/south movement of traffic, and (3) eliminate a gap between existing Kenney Fort Blvd and SH 45. The system connectivity benefits of eliminating the gap are key in that the connected system allows travelers to remain on Kenney Fort to access
					SH 45 rather than using local, residential streets. This, in turn, enhances mobility within the proposed

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				"Finally, the current project plan has not addressed the impact to the property values of the homes that are immediately next to the project." Commenters	project is an important element of the local and regional transportation plans, it does not negate the need for other system improvements such as the intersection improvements noted by the commenters. An assessment of property values and the potential impact of the proposed project on those values has not been conducted and is beyond the scope of the currently required
4	Dupont, Baron	12/03/2020	Comment Form		studies/evaluation. Comment noted.
				"We went and looked at the sample fence product on Redbud by the railroad tracks" as suggested. "That is a very good looking, high quality product, that we would be happy to have behind our home."	Comment noted.
5	Howard, Rodney and Brenda	12/19/2020	Email	"An eight (8) foot high version of this new fence is our preference."	A 10-foot-high noise barrier is proposed adjacent to the Preserve at Dyer Creek neighborhood. An 8-foot-high barrier is proposed along the Rolling Ridge neighborhood. Barrier heights were determined based on computer-based noise modeling and satisfy noise reduction criteria established in TxDOT's (federally approved) Traffic Noise Guidelines.
				look of the roadway and make this road project the	Upon completion of construction, the proposed project would be landscaped in accordance with applicable City of Round Rock requirements.
6	Kohn, Donna	12/18/2020	Comment Form	Stated "I have a major concern regarding the intersection of Kenney Fort Blvd and Gattis School Road" and noted that the intersection is "within the walking zones" of several schools. Suggested "the City to be proactive and use technology and other	The City of Round Rock and TxDOT are committed to providing a safe and efficient transportation system; thus, safety has been a priority during development of the Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 and 3 project. The proposed project, including the intersection with Gattis

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				pedestrians needing to cross there."	School Road, is being developed and designed in accordance with all applicable safety standards and criteria.
7	Jaiswal, Pranay	12/03/2020	Email	Expressed support for the project. Stated "lets go make this happen asap."	Comment noted.
8	Le, Truong	12/10/2020	Email	"The 6 lane seems to overkill what we need. With 6 lanes, will vehicles be allowed to drive more than 65 mph?"	The 6 lane design of the proposed project is intended to accommodate existing and projected (future) traffic volumes. The 6 lane design is consistent with the City's Transportation Master Plan. It is also consistent with the existing section of Kenney Fort Blvd north of Forest Creek Drive (reducing the number of lanes south of Forest Creek Drive would create a bottleneck and adversely impact traffic). The anticipated speed limit is 45 mph.
				"It's too close to my house and I have a safety concern about it."	Comment noted.
9	Manduskar, Amol	12/03/2020	Email	Expressed concerned about pedestrian safety – particularly at the intersection of Kenney Fort Blvd and Forest Creek Drive. Suggested "a dedicated tunnel from Forest Creek Drive + Kenney Fort intersection."	Comment noted
10	Palacios, Eric	12/07/2020	Email	construction." "if the area is directly behind our property is to be disturbed, we would like a designated access point that would still allow us to move trucks and livestock trailers like we have been doing for the past 15 years."	The Palacios' property (19 Brenda Lane) is located north of US 79. As such, it is outside the limits of the proposed Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 and 3 project. The Palacios' property would not be impacted by the Segments 2 and 3 project (which is the subject of the draft environmental assessment and public hearing).
11	Pitts, Keiawnna	12/18/2020	Email	"I am one of the homeowners of the eleven houses in the Preserve at Dyer Creek that the new road will run behind. I am in favor of a 10 ft noise barrier for the	Comment noted.

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				neighborhoods affected by the new Kenney Fort extension."	
12	Pitts, Tony	12/18/2020	Email	"I am in favor of the sound barrier between the Kenney Fort extension and the affected neighborhoods."	Comment noted.
				Indicated that she recently purchased her home and was unaware of the proposed Kenney Fort project prior to purchasing.	Comment noted.
13	Reynolds, Jennifer	12/18/2020	Email	Expressed concerns about "the noise and pollution factors (both during the long 18-24 mos. duration ofand continuous noise with traffic once completed."	During the construction phase, the contractor would be required to make every reasonable effort to minimize noise and other construction-related impacts. For example, construction-phase noise would be abated by work hour controls and proper maintenance of equipment muffler systems; fugitive dust would be controlled by watering the construction site, as needed; and stormwater impacts would be controlled through the proactive use and maintenance of erosion and sedimentation BMPs (silt fences, rock berms, settlement basins, etc).
				Expressed concern about "the privacy and disturbance factors."	Comment noted.
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				Expressed concern about "people walking/talking loudly/possible loitering on the adjacent trails".	Comment noted.
				Expressed concern about property/resale values should she "have to sell at some point."	Comment noted.
					Neither Ms. Reynold's property nor her neighbor to west (which actually borders the proposed right-of-way) would be impacted by right-of-way acquisition and no vegetation

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					would be disturbed on these properties. The parcel of land located north of Ms. Reynold's property would be impacted by right-of-way acquisition; however, the acreage to be acquired does not border Ms. Reynold's property; no vegetation adjacent to Ms. Reynold's yard is anticipated to be impacted.
				She asked why an 8-foot tall noise barrier is proposed adjacent to her neighborhood (Rolling Ridge) while a 10-foot tall barrier is proposed adjacent to the Preserve as Dyer Creek.	The determination of the height of a noise barrier is based on the levels at which a barrier would reduce noise levels for adjacent homes. In order to propose a noise barrier, it must meet certain noise reduction criteria to be considered "feasible". An 8-foot barrier at the Preserve at Dyer Creek subdivision would not achieve sufficient noise reductions for the adjacent homes to meet the noise reduction criteria; however, a 10-foot barrier would. At the Rolling Ridge subdivision, an 8-foot barrier would achieve sufficient noise reductions for the adjacent homes.
				"Per your document, it states that you have a cost- effectiveness criterion limit of \$25,000, so why would Rolling Ridge residents have it at only \$9600 per receiver?"	The determination of the height of a noise barrier is based on the levels at which a barrier would reduce noise levels for adjacent homes. In order to propose a noise barrier, it must meet certain noise reduction criteria to be considered "feasible". An 8-foot barrier at the Preserve at Dyer Creek subdivision would not achieve sufficient noise reductions for the adjacent homes to meet the noise reduction criteria; however, a 10-foot barrier would. At the Rolling Ridge subdivision, an 8-foot barrier would achieve sufficient noise reductions for the adjacent homes.

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					determined based on the noise reduction criteria, the barrier is analyzed for cost-reasonableness by determining the number of adjacent homes that would be "benefitted" by the proposed barrier. These "benefitted" receivers are homes who meet the noise reduction criteria. For the Rolling Ridge subdivision, the number of homes benefitted as compared to the dimensions of the proposed wall is greater than that of the Preserve at Dyer Creek, resulting in a lower cost per benefitted receiver.
				"I have been trying to figure out ways to build up my own barrier that can help with the projected noise that will come with this roadway but fast-growing trees are not really an option as they are costly even as seedling, and take 10-30 years to grow to a stage hat would be of any help."	Comment noted.
				project only affects me at the very tip of my angled yard by way of my neighbor and there is a very large	Ms. Reynold's home (2200 Joshua Cove) is not immediately adjacent to the proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard right-of-way. A residential lot, containing a single family home, is located between Ms. Reynold's property and the proposed right-of-way on the west and a larger parcel, also containing a single family home, borders Ms. Reynold's property on the north. Subject to polling of the affected property
				andcompletely exposed to all noise, pollution, privacy, etc., of this roadway. I have absolutely no barrier, noise, or privacy protection for my yard or home other than the few trees that might remain standing, to which is unknown."	owners, two noise barriers are proposed as part of the Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 and 3 project: a barrier adjacent to the Rolling Ridge neighborhood and a barrier adjacent to the Preserve at Dyer Creek neighborhood. The Rolling Ridge barrier would terminate at

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				"I feel like the city should at the very least, reimburse and help me by planting large privacy trees that could at least surround the corner and areas around it."	the northern-most point of her (western) neighbor's parcel. Two larger, single family properties are located between the two noise barriers (one of these properties is Ms. Reynold's neighbor to the north). The City of Round Rock plans to build a six-foot-tall neighborhood wall along these two properties. The neighborhood wall would connect the two noise barriers. Although not a noise barrier, the 6-foot-tall neighborhood wall would serve as a visual barrier between Ms. Reynold's property and the proposed roadway. Further, any trees/vegetation on the parcel to the north of Ms. Reynold's property located outside of the proposed right-of-way would not be disturbed. Ms. Reynold's property would not be impacted by right-of-way acquisition; therefore, there would be no reimbursable impact to her property.
				"The other option being given a greater allowance on the height of the fence, but a thin wood fence wouldn't really make a big difference and neither option is something that I can afford on my salary and after paying my mortgage."	The 6-foot-tall neighborhood wall, connecting the two noise barriers, would be constructed of the same material as the proposed noise barrier.
14	Scarborough, Brandi	12/06/2020	Email	Stated drag racing is "an increasingly common problem, " in the area and noted that several accidents involving cars leaving the roadway and crashing into backyards have occurred. "I am very concerned about the possibility of a car, especially a speeding car, coming through my fence." Suggested the use of fencing materials that could better "withstand a collision", planting trees as a buffer, or constructing higher curbs to help minimize the effects of a potential crash.	Drag-racing and other traffic law violations should be reported to the Round Rock Police Department. The City of Round Rock and TxDOT are committed to providing a safe and efficient transportation system; thus, safety has been a priority during development of the Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 and 3 project. The design of the proposed project conforms to applicable safety and design standards.

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				"Please, please, please do whatever you can to keep my property, my pets, and my family safe."	Comment noted.
15 Smith, Jennifer	12/10/2020		Expressed concern for safety of pedestrians at the proposed intersection of Gattis School Road and Kenney Fort Boulevard and noted that the intersection "will be in the middle of three school walk zones".	The City of Round Rock and TxDOT are committed to providing a safe and efficient transportation system; thus, safety has been a priority during development of the Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 and 3 project. The proposed project, including the intersection with Gattis School Road, is being developed and designed in accordance with all applicable safety standards and criteria.	
			Email	"I respectfully ask that a public plan is purposed and feedback is gathered in regard to how best to keep pedestrians safe at the new intersection."	The proposed project, including the intersection with Gattis School Road, is being developed and designed in accordance with all applicable safety standards and criteria. The proposed project will include safety features such as signage and crosswalks.
				"We are very concerned about the noise and the air pollution. In addition to the wall, it'll help to have large trees, shrubs, and as much distance as possible to the road to dampen the noise and reduce air pollution impact."	Comment noted.
16				"For the wall itself, please have the material selection and construction done in such a way to reduce and deflect the noise as much as possible."	Comment noted.
16	Tella, Prudhvi	12/06/2020	Form	"The wall height needs to be raised a bit to help reduce sound to upstairs since most houses have bedrooms upstairs in this community."	Noise analyses consider exterior activity areas because of the significant noise reduction that a building provides for interior spaces. For single family residences, one receiver is modeled per parcel/home, and the default placement is on the "ground floor" in the backyard. Therefore, the noise analysis and proposed barrier heights are based on the ground elevation of the home's backyard.

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				"Overall, major arterial roads like this have considerable impact on the health and the well being of residents living right next to it, any measures take to minimize the impact will be greatly appreciated."	Comment noted.
				"Is there any data on the impact to property values because of this road to our houses that are right next to it?"	An assessment of property values and the potential impact of the proposed project on those values has not been conducted and is beyond the scope of the currently required studies/evaluation.
17	Wahrer, James	12/14/2020		like a number of people drive down in every day and it	As currently proposed, an at-grade signalized intersection would be constructed at the intersection of Kenney Fort Blvd and Gattis School Road. An overpass is not proposed.
18	Walker, Randy	12/03/2020	Email	"I've reviewed the Kenny Fort proposal and am very supportive of this project." Suggested "an additional sidewalk entrance to the Brushy Creek trail on the southbound side of Kenney Fort. Currently there is only an entrance to the Brush Creek trail on the northbound side of the existing road. This would enhance pedestrian safety by giving	Comment noted. The Brushy Creek trail is located north of and outside the limits of the proposed Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 and 3 project. As such, the





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County Name: Williamson County				
Control Section Job Numbers (CS	J): 0914-05-195			
Project Limits From: Forest Creek Drive South				
Project Limits To: State Highway	45 North			
I certify that the following statemer	nts are true and appl	y to the proje	ect identified above.	
A. A public hearing was held on	December 2, 2020	at3	400 Sunrise Road	_ in
Round Rock , Texas.				
B. The economic and social effect have been considered.	s of the project locat	ion and desig	gn and its impacts on t	the environment
C. In determining economic, social Act of 1964 have been conside		al effects, the	statutory provisions o	f the Civil Rights
D. The project consistency with the community has been consider	-	ves of urban p	olanning, as dictated b	by the
E. Requirements of Texas Administration been met.	strative Code, Title 4	3, Part 1, Cha	pter 2, Subchapter E, S	Section 2.107 have
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November 13, 2020

Mr. Writ Baese City of Round Rock Council Member 221 E Main Street Round Rock, TX 78664

RE: Kenney Fort Boulevard Project Public Hearing

Dear Council Member Baese:

The City of Round Rock, in partnership with Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is developing a project to construct Segments 2 and 3 of Kenney Fort Boulevard (KFB). The proposed project would eliminate an existing gap in the city's transportation network while enhancing mobility and providing an additional route for north/south traffic in this rapidly growing area of the city.

A virtual public hearing for the proposed project will begin at 10 a.m., Thursday, December 3, 2020, through Friday, December 18, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. The public hearing and a comment form can be accessed at the following web address: roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/.

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The public will be invited to give input on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- By email to: KenneyFortBlvd@gmail.com
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Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only. Individuals wishing to attend the in-person option must call (512) 349-0700 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to wear a face mask, have an appointment, and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain appropriate occupancy within the meeting room.

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I have attached an official notice with more information about the public hearing and the project. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a virtual meeting to discuss the project in more detail, please feel free to email or call. We look forward to your participation in the public hearing.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Tucker Ferguson, P.E.

Austin District Engineer

cc: Heather Ashley-Nguyen, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Austin District, TxDOT

Bobby Ramthun, P.E., Georgetown/Williamson County Area Engineer, Austin District, TxDOT



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Mr. Matthew Baker City of Round Rock Council Member 221 E Main Street Round Rock, TX 78664

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Mr. Russ Boles Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 4 321 Ed Schmidt Boulevard, Suite 200 Hutto, TX 78634

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Mr. Rene Flores City of Round Rock Council Member 221 E Main Street Round Rock, TX 78664

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November 13, 2020

The Honorable Bill Gravell Williamson County Judge 710 S. Main Street, Suite 101 Georgetown, TX 78626

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November 13, 2020

Ms. Laurie Hadley City of Round Rock City Manager 221 E Main Street Round Rock, TX 78664

RE: Kenney Fort Boulevard Project Public Hearing

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The Honorable Charles Schwertner, M.D. Texas Senate District 5 P.O. Box 12068 Austin, TX 78711

RE: Kenney Fort Boulevard Project Public Hearing

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The Honorable James Talarico Texas House of Representatives District 52 P.O. Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768

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Notice Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 & 3 From Forest Creek Drive south to State Highway 45 North CSJ: 0914-05-195 Williamson County, Texas

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Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared. The responses will be included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/.

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Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the Round Rock Transportation Department by calling (512) 218-7044.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

The draft EA, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact Stacey Benningfield at (512) 517-7251 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Nov. 27, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to CP&Y Attn: Stacey Benningfield, 13809 Research Blvd., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78750. Written comments may also be submitted by email to MenneyFortBlvd@gmail.com. As stated above, members of the public may also call (512) 815-3240 and verbally provide testimony. **All formal comments must be received on or before Friday, Dec. 18, 2020.** Responses to comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/ once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or inperson option, please contact Stacey Benningfield, Senior Project Manager, at (512) 517-7251 or <u>sbenningfield@cpyi.com</u>.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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Property Owner Letter







Nov. 13, 2020

Name Street Address City, State, Zip

RE: Kenney Fort Boulevard Project Public Hearing

Dear < Insert Name >,

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I have enclosed an official notice with more information about the public hearing and the project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail, please feel free to email or call. We look forward to your participation in the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Stacey Benningfield, CP&Y Senior Project Manager (512) 517-7251 sbenningfield@cpyi.com

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TxDOT.gov Notice

Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option - Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 & 3

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Where: To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and

time indicated below: Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 & 3.

When: Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at 10 a.m.

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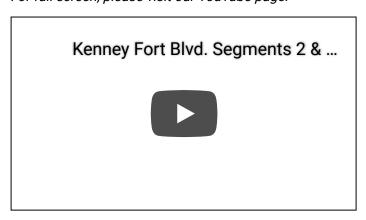
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Instructions for Viewing Presentation:

TxDOT has created basic instructions in an effort to help the public understand the basics of participating in a virtual public meeting/hearing. Before viewing the video presentation, click on the link below to read through the instructions.

- Instructions for Viewing a Pre-Recorded Presentation
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- Notice
- Fact Sheet

• Project History Boards

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Posted: Nov. 18, 2020

Saturday, November 14, 2020 Round Rock Leader

Formal Notice Fort Hood to honor **Guillen with gate**

specialist's case brought public attention to violence, deaths at

By Heather Osbourne hosbourne@statesman.com

While murals in Austin and across the country pay tribute to slain U.S. Army Spc. Vanessa Guillen, Fort Hood officials have announced their own plans to honor the soldier at the post where she is believed to have been killed.

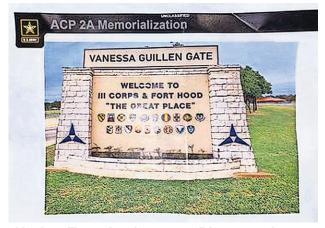
Army officials invited Guillen's family members onto Fort Hood once again Tuesday, asking for their input on design concepts for a gate to be named after their beloved sister and daughter.

"The gate we designated leads to the 3rd Cavalry Regiment area where Vanessa served," a statement from Fort Hood officials said Tuesday. "The gate is accessed by thousands of soldiers, civilians and families every day."

Natalie Khawam, the attorney who represents the Guillen family, said on Tuesday that the family appreciates the gesture and the great strides the post's new top commander is taking to not only change the culture at Fort Hood but also help protect and respect soldiers.

The post's former commander, Maj. Gen. Scott Efflandt, was removed from his position in July.

"They told us of all the changes they are making and decided to dedicate the front gate in Vanessa's name to remind everyone every day what happened so it never happens again," Khawam said. "Our soldiers need to be protected. They deserve respect and they deserve to be honored for being the selfless heroes that they are."



This photo illustration shows a possible concept that Fort Hood officials might adopt to honor slain Army Spc. Vanessa Guillen by naming one of the post's front gates after her. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/NATALIE KHAWAM]

Guillen, 20, was last seen working on the post in late April. In the months that followed, the Guillen family sought to raise public awareness about Vanessa's case, holding protests outside of Fort Hood to demand that Army leaders ramp up their search efforts.

Guillen's remains were found near a river 20 miles outside of Killeen at the end of June. When police confronted a fellow Fort Hood soldier, Army Spc. Aaron Robinson, during the investigation, authorities say Robinson fatally shot himself before they could detain him for questioning

Investigators think Robinson killed Guillen inside a weapons room at Fort Hood the day she disappeared. Guillen's family also alleges that Robinson sexually harassed her, but Army officials said they had no substantial evidence to support that.

Fort Hood, once known as a staging ground for troops deploying to wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, has made headlines this year because of a rash of violence by and against soldiers at home.

Army officials have confirmed that 27 soldiers stationed at the post died stateside this year, including five cases of suspected foul play.

The death toll at Fort Hood also includes seven suicides, eight deaths authorities have ruled as accidents, two illnessrelated deaths and five deaths that are still under investigation, according to U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., who is leading a U.S. House committee formed to investigate Fort

Speier's investigation is one of several still ongoing at Fort Hood. Each is tasked with learning more about its sexual misconduct protocols, how it reports missing soldiers, leadership accountability and more.

Khawam said the family is still pushing for the Vanessa Guillen Act to be passed by Congress, which would allow for an outside investigative team to handle reports of sexual misconduct in the

"Vanessa's life was a catalyst for us to implement action to improve trust, discipline and teamwork across our formations," the statement from Fort Hood said Tuesday.

"A memorial gate in honor of Vanessa - a proud Texan – will serve as a reminder to take care of each other and inspire the next generation of soldiers and the surrounding community."

SCHOOL

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prepared any of us for this pandemic, for the total shutdown of a school year," he wrote in the Oct. 22 letter. "I am so proud of how Round Rock ISD has risen to the occasion."

Raises and contract extensions often are routine during annual evaluations of superintendents. But when school boards withhold or pass on such incentives, it signals that at least some trustees have lost confidence in the school chief's leadership and that the leader's job could be in jeopardy.

In 2019, the board gave Flores a raise and bonus, but did not extend his contract.

Some trustees during last week's board meeting accused Flores of not providing enough data about student performance. Trustee Cory Vessa said she asked Flores and his staff for attendance data, staff surveys and nineweek grading reports but that the administration failed to provide most of the data during the first

"These are public schools. ... They serve everyone, and yet the data is kept under lock and key. This is a systemic problem with transparency," Vessa said last week.

Flores countered by saying some of the information was still being compiled and that his staff was not withholding it. The data have since been released publicly.

Others, including Trustee Mason Moses, praised Flores.

"Not only have we had our schools go virtual and had to create that on the spot in the spring, but we've had to continue to work with our community, our parents and our staff to ensure (students) continue to learn," Moses said during last week's meeting. "And I look at what we have done and I think it is tremendous work that has been done by Dr. Flores and his staff."

Flores was hired in September 2013 to lead the now 48,500-student district. He previously

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discussion of Flores' served as superintendent of the Harlingen school which took place weeks district. Before his post in Harlingen, Flores had served as an assistant superintendent in Round Rock, an assistant superintendent in Pflugerville, and as a deputy superintendent in the Dallas school district.

When Flores was named the lone finalist for the Round Rock post in August 2013, more than 150 people packed the board room and gave him a standing ovation. Weeks later, when the district inked the deal, he received

the same accolades. The school board had been fractured at times prior to his arrival and, when Flores was hired, some trustees said choosing him to lead the district brought them together. But as trustees came and went over the years, his relationship with the board soured.

While many parents have praised his leadership, he's had some vocal detractors who have questioned his decisions on issues such as school boundary changes, bond packages and reopening schools.

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94 voting precincts. A computer program-

ming issue caused the ballots not to be separated by precincts, official have said. The recount will be done by Monday, Davis



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"So they voted provisionally," Davis said.

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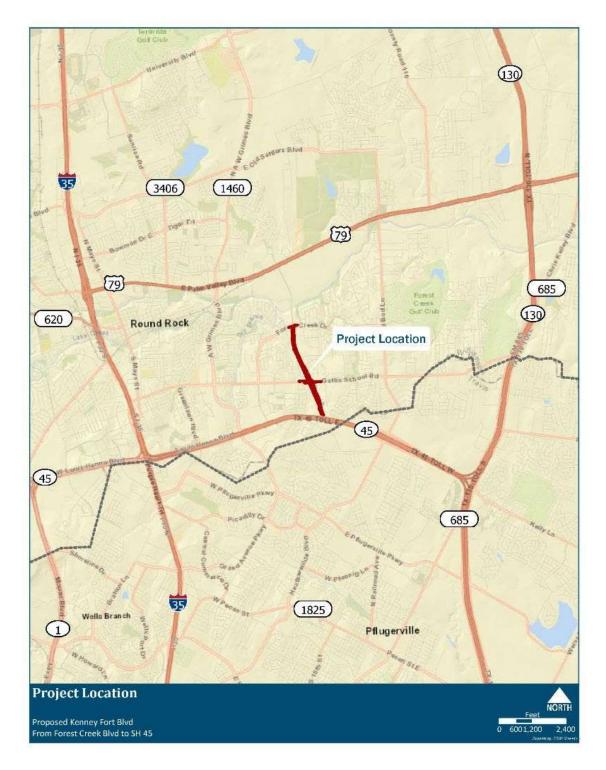
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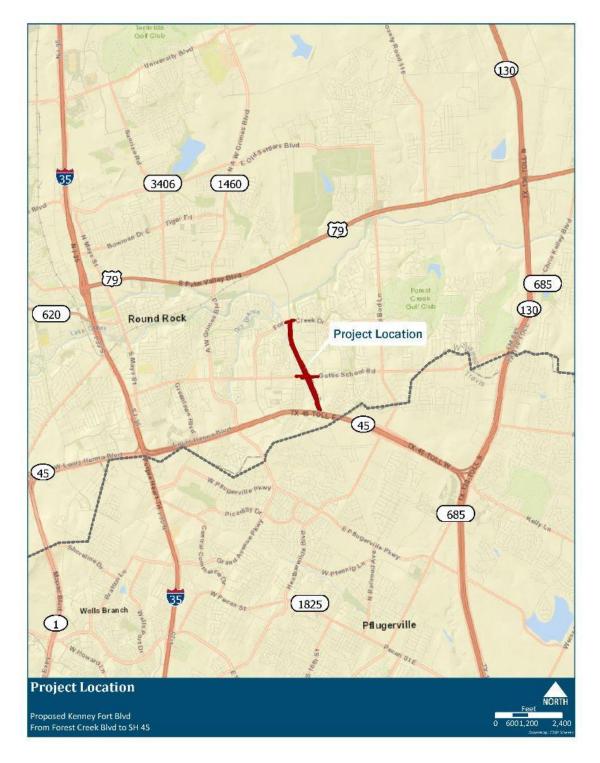
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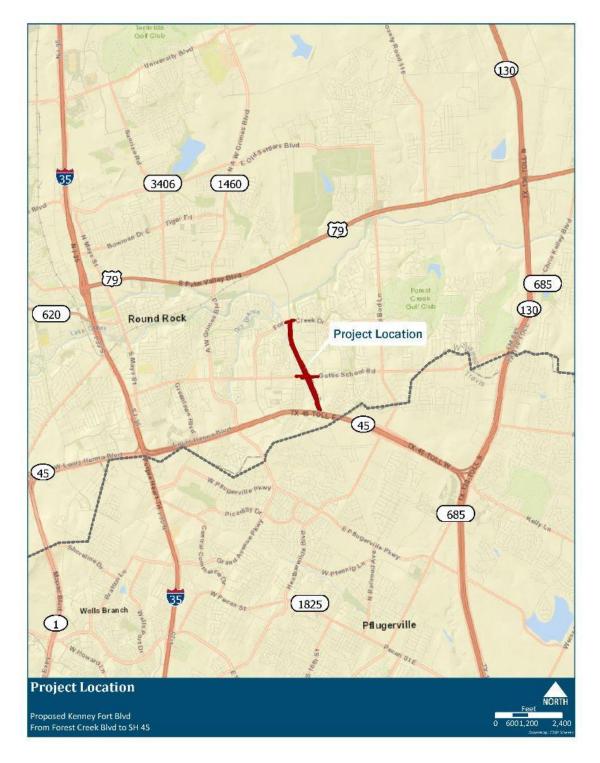
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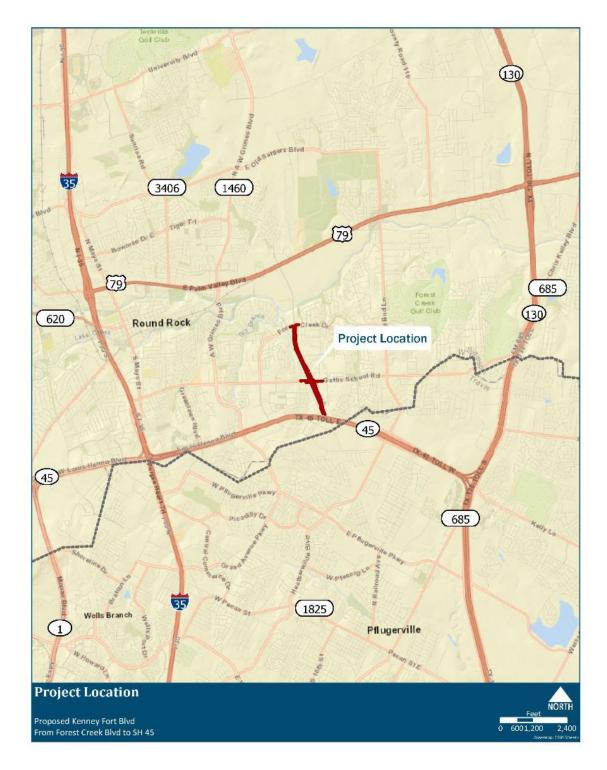
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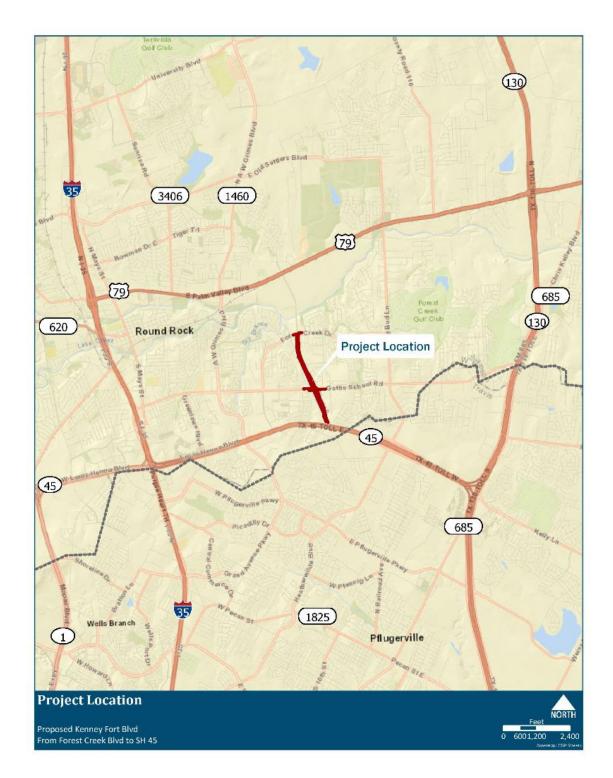
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Virtual Public Hearing

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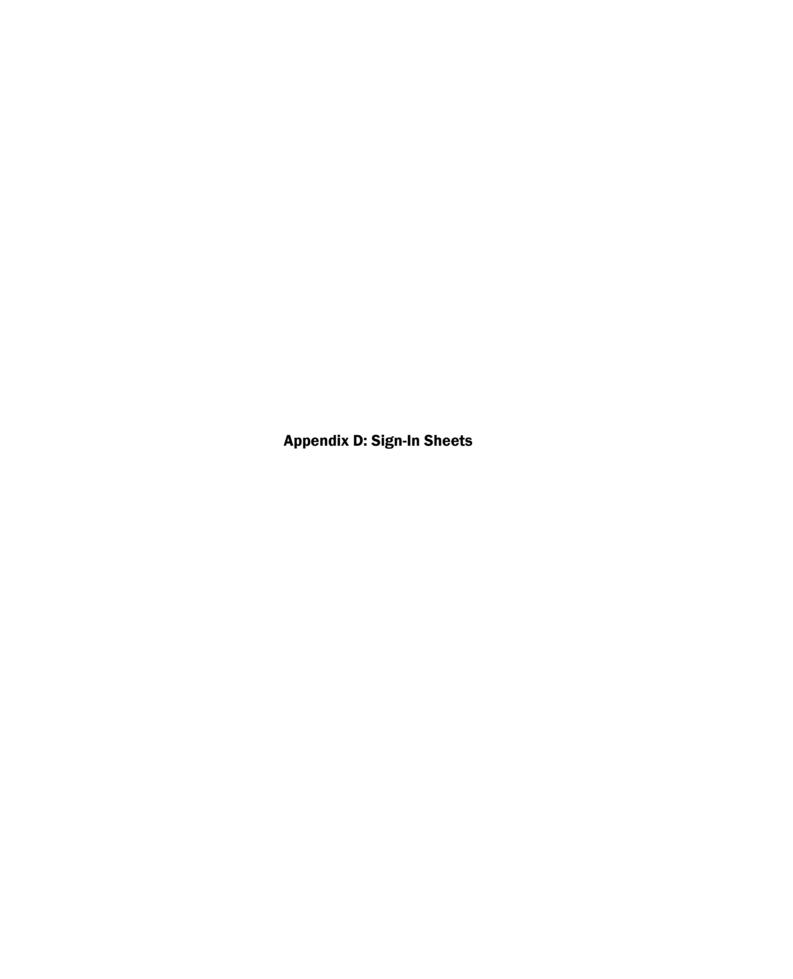




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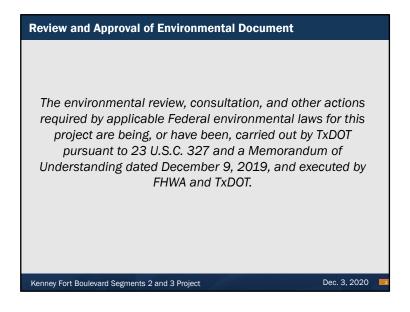
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Welcome to the virtual public hearing for the Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project. This hearing is hosted by the City of Round Rock in partnership with Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation. We appreciate your participation in the public hearing and your interest in the Kenney Fort project.

Please note that this presentation can be paused at any point to allow you more time to review the slides.



Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA; however, on December 16, 2014 the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from FHWA to review and approve certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This Memorandum of Understanding was renewed on December 9, 2019. The review and approval process applies to this project.

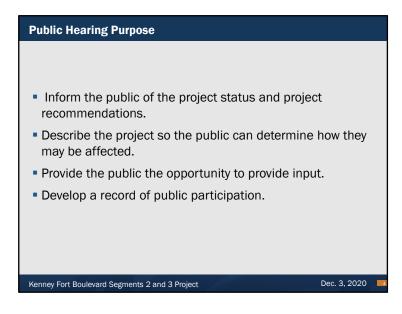
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Notices for this public hearing were advertised in the Round Rock Leader and on the TxDOT.gov website under "Public Meetings and Hearings." The project environmental assessment and environmental technical reports are available on the project website.



Given the unique circumstance of the COVID-19 outbreak, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, this public hearing is being conducted virtually to minimize in-person contact.

The presentation will cover the same information that would have been shared at an in-person public hearing. However, the process for submitting comments is different. Details on how to submit a comment and have your questions addressed will be covered later in this presentation. All project information can be found on the City of Round Rock and TxDOT websites.

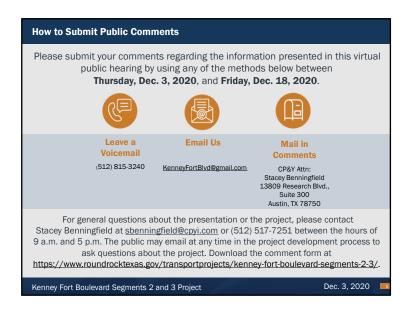


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Many of you may have attended previous public hearings conducted by the City of Round Rock or TxDOT; however, for the benefit of those of you who have never attended one, I will explain how and why the public hearings are conducted. A public hearing has four essential purposes:

- To inform the public of the project status and present the recommendations based on studies performed to date.
- To describe the project so those attending can determine the project's potential to affect their lives and property.
- To provide the public an opportunity to see information and express their views at a stage in the planning process when flexibility to respond to comments still exists and before location and design decisions are finalized.
- And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

This virtual public hearing is being held in compliance with federal and state laws. For the official record, a transcript of this hearing will be made.



Any comments received as a result of this public hearing will be included in the official record of the public hearing and considered by the project team. The next step in the process is to complete the environmental process and obtain an environmental decision. Additionally, the project design will be finalized. Your statements and comments will be given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendation and design for the Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project.

Public comments will be accepted in a number of ways. Verbal comments can be provided by leaving a message via voicemail at (512) 815-3240. Written comments can be emailed to the project team at KenneyFortBlvd@gmail.com or mailed to CP&Y, Attention: Stacey Benningfield, 13809 Research Blvd., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78750.

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History of the Project

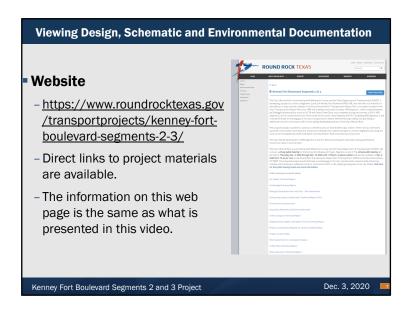
- Kenney Fort Boulevard (KFB) is a major arterial roadway in the City of Round Rock's Transportation Master Plan.
- It was included (identified as Arterial A) in the City's first Transportation Master Plan, published in 1994, but has been part of the planning process since 1988.
- KFB is being constructed in phases. KFB Segment 1, which extends between Joe DiMaggio Boulevard and Forest Creek Drive, was completed during the summer of 2013.
- In 2016, the City initiated development of KFB Segments 2 and 3.
- In 2018, CAMPO authorized federal construction funding for the proposed Segments 2 and 3 project. As a result, the project is now subject to the requirements of NEPA.

Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 Project

Dec. 3, 2020

Kenney Fort Boulevard is an important element of the City's Transportation Master Plan. What is now known as Kenney Fort Boulevard was originally referred to as "Arterial A." Kenney Fort Boulevard is being constructed in phases. The first phase (Segment 1) was completed during the summer of 2013 and extends from Joe DiMaggio Boulevard to Forest Creek Drive.

This public hearing focuses on proposed Segments 2 and 3. Segments 2 and 3 would extend Kenney Fort Boulevard south from Forest Creek Drive. Development of the proposed Segments 2 and 3 project was initiated in 2016. In 2018, the City applied for and was awarded federal construction funding for the project from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Award of the construction funding federalized the project making it subject to the environmental review requirements of NEPA.



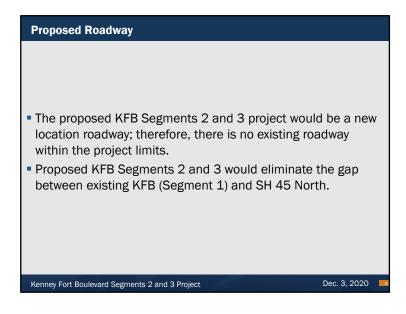
The next slides will cover the design aspects of the Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 Project. The design schematic and environmental documentation for the project may be viewed online at www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/.

The information on the website is the same information being presented in this video.

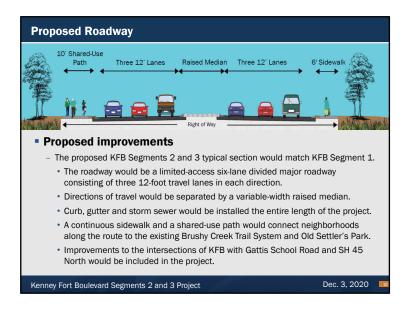


The proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project extends approximately 1.5 miles from Forest Creek Drive south to State Highway 45 North within the City of Round Rock in Williamson County, Texas. The project is needed because increased traffic congestion in the area has resulted in a lack of mobility and increased safety concerns.

The proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project is consistent with local and regional planning efforts and documents. It is included in the City of Round Rock's Transportation Master Plan and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan.



The proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project would be on new location; there is no existing facility within the project limits. Construction of the proposed Segments 2 and 3 project would serve to eliminate an existing gap in the roadway network between Forest Creek Drive and SH 45 North.



The proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 typical section would match existing Kenney Fort Boulevard Segment 1.

The roadway would be a limited-access six-lane divided major arterial consisting of three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction. Directions of travel would be separated by a variable-width raised median. A curb, gutter and storm sewer would be installed the entire length of the project. A continuous sidewalk and a shared-use path would connect neighborhoods along the route to the existing Brushy Creek Trail system and Old Settler's Park.

Improvements to the intersections of Kenney Fort Boulevard with Gattis School Road and with SH 45 North would be included in the project.



Contingent on receipt of environmental clearance, construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in August of 2021. Construction is expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete. The estimated total cost for the project is approximately \$21 million, which would be a combination of federal and local funds.

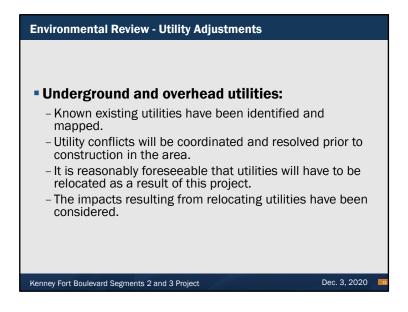
This concludes the project information and design portion of the presentation. The next few slides will provide an overview of the environmental evaluation for the proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project.

Environmental Review – Impacts Addressed				
Right of Way/Displacements	■ Water Resources			
■ Land Use	Wetlands/Waters of the U.S.			
 Utility Relocation 	■ Floodplains			
Community	■ Biological Resources			
Visual/Aesthetics	Air Quality			
Cultural Resources	 Hazardous Materials 			
Archeological Resources	■ Traffic Noise			
Section 4(f) Resources	 Indirect and Cumulative 			
 Publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife/waterfowl refuges, and historic properties 	Effects			
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An environmental assessment has been prepared for the proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project. Throughout the assessment, two alternatives were considered – the Build Alternative (described in this presentation) and the No-Build Alternative.

A set of issue-specific technical reports were developed and used to inform the environmental assessment. Collectively, the environmental documentation for the project addressed the potential environmental impacts that would occur as a result of the proposed project. The areas of potential impacts included natural, social, and cultural resources as well as potential impacts to adjacent and surrounding land use. The technical reports were approved by TxDOT and have been, when required, coordinated with other public agencies. TxDOT has approved the draft environmental assessment – the findings of which are presented through this virtual public hearing.

This slide shows a list of topics that were considered during the environmental study and development of the environmental assessment. The following slides summarize the more notable findings.



The known utilities have been identified and mapped. Conflicting utilities within the corridor would be coordinated and resolved prior to construction in the area.

It is reasonably foreseeable that utilities will have to be relocated as a result of this project.

The impacts resulting from relocating utilities have been considered.

KFB Segments 2 and 3 would require 35.9 acres of right of way (ROW). 12.6 acres are owned by the State of Texas and fall under the jurisdiction of TxDOT. The City of Round Rock has initiated at-risk acquisition of the remaining ROW. Currently, all but 0.26 acre has been acquired. ROW was acquired in accordance with State and Federal regulations governing federally funded transportation projects. No displacements would occur as a result of ROW acquisition. In addition to the 35.9 acres of required ROW, a

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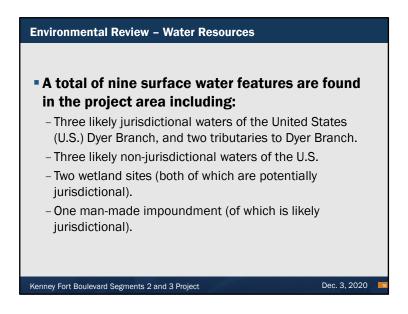
Visual impacts are anticipated because the proposed project would be a new roadway where there is currently undeveloped land. Fences and noise walls, if constructed, would have a surface treatment consistent with others used within the city. The project would include landscaping consistent with City of Round Rock standards. Potential impacts to the visual and aesthetic environment would be limited to the immediate vicinity of the proposed roadway.

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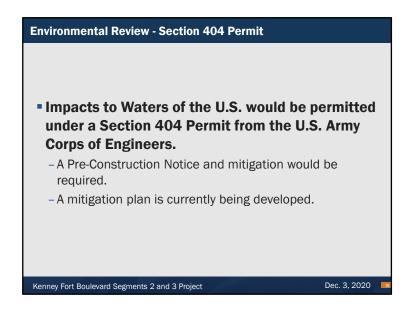
There are a total of nine surface water features found in the project area. Six of these features are likely jurisdictional waters of the United States (U.S.). The remaining three are likely non-jurisdictional. Project-related impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. would require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Environmental Review - Wetlands Two potential wetlands were identified within the project area. - The design of the roadway was revised in order to minimize impacts to wetlands; however, minor permanent impacts would occur. - Mats and other best management practices would be used during construction to minimize soil disturbance and the potential for, erosion and sedimentation within the wetlands. - Wetlands could receive an increased amount of sediment if storm water were released from the project area despite the use of best management practices (BMPs). - Upon completion of construction, care would be taken to ensure that temporary impacts are mitigated by restoring preconstruction contours and revegetation of disturbed areas. Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 Project

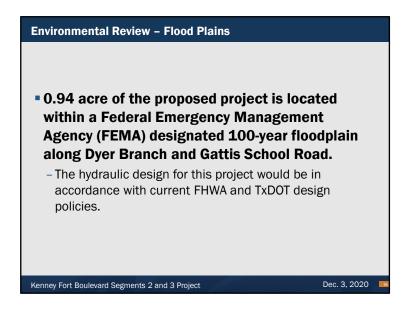
Two potential wetlands were identified within the project area. Actions were taken during design to minimize wetland impacts; however, minor permanent impacts would occur.

Mats and other best management practices (referred to as BMPs) would be used during construction to minimize soil disturbance and the potential for erosion and sedimentation within the wetlands. Even with the use of BMPs, wetlands could receive an increased amount of sediment from run-off during storm events.

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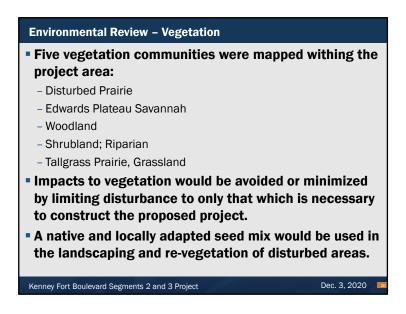


The proposed project requires a Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers because of unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. (including wetlands). The City of Round Rock has initiated the permitting process and is working with the Corps to develop a mitigation plan. The permit would be secured and the mitigation plan approved by the Corps before any construction-related work within jurisdictional waterways could occur.



0.94 acre of the proposed project is located within a Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, designated 100-year floodplain along Dyer Branch and Gattis School Road.

The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.



As listed here, five vegetation communities were mapped within the project area. Impacts to vegetation would be avoided or minimized by limiting disturbance to only that which is necessary to construct the proposed project. A native and locally adapted seed mix would be used in the landscaping and re-vegetation of disturbed areas.

Environmental Review - Wildlife No habitat for federally listed threatened, endangered or candidate species is found in the project area. Suitable habitat for one state listed threatened species (Timber Rattlesnake) is found within the project area. Potentially suitable habitat for 29 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) is found in the project area. SGCN list is maintained by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) SGCNs have no regulatory protection Best management practices, when defined, would be employed during construction. Impacts have been coordinated with TPWD

Impacts to wildlife have also been considered. The proposed project would have no effect on any federally listed threatened or endangered species nor to any species currently identified as a candidate for federal listing as a threatened or endangered species.

There is suitable habitat in the project area for the Timber Rattlesnake – a state-listed threatened species. During construction best management practices would be employed to avoid harming the species should it be encountered.

Species of Greatest Conservation Need are neither state nor federally listed or protected. Instead, they are species that have been identified by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as declining or rare and in need of attention to recover or to prevent the need to list as either a state or federal threatened or endangered species. The potential for project-related impacts to these species has been coordinated with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Best management practices, when defined, would be used during construction to avoid harming these species.

A traffic noise analysis was completed according to TxDOT and FHWA guidelines. The analysis showed traffic noise impacts would occur at multiple receivers. Additional analysis was then conducted to determine where noise barriers would be both feasible and reasonable as defined in the noise guidelines. Based on this analysis, noise barriers were found to be feasible and reasonable for impacted receivers within the Preserve at Dyer Creek and Rolling Ridge neighborhoods.

Before a decision is made regarding inclusion of the noise barriers in the project, a workshop with affected property owners will be conducted. Following the workshop, affected property owners will be allowed to vote for or against the noise barriers.



The proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard project required coordination with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; that coordination is complete. Investigations and surveys for cultural resources were conducted. No impacts to historic or archeological resources are anticipated. Coordination with the Texas Historical Commission is also complete.

Environmental Review – Conclusion		
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In conclusion, the studies, analyses and evaluations performed indicate the proposed project would cause no significant environmental impacts. A "finding of no significant impact", referred to as a FONSI, is anticipated. Receipt of the FONSI, which serves as the environmental decision for the proposed project, would complete the environmental and public involvement phase of project development.

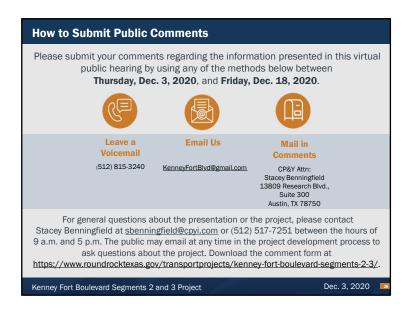
More information about the proposed project and anticipated environmental impacts of the project can be found in the draft environmental assessment and environmental technical reports and documentation. That information can be found on the project website, at www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/



After the public comment period closes on December 18, 2020, a public hearing report will be prepared. The report will include a summary of all comments received as well as responses to those comments. The public hearing report and documentation will be reviewed by TxDOT. If there are no major issues arising from this hearing that cannot be addressed in a reasonable time frame, the final environmental decision is expected in the Spring of 2021.

As mentioned earlier, construction of the project is expected to begin in the Summer of 2021, contingent upon environmental clearance.

This concludes the environmental evaluation portion of the presentation.



All comments and questions will be fully considered and responded to in the project record and made part of the Public Hearing Summary Report. This document will then be made available for public review at www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/.

As a reminder, there are several methods available for you to leave a public comment. All forms of comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, December 18, 2020, to be part of the official public hearing record. Verbal comments can be provided by leaving a message via voicemail at (512) 815-3240. Written comments can be emailed to the project team at KenneyFortBlvd@gmail.com or mailed to CP&Y Attn: Stacey Benningfield, 13809 Research Blvd., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78750.

To learn more about the project, visit the project page on the City of Round Rock website. The URL is listed on the screen.



We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration.

Thank you for participating in the virtual public hearing. This concludes the presentation, and the hearing is now adjourned.



----Original Message-----

From: Amber

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 6:45 PM

To: kenneyfortblvd@gmail.com

Cc: Stacey Benningfield <sbenningfield@cpyi.com>

Subject: Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 & 3

Good evening,

After reviewing the public hearing regarding Kenney Fort Blvd Segments 2 & 3 I have additional questions:

Is the City of Round Rock going to build a fence before construction begins in order to reduce n oise?

Is the fence going to be sound proof or noise reduction options?

How far from the fence is the street/ and sidewalk?

What hours/ days construction?

With Covid- 19 more individuals/families are working/schooling from home. This road will directly impact families and individuals with the noise of the construction.

Please consider the situation has changed with the pandemic, and a sound proof fence before f ull construction begins would alleviate some of the noise.

Thank you for your time.

On Tue, Nov 24, 2020 at 1:18 PM Michael Beckon wrote:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I own a house that backs into Gattis Road near Meister Lane. This location for the Northfields subdivision is slated to be impacted by the expansion of Gattis School Road (part of the Kenny Fort expansion project).

I am concerned because this 50% increase in lanes (4 to 6) will increase traffic flow and bring that traffic closer to the homes along that stretch of Gattis Road. This will obviously increase the noise and environmental impacts and decrease safety. The existing topology includes a drainage ditch that separates the traffic from the backyard of the homes along that stretch of Gattis Road.

The best solution would be to install Noise abatement concrete walls (at least 8 feet high from Meister Lane to the last house on that stretch) that would help to reduce the noise while also adding a safety barrier. Additionally planting trees along this stretch will reduce the environmental impact of this multiple lane expansion. (See below photo facing West on Gattis Road).



Facing East on Gattis at Meister Lane



Please review, looking forward to your response.

Regards, Michael

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Name (Plea	,				
Address: 1108 Preserve PI, Round Rock, TX 78665					
Email:					
Comment:					
We are the home owners at 1108 Preserve PI, Round Rock, TX 78665 and we would like to state our objections to					
the Kenney Fo	rt Boulevard E	Extension (Segments 2 and 3) construction project plan (CSJ: 0914-05-195).			

While we understand the Austin-Round Rock metropolitan area is growing in population and expanding out geographically, the communities surrounding the proposed construction area are mature and well established. The construction of such a 6-lane highway through the heart of these mature communities will bring significant air and noise pollution to the residents in the neighborhood and cause significant disruptions to their peaceful enjoyment of their homes. The City has yet to establish the benefit or value of this project to our communities. The City should not simply carry out this project just because it was part of a City plan of 20 years ago. Over the last 20 years, people have settled in these communities due to the very characteristics (peaceful, mature, quiet) that this project is going to destroy. Instead, the City should continue to reach out to and listen to the voice of the residents in the communities as the demographics have changed over time, carefully examine the alternative solutions to allow for detailed comparisons, and thoroughly

The current Environment Assessment does not demonstrate an adequate evaluation of the "No Build Alternative". As the main purpose of this project is to improve mobility, the City has not explored any other alternatives that might be available to effectively improve mobility with less impact to environment and safety and lower cost to taxpayers. For example, better traffic control at the intersections (we even don't have a traffic light at the Forest Creek Dr and Double Creek Dr). It's not advisable to spend \$21 million without first considering such low-cost approaches to improve mobility.

Finally, the current project plan has not addressed the impact to the property values of the homes that are immediately next to the project. Please refer to the following study or any other similar studies on such impact.

https://repository.asu.edu/attachments/74139/content/HighwaysPropertyValues.pdf

study the cost and benefits of this project to the residents and communities.

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the following boxes that apply to you:

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For more information, visit

https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenneyfort-boulevard-segments-2-3 or contact Stacey Benningfield via email at sbenningfield@cpyi.com or phone at (512) 517-7251.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Official comments will be received and accepted by the project team via the following methods:

Email: KenneyFortBlvd@gmail.com

Verbal testimony: call (512) 815-3240 and leave a voice message

Mail to: Attn: Stacey Benningfield, 13809 Research Boulevard, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78750

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Mr. Pohlmeyer,

Rodney and Brenda Howard here from Rolling Ridge.

First, Merry Christmas to you and your family. Hope your 2021 is not filled with the same uncertainty that 2020 gave us.

On topic: We went and looked at the sample fence product on Redbud by the railroad tracks that you recommended.

That is a very good looking, high quality product, that we would be happy to have behind our home. We love the color. A huge improvement over the faux brick drop in concrete panel product.

An Eight (8) foot high version of this new fence is our preference. It will provide: an increase in sound abatement, privacy from the occasional looky loos, and increase homeowner safety from the steel "H" posts that anchor the panels together.

Now all that's needed is for Rick Atkins over at Park and Rec to toss in enough bushes and trees to finish up the whole look of the roadway and make this road project the true gem that it is

Thanks again for your hard work and you have a truly blessed new year.

Rodney and Brenda Howard

1222 Leah Lane

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Name (Please Print): DONNA KOHN
Address: 2838 PIPER SONOMA PL, RR
Email:_
Comment: I have a major Concern regarding the intersection of Kenney Fort Blod and gatter School Rd. This intersection is within the working your of Cadar Ridge H5, Ridgeview HS, Blackland Phairie and Gatter Elementary This intersection.
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Including Lidestrians. I lurge the City to be stroctive and use technology and other Strategies to assure the Safety of students and pedestrians reeding to cross there.
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On Thu, Dec 3, 2020 at 4:09 PM Jaiswal, Pranay wrote:

Hi- I am super supportive of the idea that Kenny fort blvd needs to connect to Tx45 in order to alleviate potential traffic gridlocks, esp when we hit summer peak season with Kalahari resort up and running in full swing.

Lets go make this happen asap 😊

The proposed project includes:

- Extending the existing Kenney Fort Boulevard approximately 1.5 miles from Forest Creek Drive to SH 45 North.
- Adding a raised median to increase safety.
- Adding a continuous sidewalk and shared-use path within the project limits

Thanks, Pranay

Pranay Jaiswal
Process Mining | Transformation Architecture
Dell Technologies | Digital
Office: ±1 512-723-3615

Hi,

My name is Truong Le and I'm the owner of 2284 Hat Bender Loop, Round Rock, TX. The 6 lane seems to overkill what we need. With 6 lanes, will vehicles be allowed to drive more than 65 mph? it's too close to my house and I have a safety concern about it.

Regards, Truong Le On Thu, Dec 3, 2020 at 4:23 PM Amol Manduskar wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I am a bit worried about expanding Kenney Fort Blvd because of the following reasons.

When we open AW Grimes from the bridge below the traffic grows very fast. and people are not able to walk safely. We are not against city expansion, we are concerned about the safety of the people walking daily.

You have the opportunity to observe the people walking daily at Forest Creek Dr and Kenney Fort Blvd intersection. Still many people walk down as well go to Kenney fort towards Brushy creek trail. I am worried about the people's safety here.

You have the opportunity to consider a dedicated tunnel from Forest creek drive + kenney fort intersection going down towards Double creek Drive and going towards Brushy creek trail. This way people can walk properly any way. Then it will be easy for people to cross the road to go down to double creek or brushy creek drive. I have a 6 to 8 miles walk on weekends. (for e.g. If you look at AW grimes near the railway bridge towards Play for All abilities park a very nice tunnel is done.)

Please let me know if you want us to show this in person

Thanks & Regards

Amol Manduskar

To whom it may concern,

My name is Eric Palacios and I writing on behalf of my father Property owner Bonifacio Palacios. Our Ranch backs up to the new Kenney Fort Segments that are currently in construction. We would like to confirm that the new Segments would not obstruct us from accessing the rear of our property through what is now planned as the new Segments of Kenney Fort. Access to this area is crucial for our Ranch Business as well as other ranches affected by the new development. If the area is directly behind our property is to be disturbed we would like a designated access point that would still allow us to a move trucks and livestock trailers like we have been doing for the past 15 years. Included is the property information and Quick reference ID.

19 Brenda Lane Round Rock, Texas 78665

Property Owner: Bonifacio Palacios Quick REF ID: R074793, R074794

Thank you for your time

Eric Palacios and Bonifacio Palacios 512-897-5350

Hello,

I am one of the homeowners of the eleven houses in the Preserve at Dyer Creek that the new road will run behind. I am in favor of a 10ft noise barrier for the neighborhoods affected by the new Kenney Fort extension.

Keiawnna Pitts

On Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 8:53 AM Tony Pitts wrote:

Dear Sir or Madam:

As an affected owner living in the Preserve at Dyer Creek, I am in favor of the sound barrier between the Kenney Fort extension and the affected neighborhoods. The planned extension will run directly behind my house and I think a barrier to control the sound expected from what will likely become a major thoroughfare is more than appropriate. Thank you.

Sincerest regards,

Tony Pitts

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Law Office of Tony A. Pitts
Physical Address:

3309 Forest Creek Dr. #401 Round Rock, TX 78664 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5369 Round Rock, TX 78683

512.825.5545 512.244.4355 (Fax) Hello Stacey/KFB Project,

I am a new resident to Round Rock and Texas, and recently purchased my home in the Rolling Ridge neighborhood at 2200 Joshua Cove.

Although the previous owners and realtors (their realtor and even mine) were <u>well aware</u> of the project, I was not made aware of the Kenney Fort Blvd. project, until after the close of the sale and only because a neighbor advised me 2 days after we moved in. Needless to say, the news was upsetting, particularly due to this proposed arterial roadway being in <u>very</u> close proximity to my house. Hence, the hefty feedback given here.

Per your map, I am located in "R5", where our backyard meets the sidewalk of the roadway. Currently, our yard backs up to a very quiet, serene, and lush forest area belonging to our neighbor to our right and is surrounded by a green belt of untouched land to our left, that I would have never expected to be disrupted so greatly.

A lot of animals make their home there and this forest was the very reason why I chose our home. Most of these trees will be sadly removed and all the habitat for the animals and birds, and sound barrier/privacy for us is taken away too and replaced with excessive noise and visibility.

I have many concerns about this roadway being built, my biggest concerns are:

- 1. the noise and pollution factors (both during the long 18-24 mos. duration of construction (loud beeping, dust, workers, trash, etc), and continuous noise with traffic once completed)
- 2. the privacy and disturbance factors:
- >> well-known drag car racing done almost nightly in the late hours between 10pm-1am off of Rusk, Forest Creek, and the current Kenney Fort Blvd, and it is certain they would partake in this phase 2 and 3 of the roadway
- >> people walking/talking loudly/possible loitering on the adjacent trails
- 3. my property value or resale value should I have to sell at some point
- 4. the destruction of the forest and habitat that surrounds my backyard

In your document regarding noise, Table 3: Traffic Noise Levels [dB(A) Leq], it shows my house in R5 as having an existing decibel level of 46 and the predicted level will increase to 72 by 2040, a 26+ total increase.

Your Table 4 shown below, describes that you propose to have a barrier built in my area, but only at 8ft. and even though area "R2" has less increase in noise level, your proposition shows a barrier at 10ft for them.

Other than it costing you more because there is less length, I do not understand why they would have a taller barrier built other than my assumption is due to the Preserve at Dyer Creek being a newer, more expensive neighborhood than Rolling Ridge. Frankly, I would think that any resident greatly affected by this roadway would need at least a 10 ft barrier and be something that doesn't just bounce the noise off but are sound absorptive walls such as (SonaGuard System, QuietLine, etc).

Per your document, it states that you have a cost-effectiveness criterion limit of \$25,000, so why would Rolling Ridge residents have it at only \$9600 per receiver as per below?

I have been trying to figure out ways to build up my own barrier that can help with the projected noise that will come with this roadway but fast-growing trees are not really an option as they are costly even as seedlings, and take 10-30 years to grow to a stage that would be of any help.

I am limited on building anything higher than 8ft per the city planning office and currently the fence built there from the previous owners is 6 feet. Depending upon where the 8ft concrete barrier wall would start from the ground level, it could equal or be shorter than what I have there now and it is almost moot to speak of it because any barrier wall proposed by this project only affects me at the very tip of my angled yard by way of my neighbor and there is a very large portion of land and view that is not protected and per your map yet we are completely exposed to all noise, pollution, privacy, etc. of this roadway. I have absolutely no barrier, noise, or privacy protection for my yard or home other than the few trees that might remain standing, to which is unknown.

I feel like the city should at the very least, reimburse and help me by planting large privacy trees that could at least surround the corner and areas around it. I should think that being located so close to the roadway would warrant the city's help as I cannot afford to pay on my single income, \$200-500 per tree and need at least 5 trees as a barrier.

The other option being given a greater allowance on the height of the fence, but a thin wood fence wouldn't really make a big difference and neither option is something that I can afford on my salary and after paying my mortgage.

It is really important to me that you submit this comment with any other comments about this KFB project. Please send an acknowledgment that you have received this email so that I know it was received. I will be mailing it as well and following up on any updates.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Jennifer Reynolds

650-388-6440 2200 Joshua Cove Round Rock





To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Dyer Creek. My property backs directly to the project site. I have submitted many comments and concerns in the past. I have another that has become more prevalent lately: drag racing. I know it has been an increasingly common problem in our area, and in fact I hear drag racing several nights a week as I'm trying to sleep. It appears from the schematics that the part of the extension behind my house will be very straight. Also, if the speed limit is the same as the existing part of Kenney Fort, then we're talking about a speed limit of 50 mph. I have seen several instances around my neighborhood of cars going through fences (1 at Moerbe and Rusk, 2 at Forest Creek and Double Creek). Those roads have speed limits of 30 mph and 40 mph respectively. I am very concerned and anxious about the possibility of a car, especially a speeding car, coming through my fence. My request is that you please take this into consideration when planning. I am assuming, though I'm not an engineer, that there are fencing materials that could withstand a collison better than others. Or maybe planting a row of trees as a buffer zone. Or maybe a higher curb. Please, please, please do whatever you can to keep my property, my pets, and my family safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Brandi Scarborough

Good afternoon,

I would like to express my concern for pedestrian traffic at the new intersection of Gattis School Road and Kenney Fort Blvd. This intersection will be in the middle of three school walk zones (no bus service because it is within 2 miles) Cedar Ridge High School, Ridgeview Middle School, and Gattis Elementary School.

I respectfully ask that a public plan is purposed and feedback is gathered in regard to how best to keep pedestrians safe at the new intersection.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Jennifer Smith

KENNEY FORT BOULEVARD SEGEMENTS 2 AND 3 PROJECT – CSJ: 0914-05-195 VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020

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Name (Please Print): <u>Prudhvi Tella</u> Address: 1008 Preserve Pl, Round R	ock TX 78665											
Email:												
Comment:												
We are very concerned about the noise and the air pollution. In addition to the												
wall, it'll help to have large trees, shrubs, and as much distance as possible to the road to dampen the noise and reduce air pollution impact. For the wall itself, please have the material selection and construction done in such a way to reduce and deflect the noise as much as possible. The wall height needs to be raised a bit to help reduce sound to upstairs since most houses have bedrooms upstairs in this community. Overall, major arterial roads like this have considerable impact on the health and												
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There were a lot of words in your documents and I don't have the time to read. Will there be an overpass over Gattis School Rd? I like a number of people drive down in everyday and it would be nice to have one less light. There are many N/S options for people from Gattis already.

Jim Wahrer

On Thu, Dec 3, 2020 at 3:37 PM Randy Walker wrote:

Good afternoon,

I've reviewed the Kenny Fort proposal and am very supportive of this project. One item I would offer as a suggestion is an additional sidewalk entrance to the Brushy Creek trail on the southbound side of Kenney Fort.

Currently there is only an entrance to the Brush Creek trail on the northbound side of the existing road. This would enhance pedestrian safety by giving our residents an alternative to possibly jaywalking to the trail entrance.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Randy Walker 512-909-0066



Presentation

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Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 Project Dec. 3, 2020







CSJ: 0914-05-195 Dec. 3, 2020

Review and Approval of Environmental Document

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Virtual Public Hearing in Response to Public Health Concerns

- TxDOT changed the in-person public hearing to a virtual format in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- The virtual public hearing on the City of Round Rock's website will provide the same information as an in-person hearing.

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



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Public Hearing Purpose

- Inform the public of the project status and project recommendations.
- Describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected.
- Provide the public the opportunity to provide input.
- Develop a record of public participation.

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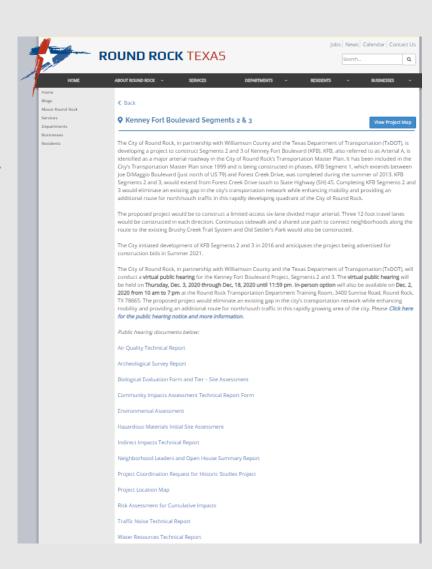
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- In 2016, the City initiated development of KFB Segments 2 and 3.
- In 2018, CAMPO authorized federal construction funding for the proposed Segments 2 and 3 project. As a result, the project is now subject to the requirements of NEPA.

Viewing Design, Schematic and Environmental Documentation

Website

- https://www.roundrocktexas.gov /transportprojects/kenney-fortboulevard-segments-2-3/
- Direct links to project materials are available.
- The information on this web page is the same as what is presented in this video.



Project Location, Need and Purpose

Project Limits

- Forest Creek Drive south to SH 45 North
- Project length 1.5 miles

• Why is the Project Needed?

Congestion, safety and reduced mobility

Project Purpose

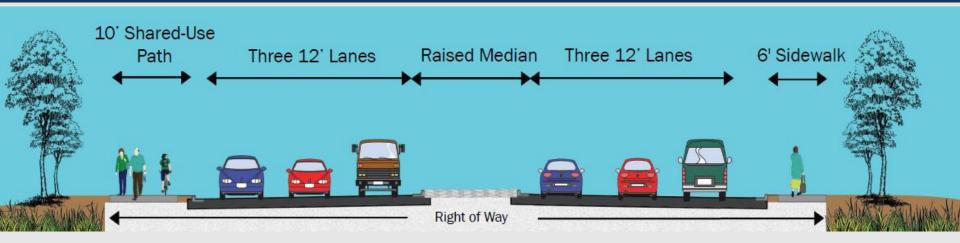
- Improve safety
- Improve mobility



Proposed Roadway

- The proposed KFB Segments 2 and 3 project would be a new location roadway; therefore, there is no existing roadway within the project limits.
- Proposed KFB Segments 2 and 3 would eliminate the gap between existing KFB (Segment 1) and SH 45 North.

Proposed Roadway



Proposed improvements

- The proposed KFB Segments 2 and 3 typical section would match KFB Segment 1.
 - The roadway would be a limited-access six-lane divided major roadway consisting of three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction.
 - Directions of travel would be separated by a variable-width raised median.
 - Curb, gutter and storm sewer would be installed the entire length of the project.
 - A continuous sidewalk and a shared-use path would connect neighborhoods along the route to the existing Brushy Creek Trail System and Old Settler's Park.
 - Improvements to the intersections of KFB with Gattis School Road and SH 45 North would be included in the project.

Projected Schedule and Cost

Estimated Construction Start Date

August 2021*

*Contingent upon environmental clearance.

Construction Duration

Approximately 18 to 24 months

Estimated Total Project Cost

Approximately \$21 million

Environmental Review – Impacts Addressed

- Right of Way/Displacements
- Land Use
- Utility Relocation
- Community
- Visual/Aesthetics
- Cultural Resources
- Archeological Resources
- Section 4(f) Resources
 - Publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife/waterfowl refuges, and historic properties

- Water Resources
- Wetlands/Waters of the U.S.
- Floodplains
- Biological Resources
- Air Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Traffic Noise
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects

Environmental Review - Utility Adjustments

• Underground and overhead utilities:

- Known existing utilities have been identified and mapped.
- Utility conflicts will be coordinated and resolved prior to construction in the area.
- It is reasonably foreseeable that utilities will have to be relocated as a result of this project.
- The impacts resulting from relocating utilities have been considered.

Environmental Review – Right of Way and Displacements

- KFB Segments 2 and 3 would require 35.9 acres of right of way (ROW).
 - 12.6 acres are owned by the State of Texas and fall under the jurisdiction of TxDOT.
 - The City of Round Rock has initiated at-risk acquisition of the remaining ROW. Currently, all but 0.26 acre has been acquired. ROW was acquired in accordance with State and Federal regulations governing federally funded transportation projects.
 - No displacements would occur as a result of ROW acquisition.
- In addition to the 35.9 acres of required ROW, a 0.2-acre permanent easement is also necessary.

Environmental Review – Visual and Aesthetic Impacts

- Visual impacts are anticipated because the proposed project would be a new roadway where there is currently undeveloped land.
 - Fences and noise walls, if constructed, would have a surface treatment consistent with others used within the city.
 - The project would include landscaping consistent with City of Round Rock standards.
 - Potential impacts to the visual and aesthetic environment would be limited to the immediate vicinity of the proposed roadway.

Environmental Review – Water Resources

A total of nine surface water features are found in the project area including:

- Three likely jurisdictional waters of the United States
 (U.S.) Dyer Branch, and two tributaries to Dyer Branch.
- Three likely non-jurisdictional waters of the U.S.
- Two wetland sites (both of which are potentially jurisdictional).
- One man-made impoundment (of which is likely jurisdictional).

Environmental Review – Wetlands

Two potential wetlands were identified within the project area.

- The design of the roadway was revised in order to minimize impacts to wetlands; however, minor permanent impacts would occur.
- Mats and other best management practices would be used during construction to minimize soil disturbance and the potential for, erosion and sedimentation within the wetlands.
- Wetlands could receive an increased amount of sediment if storm water were released from the project area despite the use of best management practices (BMPs).
- Upon completion of construction, care would be taken to ensure that temporary impacts are mitigated by restoring preconstruction contours and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Environmental Review - Section 404 Permit

- Impacts to Waters of the U.S. would be permitted under a Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
 - A Pre-Construction Notice and mitigation would be required.
 - A mitigation plan is currently being developed.

Environmental Review – Flood Plains

- 0.94 acre of the proposed project is located within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain along Dyer Branch and Gattis School Road.
 - The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.

Environmental Review – Vegetation

- Five vegetation communities were mapped withing the project area:
 - Disturbed Prairie
 - Edwards Plateau Savannah
 - Woodland
 - Shrubland; Riparian
 - Tallgrass Prairie, Grassland
- Impacts to vegetation would be avoided or minimized by limiting disturbance to only that which is necessary to construct the proposed project.
- A native and locally adapted seed mix would be used in the landscaping and re-vegetation of disturbed areas.

Environmental Review – Wildlife

- No habitat for federally listed threatened, endangered or candidate species is found in the project area.
- Suitable habitat for one state listed threatened species (Timber Rattlesnake) is found within the project area.
- Potentially suitable habitat for 29 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) is found in the project area.
 - SGCN list is maintained by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
 - SGCNs have no regulatory protection
 - Best management practices, when defined, would be employed during construction.
 - Impacts have been coordinated with TPWD

Environmental Review – Traffic Noise

- Traffic noise analysis was completed according to TxDOT and FHWA guidelines.
 - Analysis showed traffic noise impacts to multiple receivers.
 - Noise barriers were found to be feasible and reasonable for impacted receivers within:
 - Preserve at Dyer Creek
 - Rolling Ridge

Environmental Review – Agency Coordination

Coordination has been completed with:

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Historical Commission
 - Historical Resources
 - Archeological Resources

Environmental Review - Conclusion

Conclusion:

 Studies, analyses and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant impacts.

Next Steps and Timeline

- Public Comment Period Ends Dec. 18, 2020
- **Anticipated Environmental Decision Spring 2021**
- **Construction Begins Summer 2021***
 - *Contingent upon environmental clearance.

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Informational Boards

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Virtual Public Hearing - CSJ: 0914-05-195

Dec. 3, 2020







Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.







History of the Project



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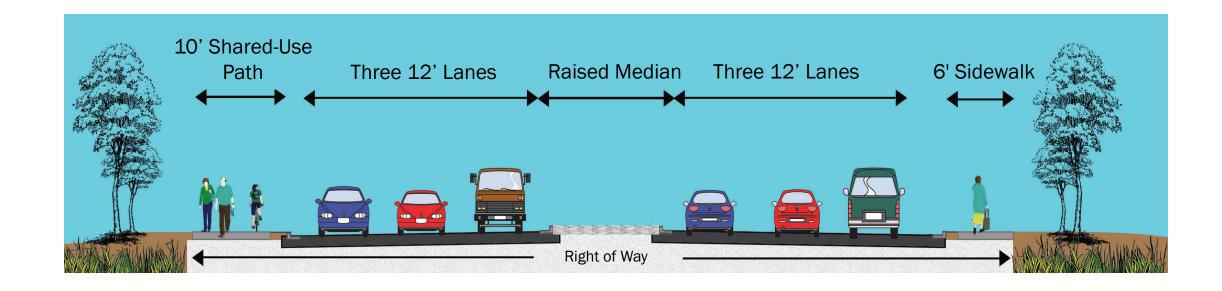
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Kenney Fort Boulevard Typical Section









Problem We are Trying to Solve



Delays and overloaded neighborhood streets - created by a lack of north-south connectivity between US 79 and SH 45 North.



Congestion related conflicts - created by drivers entering and exiting neighborhoods.



Demand on our street network - due to population growth.

Williamson County is one of the fastest growing counties in Texas. The county's population has grown more than 55% between 2000 and 2018.







Project Location









Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 - Projected Schedule and Cost

Estimated Construction Start Date

Anticipated to begin in August 2021.*

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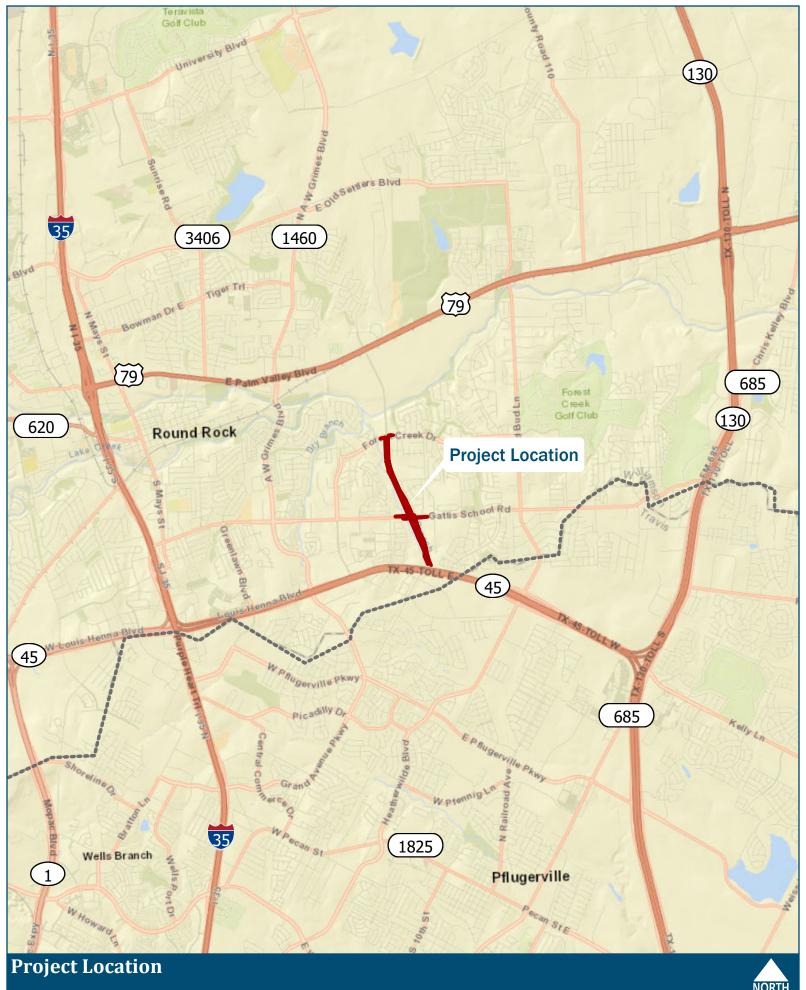
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Fact Sheet



Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 Project - CSJ: 0914-05-195

The Problem

Congestion created by the lack of north-south connectivity between US 79 and SH 45 North in Round Rock is creating delays, longer commute times and overloading neighborhood streets. The number of cars on the street network is complicating neighborhood access, producing unnecessary conflicts and burdening drivers.

The quality of life and amenities in the City of Round Rock continue to attract new residents, businesses and additional development – resulting in an increase in the number of vehicles on the streets every day. Williamson County is one of the fastest growing counties in Texas. The county's population has grown more than 55% between 2000 and 2018.

What We Are Proposing

Kenney Fort Boulevard is being constructed in segments. Segment 1, which extends between Joe DiMaggio Boulevard and Forest Creek Drive, was completed during the summer of 2013. In early 2016, the City of Round Rock began environmental studies, surveying, traffic studies and schematic development for Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3. Segments 2 and 3 would serve to extend Kenney Fort Boulevard approximately 1.5-miles south from where the roadway currently ends at Forest Creek Drive south to SH 45. Segments 2 and 3 of the Kenney Fort Boulevard project are being developed in partnership with Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation. The county has provided funding for planning and design. The proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard project would be a six- lane divided roadway (similar to Segment 1) and would connect Segment 1 of Kenney Fort Boulevard to SH 45.

Project Benefits

- Relief for north-south roadways like Red Bud Trail and A.W. Grimes Boulevard;
 providing better, more reliable travel times.
- A more direct north-south route between US
 79 and SH 45, relieving neighborhood
 streets and reducing cut-through traffic.
- Enhanced sidewalks/shared-use paths that tie in with existing trails, providing a connection to existing paths, including the regional Brushy Creek Trail.



Existing section of Kenney Fort Boulevard Phase 1.

 Aesthetic enhancements such as neighborhood walls, low-impact lighting and landscaping to improve the driving experience and minimize impacts to adjacent properties.



Example of neighborhood wall on Red Bud Trail.







History of Kenney Fort Boulevard

Kenney Fort Boulevard is a major roadway in the City of Round Rock's Transportation Master Plan. It was included (as "Arterial A") in the City's first Transportation Master Plan, published in 1994, but has been part of the planning process since 1988. The SH 45 toll road was designed to accommodate Kenney Fort Boulevard. It includes a grade-separation for the future intersection with Kenney Fort Boulevard.



Questions or Concerns?

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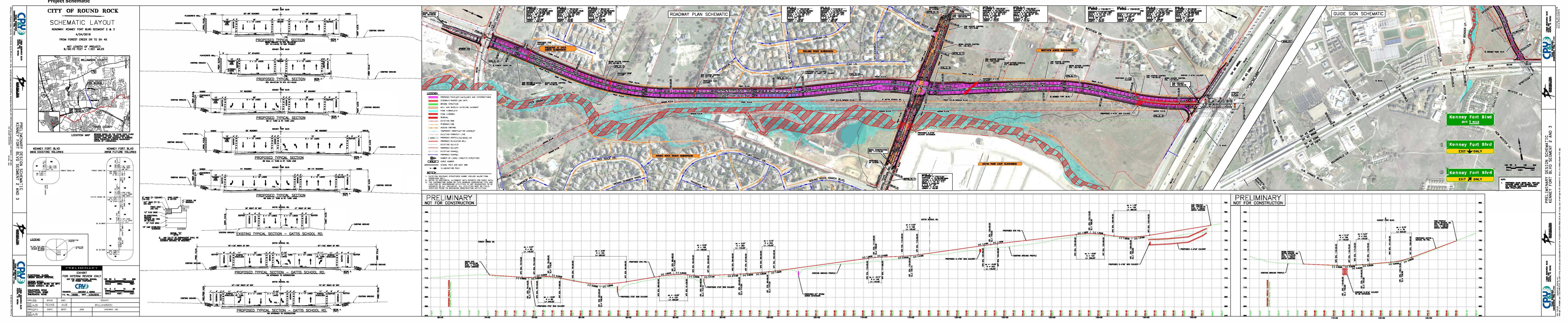
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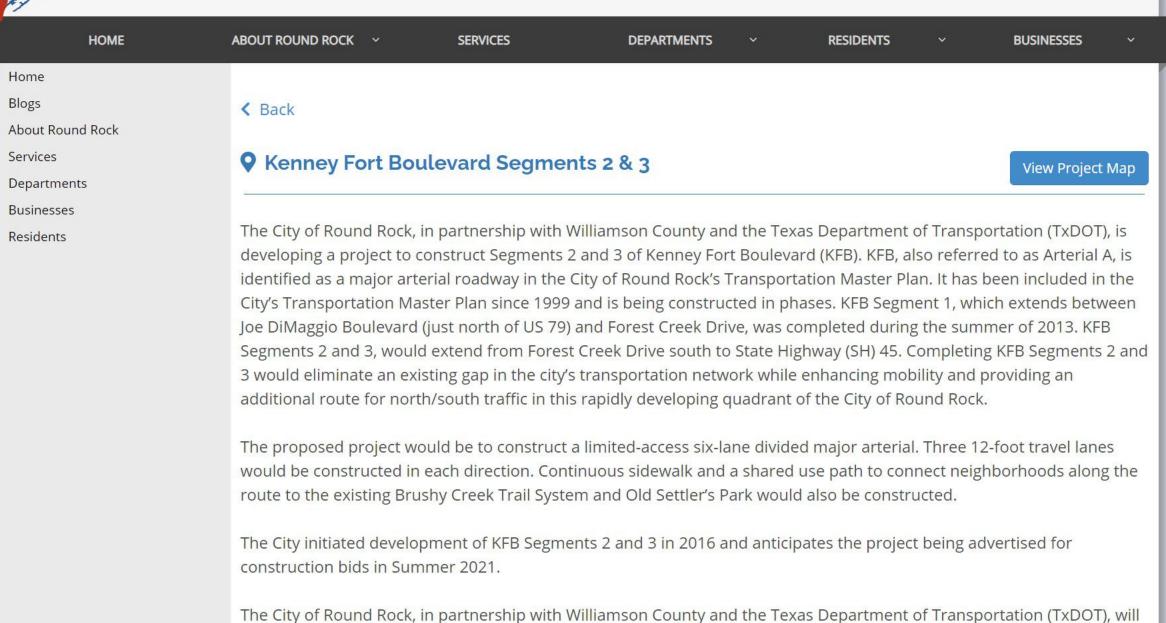


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To view the schematic for the project please click on the View Project Map on the top right corner of the page.

Public hearing documents below:

Air Quality Technical Report

Archeological Survey Report

Biological Evaluation Form and Tier - Site Assessment

Community Impacts Assessment Technical Report Form

Environmental Assessment

Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment

Indirect Impacts Technical Report

Neighborhood Leaders and Open House Summary Report

Project Coordination Request for Historic Studies Project

Project Location Map

Risk Assessment for Cumulative Impacts

Traffic Noise Technical Report

Water Resources Technical Report

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Presentation

Presentation with Transcript

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- A TYPE:
 Transportation
- ENGINEER: CP&Y, Inc.
- PROJECT MANAGER: Gerald Pohlmeyer, Project Manager 512-218-5589 gpohlmeyer@roundrocktexas.gov

Contact Us

O OTHER TRANSPORTATION NEWS:

- Lane closures scheduled for A.W. Grimes, Greenlawn Boulevards on Dec. 21
- North Mays Street Extension now open
- TxDOT to host public hearing for US 79 widening project

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Input sought on

Kenney Fort extension

The city of Round Rock, Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation are seeking public feedback on a project to construct along Kenney Fort Boulevard.

A virtual public hearing for the proposed project will be from 10 a.m. Thursday through 11:59 p.m. Friday, and it will include a pre-recorded video presentation with audio and visual components. Additional materials, including exhibits and supporting documents such as environmental reports, will be available.

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An in-person session will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Round Rock Transportation Department Training Room, 3400 Sunrise Road.

For more information: <u>bit.ly/303hbA6</u>.

Patch.com

Kenney Fort Boulevard Extension Planned In Round Rock

Traffic & Transit

Texas Department of Transportation officials have scheduled a Dec. 2 public hearing to apprise residents of the road's proposed extension.

- Tony Cantu, Patch Staff
- Posted Thu, Nov 19, 2020 at 10:35 am CT | Updated Thu, Nov 19, 2020 at 12:59 pm CT



Texas Department of Transportation officials have scheduled a Dec. 2 public hearing to apprise residents of the road's proposed extension. (Shutterstock)

ROUND ROCK, TX — Texas transportation officials have scheduled a virtual public hearing next month in connection to plans on extending Kenney Fort Boulevard from Forest Creek Drive south to SH 45.

The <u>Texas Department of Transportation</u> and the City of Round Rock are proposing the extension, offering a draft environmental assessment for public review. A Dec. 2 virtual public hearing is scheduled on the proposed project with an in-person option, officials said in an advisory.

A pre-recorded video presentation will include both audio and visual components, officials said. Additional materials, including a written transcript of the presentation, exhibits and supporting documents such as environmental reports will also be available. Following the virtual public hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Friday, Dec. 18, at 11:59 p.m.

As an alternative to accessing virtual public hearing materials online, members of the public may call project staff at (512) 349-0700 during regular office hours or email sbenningfield@cpyi.com to ask questions about the project or access project materials. The public is welcome to ask questions about the project at any time during the development process.

Additionally, the City of Round Rock, in partnership with Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation, is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in-person rather than online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of the city of Round Rock staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach and leave written comments.

The in-person option will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Round Rock Transportation Department Training Room, 3400 Sunrise Rd. in Round Rock. Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only. Individuals wishing to attend the in-person option must call (512) 349-0700 between the hours of 9 a.m.

Given the continued presence of the coronavirus, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to wear a face mask, have an appointment and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain appropriate occupancy within the hearing room, officials added.

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (512) 815-3240 to provide verbal testimony immediately following the conclusion of the virtual public hearing presentation at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, through 11:59 pm on Friday, Dec. 18. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by state officials and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared. The responses will be included as part of the hearing and project record and made available online at the City of Round Rock website.

The proposed 1.5-mile long Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 project would be a new roadway beginning at Forest Creek Drive and ending at SH 45 North in Round Rock, officials described. The proposed project would serve as an extension of the existing Kenney Fort Boulevard Segment 1 and would require 35.9 acres of right of way. The roadway would be a limited-access six-lane divided major roadway consisting of three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction. Directions of travel would be separated by a variable-width raised median. A continuous sidewalk and a shared-use path would connect neighborhoods along the route to the existing Brushy Creek Trail System and Old Settler's Park.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time, officials said. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the Round Rock Transportation Department by calling (512) 218-7044.

Officials noted the proposed project would involve construction in wetlands, and affect a floodplain. The project draft, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at the City of Round Rock website.

Materials also will be available in hard copy form for review at the inperson option.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to CP&Y Attn: Stacey Benningfield, 13809 Research Blvd., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78750. Written comments may also be submitted by email to KenneyFortBlvd@gmail.com. As stated above, members of the public may also call (512) 815–3240 and verbally provide testimony. All formal comments must be received on or before Friday, Dec. 18. Responses to comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at the City of Round Rock website.

Residents with general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, can contact Stacey Benningfield, Senior Project Manager, at (512) 517-7251 or sbenningfield@cpyi.com.

Special Accommodations

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact Stacey Benningfield at (512) 517-7251 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Nov. 27. Be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Candy Rodriguez

Round Rock transportation leaders propose short 6-lane road to tackle congestion

Traffic

ROUND ROCK, Texas (KXAN) — Williamson County continues to grow and officials are working to keep up with the steady increase. Round Rock and Williamson County transportation officials along with the Texas Department of Transportation are proposing extending Kenney Fort Boulevard.

At present, the mile-long road runs from Joe DiMaggio Boulevard under US 79 to Forest Creek Drive. At that point, drivers are met with a dead-end. Transportation officials are <u>proposing</u> extending the road by about 1.5 miles to SH 45 by adding six lanes, three in each direction.

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The goal is to alleviate some of the congestion on the busy corridors by adding another north-south commuting option for drivers and reduce delays.

"Our significant north-south corridors through Round Rock have been A.W. Grimes and then you come all the way to the west to pick up Mays or I-35 so there's a big gap there," explained Gary Hudder, Round Rock's transportation department director.

Hudder said hopefully by filling that gap "it will take a lot of pressure off of A.W. Grimes and contribute to traffic getting on the interstate systems whether I-35 or the toll system that suffer their owner congestion."

Hudder added the road may even provide a faster cut-through because there's no retail along the proposed section to create stop-and-go traffic.

"A lot of the adjacent properties are already built, it's homes, it's subdivisions, it's apartment complexes so there's not a lot of commercial development," he said. "It'll be nice to have this additional reliever."

If approved, construction on the \$20 million project would go out to bid in the summer of 2021. Construction could last between 18 to 20 months.

At present, transportation officials are gathering feedback from the community. Those who would like to comment can do so by emailing to KenneyFortBlvd@gmail.com or by mail to CP&Y Attn: Stacey Benningfield, 13809 Research Blvd., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78750. The comment period ends on Dec. 18.

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Agencies seek input on extension of Kenney Fort Boulevard

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The City of Round Rock, in partnership with Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is developing a project to construct Segments 2 and 3 of Kenney Fort Boulevard (KFB). The proposed project would eliminate an existing gap in the City's transportation network between Forest Creek Drive and SH 45 while enhancing mobility and providing an additional route for north/south traffic in this rapidly growing area of the City.

A virtual public hearing for the proposed project will held from 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, through 11:59 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. The public hearing and a comment form can be accessed here.

The public hearing will include a pre-recorded video presentation with both audio and visual components. Additional materials, including a written transcript of the presentation, exhibits and supporting documents such as environmental reports will also be available.

The public will be invited to give input on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- By email to: KenneyFortBlvd@gmail.com
- Verbally by calling 512-815-3240 and leaving a voice message
- By mail to: Attn: Stacey Benningfield, 13809 Research Boulevard, Suite 300, Austin,TX 78750

Comments must be received by Friday, Dec. 18, to be included in the official record of this public hearing.

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Road.

Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only. Individuals wishing to attend the in-person option must call 512-349-0700 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to wear a face mask, have an appointment, and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain appropriate occupancy within the meeting room.

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