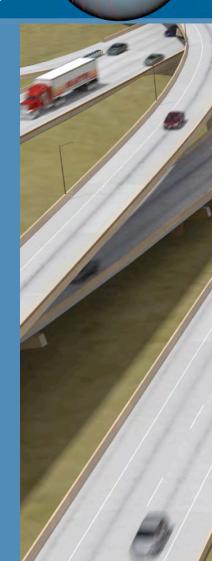


### **DFW Connector Project**

Bob Brown TxDOT



#### **Project Overview**



- Developer: NorthGate Constructors
- \$1.02 billion design-build project
- Contract executed October 6, 2009
- ▶ Work began Feb. 17, 2010
- 19.1 percent of contract earned (\$177 million of \$926 million in construction as of Aug. 31, 2010)
- 18.7 percent of schedule complete (318 out of 1,702 days)
- Estimated completion: 2014

Configuration 3

May 15, 2009 Negotiated Scope

Configuration 2 Deferred Construction





- Reconstruction of existing facilities and addition of managed lanes
- ROW acquisition by developer
  - TxDOT pays purchase price for all right of way, other than Developer designated parcels
  - Developer responsible for acquisition services, other than for DFW Airport parcels
  - TxDOT to acquire DFW Airport parcels
- TxDOT option for three, five-year capital maintenance agreement with NorthGate Constructors









#### 2008/09 Activities



<u>February 2008</u> – NorthGate estimates the project. <u>July 2008</u> – Original bid is submitted. <u>September 2008</u> – BAFO process began

**MARCH 26**: Transportation Commission Conditional Award

**APRIL/MAY:** Transportation Commission negotiated Config. 2

scope with deferrals. Finalization of work scope.

JUNE/JULY: NorthGate and TxDOT Pre-Construction design activities. Joint Task Force Meetings: Quality, ROW, Utilities, Geotechnical

**AUG/SEP:** Preparation for contract execution and design submittals

**OCTOBER:** Interim design submittal and reviews.

NTP 1/signed contract on Oct 6th.

**DEC:** Approved project management plan & NTP2

#### 2010 & Beyond Activities



JAN/FEB: Began MOT, utility relocates, perimeter signage, groundbreaking and open house

**2010 Highlights:** ROW Acquisition, Main Street Bridge, new center lanes, continuous frontage roads from SH 121 south to SH 114 west from Bass Pro to Texan Trail

**2010 Highlights:** Switch traffic onto new SH 114 pavement at the end of 2010

**Spring 2014:** Traffic in final configuration



- Design Task Forces
  - Weekly meetings
  - Best technical solutions
  - Designer/contractor/owner-TxDOT/stakeholder participation
  - Coordination between design and construction

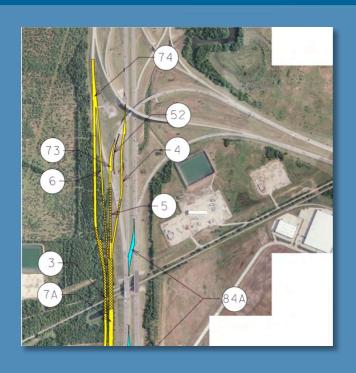






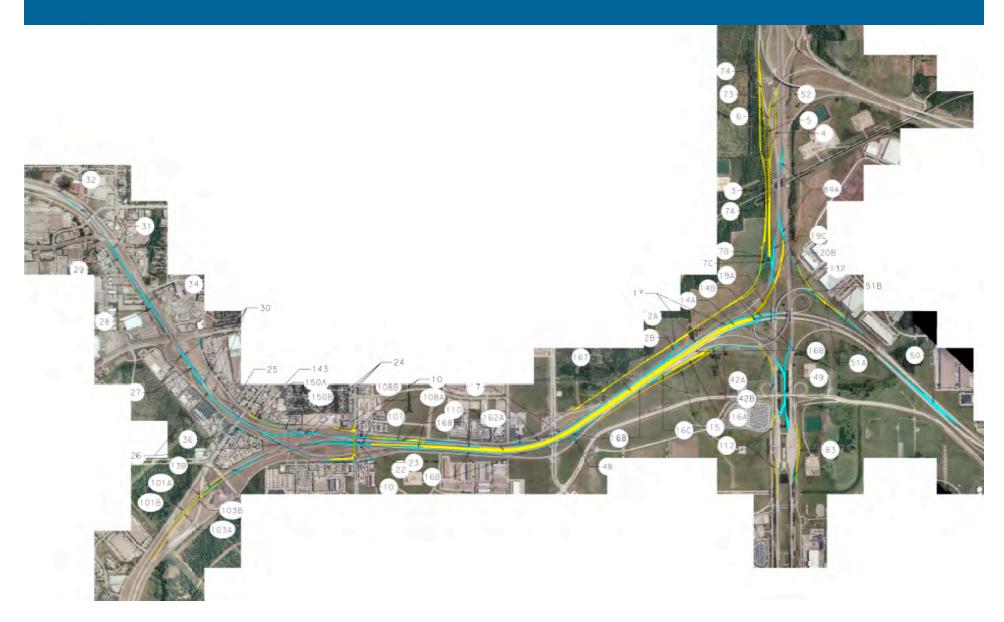


- Phasing of the Project
  - Started during the procurement
  - Focused on:
    - Maintaining existing capacity
    - Creating large efficient work areas
    - Minimizing full freeway closures
    - Minimize ROW and Utility conflicts
    - Create work areas unaffected by traffic
    - Create temporary configurations that are better than existing
  - Organized by block:
    - break the mega-project into manageable pieces. Each piece is a small project that contributes to completing the mega-project.



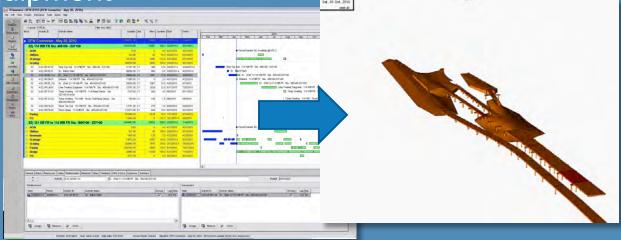
#### **Block Phasing**







- ▶ 3-D Design
  - Better visualization
  - Identify and eliminate conflicts
  - Tied to our P6 schedule with Synchro
  - Able to download directly into our GPS controlled equipment





- **▶** Construction
  - GPS grade control equipment
  - Conduits for water and lime into the median
  - Mobile Crushers

Electronic tracking of equipment, trucks and materials



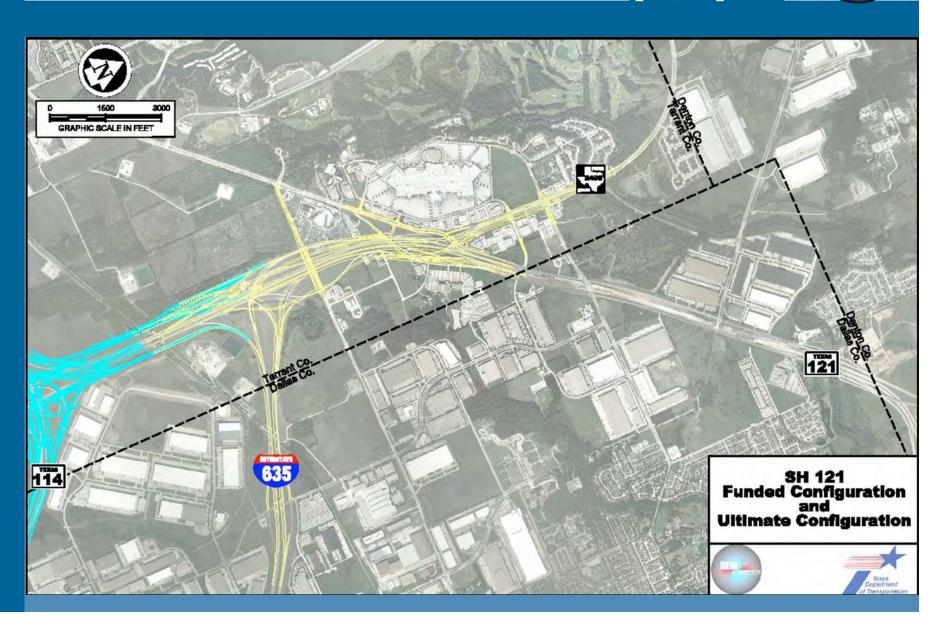
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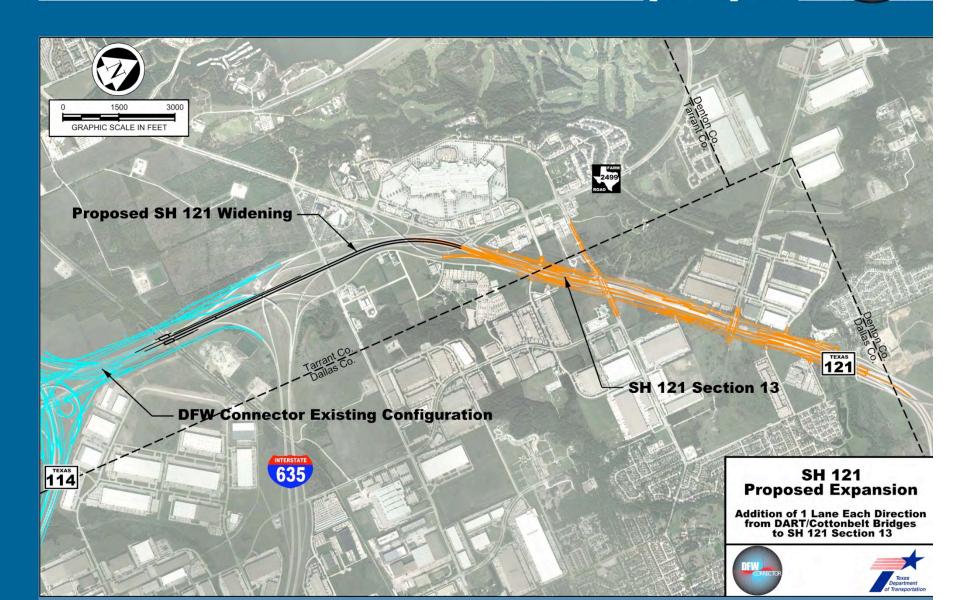
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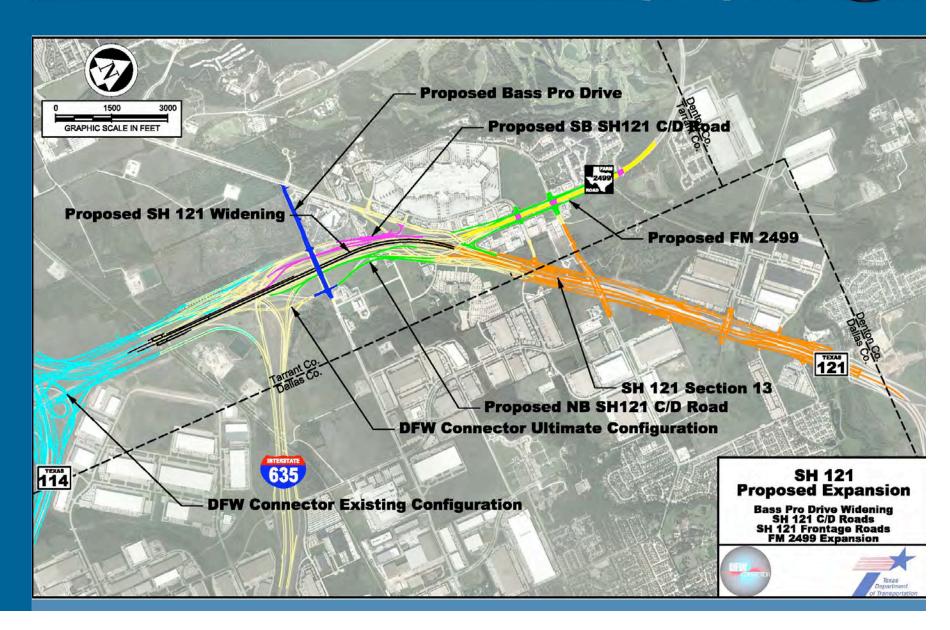
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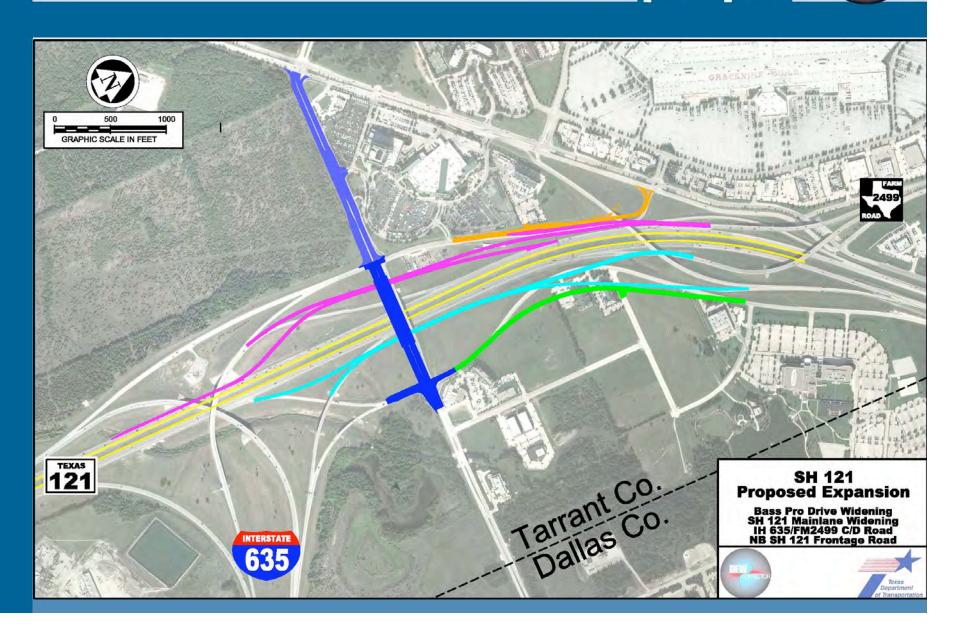
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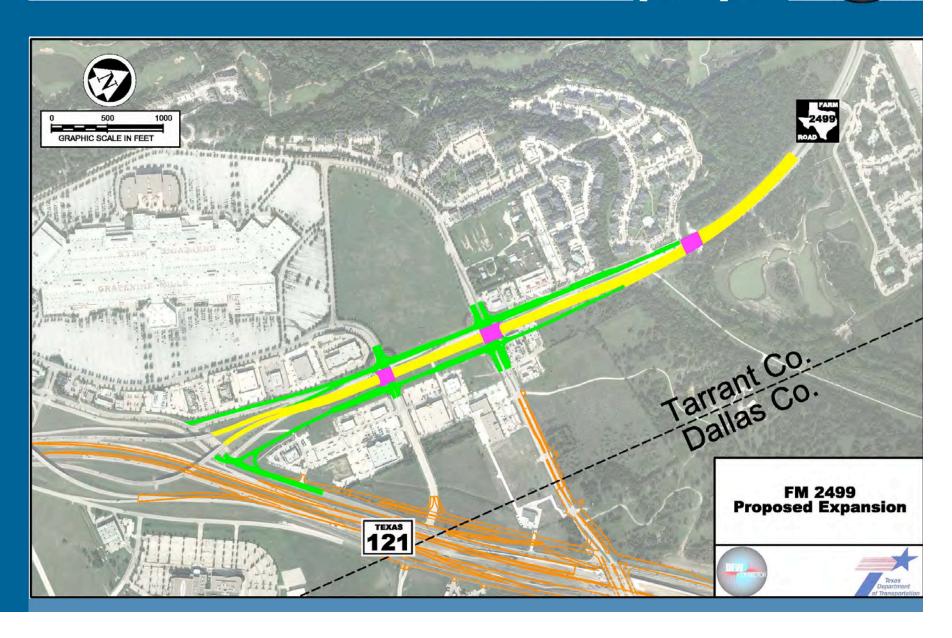
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