



# **Public Meeting**

I-35 Corridor from John Kilpatrick Turnpike North to Waterloo Road October 26, 2017 @ 6:00pm Edmond Community Center Auditorium







# Before we get started...

...Please turn off or mute any electronic devices, and make sure you have a Handout and Comment Form available. Please hold your questions until after the

presentation has ended.

## **Presentation Outline**

- Meeting & Study Purpose
- Existing Conditions
- Frontage Road Concepts
- Study Timeline
- General Questions & Comments



# **Purpose of this Meeting**

To inform the public and obtain input on the frontage road concepts under consideration for the I-35 corridor from Memorial Road to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through Edmond, Oklahoma.

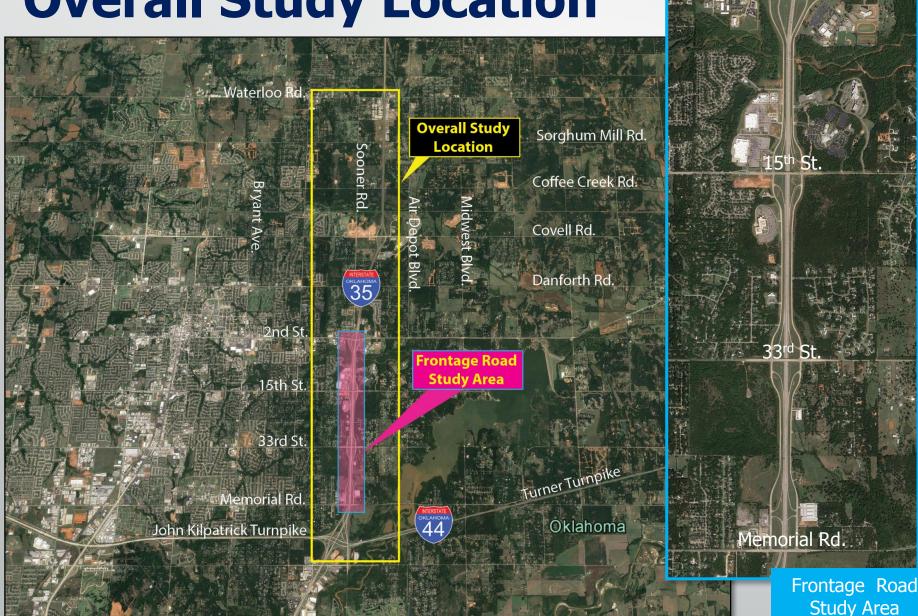
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To determine the safety and traffic needs of the I-35 mainline, interchanges, and **frontage roads** from the Kilpatrick Turnpike north to Waterloo Road; and to evaluate potential solutions.





# **Overall Study Location**



Study Area

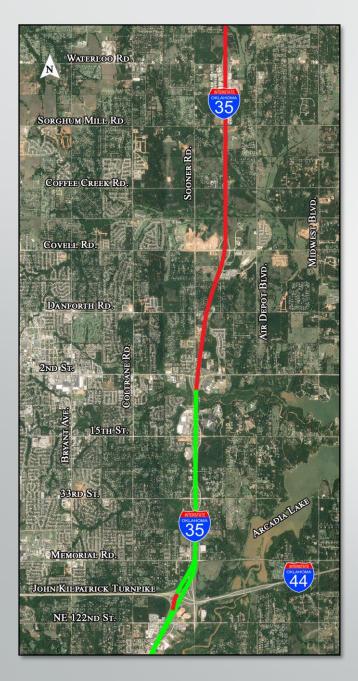
# **Overall Study Objectives**



- Improve Traffic Efficiency Along Frontage Roads and at Frontage Road Intersections
- Improve Capacity of I-35 Mainline
- Increase Safety



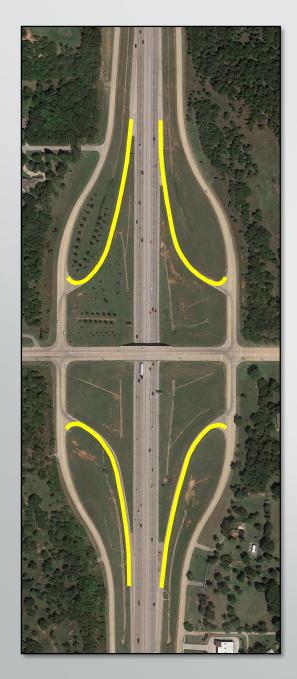
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### I-35 Mainline

- Constructed in the 1950s
- 6 Lanes from Memorial Road to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 4 Lanes from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Waterloo Road
- I-35 Southbound is only 4 Lanes for ¼ mile South of Memorial Road
- AM and PM Gridlock Where Mainline Drops to 4 Lanes
  - AM Gridlock Southbound at Memorial
  - PM Gridlock Northbound at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

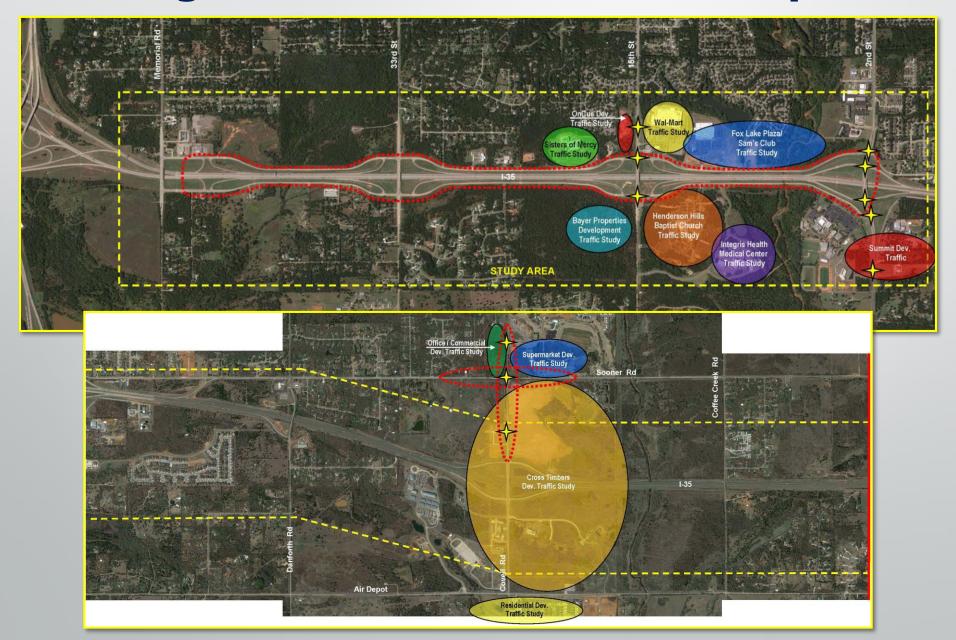


# **Existing Conditions**

### I-35 Frontage Roads

- Constructed in Early 1980s
- Two-Lane, Two-Way Traffic
- Turn Lanes at Intersections
- (2)-13' Driving Lanes with Curb and Gutter
- Stop Sign Control on Ramp Exit
- Button Hook Entry to and Exit from I-35

# **Existing Businesses / Future Development**



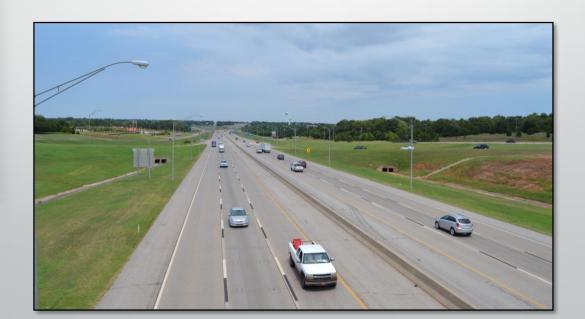


## **Traffic Volume**

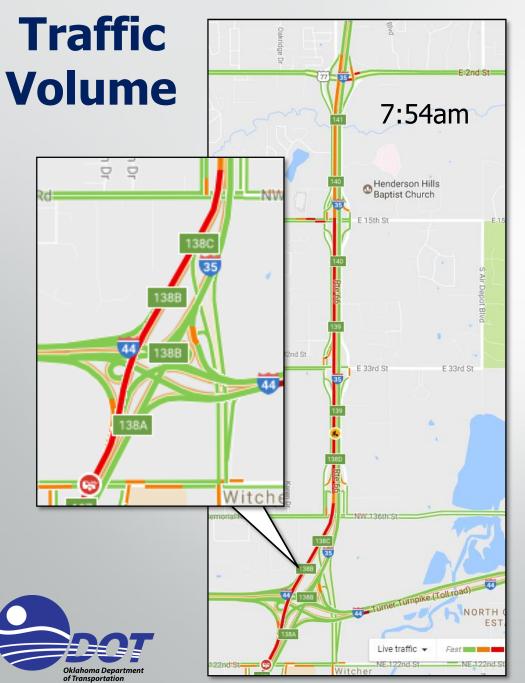
- Vehicles Per Day, Present and Future
  - I-35: 76,000 (2016) / 125,000 (2040)
  - W. Frontage Road: 7,000 (2016) / 10,300 (2040)
  - E. Frontage Road: 4,000 (2016) / 5,150 (2040)

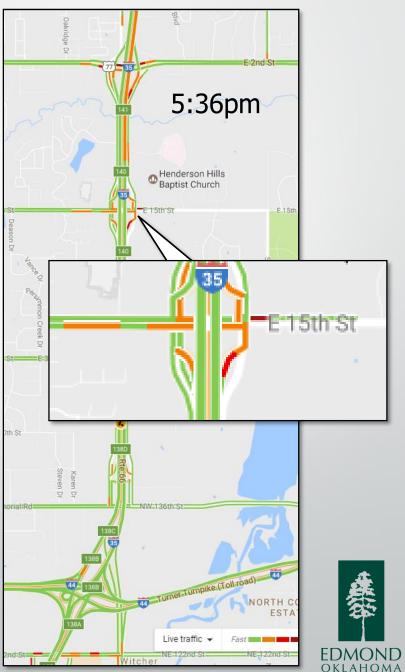






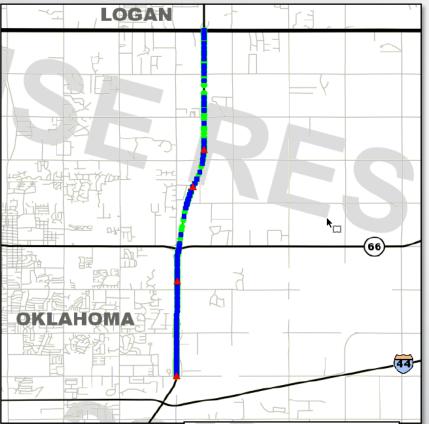




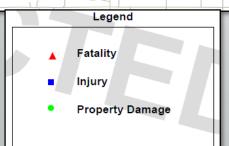


# **Collision Data**Overall Corridor

Memorial Rd. to Waterloo Rd.







I-35 FRONTAGE RDS. FROM MEMORIAL TO WATERLOO Time Period: 10-31-2011 to 10-31-2016 (1828 days)

Critical

Statewide

RATE = No. of Collisions per 100 Million Vehicle Miles

Nate Type	Rates	Rates ** (2011 - 2013)	Rates
Overall Collision:	108.61	83.23	88.69
Fatal Collision:	0.52	0.60	
Vis. Injury Collision *:	13.33	14.17	
Vis. Injury + Fatal:	13.85	14.77	17.11

Location

Collision History Summary (Number of Years = 5)

# Collisions		# Peoble		
Involving Fatality:	4	Killed:	5	
Vis. Injury *:	103	Vis. Injured *:	131	
Poss. Injury:	120	Poss. Injured:	170	
Property Damage Only:	612			
TOTAL:	839			

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Incapacitating and Non-Incapacitating Injuries.

### **2011 To 2016**

Rate Type

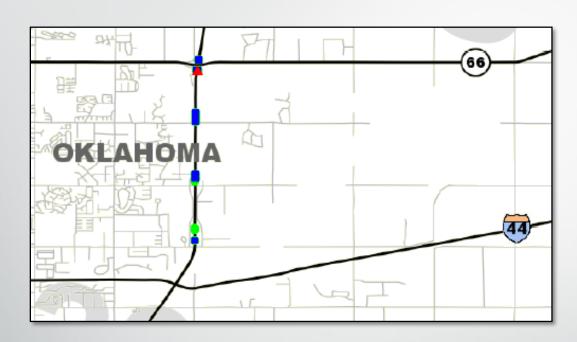
- 839 Collisions
- 301 Injured/Poss. Injure
- 4 Fatality Collisions
- Higher Than Avg. Collision Rate



### **Collision Data**

### **Frontage Road**

Memorial Rd. to 2nd St.





### **2011 To 2016**

- 227 Collisions
- 75 Injured/Poss. Injured
- 1 Fatality





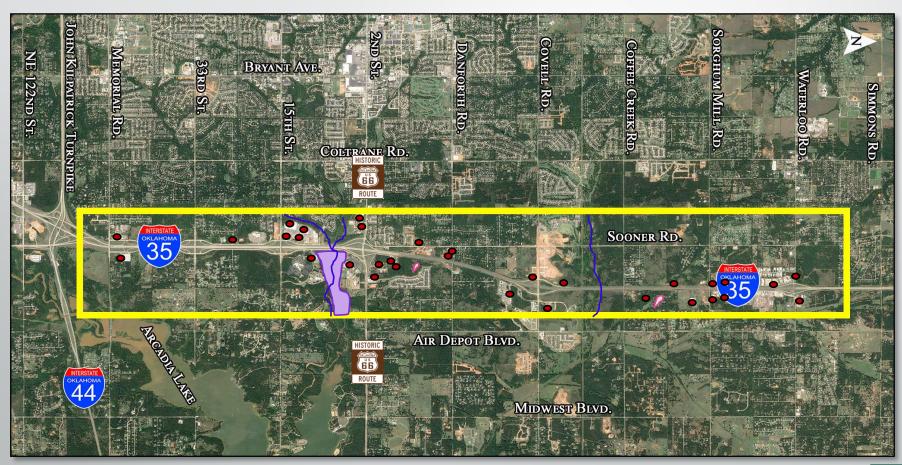
### **Environmental Constraints**

- Performed a Reconnaissance-Level Study to Evaluate Existing Resources in the Study Area, Such As:
  - Public Parks and Recreational Areas
  - Cemeteries
  - Airports
  - Federal and Indian Lands
  - Historic and Archaeological Sites
  - Potential Contamination Issues
  - Waters and Wetlands

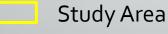




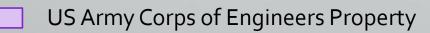
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Potential Hazardous Materials







# **Frontage Road Concepts**





# Why Is This Study Needed? "If You Live or Work Around Here"

- How do I get home?
- How will customers find my business?
- Ambulance needs to get to hospital...
- Will I have to go out of my way to go down the street?
- Will the ramps really back up cars on the interstate if we do nothing?



# Why Are Improvements to Frontage Roads Needed?



- Congestion from Increasing Traffic Volumes
- Backed Up Traffic on I-35 at Off-Ramps
- Increased Vehicle Delay -Longer Travel Times
- Inefficiency of Signals
- Safety Issues of Two-Way Frontage
- Consideration for Future Development





# **Frontage Road Concepts**

- Concept No. 1 No-Build Alternative
- Concept No. 2 Improved Two-Way Frontage Roads
- Concept No. 3 Conversion to One-Way Frontage Roads



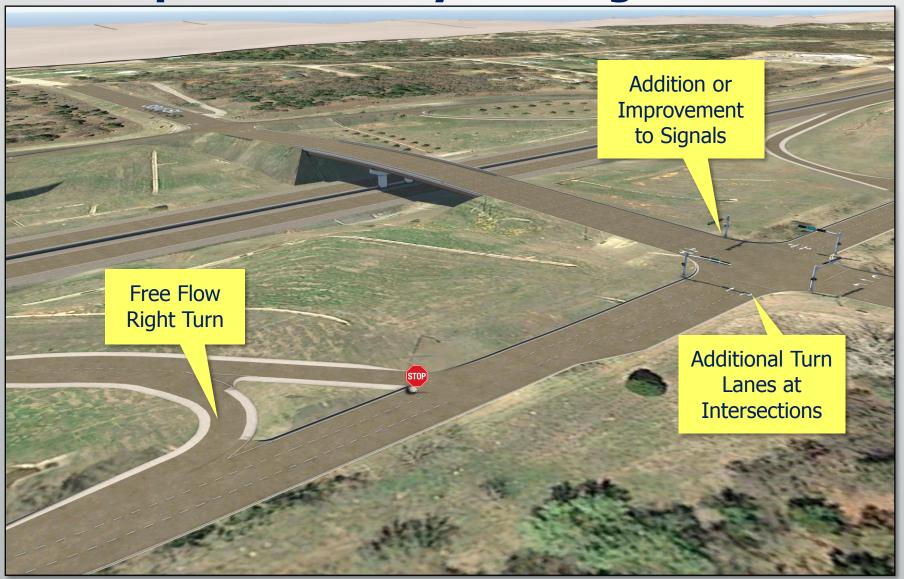
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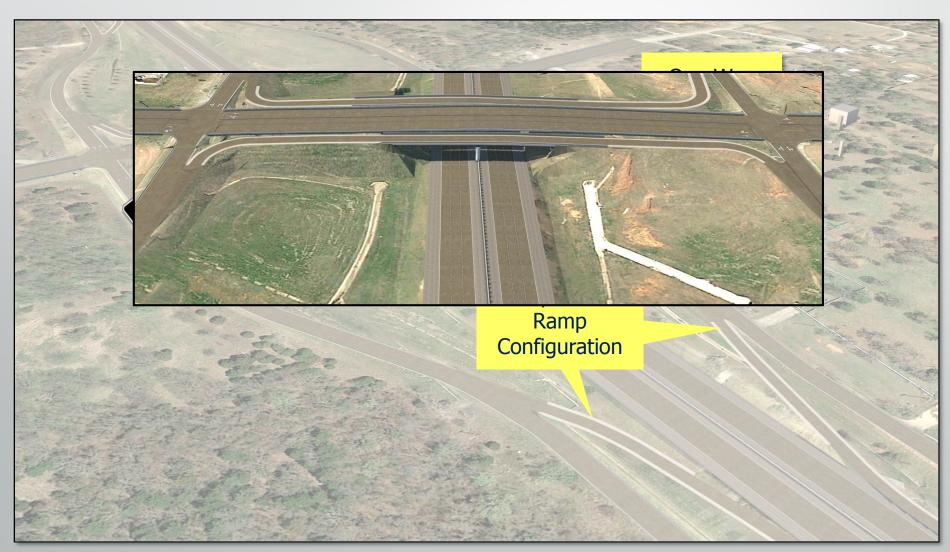




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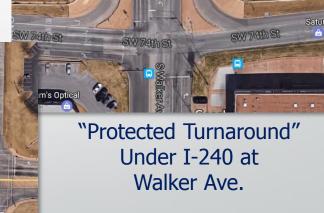
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"Protected Turnaround" Under Kilpatrick Turnpike at Penn Ave.



Southwest Expy

"Protected Turnaround" Over US-77 at Britton Rd.

# **Concept Pros / Cons**



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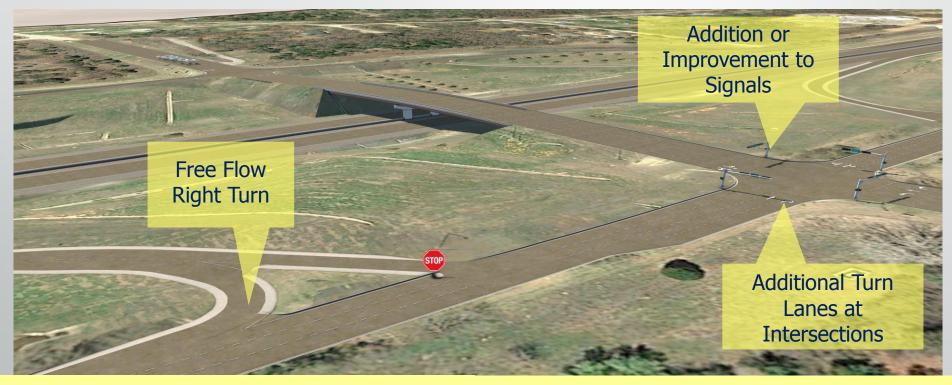


### **Pros:**

- No Cost to Construct
- Familiar Access to Destinations
- Shorter Travel Distance to Some Destinations

- Doesn't Improve Corridor Gridlock
- Doesn't Improve Safety or Reduce Collisions
- Dangerous Crossing Traffic Conflict Points
- Continues Current Inefficient Traffic Operation

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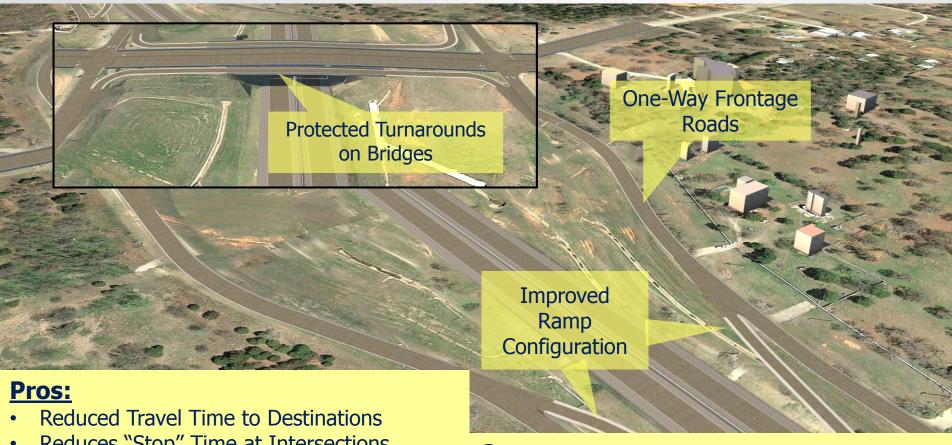


### **Pros:**

- Middle Construction Cost of 3 Concepts
- Familiar Access to Destinations
- Shorter Travel Distance to Some Destinations
- Minor Improvement to Intersection Signals and Lane Configurations

- Only Minor Improvement to Intersection Delay
- Doesn't Improve Ramp Congestion / Backup
- No Improvement to Stop Sign Delay at Ramp Terminal
- Dangerous Crossing Traffic Conflict Points

# Frontage Road Concept No. 3 **Conversion to 1-Way**



- Reduces "Stop" Time at Intersections
- Reduces Dangerous Turn Movements
- No Ramp Backup onto I-35
- Handles Greater Traffic Volumes
- Traffic Accident Management

- Highest Construction Cost of the 3 Concepts
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- **New Travel Routes**
- Blue Logo Sign Improvements

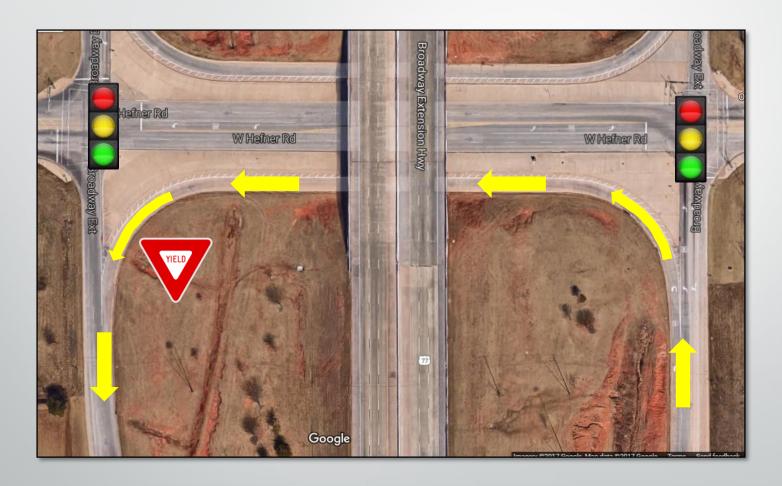
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# "Protected Turnarounds" Allow By-Pass of Both Intersection Signals





# **Existing Travel Pattern NB I-35 to Fox Lake Lane**



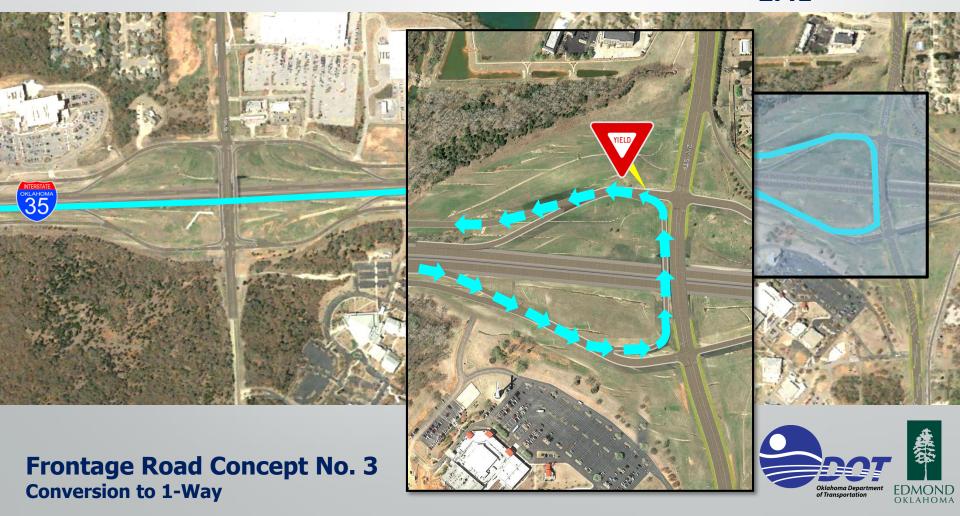
<u>Drive Times:</u>
2 Red Lights = 4:56
2 Green Lights = 3:54





# Concept 3 Travel Pattern with Turn-Arounds NB I-35 to Fox Lake Lane

Calculated Drive Time: 2:41



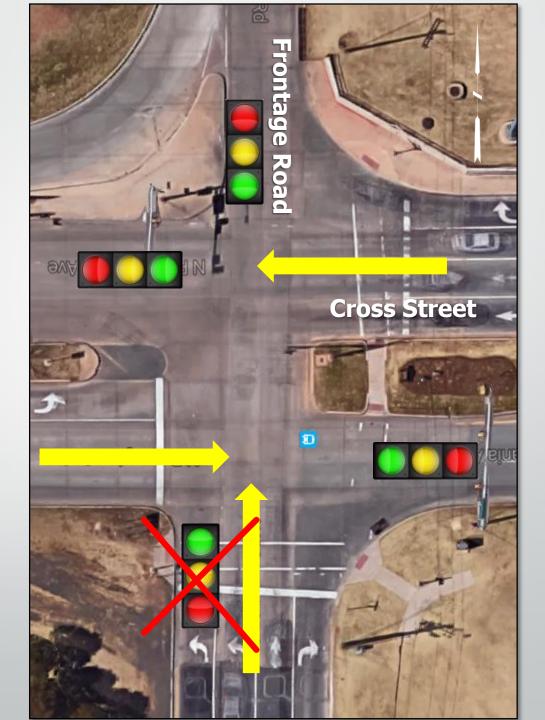
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Elimination of Signal at Intersection Decreases "Stop" Time



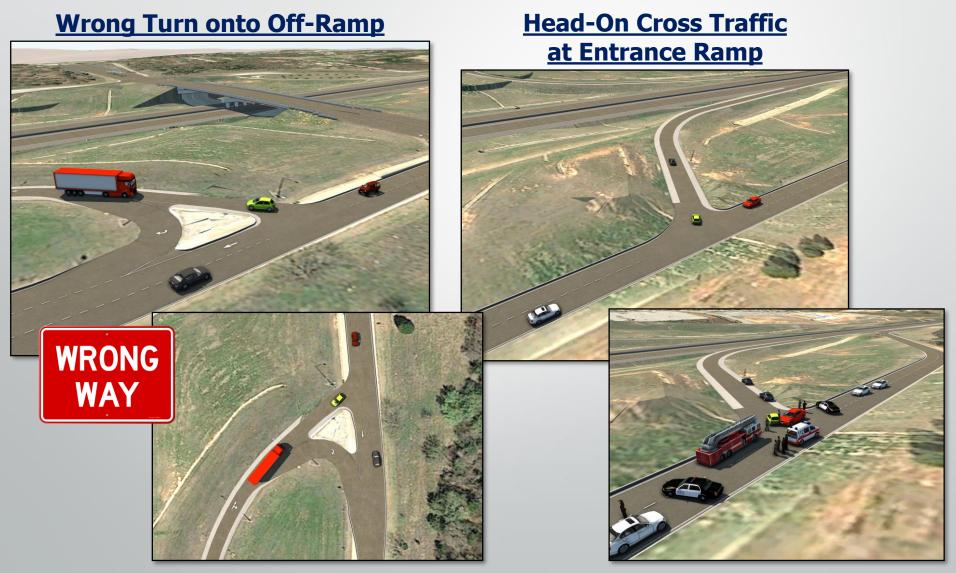
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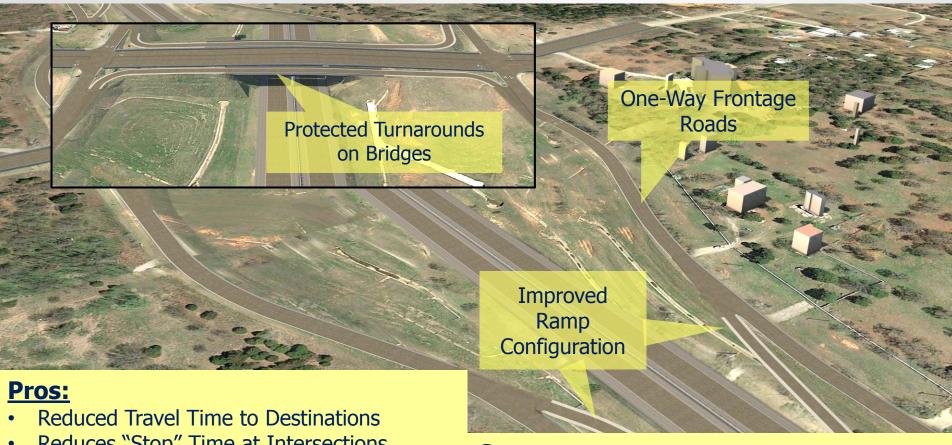
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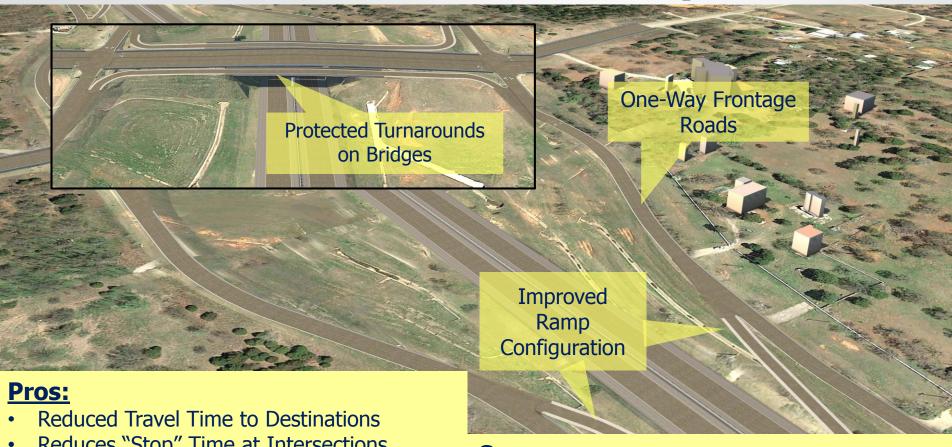
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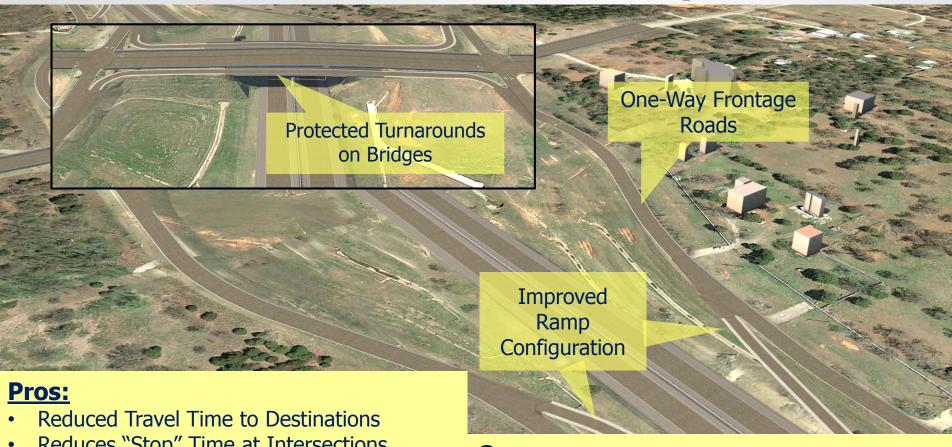
**Drone View of Existing Ramp Backup onto I-35 at E. 15th Street** 



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### **Blue Logo Sign Improvements**



Research by National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) "Safety and Economic Impacts of Converting Two-Way Frontage Roads to One-Way Operation" – Texas Transportation Institute, 2011

Pre- and Post-Conversion Study of Impact to 8 Texas Communities

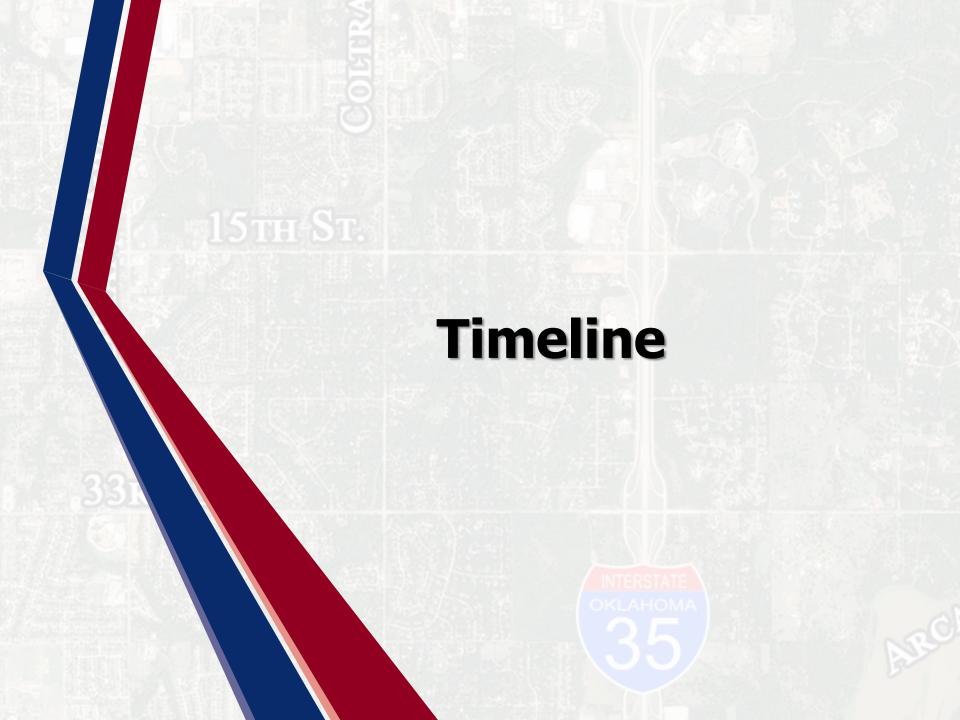
- Summary of Prior Research
- Collision Frequency
- Economic Impacts (Gross Sales, Land Value, Employment)

#### Conclusions of Comparison

- Characteristics of One-Way Operation Generally Superior
- Observation of Crash Rate Reduction
- Economic
  - Three Cities Showed Increase in Gross Sales (2% to 30% Inc.)
  - No Negative Impacts to Land Values
  - Five Cities Experienced Increase in Employment (2% to 198% Inc.)







# Frontage Road Concepts Study Timeline

Frontage Road Engineering Report – Late 2017





## **General Questions & Comments**

Do you have any general questions or comments about the information presented?





### **Submit Your Comments**

- Leave your written comments with us tonight.
- Download and submit a comment form at: www.odot.org/publicmeetings
- Submit your written comments by mail to:

Oklahoma Department of Transportation Environmental Programs Division 200 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105

- Fax your written comments to: (405) 522-5193
- Email your comments to: environment@odot.org



Please submit your comments by November 9, 2017











### **Stakeholder Meeting Summary**

- Questions Received at the Meeting:
  - What is the timeline for construction? How long will it take to build once it starts? What will the impacts be on businesses during construction?
  - Any timeline for when it will start?
  - Are you looking at bridges at the ½ mile marks? Like at Quail Springs mall?
  - At 2<sup>nd</sup> Street there are traffic signals very close together.
  - What about the Waterloo interchange project?

