

# 183A Phase III Public Hearing

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*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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*



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# Introductions

- Elected Officials Present
- TxDOT Representatives Present
- Project Team Members Present



## Meeting Format

- **Purpose of the Public Hearing:**
  - To gather comments and feedback from the community regarding proposed improvements
  
- **Public Hearing Procedures and Protocols:**
  - Sign up at speaker registration table
  - Public Hearing provides an opportunity to receive comments into the public record
  - Written comments are acceptable and included as part of the official public record (accepted through June 28, 2019)
  - Project staff will be available to answer questions following the formal comment period





## Additional Public Comment Opportunities

- Comment Card
- Mail comments to:
  - Brittani Kaim, WSP USA, Inc.
  - 3300 N. IH 35, Suite 300
  - Austin, Texas 78705
- Provide comments verbally to the Court Reporter
- Email comments to: [183APhase3@ctrma.org](mailto:183APhase3@ctrma.org)
- For more information visit [183A.com](http://183A.com)

**Deadline For Comments: June 28, 2019**



# Agency Roles

## TxDOT

- Project development oversight
- Environmental approval authority

## Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

- Construct, operate and maintain regional mobility projects designed by the Mobility Authority or TxDOT
- Develop multimodal projects



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# ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS PURPOSE AND NEED

## Purpose

What are we doing to address the need?

- Avoid future traffic congestion
- Save commuters time
- Provide reliable option for drivers and emergency vehicles
- Enhance mobility

**The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires projects study their potential environmental impacts. Defining a Purpose and Need is a fundamental requirement of the study, which outlines what we are trying to accomplish and why it is necessary.**

## Need:

What problem are we addressing?

- Traffic volumes are predicted to increase, driven by population boom



## Project History & Community Outreach

### Environmental:

Environmental Process began in 2018

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### Property Owner Meetings:

November 2018 – Ongoing

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### Public Open House:

Hosted on November 14, 2018

Leander VFW  
5:00 – 7:30 pm

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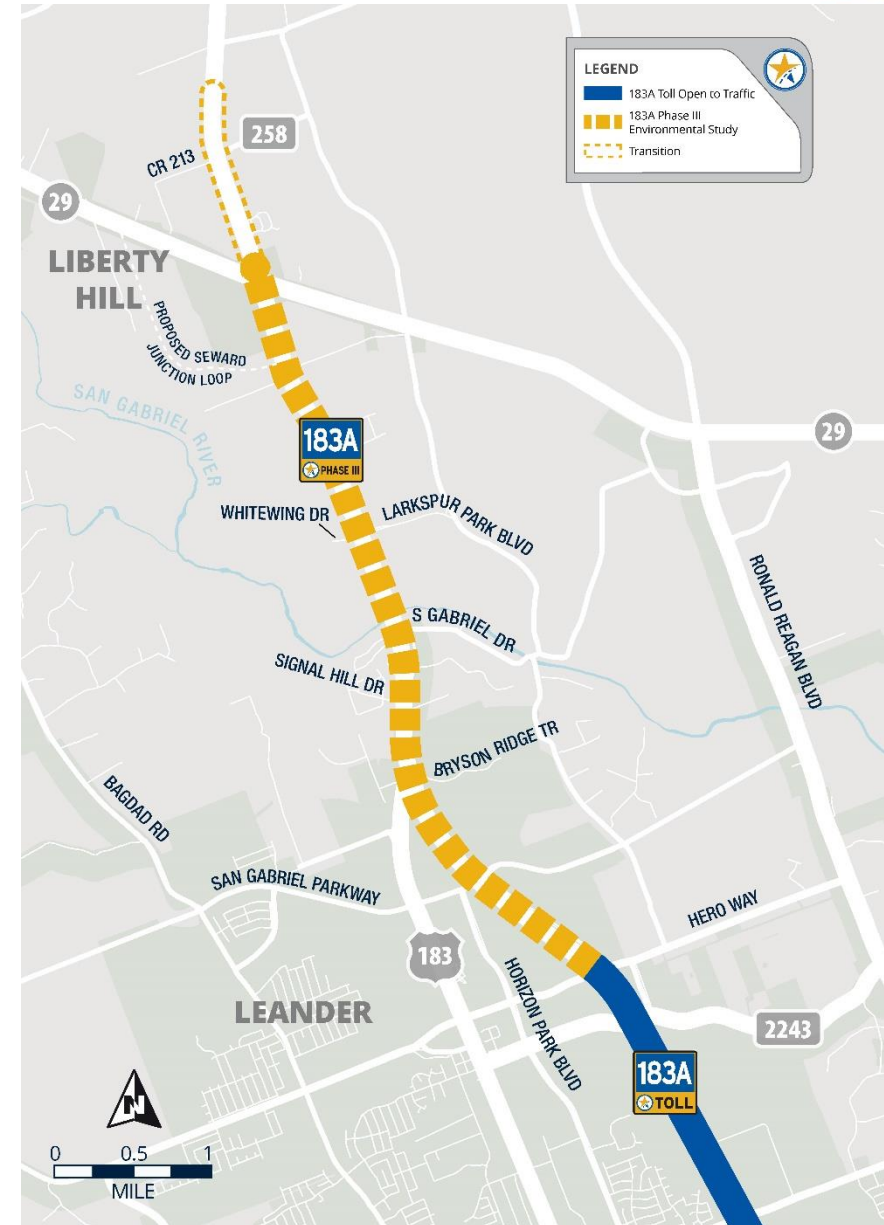
### Virtual Open House:

Official comments accepted through November 30, 2018;  
Website remains live: [183A.com](http://183A.com)



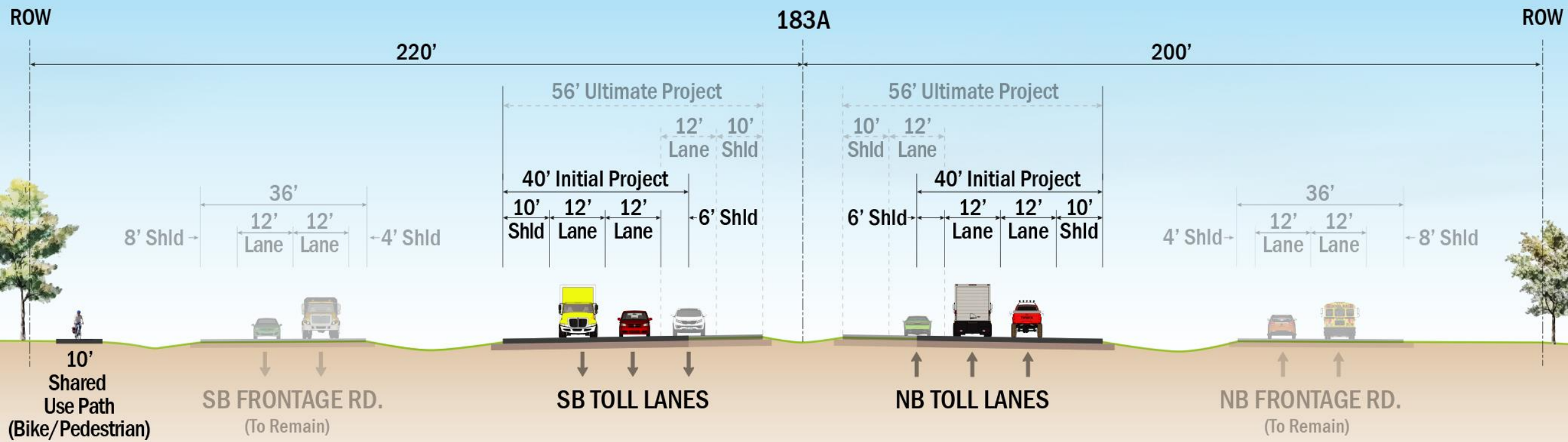
## Project Description

- **Project extends 6.6 miles** from Hero Way to north of SH 29
- Ultimate configuration three lanes in each direction, **Construct two lanes in each direction now**
- Primarily within **existing right-of-way**
- **Shared use path** to extend north from Hero Way to proposed Seward Junction Loop (South) Project
- Schematic **design, traffic modeling,** and **environmental** evaluation are currently underway





# Project Typical Section



**Build Alternative**

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**LEGEND**

- NEW ROADS FOR 183A TOLL
- U.S. 183 (NON-TOLLED)
- PROPOSED RAMPS
- PROPOSED BRIDGES
- PROPOSED ROADS (by others)



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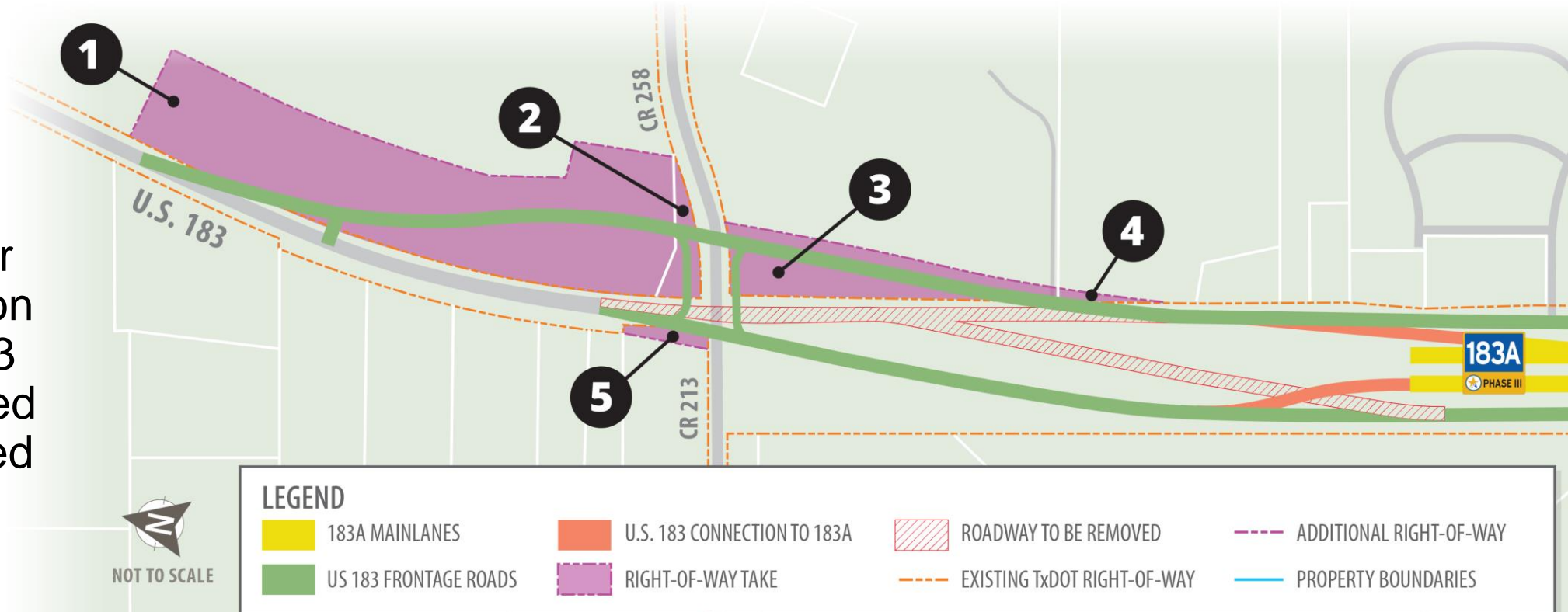
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# Right-of-Way Overview

- Approximately 19.3 acres of additional ROW required
- ROW would be acquired from five separate parcels
- Needed for construction of U.S. 183 from divided to undivided facility

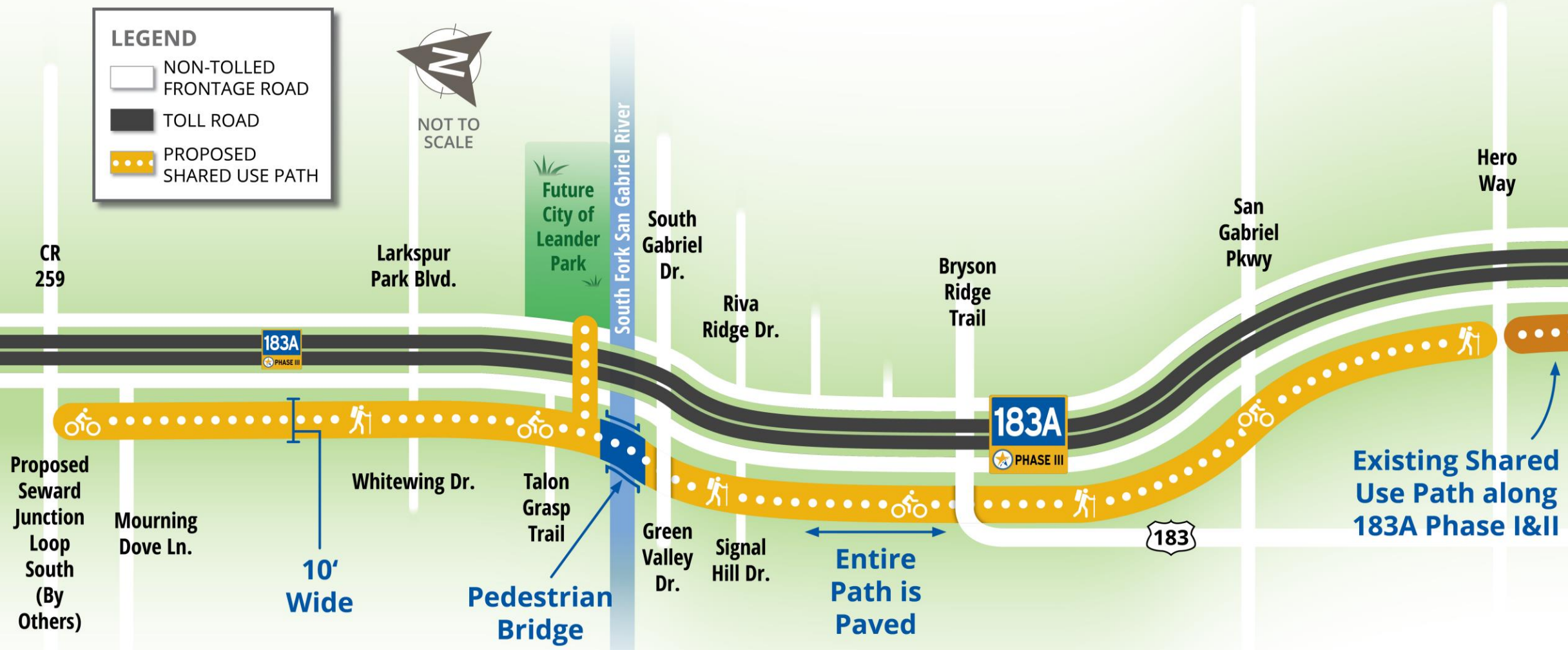




# Shared Use Path

**LEGEND**

- NON-TOLLED FRONTAGE ROAD
- TOLL ROAD
- PROPOSED SHARED USE PATH



Existing Shared Use Path along 183A Phase I&II

Entire Path is Paved

10' Wide

Pedestrian Bridge

# Environmental Assessment

*The environmental study includes information on these topics*

Public and agency involvement throughout process

Discussion of purpose and need for the project

Discussion of alternatives

Build alternative, extending 183A toll lanes to SH 29

No build alternative

Detailed description of the affected environment

Natural resources

Human environment

Evaluation of potential impacts

Selection of recommended alternative

# Resources Analyzed in the Environmental Assessment





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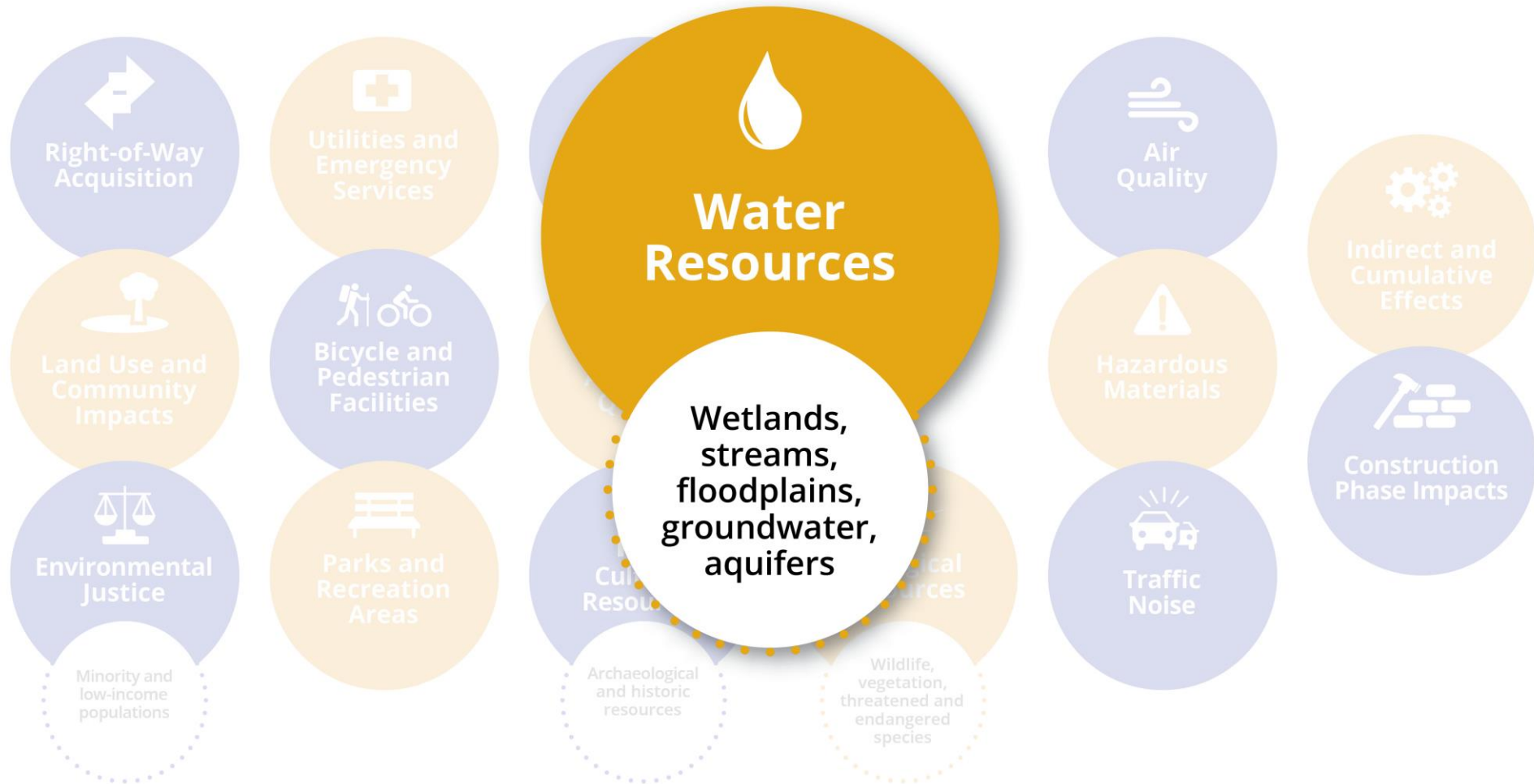
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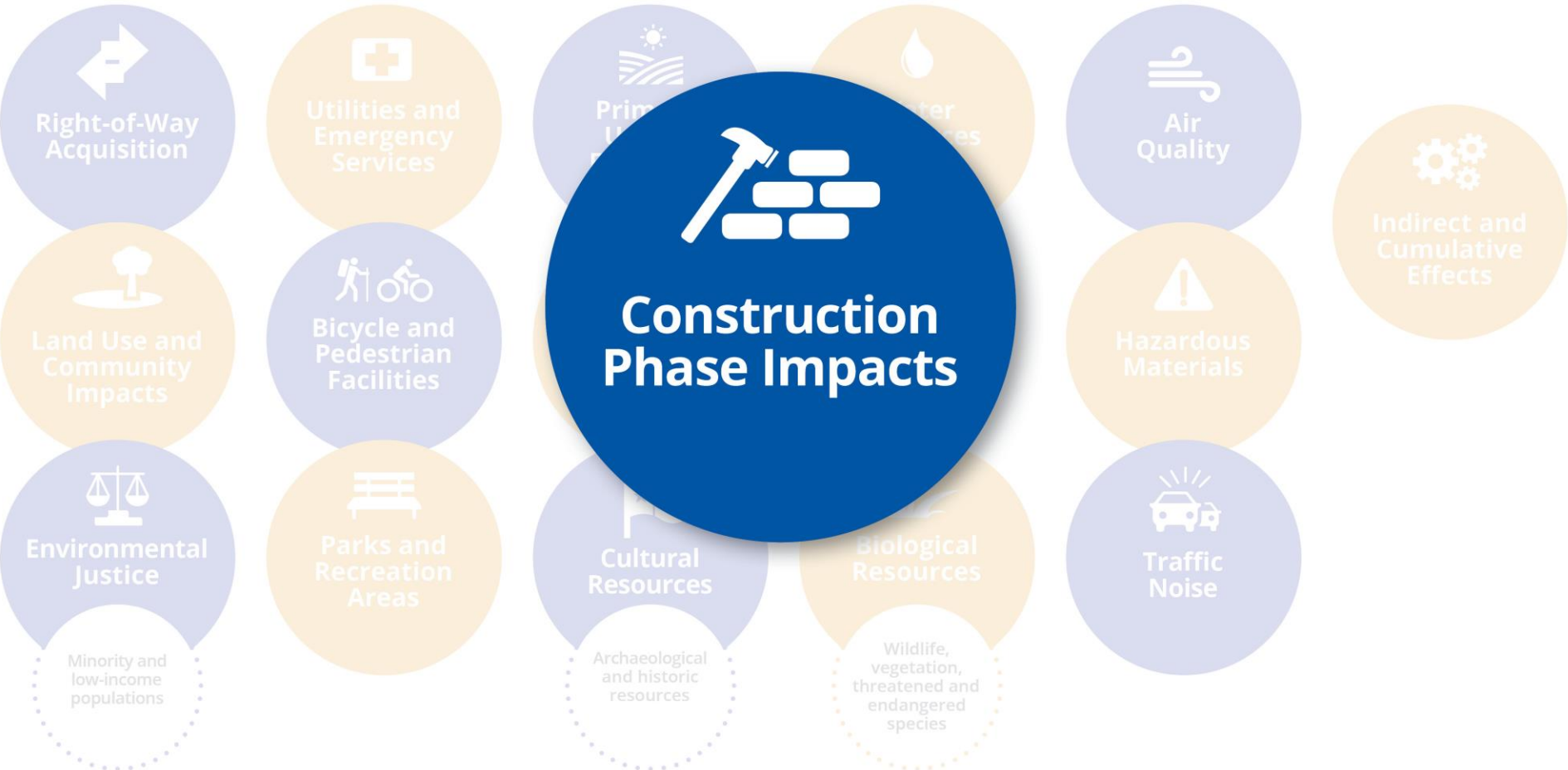
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# Project Schedule

**Fall  
2018**

**Oct. - Nov.  
2018**

**Nov.  
2018**

**Summer  
2019**

**2020**

**2024**

**Design  
Phase  
Begins**

**Property  
Owner  
Meetings**

**Public  
Open  
House**

**Public  
Hearing**

**Environmental  
Decision**

**Final  
Design  
Complete**

**Construction  
Start**

**Roadway  
Opening**

\*All dates subject to change



## Public Comment Session

- **Public Hearing Procedures and Protocols:**
  - Sign up at speaker registration table
  - Provide your **name, address** and **organization** (if applicable) for the record
  - Limit comments to **three (3) minutes** per speaker
  - Time cannot be transferred and shared
  - No questions, interjections, or discussions
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# 10 MINUTE RECESS



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# TIMER

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