

Historical Resources Survey Report

Reconnaissance Survey

Project Name: 183A Phase III

Project Limits: From Hero Way to 1.1 Miles North of SH 29

District(s): Austin

County(s): Williamson County

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Abstract

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) propose the extension of the 183A Toll main lanes from Hero Way to State Highway (SH) 29 in Williamson County, Texas (Appendix C, Figure 1). The proposed project would entail extending the six-lane, controlled-access, grade-separated 183A tolled main lanes from their current terminus approximately 0.4 mile north of Hero Way to approximately 0.4 mile north of SH 29. The existing US 183 four-lane divided roadway within the proposed project limits would serve as frontage roads north to SH 29, and transition back to the existing, undivided US 183 approximately 1.1 miles north of SH 29. Project design would include bridges over the South Fork San Gabriel River and multiple box culverts providing for tributary streamflow. The proposed 183A main lanes would include three 12-foot-wide lanes in each direction, with 10foot-wide paved shoulders and a 38-foot-wide grassy median. The main travel lanes would be tolled as an extension of the existing 183A tollway currently in place south of Hero Way. As previously noted, the existing US 183 facility would serve as frontage roads and, along with the existing 183A frontage roads between Hero Way and US 183, would remain in use as a nontolled facility. The transition from the 183A main lanes to existing US 183 north of SH 29 would comprise two 12-foot-wide lanes, divided, in each direction, with 10-foot-wide outside shoulders and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders. The 183A main lanes would be depressed under SH 29 and elevated over intersections with

- Seward Junction South (planned facility);
- Whitewing Drive/Larkspur Park Drive;
- South Gabriel Drive/Green Valley Drive (South Fork San Gabriel River bridge);
- US 183/Bryson Ridge Trail; and
- San Gabriel Parkway.

The existing main lanes are already elevated over Hero Way. The proposed divided US 183 section north of SH 29 would have an at-grade intersection at CR 213/258 with turnarounds in each direction. Approximately 19.33 acres of new right-of-way (ROW) would be required.

Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc. (CMEC) cultural resources staff conducted a reconnaissance survey of the area of potential effects (APE), which was defined as 150 feet from the locations where the roadway is proposed to be elevated, 150 feet from proposed new ROW, and existing ROW in all other areas. CMEC historians documented all resources constructed in 1975 or earlier (45 years prior to the let date).

In all, 12 historic-age resources (constructed in 1975 or earlier) were documented. An additional 2 resources that do not appear to be historic-age are described in this report as part of the NRHP-eligible Bryson Farmstead. Six other non-historic resources were documented in this survey but are not described in this report. The documented resources are categorized based on historic function/use as follows:

Agriculture/Animal Facility	4
Agriculture/Outbuilding	1
Agriculture/Storage	1
Domestic/Single Dwelling	2
Domestic/Secondary Structure	2
Commerce/Business	1
Commerce/Restaurant	1
Landscape/Wall	1
Transportation/Road Related	1

Four of the documented resources were determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2006 as contributing resources to the J. C. Bryson Farmstead (Resource 3). One resource (a trough, Resource 3H) was excluded from the listing of contributing/non-contributing resources in the 2007 Determination of Effect but is recommended as a contributing resource to the J. C. Bryson Farmstead as a result of this survey. Two historic-age resources are located within the boundary of the J. C. Bryson Farmstead but were constructed outside of the period of significance and are not recommended as contributing resources. Five historic-age resources unrelated to the Bryson Farmstead were documented in this survey and are not recommended eligible for the NRHP.

The proposed project would not require any ROW or permanent easements from within the NRHP boundary of the NRHP-eligible Bryson Farmstead property; there would be no direct effect to the property. The proposed project would also pose no adverse indirect effect to the property; the proposed improvements would not have an adverse effect on the characteristics that make this property eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

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Project Identification

Report Completion Date: 02/04/2019 Date(s) of Fieldwork: 12/18/2018 Survey Type: ☐ Windshield ☐ Reconnaissance ☐ Intensive Report Version: □ Pinal **Regulatory Jurisdiction: TxDOT Contract Number:** N/A **District or Districts:** Austin **County or Counties:** Williamson **Highway or Facility:** 183A **Project Limits:** From: Hero Way To: 1.1 miles north of SH 29 Main CSJ Number 0914-05-192 Report Author(s): Kelsey Riddle, Emily Reed, and Sandra Shannon, Cox | McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc. Principal Investigator: Emily Reed, Cox | McLain Environmental Consulting **List of Preparers:** Emily Reed, project management, fieldwork, report preparation; Kelsey Riddle, fieldwork and report preparation; Ann Keen, Sandra Shannon, and Heather Stettler, QA/QC; Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc.

Project Description

Project Type: Extension of tolled lanes

Proposed Project Activities:

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) propose the extension of the 183A Toll main lanes from Hero Way to State Highway (SH) 29 in Williamson County, Texas. The proposed 183A Phase III project begins on existing 183A at Hero Way and extends northward onto existing US 183 to approximately 1.1 miles north of SH 29.

The proposed action (Build Alternative) would extend the six-lane, controlled-access, grade-separated 183A tolled main lanes from their current terminus approximately 0.4 mile north of Hero Way to approximately 0.4 mile north of SH 29. The 183A tolled main lanes would be located in the median between the existing northbound and southbound US 183 four-lane divided roadway. The existing US 183 four-lane divided roadway within the proposed project limits would serve as frontage roads north to SH 29, and transition back to the existing, undivided US 183 approximately 1.1 miles north of SH 29. This transition would allow the 183A tolled main lanes to merge with the proposed non-tolled, four-lane, divided frontage roads and, eventually, with the existing four-lane, non-divided US 183 at the project's northern terminus. Project design would include bridges over the South Fork San Gabriel River and multiple box culverts providing for tributary streamflow. A paved, 10-foot-wide pedestrian/bicycle shared-use path would be provided within existing right-of-way (ROW) along the west side of the project from Hero Way to the planned Seward Junction Loop South (approximately 4.6 miles).

The proposed 183A main lanes would include three 12-foot-wide lanes in each direction, with 10-foot-wide paved shoulders and a 38-foot-wide grassy median. The main travel lanes would be tolled as an extension of the existing 183A tollway currently in place south of Hero Way. As previously noted, the existing US 183 facility would serve as frontage roads and, along with the existing 183A frontage roads between Hero Way and US 183, would remain in use as a non-tolled facility. The transition from the 183A main lanes to existing US 183 north of SH 29 would comprise two 12-foot-wide lanes, divided, in each direction, with 10-foot-wide outside shoulders and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders. The 183A main lanes would be depressed under SH 29 and elevated over intersections with

- Seward Junction South (planned facility);
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San Gabriel Parkway.

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■ Total Project Length: 6.6 miles

New Right of Way (ROW): 19.33 acres

Permanent Easement Acreage: 0.0 acres

Temporary Easement Acreage: 0.0 acres

Area of Potential Effects (APE):

☐ Existing ROW

☐ 150' from Proposed ROW and Easements

☐ 300' from Proposed ROW and Easements

⊠ Custom:

Given that the project proposes to elevate the roadway in several locations, the APE was established as follows: 150 feet from the locations where the roadway is proposed to be elevated, 150 feet from proposed new ROW, and existing ROW in all other areas. Based on coordination with the Texas Historical Commission (THC), TxDOT agreed to survey all parcels intersected by this APE, as well as enclave parcels that are not intersected by the APE but are wholly surrounded by parcels intersected by the APE.

Historic-Age Survey Cut-Off Date: 1975

Study Area
 1,300 feet from edge of existing or proposed new ROW

Section 106 Consulting Parties

Public Involvement Outreach Efforts:

Project public involvement has included meetings with residents of neighborhoods adjacent to the project, and an open-house public meeting held in November 2018. A public hearing will conclude public involvement in 2019.

A meeting with the High Gabriel Estates Home Owners Association/Property Owners Association was held on October 8, 2018, at the First Baptist Church in Leander. Approximately 15 residents attended. An informational meeting for Summerlyn neighborhood residents was held on October 24, 2018. The meeting took place at the Liberty Hill Learning and Event Center in Liberty Hill with approximately 33 people attending.

A public meeting was held November 14, 2018, at the Leander VFW 10427 in Leander. The meeting was conducted as a public open house with visual displays and project staff (CTRMA and TxDOT) present to provide information to attendees. Public attendance included 91 people. For those unable to attend, a virtual open house was made available on the project website, www.183A.com, which presented the open house materials and exhibits for the public to review. Twenty-two comments were received during the official comment period, which ended November 30, 2018. None of the comments pertained to historic resources.

Identification of Section 106 Consulting Parties:

Per 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800, the THC has been identified as a consulting party. The Williamson County Historical Commission has been identified as a stakeholder in the section below. Other individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project have been identified by TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division (ENV) and include Williamson County, the City of Leander, and Preservation Texas.

Section 106 Review Efforts:

Per 36 CFR 800 and the stipulations of the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Implementation of Transportation Undertakings, TxDOT may afford the THC an opportunity to review and comment on the historic resources eligibility determinations and project effects determinations.*

Summary of Consulting Parties Comments:

Formal consultation with consulting parties has not been conducted.

Stakeholders

Stakeholder Outreach Efforts:

Eloise Brackenridge, chair of the Williamson County Historical Commission, was contacted in January 2019 via email regarding the project, and was also contacted by letter from TxDOT ENV in November 2018. CMEC historians spoke with Ms. Brackenridge by phone on January 23, 2019; she indicated that she would review the email and respond. Other parties also received letters from TxDOT ENV regarding the project and are identified below. Documentation is on file at TxDOT ENV.

Identification of Stakeholder Parties:

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Summary of Stakeholder Comments:

As of the writing of this report, the authors are not aware of any responses received.

Project Setting/Study Area

Study Area

In accordance with standard procedure for historic resources surveys, the proposed study area is defined as the APE plus the area 1,300 feet beyond the APE. The study

area is located along US 183 in the cities of Leander and Liberty Hill. It primarily consists of large-to-medium agricultural, residential, and commercial parcels. Historically, the parcels were either undeveloped or used as ranching or farming properties. Due to the rapid development of Leander and surrounding cities, most of the development in the study area has occurred relatively recently.

Previously Evaluated Historic Resources

Portions of the study area were surveyed in 2006 (some associated reporting completed in 2007), 2008, and 2009 and are documented in the following reports:

- Section 106 Determination of Effects to Historic Properties for 183A Turnpike Project at J. C. Bryson Farmstead (aka Pioneers' House RTHL) at Intersection of 183A and Williamson County Road 274, TxDOT, 2007.
- Historic Resources Survey Report Improvements on US 183 from SH 29 to US 183A, CSJs 0151-04-063, 0273-04-026, 0273-04-027, TxD0T, 2008.
- Historic Resources Survey Report: 183A Toll from Ranch-to-Market Road 620 to Three Miles North of the Leander, Texas City Limits. Hardy, Heck, Moore for TxDOT, 2009.

The purple-outlined parcels on **Figure 2** identify the parcels that were previously surveyed and the resources that were determined to be not eligible for the NRHP. Aside from the J. C. Bryson Farmstead (described in the next section), one other property in the study area was recommended eligible for the NRHP in previous studies: the J. P. Magill Farmstead. The Magill property is outside the current project's APE (see **Figure 2f**).

According to the TxDOT Listed and Eligible Bridges map, no listed or eligible bridges are in the study area.

Previously Designated Historic Properties

One Registered Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL), the "Pioneers' House" on the J. C. Bryson Farmstead, is within the study area. The J. C. Bryson Farmstead is eligible for the NRHP. As part of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the construction of the 183A Turnpike Project, a preservation easement was established for a 6-acre tract containing the central core of the J. C. Bryson Farmstead property. The MOU confirmed the NRHP-eligible status of this 6-acre tract and determined that the surrounding 218.38 acres were explicitly no longer eligible for the NRHP. The property was determined to be eligible as an agricultural complex/rural historic landscape under Criterion A in the context of "early agriculture and ranching at the local level of significance from 1870 to 1939...The Bryson homestead, cistern, and the two barns

associated with the farmstead are eligible under Criterion C" (Hardy Heck Moore, Inc. [HHM] 2009).

One RTHL is on a parcel that is not within the APE but is partly within the study area. The original parcel associated with the RTHL-designated John G. Matthews House is adjacent to the proposed project; this resource was recommended not eligible for the NRHP in 2008 (TxDOT 2008b). Since the time of the 2008 recommendation, the parcel has been subdivided, and the new, smaller parcel containing the Matthews House is not within the APE but is partly within the study area (see Appendix C: Figure 2b).

Previously Designated Historic Districts

No previously designated historic districts were identified in the study area.

Historic Land Use

Based on review of historic aerial photographs and topographic maps, the study area was historically characterized by large, undeveloped parcels and parcels involved in agricultural production with associated agricultural buildings and residences.

Current Land Use and Environment

The project area is primarily characterized by large stretches of open farmland punctuated by residential neighborhoods, isolated residences, and some commercial areas. The northern portion of the study area contains agricultural land, an industrial park, and a mobile home park. The area south of SH 29 contains more residential development, with one large neighborhood that first appears on aerials in 2004. Earlier residential development was concentrated south of the South Fork San Gabriel River and appears on aerials in 1985.

The project area is located in Williamson County along the eastern edge of the Hill Country near the Balcones Escarpment and the Edwards Plateau. The project area is relatively flat and crosses over the South Fork San Gabriel River. Large parts of the study area are cleared for agricultural use, but there are small trees and shrubs along the roadside. There is a higher concentration of tree cover in the residential area south of the river.

Historic Period(s) and Property Types

CMEC historians recorded historic-age extant built resources dating from c. 1872 to 1970. Property types dating to the historic period include domestic and agricultural resources such as single family dwellings, secondary domestic buildings, agricultural outbuildings, and rock fences. The period of significance for the NRHP-eligible Bryson

Farmstead is 1870–1939, as established by the State Historic Preservation Office, and reflects the period during which the Bryson family owned the property.

Integrity of Historic Setting

While some of the area has been subdivided into smaller parcels, the study area retains a moderate degree of integrity as most is still relatively undeveloped. Some modern infill, primarily residential and commercial, has been built along the corridor, largely in the form of subdivisions and gas station/convenience stores. "Bryson," a master-planned residential community, is under development on 490 acres surrounding the Bryson Farmstead. The community began development in 2015 and will include more than 1,500 homesites and a school.

Survey Methods

Methodological Description

A reconnaissance survey was conducted to identify and document properties in the APE that are 45 years old or older (constructed in 1975 or earlier) and to ascertain whether any resources warrant further study. The reconnaissance survey involved developing a historic context for the study area; the context includes relevant themes in the historical development of the area and the identification of property types in the APE.

Comments on Methods

This survey complies with TxDOT documentation standards, although surveyors were prevented from taking extensive photographs of some resources due to lack of right-of-entry. In such cases, these resources were documented with limited photography.

Survey Results

Project Area Description

As described above, the proposed project is located in Williamson County, partially within the city limits of Leander and Liberty Hill. The project area is characterized by medium-to-large residential, commercial, and agricultural parcels, with documented historic-age resources dating from c.1872–1970.

Literature Review

CMEC historians conducted the literature review in accordance with the TxDOT-approved research design. The literature review included available reports, studies, maps, and other data pertaining to the survey area. Research was conducted using online sources, local repositories, and archival collections, as identified below:

- Comparative Properties for the Bryson Farmstead Historic Resource Investigation. Hicks & Company for TxDOT, 2006.
- Historic topographic maps (from the U.S. Geological Survey [USGS] 1893, 1962, 1974, 1979)
- Historic aerial imagery (from Nationwide Environmental Title Research and USGS, 1962, 1985, 1996, 2014)
- Historic Resources Survey Report: 183A Toll from Ranch-to-Market Road 620 to Three Miles North of the Leander, Texas City Limits. Hardy, Heck, Moore for TxDOT, 2009.
- Memorandum of Agreement Addressing the Post-Review Discovery of Adverse
 Effects to the J. C. Bryson Farmstead Caused by the Construction of 183A, 2008.
- New Discovery Report: Resource ID No. 6, James P. Magill Farmstead. Hardy, Heck, Moore for TxDOT, 2009.
- Section 106 Determination of Effects to Historic Properties for 183A Turnpike Project at J. C. Bryson Farmstead (aka Pioneers' House RTHL) at Intersection of 183A and Williamson County Road 274, 2007.
- Handbook of Texas Online entries for Leander, Liberty Hill, and Williamson County (Texas State Historical Association website).
- The Historic Rock Fences of Blanco County: Their Past, Their Future, by L. Knott, 2004.
- TxDOT's Agricultural Theme Study for Central Texas (Moore et al. 2013).

Historical Context Statement

The identified areas of significance for the project area are Transportation, Agriculture, and Architecture.

Transportation, 1939 to 1975

The city of Leander, Texas, was founded in 1882 after the newly constructed Austin and Northwestern Railroad (Southern Pacific) bypassed the city of Bagdad, Texas, which was located one mile to the west of present-day Leander. The Austin and Northwestern Railroad runs north-south to the west of US 183 but is not within the study area. The railroad had a significant impact on the development of surrounding communities,

including Leander. In order to be closer to the new railroad, Bagdad merchants began to move their businesses east in 1882, a migration that was catalyzed by the railroad company selling lots for a new townsite that would come to be known as Leander (Wynn 2010). Cotton, ranching, and cedar were major industries in the new town and necessitated use of the railroad to transport goods to other parts of Texas and beyond.

The earliest major roads in the study area appear on maps as early as 1893 but were likely present much earlier; they would have enabled the stagecoach to serve the cities of Liberty Hill and Bagdad. Liberty Hill shifted locations twice before 1882 in order to place its post office along a stage stop, indicating that the stagecoach in this area was well established at this time (Texas Highway Department 1940). On the 1893 map, a road roughly following the same alignment as SH 29 from Liberty Hill to the southeast is present in the study area. SH 29 was designated in 1939 and encompassed the previously established road from Liberty Hill and the north-south route from modern-day SH 29 to Austin, which is now US 183. On a 1940 highway map, the portion of modern-day SH 29 that extends eastward from modern-day 183 is designated as SH 104; the same map shows the portion of modern-day US 183 that runs north from SH 29 as SH 74 (Texas Highway Department 1940). The development of these highways reflects the nationwide shift toward automobile travel that occurred in the years leading up to WWII.

The postwar era saw a boom in highway construction and automobile culture, leading to the designation of several new highways in Texas. US 183 was designated in 1951, and used the ROW established by SH 29 and SH 74 in the project area. Although the city of Leander saw a significant amount of growth with the construction of the highways, most of the project area was unincorporated; significant residential or commercial growth along US 183 or SH 29 did not occur until the 1980s. The roadways in the study area passed through agricultural land and primarily connected rural communities.

The construction of the 183A toll road in 2007 directly impacted the J. C. Bryson Farmstead, bisecting the historic tract and disrupting the historic circulation network present at the farmstead. Before the construction of 183A, US 183 roughly aligned with the train tracks to the west of the farmstead. A 1962 map shows a road extending to the farmstead from US 183 (USGS 1962). Portions of this road still exist as a dirt road trace to the west of the agricultural work zone. A 1937 aerial reveals that four country roads intersected at the farmstead; these roads would have connected the Bryson family to the nearby communities of Leander and Lampasas and to neighboring farmsteads (TxDOT 2007).

Agriculture, 1872 to 1975

While the cities of Leander and Liberty Hill produced a variety of goods and services, the study area for this project remained outside the city core and operated as an agricultural area until the development of suburban neighborhoods in the middle of the

twentieth century. The agricultural use of the land surrounding the study area dates to the early days of Texas's independent government. The Leander area was home to wild cattle in the 1840s, which caused the development of a healthy cattle ranching industry in the area. Antebellum agricultural exports in Williamson County included wool, cattle, corn, and some cotton. Cotton production rose to prominence after the Civil War, eventually peaking in 1910 when 77 percent of crop land in Williamson County was used to produce cotton (Odintz 2010).

Historic farmsteads in the study area include the J. C. Bryson Farmstead and the J. P. Magill Farmstead. The RTHL-designated Pioneers' House, located on the Bryson Farmstead, is a one-story limestone residence. Additional historic-age resources on the farmstead include a barn built in 1872, a barn built in the 1890s, a c. 1950 shed, and a garage constructed c. 1970. Bryson and his family likely pursued farming in the area from the 1870s to the 1930s (TxDOT 2007). Previous studies have noted that the Bryson Farmstead's land use patterns and orientation are consistent with historic agricultural land use patterns in Williamson County. Agricultural pursuits and land use patterns on the Bryson Farmstead were likely similar to the Magill Farmstead, which included grazing lands for cattle and cultivated lands for crops.

Although no historic resources from the J. P. Magill Farmstead are in the study area, histories written for the Magill Farmstead provide some agricultural and domestic context for the Bryson Farmstead. The Bryson and Magill families were connected by marriage several times over, and portions of the two adjacent farmsteads changed hands between the families often. James P. Magill first purchased land in Williamson County in 1869, where he engaged in both ranching and subsistence farming. Magill was an influential resident of Williamson County and served one term as a Williamson County Commissioner from 1876 to 1878 (HHM 2009). Magill sold the portion of his farmstead that is in the study area to Jessie E. Humble, a merchant who relocated from Bagdad to Leander in 1900, after the arrival of the railroad. Although ownership of the lands shifted, aerial photographs show that land use on the Magill farmstead has been consistent since at least 1937; aerial photographs show a clear demarcation between cultivated land used for crops, such as cotton, and uncultivated land used for grazing (HHM 2009). This development pattern is also visible on historic aerials for the Bryson Farmstead.

The use of lands for both grazing and cultivating crops is representative of the historic cotton and cattle industries that helped spur the growth of the Texas economy. Historic aerials indicate that the land in the study area remained primarily agricultural in nature until the 1980s, when some light development occurred south of the South Fork San Gabriel River. Even with this development, it was not until the 2000s that significant residential neighborhoods developed north of the river. Although the development of the 183A toll road, Phases I and II, increased the amount of non-agricultural development in

the area, current aerials and land use patterns reveal that a portion of the study area remains agricultural in nature.

Architecture, 1872 to 1939

Architecture is included as an area of significance because of the Bryson Farmstead, which has been determined eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C for architecture (as well as Criterion A). The recommended period of significance is 1872 to 1939, encompassing the dates of construction of the contributing resources to the property. In a 2006 letter between TxDOT and the THC, the farmstead's significance under Criterion C is described as "a significant example of vernacular masonry architecture at the local level of significance." According to the 2010 survey report, "The main house, constructed in 1872 by Joseph C. Bryson, is a one-story residence constructed with hand-hewn native limestone. The main form of the house is an adaptation of the regional log dog-trot with a central covered porch" (HHM 2010: 26). Stone for the house came from the San Gabriel River and Jenks Branch (THC 1970). The 1872 cistern appears to have been constructed with the same materials as the Pioneer House.

National Registry of Eligibility Recommendations

Eligible Properties/Districts

In addition to evaluating individual resources for eligibility for the NRHP (presented below), agricultural properties were evaluated for their eligibility as potential historic districts (rural historic landscapes) utilizing the methodology outlined in TxDOT's *Agricultural Theme Study for Central Texas* (hereinafter referred to as the Theme Study; HHM 2013). CMEC historians reviewed the methodology prior to undertaking fieldwork and used the guidance outlined in the Theme Study during fieldwork, which included identifying local agricultural activities, driving the corridor to observe current land use patterns, and documenting the setting. For each historic-age property that could have potential significance in the area of agriculture, historians documented the interrelationships of individual components of the property, including fields/pastures, and evidence delineating functional areas or circulation networks.

A screening approach was applied to the evaluation of historic-age properties in the APE with regard to their potential significance as agricultural complexes. The Theme Study describes agricultural properties as comprising three zones: a domestic work zone, including a house and associated secondary resources; an agricultural work zone, including resources like barns, sheds, silos, corrals, pens, etc.; and fields/pastures. The Theme Study also indicates that a property's historic-age resources must be able to convey the agricultural use of the property during the period of significance (i.e., properties must retain historic-age agricultural buildings). One property in the APE with

historic-age agricultural resources, associated acreage, and a domestic work zone with a historic-age residence, **Resource 3**, was identified and analyzed for significance.

J. C. Bryson Farmstead

Resource 3, the 224.38-acre J. C. Bryson Farmstead, including pastureland and circulation networks, was determined eligible for the NRHP in 2006 under Criterion A for Agriculture and Criterion C for Architecture at the local level of significance. The SHPO determined that the period of significance for the property is 1870 to 1939, the period during which the Bryson family owned the land. This property was a post-review discovery during the 183A Turnpike project; although it was listed as an RTHL, the property had not been evaluated for NRHP eligibility and the effects of the proposed project had not been assessed. TxDOT therefore conducted a survey in August of 2006 to formally assess the property and the project's effects. The resulting 2007 Determination of Effect (DOE) established that the 224.38-acre parcel historically associated with the Bryson family during the period of significance is the NRHP boundary. The DOE also evaluated the property as a rural historic landscape and determined that the property "fits the basic definition" (TxDOT 2007:3). The DOE identified nine contributing resources: the residence (3A), two barns (3C and 3D), cistern (3E), a trough (assumed demolished), fencing, livestock trails, wagon roads, and the vegetation boundary demarcation. The 183A Turnpike project, which bisected the farmstead, was determined to have an adverse effect on the NRHP eligible property.

As a result, a 2008 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer. The MOA reduced the eligible portion of the farmstead to a 6-acre tract containing the 2-acre central core of the farmstead and a 4-acre agricultural parcel northeast of the domestic work zone (THC 2008a).

The residence (**3A**), cistern (**3E**), two barns (**3C** and **3D**), and a trough (**3H**, a different trough than the one included in previous documentation) were documented within the NRHP-eligible six-acre tract as a result of the present survey. The domestic work zone contains two resources. Resource **3A** is the Pioneers' House, which was designated as an RTHL in 1970. The house is a one-story limestone residence built c. 1872 with a 1970s addition on the rear. Next to the house is Resource **3E**, a c. 1872 cistern. The agricultural work zone is located to the southwest of the domestic work zone and contains three contributing resources. Resource **3C** is a c. 1890 barn with a c. 1880 corncrib inside the building. Resource **3D** is a c. 1930 barn located to the southwest of the c. 1890 barn. Fencing surrounds both barns. Beneath the fencing adjacent to the c. 1890 barn is Resource **3H**, a stone and concrete trough. The trough has

not been previously documented, but its construction appears to be similar to a historic-age trough that was evaluated on the property in a 2009 survey. The trough documented in 2009 is no longer extant, as it was situated in a portion of the farmstead outside the 6-acre tract in an area that is now San Gabriel Parkway. Resource 3H was likely screened by vegetation and missed in previous evaluations. Due to its similarity in construction and appearance to the previously contributing historic-age trough, CMEC historians determined that resource 3H was likely constructed during the period of significance and therefore recommend that it be considered contributing to the NRHP-eligible farmstead. A carport, shed, and chicken coop that do not date to the period of significance are also present on the property and are described in the section on ineligible properties.

Comments on NRHP Eligibility

As noted above, the J. C. Bryson Farmstead was determined eligible as a rural historic landscape under Criterion A for Agriculture and Criterion C for Architecture in the 2007 DOE. Although the 2008 MOA confirmed the NRHP eligibility of the six-acre property following the construction of the turnpike project, the MOA does not state under which NRHP criteria the property is currently eligible and does not specify whether the farmstead is still eligible specifically as a rural historic landscape. No significant changes have occurred within the six-acre portion of the property since it was confirmed as eligible for the NRHP in 2008; CMEC historians recommend that the property remain eligible for the NRHP. However, because the characteristics of the property and the criteria under which it is eligible for the NRHP have a bearing on the evaluation of effects, CMEC historians have re-evaluated the details of the property's eligibility.

Criterion A

The property was determined eligible under Criterion A in the area of Agriculture when it comprised a 200+ acre farmstead that clearly conveyed significance as an example of pioneer farming in Williamson County. The evaluation of the property and determination of eligibility as a rural historic landscape in 2007 was based on the property's condition prior to the construction of 183A Phase II.

The eleven characteristics of a Rural Historic Landscape as defined by the National Register Bulletin are: land uses and activities; patterns of spatial organization; response to the natural environment; cultural traditions; circulation networks; boundary demarcations; vegetation related to land use; buildings, structures and objects; clusters; archeological sites; and small-scale elements (NPS 1999). The 2007 DOE determined the J. C. Bryson Farmstead eligible as a rural historic landscape after considering that it contained eight out of eleven of these characteristics (TxDOT 2007). As of 2019, the integrity of some of these

characteristics has been diminished significantly, especially when focusing the evaluation on the six-acres within the NRHP boundary.

Characteristic	2007 notes	2019 notes
Land uses and activities	Noted as present. "The central core of buildings sits in a transitional zone between the fertile, arable soils on the western portion of the parcel, and the rocky soil in the upland pasturage The land use on the J.C. Bryson Farmstead, therefore, demonstrates how farmers in Williamson County deliberately divided land use to optimize the natural resources of the area."	The separation of the 6-acre tract from the rest of the farmstead compromises the ability of the farmstead to express this characteristic, as the half of the property that was used for cultivation is no longer represented within the NRHP boundary.
Patterns of spatial organization	Noted as present. "The orientation of the house, barns and sheds are not aligned with the road or the rail line, but rather situated to take advantage of the prevailing southern breezes during the summer while the less exposed elevations of the buildings face the north providing some degree of shielding from northern winter storms."	While the orientation of the buildings has been maintained, the tract no longer communicates the different treatment of the prairie pasturage and rocky uphill terrain and no longer retains integrity of patterns of spatial organization in response to the environment.
Response to natural environment	The 2007 DOE did not address this characteristic separately, but rather described the above two characteristics as they related to responses to the natural environment.	See above.
Cultural traditions	There are no extant contributing elements that suggest cultural traditions.	No change from 2007.
Circulation networks	Circulation networks are noted as strongly evident, including four main wagon roads that transected the parcel, the intersection of the roads adjacent to the farmyard, and the networks of livestock trails in the upland pasturage.	Since 2007, 183A and San Gabriel Parkway have been introduced on the farmstead where no roads previously existed. A prominent new driveway leading to the house from San Gabriel Parkway has been constructed. The boundary definition around the 6-acre tract cuts the property off from connections to circulation networks.
Boundary demarcations	Noted the system of fencing, wagon roads/livestock trails,	The only extant fencing on the 6-acre tract surrounds

	and railroad rights of way as the relevant boundary demarcations at the Bryson farmstead.	the agricultural work zone. Wagon roads/livestock trails are not very prominent within the NRHP boundary. It is unclear exactly where the railroad right of way lies, but appears to be outside of the NRHP boundary. Only a small portion of the property's upland pasturage was included in the NRHP-eligible property; the north, east, and south boundaries of the 4-acre section of uncultivated land do not appear to follow any existing or natural demarcations. Even outside the NRHP boundary, several fences appear to have been removed, as a result of the construction of San Gabriel Parkway.
Vegetation related to land use	Noted that agricultural pursuits during the time of Bryson ownership were fairly limited, but included corn, wheat and cotton. The fence line vegetation indicated the defined land use areas. Contributing elements of vegetation related to land use on the farmstead include vegetation along historic fence lines and boundary demarcations and the vegetation in the uncultivated land on the northwestern portion of the property.	No vegetation along historic fencelines appears to be present within the NRHP boundary. Land use has not changed within the 4-acre portion of the property encompassing the uncultivated land.
Buildings, structures and objects	Contributing buildings, structures and objects, include the stone farm house, the two barns located south of the house, the cistern, the livestock trough, wagon roads, livestock trails, and the system of fencing.	All contributing features remain, with the exception of a trough.
Clusters	The contributing elements of clustering on the farm noted as the central core of buildings and the intersecting wagon roads adjacent to the core.	Cluster of contributing elements still present. Wagon roads less evident.
Archeological sites	Noted that there are no known archeological sites or	No change from 2007.

small-scale elements located
on the J.C. Bryson property.

The Bryson property does not appear to retain enough of the aspects of a rural historic landscape to be considered as such. CMEC recommends that the property remain eligible under Criterion A, but that exploration/settlement would be more appropriate than agriculture for the area of significance. After being severed from the farmstead's original acreage both by the construction of 183A and by the formal reduction of the NRHP boundary to a six-acre site, the property cannot effectively convey its significance as an agricultural property. According to the Agricultural Theme Study for Central Texas, "an NRHP-eligible agricultural property should consist of a main house and support buildings within a domestic work zone, ancillary buildings and structures (barns, sheds, etc.), within an agricultural work zone, and associated lands that support the significant agriculture related activities (TxDOT 2013:6-29)." The Bryson property no longer features the last item in this list. The "agricultural" land within current NRHP property boundary is to the northeast of the house and was described as uncultivated land used for grazing. The barns also likely had a stronger association with the western portion of the original property; they are located closer to this area and would have been used in relationship to the agricultural production in the cultivated areas. For example, Resource 3C contains a corn crib, which would have been used to dry and store corn produced on the western half of the property, which is now outside the NRHP boundary.

Furthermore, the previous determination of eligibility did not identify any "significant agricultural activities" at the Bryson property. The Bryson farmstead was not known to derive significance because the type of crops cultivated on the land marked a departure from previous agricultural practices or introduced a new product to the region. Nothing was identified in the reconnaissance-level research for this project or in materials reviewed from previous documentation to indicate that the property played an identifiable and documented significant role in the development of the region's agricultural industry. In fact, the 2007 DOE notes, "The records indicate that agricultural pursuits on the Bryson property were fairly limited in scope and intensity (TxDOT 2007:7)." According to the National Park Service, mere association with agricultural trends is not enough, in and of itself, to qualify for NRHP eligibility under Criterion A; the property's specific association must be considered important as well.

Based on the foregoing, CMEC recommends that the property is eligible under Criterion A in the area of exploration/settlement rather than agriculture. According to the RTHL application for the Pioneer's House, the Bryson family came to Texas from North Carolina and the homestead they built was one of the

earliest in the area, pre-dating the settlement of Leander. The property contributes to our understanding of early settlement patterns and building traditions in Williamson County.

Criterion C

The Bryson farmstead was determined eligible for Criterion C in the area of Architecture, at the local level of significance. As described in the Agricultural Theme Study for Central Texas, an agricultural property is significant under Criterion C "if it contains noteworthy, distinctive, or representative examples of architecture in its domestic and agricultural outbuilding or recognizable trends in its historic agricultural landscape" (TxDOT 2013:6-32). The Pioneers' House is a noteworthy, relatively intact example of a nineteenth-century Texas farmhouse and conveys useful information about building materials and methods. Although the original determination of eligibility appears to have pointedly targeted the residence alone ("a significant example of vernacular masonry architecture"), the barns, cistern, and trough each also reflect important trends in building construction and the historic agricultural landscape of the late 1800s. No significant alterations that would affect the contributing statuses of the contributing resources appear to have been made since the NRHP determination was completed. As such, CMEC recommends no change to the original determination of eligible under Criterion C for Architecture.

Ineligible Properties/Districts

Agricultural Resources

- Resource 1F is a dry-stacked stone wall that extends approximately 0.1 miles east-west. This resource is a common example of a stone wall; it is not notable in terms of scale, material, or construction method. It is small in scale and crudely constructed, lacking finished elements such as coping or coursing. The resource does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, and it does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. No associations were identified linking this resource to persons or events of historic importance. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.
- Resource 3F is a non-historic-age carport located in the back yard of the
 Pioneers' House at the J. C. Bryson Farmstead. It is present on the site plan of
 the 2008 Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) documentation record but is
 not documented as a historic resource (HABS 2008). It was not documented as
 part of the previous evaluation of the property. It is less than 50 years old and
 was not found to possess exceptional significance under Criterion Consideration
 G. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under

- Criterion A, B, or C. It is also recommended as noncontributing to the NRHPeligible J. C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the period of significance.
- Resource 3G is a c. 1950 shed within the NRHP boundary of the J. C. Bryson Farmstead. This resource was previously evaluated in an intensive-level survey of the property and was determined to be noncontributing to the NRHP-eligible J. C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the Bryson family era of ownership. No new information indicates that the resource contributes to the property or makes it individually eligible for listing in the NRHP. As such, CMEC recommends no change to the original determination of noncontributing to an NRHP-eligible agricultural complex.
- Resource 3I is a non-historic-age chicken coop near the barns at the J. C. Bryson Farmstead. This resource was not enumerated in the 2007 Determination of Effect or documented in the 2008 HABS report and likely postdates both of these documents. It is less than 50 years old and was not found to possess exceptional significance under Criterion Consideration G. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C. It is also recommended as noncontributing to the NRHP-eligible J. C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the period of significance.

Domestic Resources

- Resource 1A is a c. 1970 Ranch style single-family residence that is now vacant. Though it possesses integrity, it is not an exemplary example that stands out from other examples, as required by the National Park Service. It does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, and it does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. It appears to have been developed on an ad-hoc basis rather than as part of a planned community. Additionally, no associations were identified linking this resource to persons or events of historic importance. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.
- Resource 3B is a c. 1970 garage just outside the NRHP boundary of the J. C. Bryson Farmstead. The garage is associated with other agricultural outbuildings on the farmstead. This resource was previously evaluated in an intensive-level survey of the property and was determined to be non-contributing to the NRHP-eligible J. C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the Bryson family era of ownership. It was later excluded from the NRHP-eligible area of the property as indicated above. No new information has been identified that would indicate a boundary change. As such, this resource is outside the boundary of the NRHP-eligible property. No new information has been identified that would render the resource individually eligible for listing in the NRHP.

Commercial Resources

- Resource 2A is a 1965 commercial building that currently serves as Tracie's Saloon. The building is a one-story commercial building with a flat roof and metal siding. Alterations include an addition on the side of the building, a non-historic porch, and a non-historic parapet. This resource does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, and it does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. Additionally, no associations were identified linking it to persons or events of historic importance. Furthermore, integrity has been diminished as outlined above. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.
- Resource 2B is a 1965 garage associated with Resource 2A. This resource is utilitarian in nature. The building is an I-shaped garage with a shed roof and metal siding. A portion of the siding has been removed to expose the interior of the building. The resource was not found to embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic value. Additionally, no associations were identified linking it to events or persons of historic importance. Furthermore, integrity has been diminished as outlined above. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

Transportation-Related Resources

Resource B1 is a remnant of a low water crossing over the South Fork San Gabriel River. It is a one-lane, vented ford crossing with a five-span continuous concrete flat slab set on concrete piers. One of the spans is no longer extant, and the stepped concrete curbs are in a ruinous state. The bridge does not have an NBI number. It was previously evaluated as part of the 183A Toll historic resources survey (CSJ No. 0151-04-054). The report noted that it was likely an important part of the local road network prior to 1939, but no further historic information was available and its condition impacted its ability to convey any potential historic significance. Though the bridge conveys information about past transportation systems, no information has been identified confirming the bridge's date or use. The bridge had potential to contribute to a broader historic road corridor context; however, no such corridor is extant. The bridge is not known to be associated with significant road-improvement programs initiated by local governments. Research did not link the bridge design or construction with a person significant to history. It was not found to possess engineering significance, based on the "The Historic Roads Infrastructure of Texas. 1866-1965 Multiple Property Submission." Furthermore, its deteriorated state has diminished integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and it lacks integrity of association because it is no longer in use as a transportation facility.

As a result, it is recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

Recommendations for Further Study

No further work is recommended.

Determination of Section 106 Effects Recommendations

Direct Effects

In accordance with 36 CFR 60 and 36 CFR 800.11, the criteria of effect were applied to the properties that are recommended eligible for NRHP listing. As discussed above, the J. C. Bryson Farmstead has been determined eligible for NRHP listing.

The proposed project would have no direct effect to the J. C. Bryson Farmstead. No property acquisition would be required, and there would be no direct effects to the contributing resources associated with this property.

Indirect, Cumulative, or Reasonably Foreseeable Effects

The proposed project would require the construction of a raised overpass at the intersection of 183A and San Gabriel Parkway, adjacent to the J. C. Bryson Farmstead (Resource 3). The highest point of the overpass would be approximately 70 feet above ground level. Indirect visual effects were considered, in accordance with TxDOT's "Standard Operating Procedure for Visual Impacts Assessment."

Regarding the existing visual quality, the general rural setting of the area in the vicinity of the Bryson farmstead has been compromised by recent roadway development, including 183A, San Gabriel Parkway and roadways associated with the Bryson master-planned development. A prominent new caliche driveway extending almost one-tenth of a mile connecting the house to San Gabriel Parkway, and bisecting the historic farmyard has been constructed since 2011. A collector road for the master planned community was under construction to the north of the farmstead at the time of fieldwork. Directly across 183A from the farmstead is a recently constructed emergency health care facility for St. David's hospital. The corridor is rapidly developing, as is the buildout of the Bryson community north of the farmstead. The landscape has changed substantially from the historic period of significance for the property.

The farmstead is oriented on a hill. The house (Resource 3A) and the two barns (Resources 3C and 3D) are located at an elevation approximately 996 feet above mean sea level (amsl). There is a drop of about 10 feet in ground elevation between the house and the barns before the ground rises up again at the site of the barns. The ground level slopes down from the barns to the intersection of 183A and the San Gabriel Parkway

(which is at approximately 980 feet amsl). Therefore, the site topography provides some degree of screening of the view toward the intersection from the house (see **Photo 1** in **Appendix E**). Furthermore, the agricultural work zone and distance of over 600 feet between the house and the roadway screen the visual impacts of 183A from the house. The barns are located approximately 350-400 feet from the intersection. The view from Resource 3C to the roadway is partially screened by Resource 3D. The view from Resource 3D to the roadway is partially screened by vegetation and fencing (see **Photo 2** in **Appendix E**). Additional photos of the views to and from Resource 3 are provided in **Appendix E**.

It is unlikely the that the existing vegetation and buildings would screen the view of the proposed bridge. However, the currently proposed improvements to 183A, including an elevated interchange at San Gabriel Parkway, would not constitute a substantial change from the current environment and would not inhibit the historic property from conveying its significance. As noted in TxDOT's Visual Impacts SOP, examples of substantial impairment to visual or aesthetic qualities include "location of a proposed transportation facility such that it substantially detracts from the setting of a historic site which derives its significance in substantial part due to its setting (emphasis added)." As a small, six-acre property separated from its original setting and recommended eligible under Criterion A for exploration/settlement and under Criterion C for architecture, the property does not derive its significance in substantial part due to its setting.

The sense of feeling would not be compromised as the interrelationships of the buildings and structures would be maintained. These characteristics would not be diminished by the visibility of the proposed new bridge from the historic property. The proposed project would not lessen one's understanding of the historic property. As noted in TxDOT's Visual Impacts SOP, transportation projects may offer "better visual access of the significant, architectural features of a historic property to the public." The elevated roadway structure at San Gabriel Parkway would provide the traveling public with an overview of the historic property and afford an understanding of the interrelationships of the buildings and structures that is currently not easily gained from the existing grade-level roadway outside the historic property's NRHP boundary.

Indirect noise effects were also considered. TxDOT conducted a traffic noise analysis in compliance with TxDOT's *Guidelines for the Analysis and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise* (2011). A receiver was modeled at the location of Resource 3A; a traffic noise impact is anticipated, but a barrier would not be reasonable since the cost is greater than \$25,000 per benefitted receiver. Therefore, no barrier is proposed. However, future noise levels would not lessen one's understanding of the property's significance or alter characteristics of the property that qualifies it for inclusion in the NRHP.

Overall, the proposed project would not constitute adverse indirect effects on the NRHPeligible property. No reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be further removed in distance, or be cumulative were identified in the assessment of effects. The 2008 MOA appears to have contemplated the indirect and cumulative effects of the construction of 183A Phase II, including the enabling of the "transit-oriented" development surrounding the Bryson farmstead (the development called Bryson that began in 2015). The MOA established measures to mitigate adverse effects. Among other stipulations, it required HABS documentation, the development of a historic farmstead context document, and the preparation of a Preservation Plan that would "identify meaningful and measurable tools to soften or obscure visual and audible intrusions that may result from subsequent private development related to the TOD [transit oriented district]," that is, specifically related to known plans to develop a transit oriented, high-density development in the vicinity of and directly on the Bryson farmstead. The currently proposed project improvements would not cause additional reasonably foreseeable indirect and cumulative effects beyond the effects of the initial construction of the toll road, which has been mitigated through the 2008 MOA.

U.S. DOT Section 4(f) Applicability Statement

The proposed project would not require ROW or easements from within the National Register boundary of Resource 3, so there would be no permanent incorporation of land or a temporary occupancy of land into a transportation facility. The project would not result in a Section 4(f) constructive use, as it would not impact the historic property to the extent that its activities, features, and attributes would be substantially impaired.

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Appendix A: Tabular Inventory of Surveyed Properties							

Tabular Inventory of Surveyed Properties										
Resource No.	Address / Location	Function / Sub-function	Form / Type	Architectural Style	Date(s)	Integrity / Comments	NRHP Eligibility (Indiv.)	Contributes to NRHP Recommended District	NRHP Criterion /Criteria	
1A	100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642	Domestic/Single dwelling	Irregular	Ranch	1970	Location; Design; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible		N/A	N/A
1F	100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642	Landscape/Wall	Linear	No style	c. 1900	Location; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	N/A	N/A	N/A
2A	40 N HWY 183, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642	Commerce/Restaurant	Rectangular	No style	1965	Location; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Association; Feeling	Not Eligible	N/A	N/A	N/A
2B	40 N HWY 183, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642	Commerce/Business	L-plan	No style	1965	Location; Design; Setting; Workmanship; Feeling; Association; Materials	Not Eligible	N/A	N/A	N/A
ЗА	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Domestic/Single dwelling	Irregular	Hall-Parlor	1872	Location; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	Yes	A, C	No Adverse Effect
3B	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Agriculture/Outbuilding	Rectangular	No style	c. 1970	Location; Setting; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	No	N/A	N/A
3C	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Agriculture/Animal facility	Rectangular	No style	c. 1890	Location; Design; Setting; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	Yes	A, C	No Adverse Effect
3D	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Agriculture/Animal facility	Rectangular	No style	c. 1930	Location; Design; Setting; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	Yes	A, C	No Adverse Effect
3E	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Domestic/Secondary structure	N/A	No style	c. 1872	Location; Design; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	Yes	A, C	No Adverse Effect
3F	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Domestic/Secondary structure	Rectangular	No style	c. 1990	Location; Design; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	No	N/A	N/A
3G	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Agriculture/Storage	Rectangular	Shed	c. 1950	Location; Design; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	No	N/A	N/A
3H	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Agriculture/Animal facility	Rectangular	No style	c. 1890	Design; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; Association; Location	Not Eligible	Yes	A, C	No Adverse Effect
31	10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641	Agriculture/Animal facility	Rectangular	No style	c. 1990	Location; Design; Setting; Materials; Workmanship; Feeling; Association	Not Eligible	No	N/A	N/A
B1	South Fork San Gabriel River	Transportation/Road-related	Linear	No style	c. 1930	Location; Setting	Not Eligible	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Appendix B: Survey Forms for All Surveyed Properties

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Resource ID: 1A Parcel ID: R022838 Year Built: 1970 Year Source: CAD

Address: 100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642 County: Williamson

Name: None **Latitude:** 30.663702 **Longitude:** -97.8766663

Historic Function/Subcategory: Domestic/Single dwelling Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: N/A



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing southwest.

Description

Type: Exterior materials: Primary roof type: Alterations:

Building stone gable, side Appears to be unaltered

Style: wood, board and batten Ranch

Form: Porch: Roof cladding:

Irregular partial-width metal

integrated

Comments

Vacant house on parcel that has been subdivided from a larger parcel currently used as a concrete facility. Non-historic resources on this parcel are pictured below and include an animal shelter (1B), corral (1C), cellular tower (1D), and a concrete plant (1E).

Integrity X Location X Design X Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

Though this resource is an intact example of a Ranch house, it is a common example of its type. It does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction and it does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. It appears to have been developed on an ad-hoc basis rather than as part of a planned community. Additionally, no associations were identified linking this resource to persons or events of historic importance. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

Resource ID: 1A

Parcel ID: R022838 **Address:** 100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

View facing west.



View facing southwest.



Resource ID: 1A

Parcel ID: R022838 **Address:** 100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

Close-up of primary entrance.



View facing northeast.



Resource ID: 1A

Parcel ID: R022838 **Address:** 100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

Resource 1B, a non-historic age animal shelter, view facing west.



Resource 1C, a non-historic age corral, view facing east.



Resource ID: 1A

Parcel ID: R022838 **Address:** 100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

Resource 1D, a non-historic age cellular tower, view facing north.



Resource 1E, a non-historic age concrete plant, view facing west.



Resource ID: 1F Parcel ID: R022837 Year Built:c. 1900 Year Source: Estimate

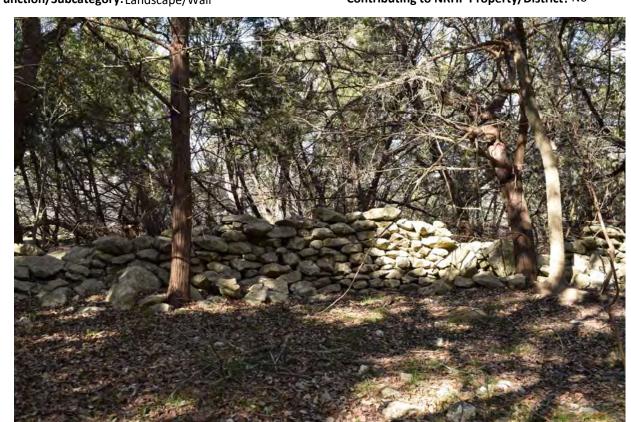
Address: 100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642 County: Williamson

Latitude: 30.6611547 **Longitude:** -97.8783512

Historic Function/Subcategory: Landscape/Wall

Current Function/Subcategory: Landscape/Wall

Contributing to NRHP Property/District? No



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing north.

Description

Name: None

Type: Exterior materials: Primary roof type: Alterations:

Structure stone N/A Portions of wall deteriorated/collapsed

Style: No style

Form: Porch: Roof cladding:

Linear N/A N/A

Comments

Dry-stacked sotne wall remnant extending east-west for approximately 0.1 mile. No other resources dating to this time period were found on the property.

Integrity X Location Design X Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource is a common example of a stone wall; it is not notable in terms of scale, material, or construction method. It is small in scale and crudely constructed, lacking finished elements such as coping or coursing. The resource does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction and it does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. No associations were identified linking this resource to persons or events of historic importance. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

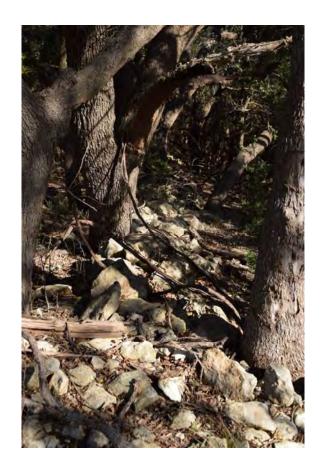
Resource ID: 1F

Parcel ID: R022837 **Address:** 100 CR 258, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

View facing north.



View facing north.



Resource ID: 2A Year Built: 1965 **Parcel ID:** R313878 Year Source: CAD

Address: 40 N HWY 183, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642 County: Williamson

Latitude: 30.6540712 Longitude: -97.8749065 Name: Tracie's Saloon Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Historic Function/Subcategory: Commerce/Restaurant Effect: N/A

Current Function/Subcategory: Commerce/Restaurant Contributing to NRHP Property/District? No



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing northwest.

Description

Type: Primary roof type: Alterations: **Exterior materials:**

Building Addition to primary/side elevation metal flat

Porch added wood siding panels Style: Parapet added No style

Roof cladding: Form: Porch: unknown/not visible Rectangular partial-width

projecting

Comments

CAD data lists two commercial buildings on the property: a 1965 building with a a flat roof and an associated garage and a smaller, gable roof building from 1979 (Resource 2C, pictured below).

Integrity X Location Design X Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction and it does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. Additionally, no associations were identified linking it to persons or events of historic importance. Furthermore, integrity has been diminished as outlined above. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

Resource ID: 2A

Parcel ID: R313878 Address: 40 N HWY 183, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

View facing northwest.



Resource 2C, a 1979 nonhistoric age restaurant located on the same parcel. View facing northeast.



Resource ID: 2B Parcel ID: R313878 Year Built: 1965 Year Source: CAD

Address: 40 N HWY 183, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642 County: Williamson

Name: None Latitude: 30.6544001 Longitude: -97.8750704

Historic Function/Subcategory: Commerce/Business Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: N/A Current Function/Subcategory: Commerce/Business Contributing to NRHP Property/District? No



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing north.

Description

Type: Exterior materials: Primary roof type: Alterations:

Building metal shed cladding removed to create opening

Style: garage door replaced

No style

Form: Porch: Roof cladding: L-plan N/A metal

Comments

Surveyors were unable to take photographs of this resource at additional angles due to lack of right-of-entry.

Integrity X Location X Design X Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource is utilitarian in nature. It was not found to embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic value. Additionally, no associations were identified linking it to events or persons of historic importance. Furthermore, integrity has been diminished as outlined above. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

Resource ID: 2B

Parcel ID: R313878 **Address:** 40 N HWY 183, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

View facing north.



Resource ID: 3A-I Parcel ID: R032212 Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

Name: J. C. Bryson Farmstead

Year Built Range: 1872- c.1990 County: Williamson

NRHP Eligible as a District? Yes

Year Source: HABS, aerial, estimate, CAD, 2008 survey

Effect: No Adverse Effect



View of the Pioneers' House (RTHL), the main resource on the J. C. Bryson Farmstead, facing northwest.

Comments

This property comprises 7 historic-age resources and 2 non-historic resources. Historic-age resources include an 1872 residence (3A) with a c. 1970 addition and a c. 1872 cistern (3E), a c. 1890 barn (3C) and a c. 1930 barn (3D), a c. 1890 trough (3H), a c. 1950 shed (3G) and a c. 1970 garage (3B). Non-historic resources include a c. 1990 chicken coop (3I) and a c. 1990 carport (3F).

The entire 224.38 acre farmstead, including pastureland and circulation networks, was determined eligible for listing in the NRHP in 2007 as an agricultural complex under Criteria A (Agriculture) and C (Architecture) at the local level (TxDOT 2007). The house (3A), barns (3C and 3D), cistern (3E), and a trough (no longer extant) were identified as contributing resources. The garage (3B) and shed (3G) were identified as non-contributors. The other resources (3F, 3H, and 3I), were not documented in the evaluation. The period of significance for the property was identified as 1870 to 1939, reflecting the Bryson family's ownership. Due to the bisection of the original tract by the construction of 183A, in a 2008 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Federal Highway Administration, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer, the eligible portion of the farmstead was reduced to the 6-acre tract containing the 2-acre central core of the farmstead and a 4-acre piece of pastureland northeast of the domestic work zone. The MOA did not identify the criteria under which the property was still eligible. The farmstead was also documented in the Historic American Buildings Survey in 2008 (HABS TX-3538).

Overal Integrity of Complex X Location X Design Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

The J. C. Bryson Farmstead was previously evaluated in an intensive level survey and was determined eligible for the NRHP as an agricultural complex. Subsequent to that evaluation, the 224.38-acre eligible tract was bisected by 183A and a new eligible portion was identified as a 6-acre tract containing the residence (3A), cistern (3E), both barns (3C and 3D), and the trough (3H). The trough was not included in the original recommendation but was possibly screened by vegetation. Resource 3B is outside the established boundary. Since the MOA did not identify the criteria under which the property was still eligible, CMEC reevaluated the property's historical associations and integrity. Due to the bisection of the crop land, subdivision of the agricultural land, and existing and ongoing development that has diminished the agricultural setting and feeling of the property, the Bryson Farmstead is no longer eligible as an agricultural complex (Criterion A, Agriculture); however, CMEC recommends it eligible as a district under Criterion A for Exploration/Settlement and Criterion C for Architecture at the local level. The collection of resources enhances our understanding of early building traditions in Williamson County and illustrates how early settlers lived. The period of significance is 1870 to 1939, the years in which the Bryson family owned the land. The NRHP boundary is the 6-acre tract identified in the MOA. Recommended contributing resources include the house (3A), barns (3C and 3D), and cistern (3E), as well as a second trough discovered as part of this survey (3H). Noncontributing resources include the c. 1950 shed (3G), c. 1990 chicken coop (3I), and c. 1990 carport (3F), all built after the period of significance.

Resource ID: 3A-I Parcel ID: R032212

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

Overview of the Bryson Farmstead; view facing south.

From left to right, 1890s barn (Resource 3C) and 1970s garage (Resource 3B)



Overview of the Bryson Farmstead; view facing southwest.

From left to right, Pioneer House (Resource 3A) and 1890s barn (Resource 3C)



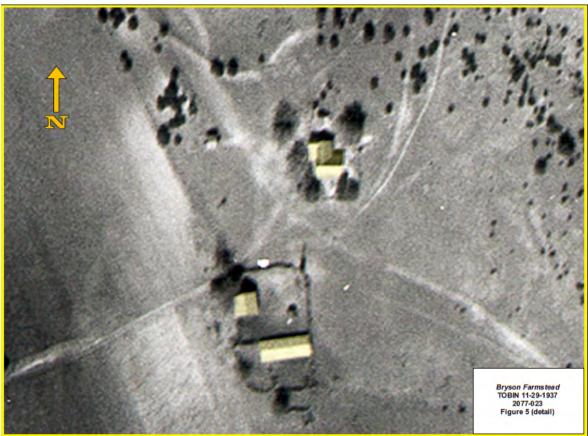
Resource ID: 3A-I Parcel ID: R032212

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

2018 aerial of the property with the NRHP eligible parcels identified in the MOA outlined in red; the surrounding land was used by the Brysons for crops and livestock, but has been subdivided, bisected, and plans have been made for development; image from Google Earth



1937 aerial image of the property; image from 2007 TxDOT Determination of Effects



Resource ID: 3A Parcel ID: R032212 Year Built: 1872 Year Source: Final HRSR 183A Toll (2010)

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

County: Williamson

Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead: Pioneers' House

Latitude: 30.5980369 Longitude: -97.8518726

Historic Function/Subcategory: Domestic/Single dwelling

Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No **Effect:** No Adverse Effect

Current Function/Subcategory: Vacant/Not in use

Contributing to NRHP Property/District? Yes



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing northwest.

Description

Type: Primary roof type: Alterations: **Exterior materials:**

Building Addition to rear/side elevation

stucco gable, side Windows/cladding replaced in addition Style: wood, plywood

Hall-Parlor metal

Form: Porch: Roof cladding:

Irregular metal full-width

projecting

Comments

The Pioneers' House was designated as a Registered Texas Historic Landmark in 1970. The house contributes to the J.C. Bryson Farmstead, which was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2006. The farmstead was also documented in the Historic American Buildings Survey in 2008 (HABS TX-3538).

Integrity X Location Design Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource was previously determined contributing to the NRHP eligible J.C. Bryson Farmstead under Criteria A (Agriculture) and C (Architecture). As stated in the overview record for the farmstead, due to changes to the property, it no longer retains sufficient integrity for eligibility as a rural historic landscape; however, CMEC recommends the property eligible as a district under Criterion A in the area of Early Settlement and Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Regarding the contributing status of this resource and its potential individual eligibility, this resource contributes to our understanding of early settlement patterns in Williamson County and early building traditions and is best understood in the context of the collection of resources on the property. No new information has been identified that would render the resource individually eligible for listing in the NRHP. As such, CMEC recommends it contributing to the NRHP eligible district under Criteria A and C in the areas of Early Settlement and Architecture at the local level of significance.

Resource ID: 3A

Parcel ID: R032212 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing northeast.



View facing southwest.



Resource ID: 3B Parcel ID: R032213 Year Built:c. 1970 Year Source: HABS

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641 County: Williamson

Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead Latitude: 30.598284 Longitude: -97.8523041

Historic Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Outbuilding Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: N/A

Current Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Outbuilding Contributing to NRHP Property/District? N/A



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing north.

Description

Type: Exterior materials: Primary roof type: Alterations:
Building stone gable, side Windows boarded up

Style: wood, plywood Doors replaced

No style

Garage door(s) replaced

No style wood vertical board Garage door(s) replaced

Form: Roof cladding: Garage bay door converted to hinged

Form: Porch: Roof cladding: Garage bay door convert
Rectangular N/A metal pedestrian door

Comments

This garage was previously determined to be non-contributing to the NRHP eligible J.C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the period of significance (1870-1939). Subsequent to the determination, as a result of the construction of 183A through the parcel's agricultural land, the NRHP eligible area of the property was revised to exclude the parcel upon which this building is located (Memorandum of Agreement Among Federal Highway Administration, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Texas State Historic Preservation Officer Addressing the Post-Review Discovery of Adverse Effects to An Historic Site, 2008)

The garage was documented in the Historic American Buildings Survey in 2008 (HABS TX-3538) as part of the J.C. Bryson Farmstead.

Integrity X Location Design Setting Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource was previously evaluated in an intensive level survey of the property and was determined noncontributing to the NRHP eligible J.C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the Bryson family era of ownership. It was later excluded from the NRHP-eligible area of the property as indicated above. No new information has been identified that would warrant a boundary change. As such, this resource is outside the boundary of the NRHP eligible district. Similarly, no new information has been identified that would qualify the resource for individual listing in the NRHP.

Resource ID: 3B

Parcel ID: R032213 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing southwest.



View facing southeast.



County: Williamson

Resource ID: 3C Parcel ID: R032212 Year Built:c. 1890 Year Source: 2007 TxDOT Determination of Effects

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead Latitude: 30.5975359 Longitude: -97.8523098

Historic Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Animal facility Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: No Adverse Effect

Current Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Storage Contributing to NRHP Property/District? Yes



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing northeast.

Description

Type: Exterior materials: Building metal

Style: wood vertical board

No style

Form: Porch: Roof cladding: Rectangular none metal

angular none metal wood shake

Comments

This barn is contributing to the J.C. Bryson Farmstead, which was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. It was documented in the Historic American Buildings Survey of the property (HABS TX-3538). According to the Section 106 Determination of Effects report, there is a c. 1880 corncrib inside the barn, the earliest extant agricultural resource on the property. Portions of the metal cladding on the roof and walls are missing, exposing historical building materials: a wood shake roof and wood vertical boards.

Primary roof type:

gable, front

Alterations:

Wall cladding replaced

Roof cladding replaced

Historic-age additions to side elevations

This barn is dated inconsistently in previous documentation (c. 1890 in HABS and the 2007 TxDOT Determination of Effects and 1892 in the Final Historic Resources Survey Report for 183A Toll).

Integrity X Location X Design Setting Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource was previously determined contributing to the NRHP eligible J.C. Bryson Farmstead under Criteria A (Agriculture) and C (Architecture). As stated in the overview record for the farmstead, due to changes to the property, it no longer retains sufficient integrity for eligibility as a rural historic landscape; however, CMEC recommends the property eligible as a district under Criterion A in the area of Early Settlement and Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Regarding the contributing status of this resource and its potential individual eligibility, this resource contributes to our understanding of early settlement patterns in Williamson County and early building traditions and is best understood in the context of the collection of resources on the property. No new information has been identified that would render the resource individually eligible for listing in the NRHP. As such, CMEC recommends it contributing to the NRHP eligible district under Criteria A and C in the areas of Early Settlement and Architecture at the local level of significance.

Resource ID: 3C

Parcel ID: R032212 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing south.



View facing west.



Resource ID: 3D Parcel ID: R032212 Year Built:c. 1930 Year Source: HABS

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641 County: Williamson

Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead Latitude: 30.5973443 Longitude: -97.8521515

Historic Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Animal facility Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: No Adverse Effect

Current Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Storage Contributing to NRHP Property/District? Yes



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing east.

Description

Type: Exterior materials: Primary roof type: Alterations:

Building metal gable Wall cladding replaced

Style: wood vertical board Roof cladding replaced

No style

Form: Porch: Roof cladding:

Rectangular none metal

Comments

This barn is contributing to the J.C. Bryson Farmstead, which was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. It was documented in the Historic American Buildings Survey of the property (HABS TX-3538).

This barn is dated inconsistently in previous documentation (c. 1930 in HABS, pre-1930 in the 2007 TxDOT Determination of Effects, and 1892 in the Final Historic Resources Survey Report for 183A Toll). The roof pitch and form suggest it dates to the 20th century.

Integrity X Location X Design Setting Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource was previously determined contributing to the NRHP eligible J.C. Bryson Farmstead under Criteria A (Agriculture) and C (Architecture). As stated in the overview record for the farmstead, due to changes to the property, it no longer retains sufficient integrity for eligibility as a rural historic landscape; however, CMEC recommends the property eligible as a district under Criterion A in the area of Early Settlement and Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Regarding the contributing status of this resource and its potential individual eligibility, this resource contributes to our understanding of early settlement patterns in Williamson County and early building traditions and is best understood in the context of the collection of resources on the property. No new information has been identified that would render the resource individually eligible for listing in the NRHP. As such, CMEC recommends it contributing to the NRHP eligible district under Criteria A and C in the areas of Early Settlement and Architecture at the local level of significance.

Resource ID: 3D

Parcel ID: R032212 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing east.



View facing west.



County: Williamson

Resource ID: 3E Parcel ID: R032212 Year Built:c. 1872 Year Source: 2007 TxDOT Determination of Effects

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

Latitude: 30.5980219 **Longitude:** -97.8517961

Historic Function/Subcategory: Domestic/Secondary structure

Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: No Adverse Effect

Current Function/Subcategory: Vacant/Not in use

Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead

Contributing to NRHP Property/District? Yes



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing north.

Description

Type: Exterior materials: Primary roof type: Alterations:

Structure concrete N/A Appears to be unaltered

Style: stucco

No style

Form: Porch: Roof cladding:

N/A N/A

Comments

This cistern is contributing to the J.C. Bryson Farmstead, which was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. It was documented in the Historic American Buildings Survey of the property (HABS TX-3538).

Integrity X Location X Design Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource was previously determined contributing to the NRHP eligible J.C. Bryson Farmstead agricultural complex under Criteria A (Agriculture) and C (Architecture). As stated in the overview record for the farmstead, due to changes to the property, it no longer retains sufficient integrity for eligibility as a rural historic landscape; however, CMEC recommends the property eligible as a district under Criterion A in the area of Early Settlement and Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Regarding the contributing status of this resource and its potential individual eligibility, this resource contributes to our understanding of early settlement patterns in Williamson County and early building traditions and is best understood in the context of the collection of resources on the property. No new information has been identified that would render the resource individually eligible for listing in the NRHP. As such, CMEC recommends it contributing to the NRHP eligible district under Criteria A and C in the areas of Early Settlement and Architecture at the local level of significance.

Resource ID: 3E

Parcel ID: R032212 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing northeast.





Parcel ID: R032212 Resource ID: 3F Year Built: c. 1990 Year Source: aerial photographs

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641 County: Williamson

Latitude: 30.5982101 Longitude: -97.8519188 Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead

Historic Function/Subcategory: Domestic/Secondary structure Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: N/A Current Function/Subcategory: Domestic/Secondary structure Contributing to NRHP Property/District? No



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing southeast.

Description

Type: Primary roof type: Alterations: **Exterior materials:**

Structure Appears to be unaltered metal gable

Style: No style

Porch: Form: Roof cladding:

Rectangular metal N/A

Comments

Carport located in the back yard of the Pioneer House at the J.C. Bryson Farmstead. It is present on site plan of 2008 HABS documentation but was not further documented. It was not documented as part of the previous evaluation of the property.

Integrity X Location X Design X Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource is a non-historic-age secondary building on the same parcel as an historic-age resource or resources. It is less than 50 years old and was not found to possess exceptional significance under Criterion Consideration G. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C. It is also recommended noncontributing to the NRHP eligible J. C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the period of significance.

Resource ID: 3F

Parcel ID: R032212 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing east.



Resource ID: 3G Parcel ID: R032212 Year Built:c. 1950 Year Source: HABS

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

Historic Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Storage

County: Williamson

Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead Latitude: 30.5983302 Longitude: -97.8519724

Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: N/A
Contributing to NRHP Property/District? No



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing north.

Description

Type: Exterior materials: Primary roof type: Alterations:

Building wood siding panels shed Appears to be unaltered

Style: Shed

Form: Porch: Roof cladding:

Rectangular N/A metal

Comments

This shed is non-contributing to the NRHP eligible J.C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the period of significance (1870 -1939). It was documented in the Historic American Buildings Survey in 2008 (HABS TX-3538) as part of the J.C. Bryson Farmstead.

Integrity X Location X Design X Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource was previously evaluated in an intensive level survey of the property and was determined noncontributing to the NRHP eligible J.C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the Bryson family era of ownership. As stated in the overview record for the farmstead, due to changes to the property, it no longer retains sufficient integrity for eligibility as an agricultural complex; however, CMEC recommends the property eligible as a district under Criterion A in the area of Early Settlement and Criterion C in the area of Architecture. This resource was constructed after the identified period of significance. Furthermore, no new information has been identified that would render the resource individually eligible for listing in the NRHP. It is a utilitarian building. As such, CMEC recommends it noncontributing to the NRHP eligible district and not individually eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

Resource ID: 3G

Parcel ID: R032212 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing northeast.



Year Source: Estimate Resource ID: 3H Parcel ID: R032212 Year Built: c. 1890

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641 County: Williamson

> Latitude: 30.597607 Longitude: -97.8520354

Contributing to NRHP Property/District? Yes

Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead Historic Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Animal facility Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No **Effect:** No Adverse Effect



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing southeast.

Description

Type: Primary roof type: Alterations: **Exterior materials:**

Structure Appears to be unaltered stone N/A

Style: No style

Porch: Form: Roof cladding:

Rectangular N/A N/A

Current Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Animal facility

Comments

Animal trough at the J.C. Bryson Farmstead near the barns. This trough was not documented in the 2008 HABS report or the 2006 or 2010 surveys of the property. It may have been covered by vegetation. A similar trough is documented in the 2006 survey and appears on the survey map roughly in the path of the current San Gabriel Parkway. That trough was determined to be contributing to the NRHP eligible agricultural complex.

Integrity X Location X Design Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

Like the trough identified as contributing to the NRHP-eligible J. C. Bryson Farmstead, this resource dates to the property's period of significance and helps illustrate the historical use of the property and the way in which early settlers lived and constructed built resources. It is, therefore, recommended contributing to the NRHP eligible district. As a small scale agricultural structure, it does not possess sufficient significance for individual designation in the NRRP. It is therefore recommended not individually eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

Resource ID: 3H

Parcel ID: R032212 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing east.



Resource ID: 31 Parcel ID: R032212 Year Built:c. 1990 Year Source: Estimate

Address: 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641 County: Williamson

Name: J.C. Bryson Farmstead Latitude: 30.5974609 Longitude: -97.8520711

Historic Function/Subcategory: Agriculture/Animal facility Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: N/A

Current Function/Subcategory: Vacant/Not in use Contributing to NRHP Property/District? No



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing southeast.

Description

Type: Exterior materials: Primary roof type: Alterations:

Structure wood, plywood flat Appears to be unaltered

Style: No style

Form: Porch: Roof cladding:

Rectangular N/A metal

Comments

Chicken coop near the barns at the J.C. Bryson farmstead. This resource was not documented in the 2006 survey or the 2008 HABS report and may postdate both of these documents.

Integrity X Location X Design X Setting X Materials X Workmanship X Feeling X Association

NRHP Justification

This resource is a non-historic-age secondary chicken coop on the same parcel as an historic-age resource or resources. It is less than 50 years old and was not found to possess exceptional significance under Criterion Consideration G. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C. It is also recommended noncontributing to the NRHP eligible J. C. Bryson Farmstead because it was constructed after the period of significance.

Resource ID: 31

Parcel ID: R032212 **Address:** 10500 183A TOLL RD, LEANDER, TX 78641

View facing south.



Resource ID: B1 Year Source: 2009 183A Toll historic resources Parcel ID: N/A Year Built: c. 1930

Address: SOUTH FORK SAN GABRIEL RIVER County: Williamson

Latitude: 30.6204366 Longitude: -97.8615827 Name: None

Historic Function/Subcategory: Transportation/Road-related Indiv. NRHP Eligible? No Effect: N/A



Photos taken: 12/18/2018

View facing southwest.

Description

Type: Primary roof type: Alterations: **Exterior materials:**

Structure Portions of bridge no longer extant concrete N/A

Style: No style

Porch: Roof cladding: Form:

Linear N/A N/A

Comments

Remnant of a low water crossing over the South Fork San Gabriel River. It is a one-lane, vented ford crossing with a five-span continuous concrete flat slab set on concrete piers. One of the spans is no longer extant and the stepped concrete curbs are also in a ruinous state. The bridge does not have an NBI number. It was previously evaluated as part of the 183A Toll historic resources survey (CSJ No. 0151-04-054). The report noted that it was likely an important part of the local road network prior to 1939, but no further historic information was available and its condition impacted its ability to convey any potential historic significance.

ntegrity	X Location	Design	X Setting	Materials	Workmanship	Feeling	Association

NRHP Justification

This resource is the remnant of a low water crossing. Though the bridge conveys information about past transportation systems, no information has been identified confirming the bridge's date or use. The bridge had potential to contribute to a broader historic road corridor context; however, no such corridor is extant. The bridge is not known to be associated with significant road-improvement programs initiated by local governments. Research did not link the bridge design or construction with a person significant to history. It was not found to possess engineering significance, based on the The Historic Roads Infrastructure of Texas, 1866-1965 Multiple Property Submission. Furthermore, its deteriorated state has diminished integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling and it lacks integrity of association because it is no longer in use as a transportation facility. As a result, it is recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion A, B, or C.

Resource ID: B1

Parcel ID: N/A Address: South Fork San Gabriel River

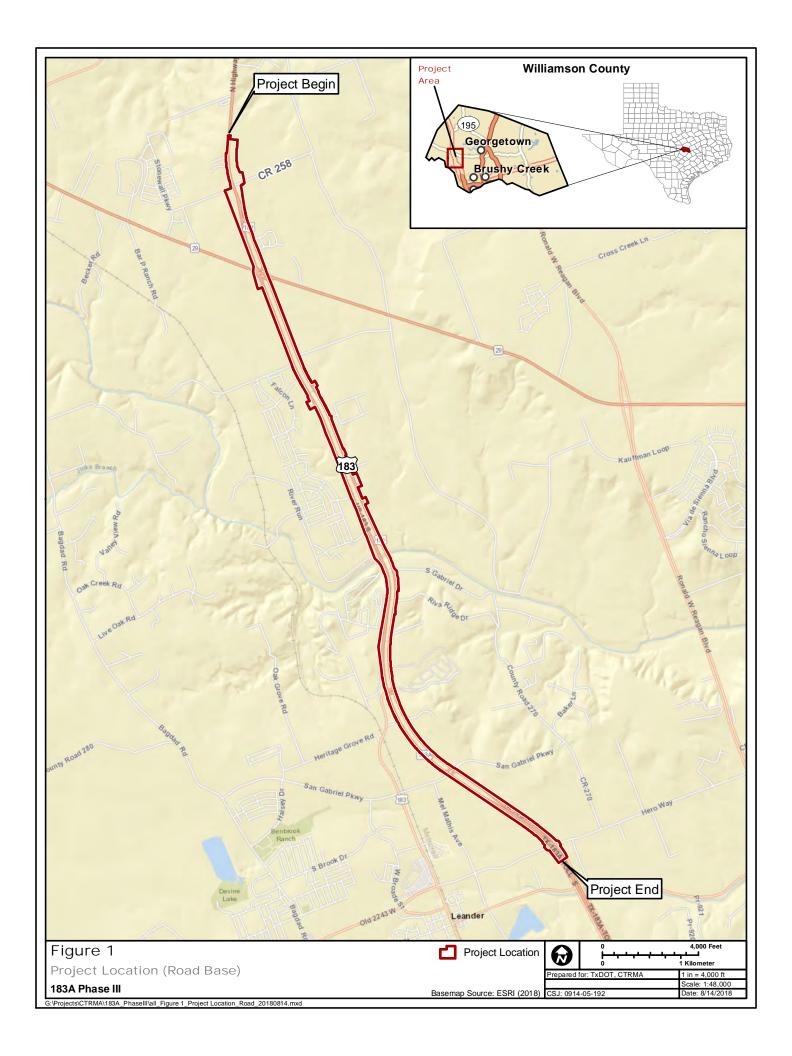
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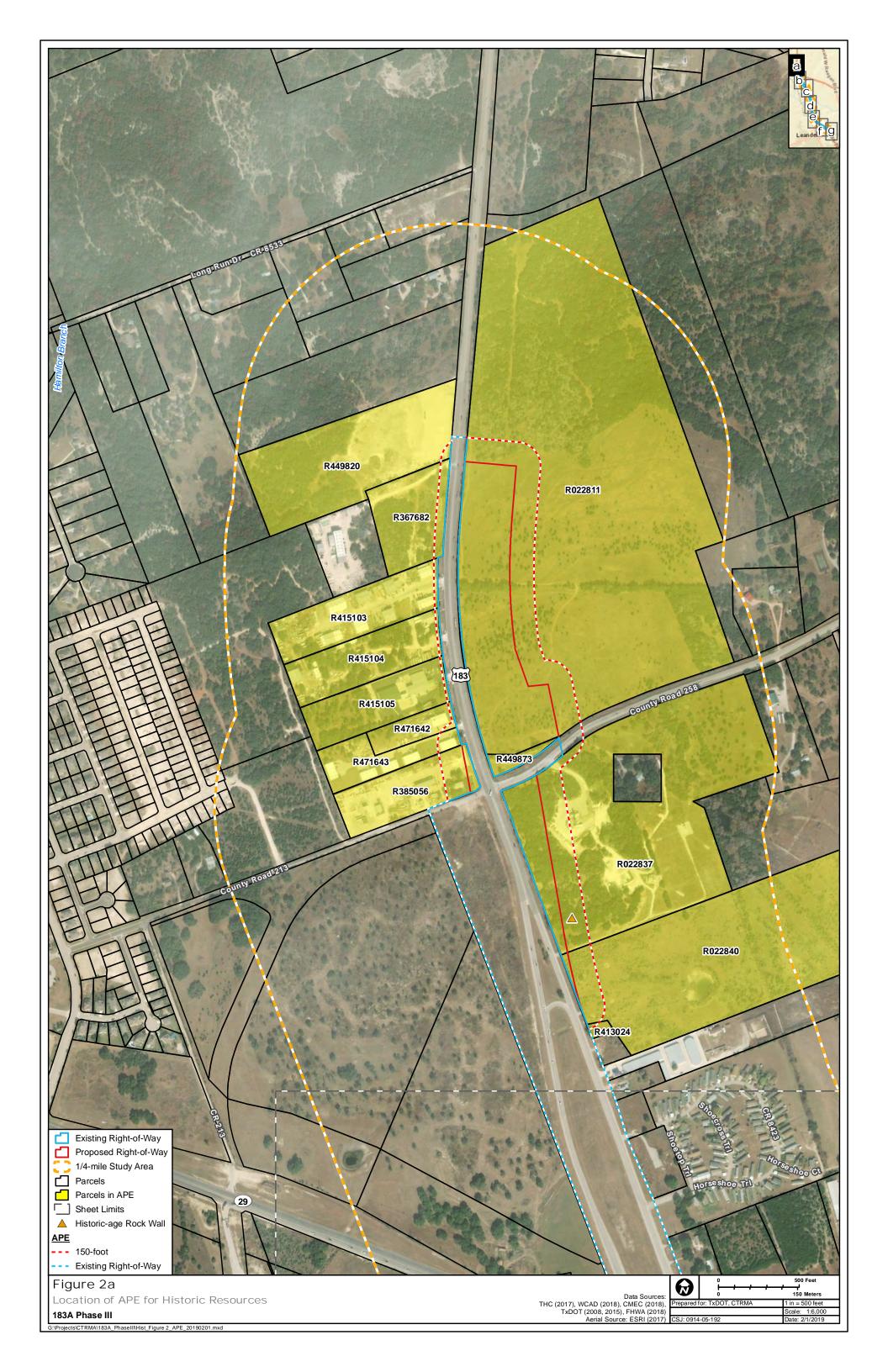


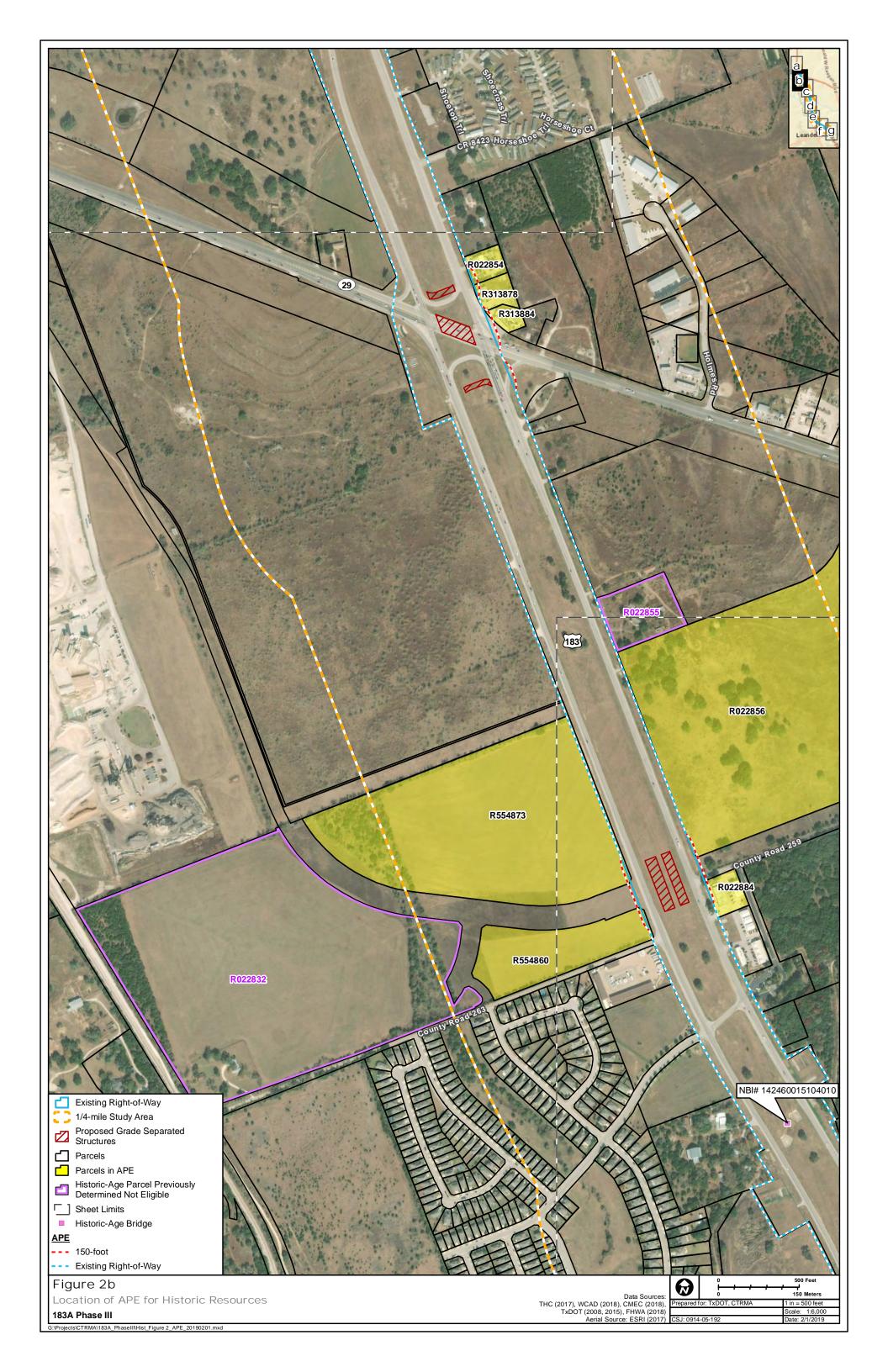
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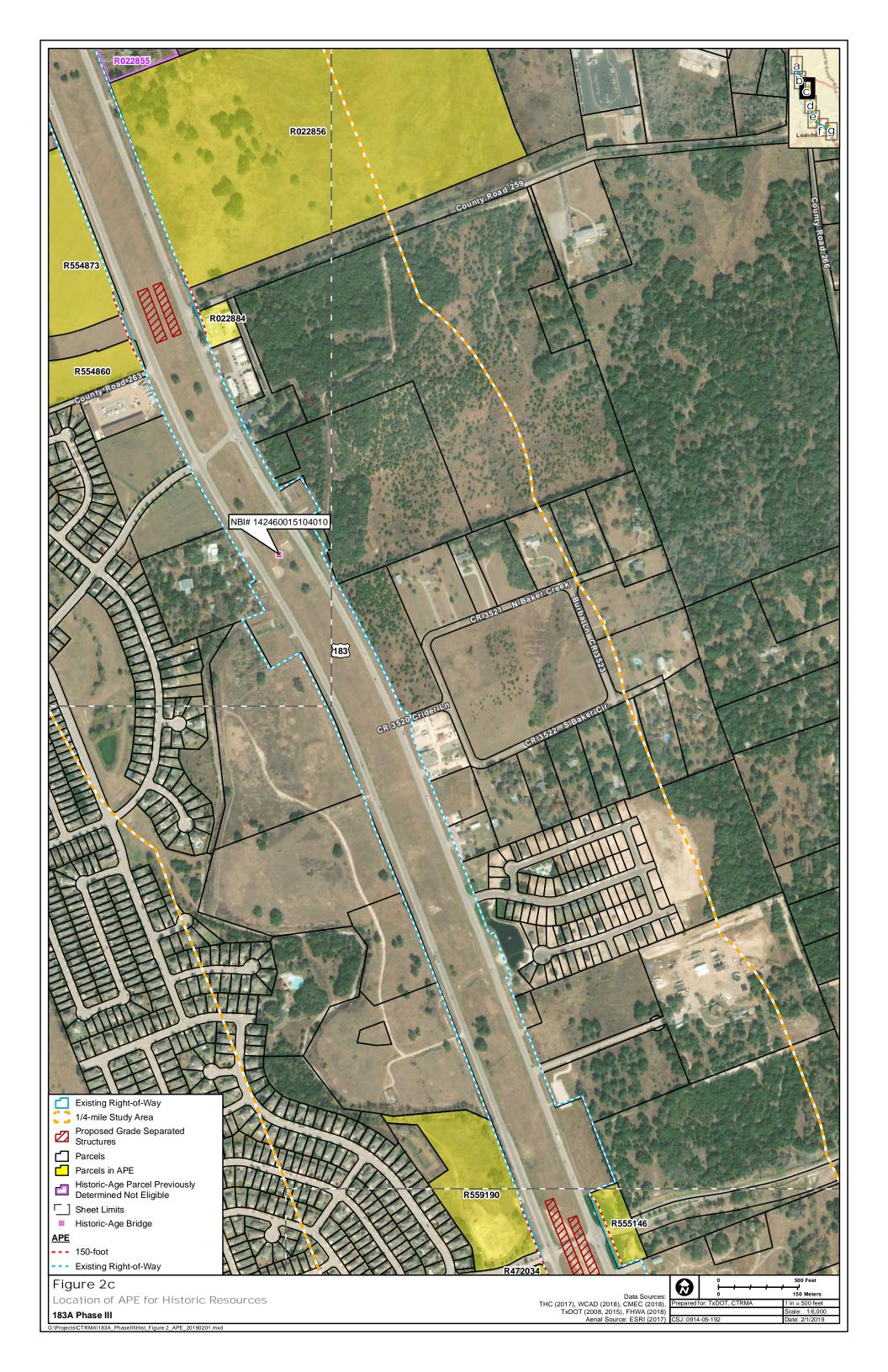


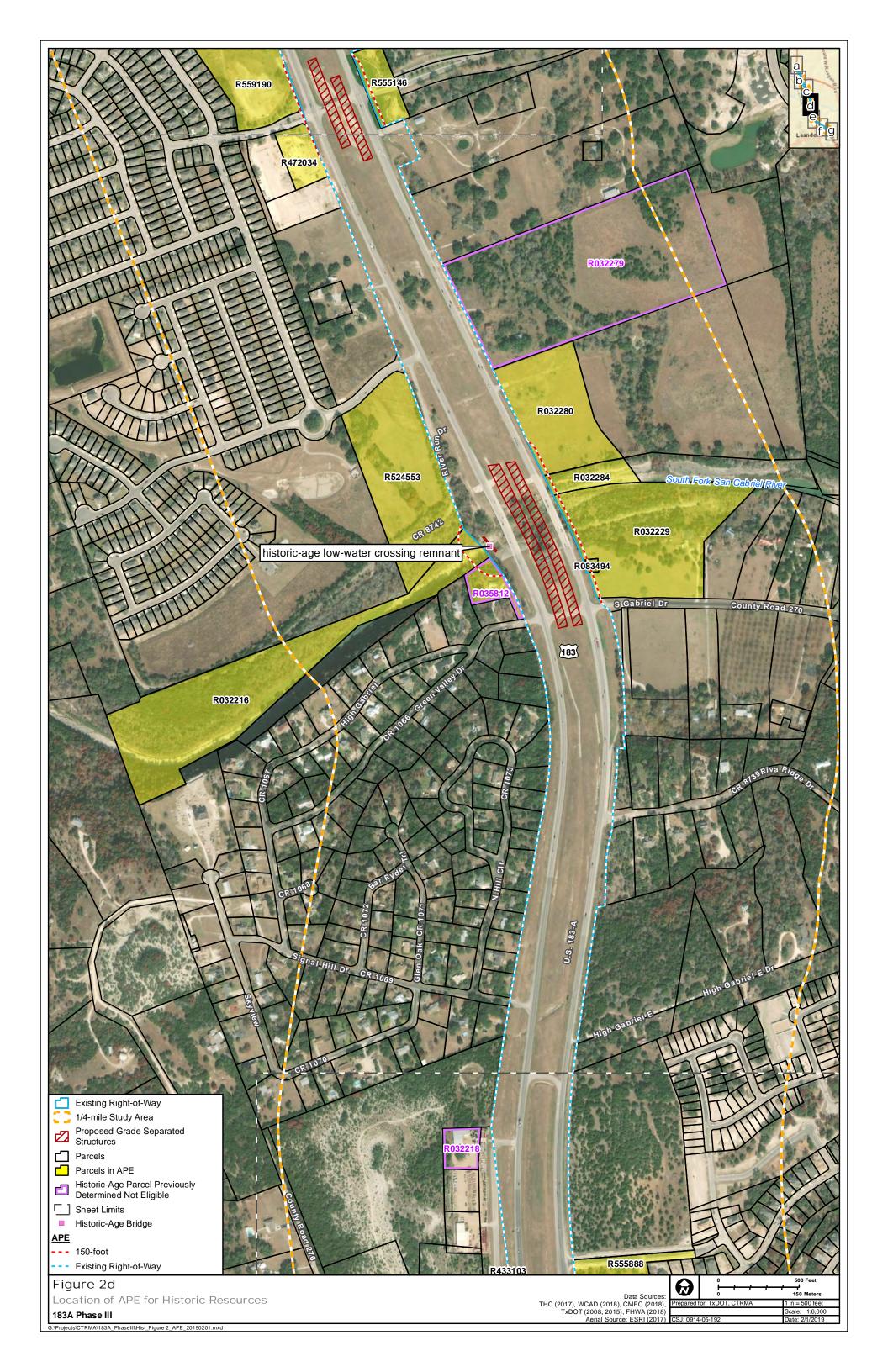
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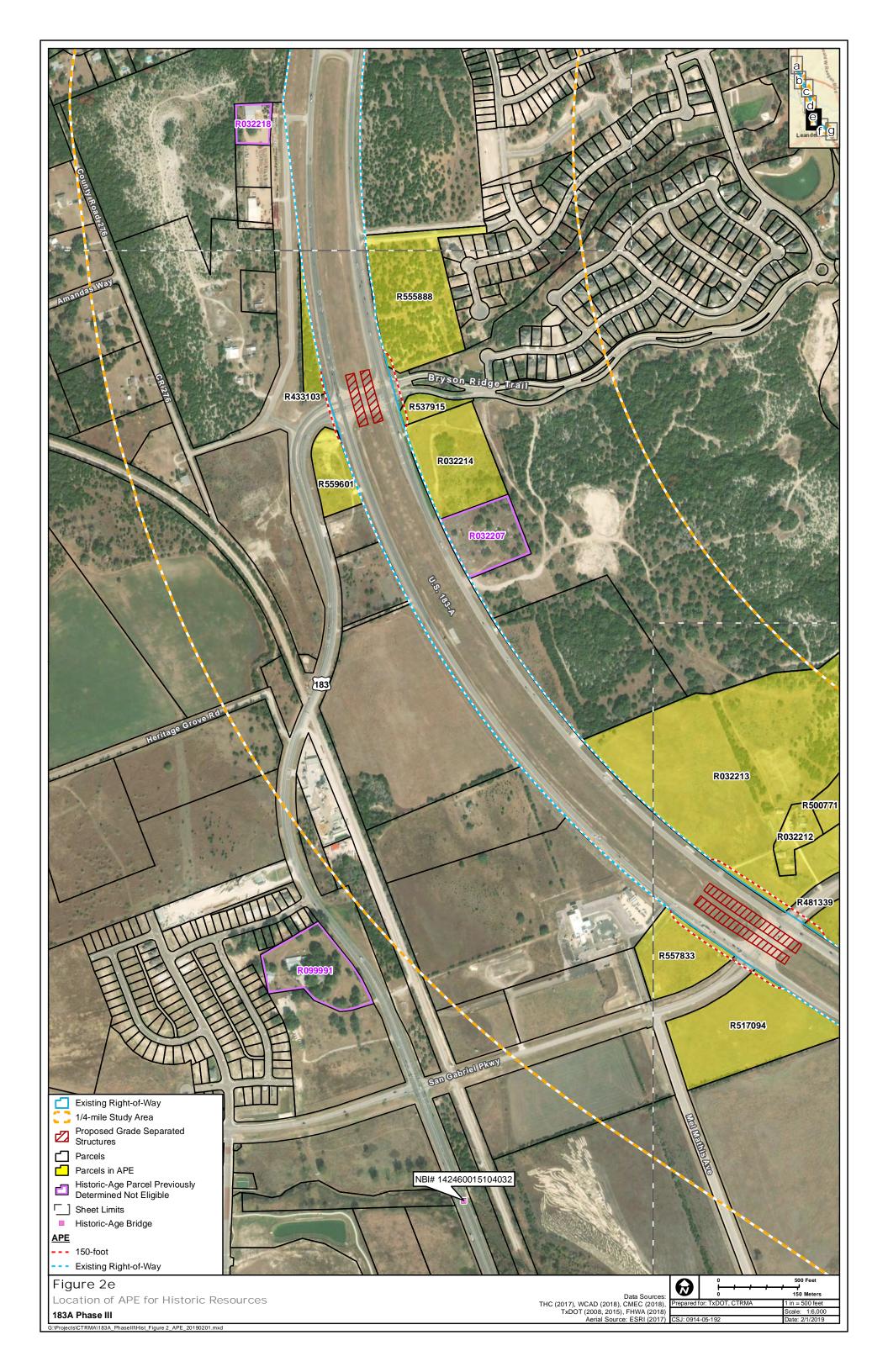


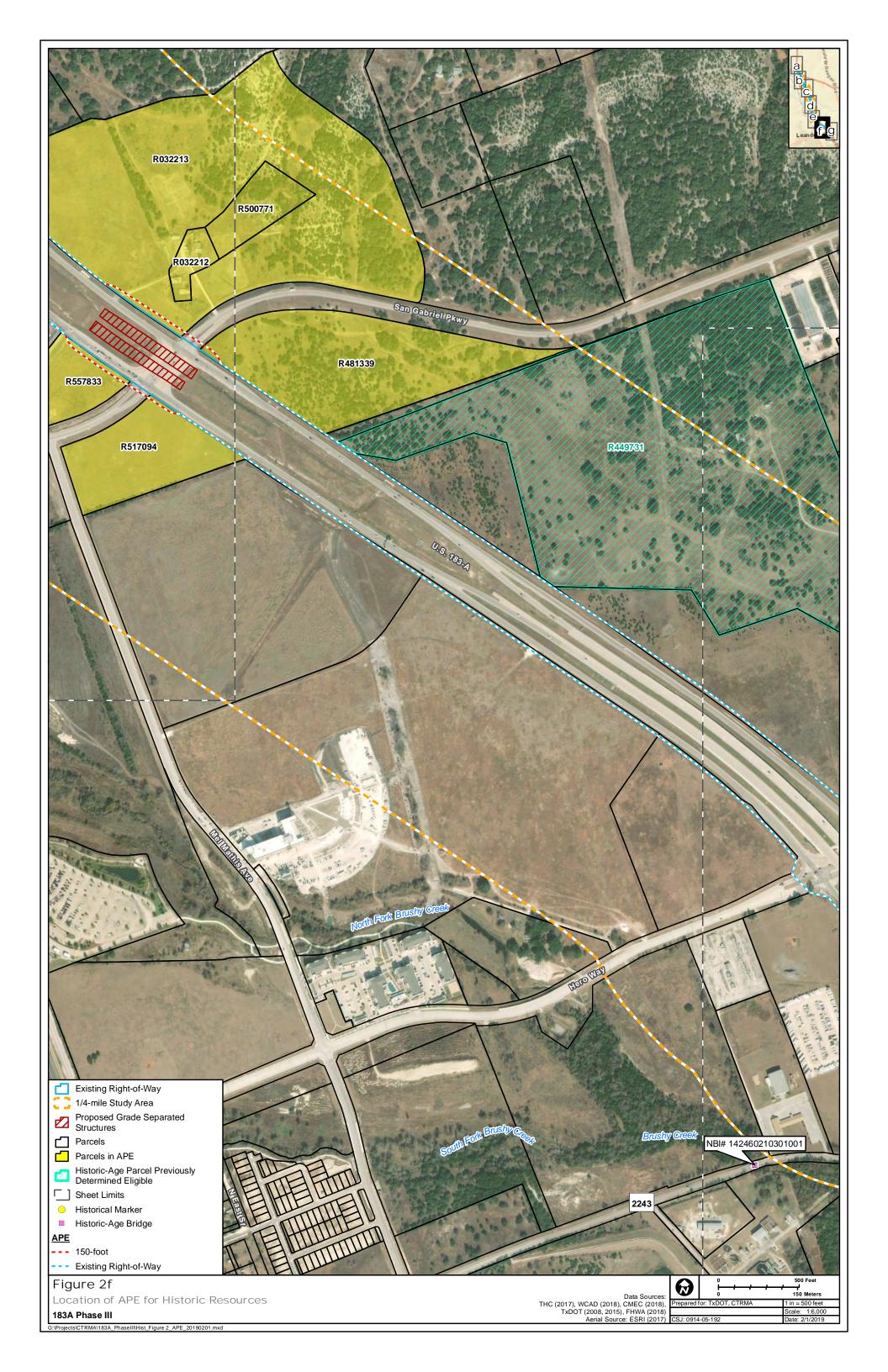




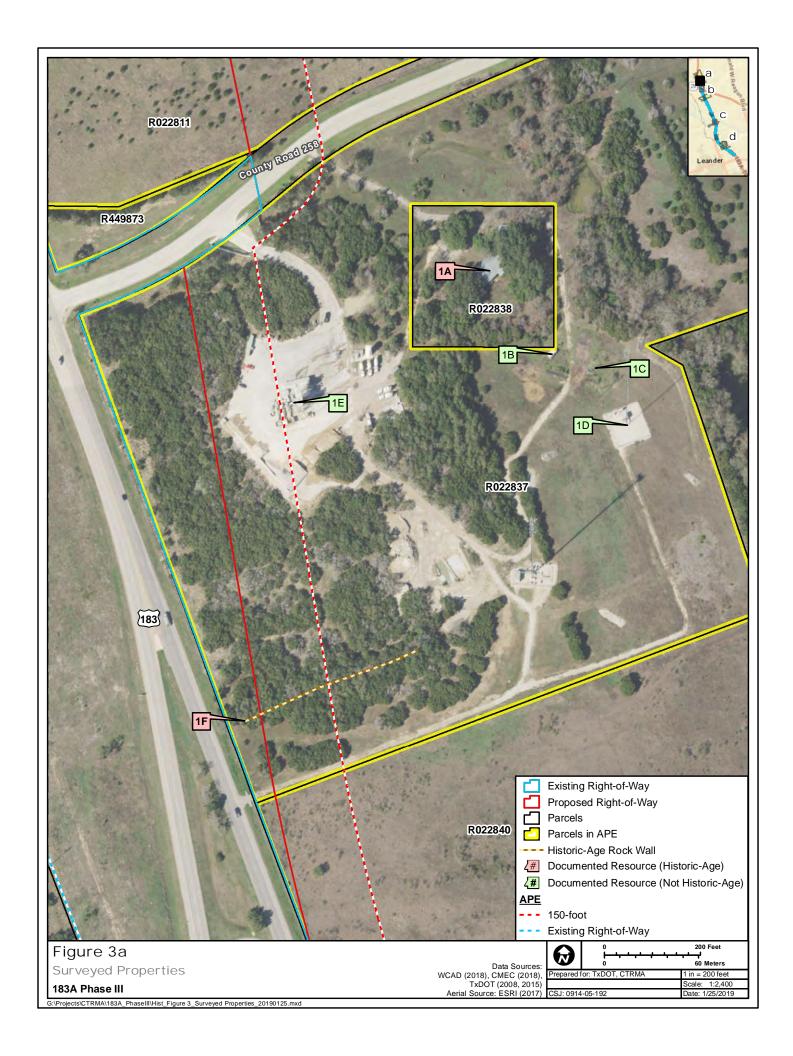


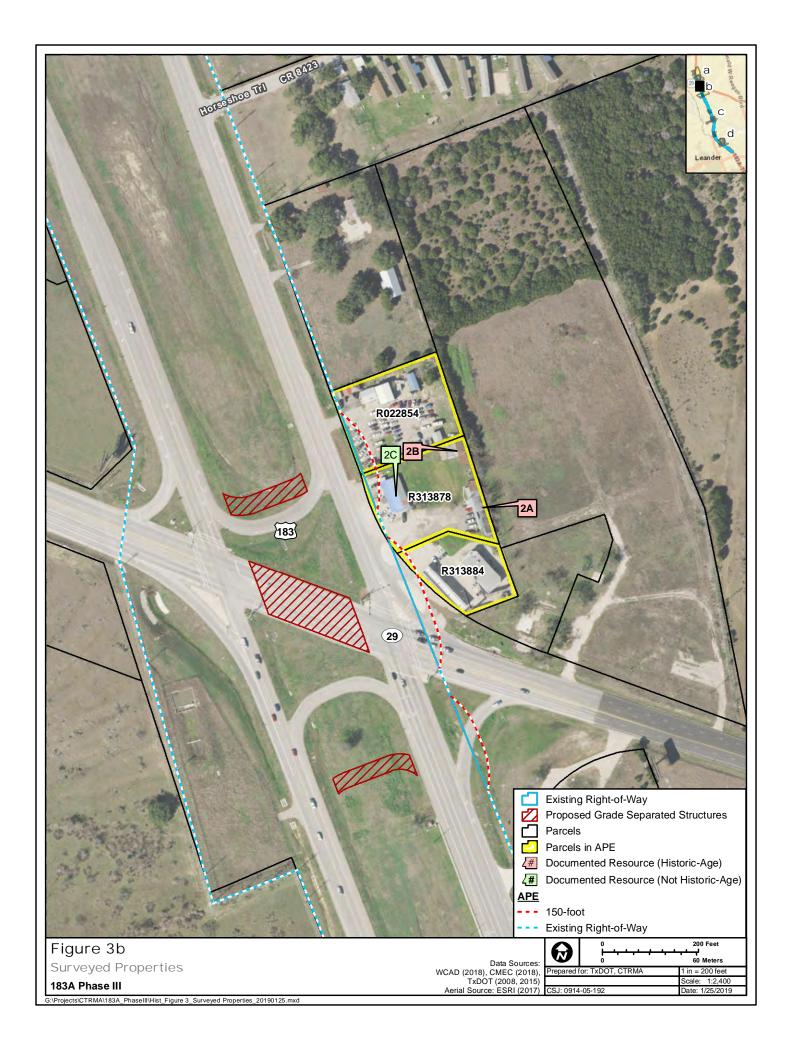


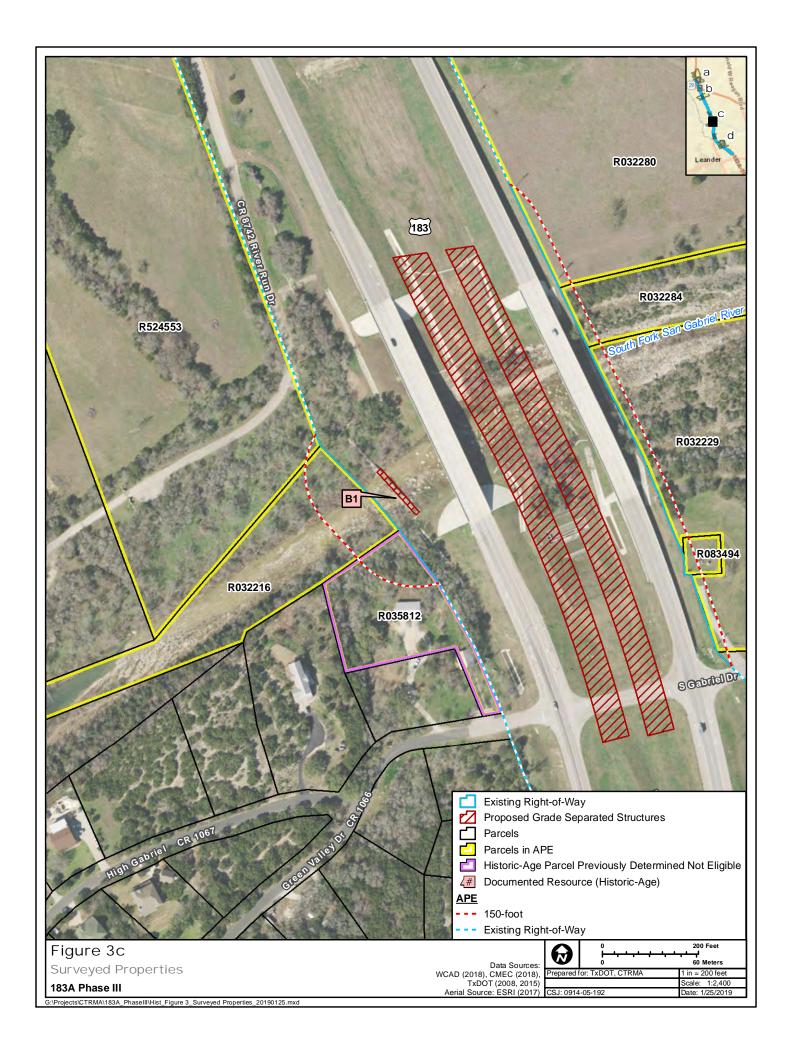


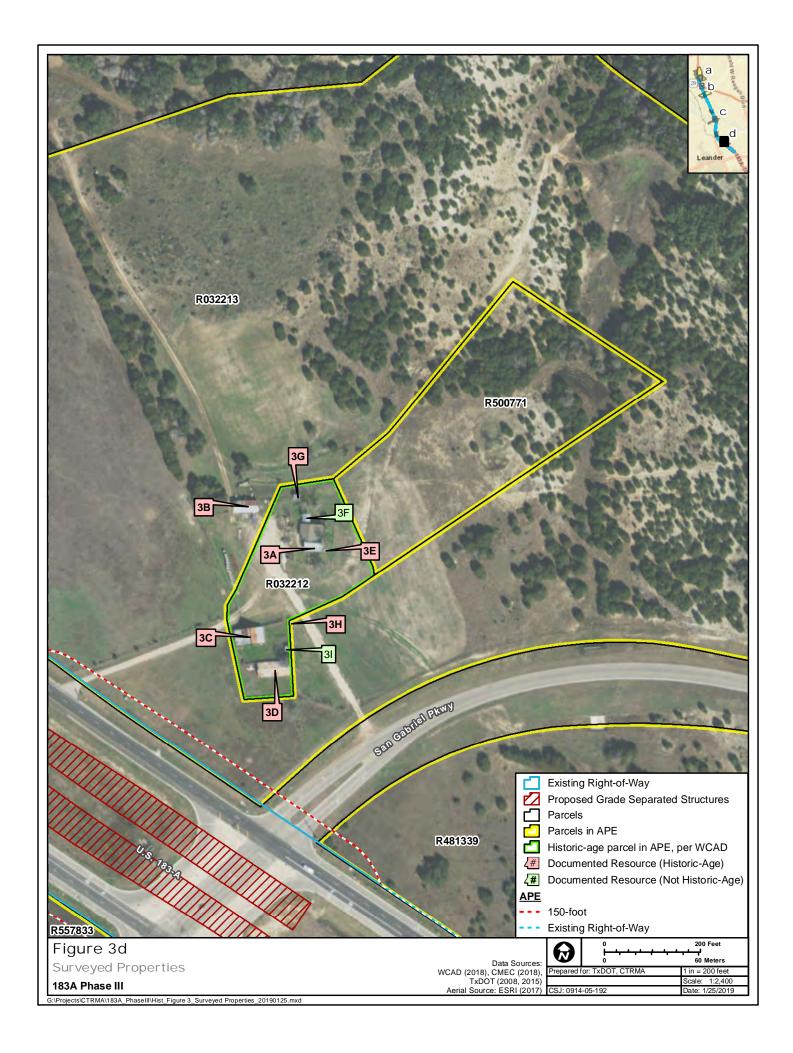


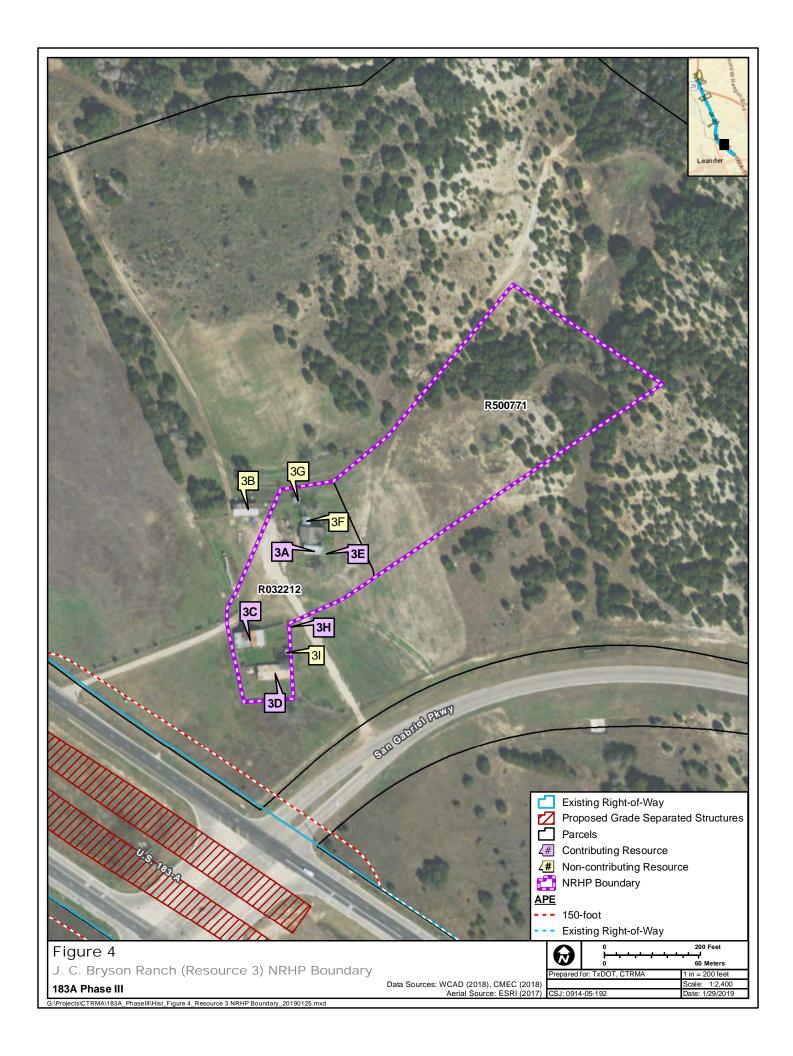




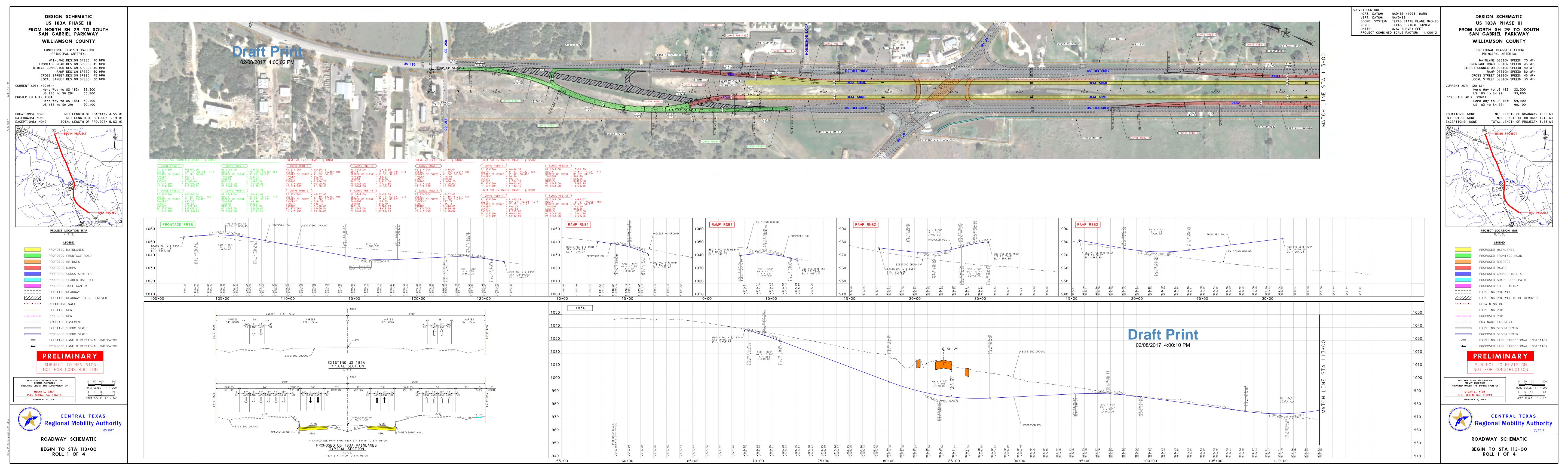


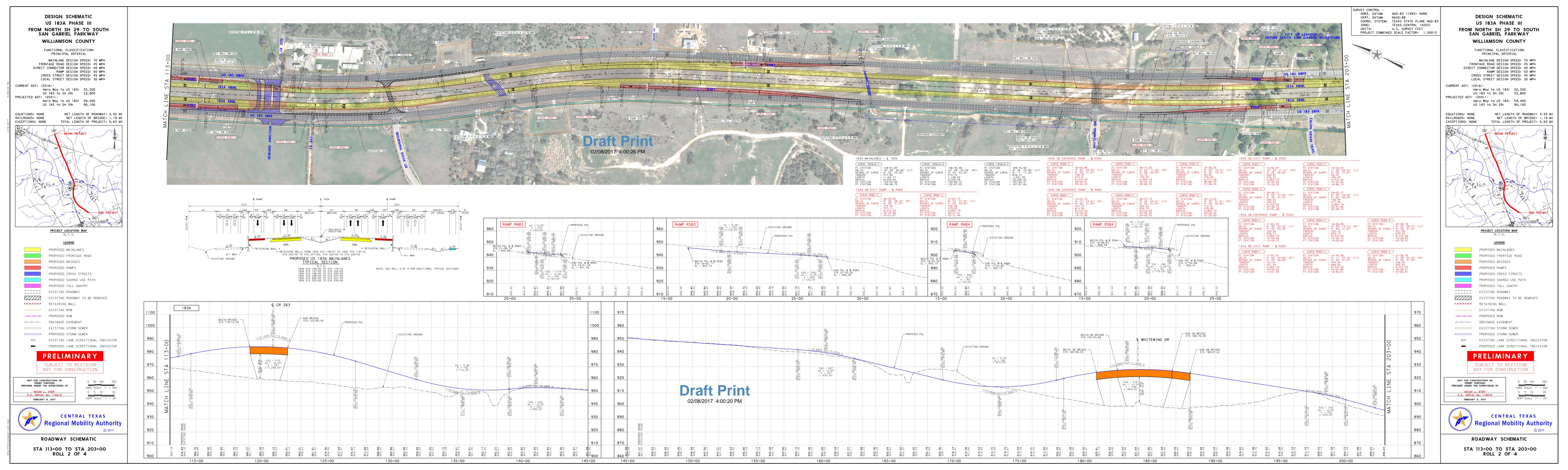


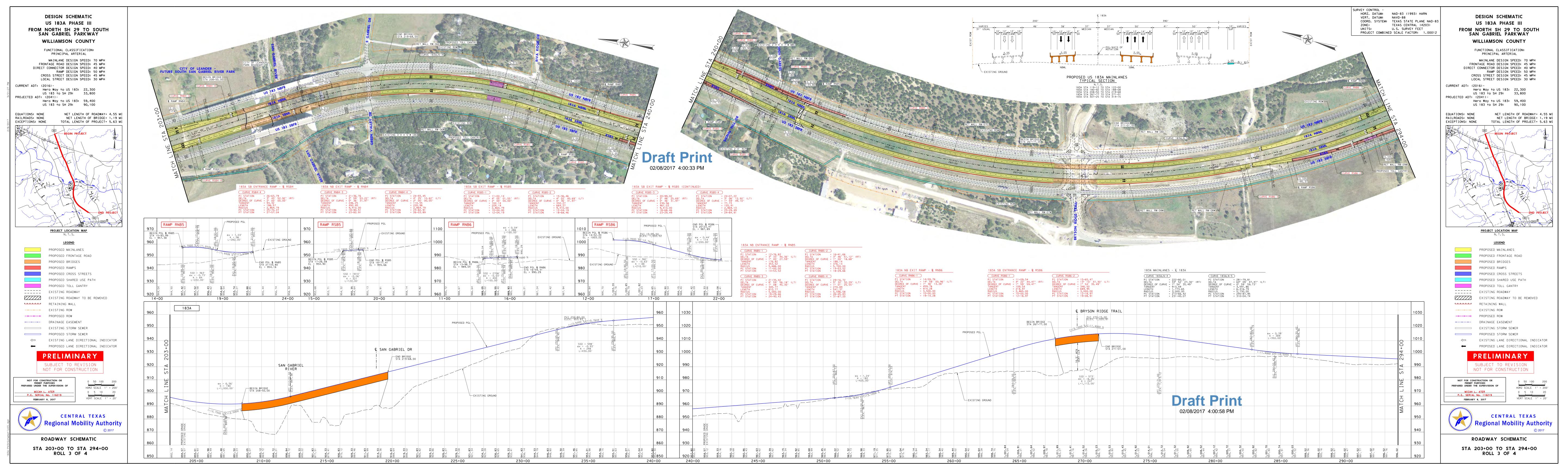


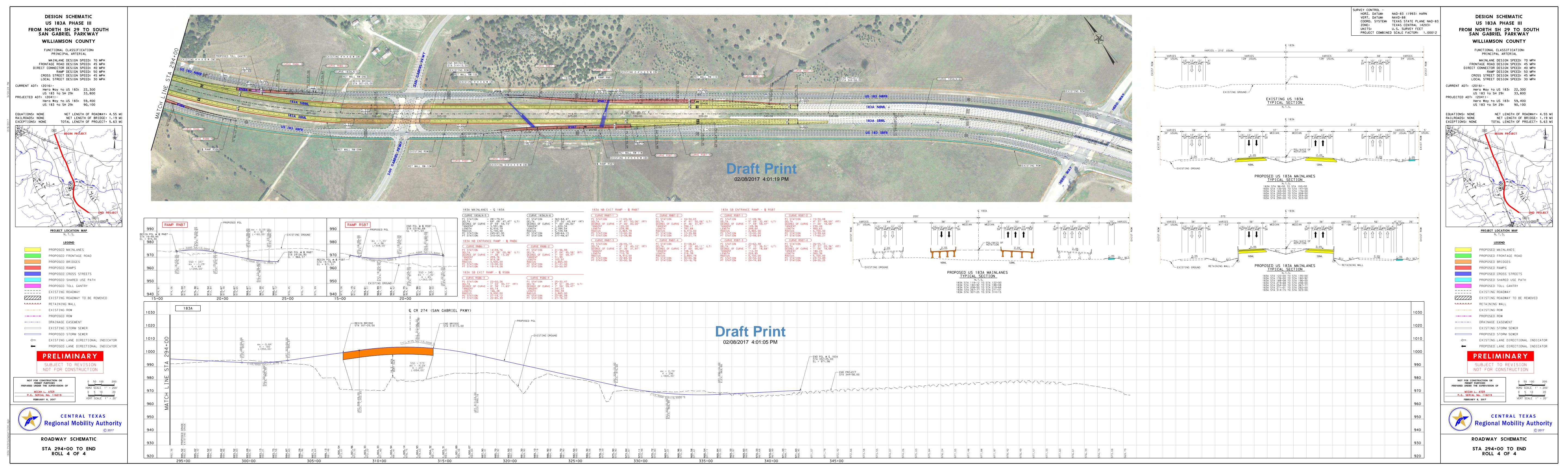


Appendix D: Schematics









Appendix E: Project Area Photographs			

Project area photographs taken by CMEC December 18, 2018.



Photo 1: Overview of the J. C. Bryson Farmstead from the intersection of 183A and San Gabriel Parkway. View facing north.



Photo 2: View toward San Gabriel Parkway from Resource 3C. Resource 3D is visible on the right. View facing southwest.



Photo 3: View facing south toward 183A from the Pioneers' House RTHL (Resource 3A)



Photo 4: View facing south of the intersection of 183A and San Gabriel Parkway from the 1890s barn (Resource 3C).



Photo 5: View facing south toward 183A from the 1930s barn (Resource 3D).



Photo 6: View of a non-historic-age resource just north of the intersection of SH 29 and US 183A. View facing northwest.



Photo 7: A gate dividing the non-historic-age concrete plant (Resource 1E) from the rest of parcel R022837 in the study area.



Photo 8: Non-historic-age stone wall at the intersection of CR 258 and US 183A. View facing south.