

# **TC Jester North & South**

CIP No. N-100002 - TC Jester South: Washington Avenue to IH-10 CIP No. N-100007 - TC Jester North: IH-10 to Petty Street

CIP No. N-2012T-0017 - Pre-engineering Study for TC Jester North: Petty Street to Wynnwood Lane

# **PROJECT INFORMATION**

Updated March 2017





# **About the Project Area**

These Capital Improvement Plan projects and study area provide storm water drainage and paving improvements to the TC Jester corridor from Washington to Wynnwood.

Project limits encompass:

TC Jester North: IH-10 to Petty Street TC Jester South: Washington Avenue to IH-10

Need Area limits encompass:

TC Jester Study: Petty Street to Wynnwood Lane

## **PROJECT TIMELINES**



#### TC Jester South: Washington Avenue to IH-10

\*Timeline subject to change. Public Input Meeting held: June 23, 2015

**Meeting Location:** 

TxDOT Houston Building

7600 Washington Avenue

Houston, TX 77007

#### **Presenter:**

Carol Haddock, P.E. Deputy Director Engineering & Construction Division

Department of Public Works & Engineering (PWE)

### Total # of Attendees:

29

# **Project Details**

- The projects and study propose to improve approx. 1.7 miles of T.C. Jester Blvd. between Washington Ave. and Wynnwood Ln. Improvements include:
- New pavement
- Improved intersections
- Improved bicycle lanes
- Upgraded storm, drainage & wastewater lines
- <u>Design Meeting Presentation</u> <u>Design Meeting Handout</u>



The CIP projects are divided into two project phases:

- 1. TC Jester South Washington to IH-10 (construction 2017)
  - Design finalized for full reconstruction
  - Bike lanes added to original plan
- 2. TC Jester North IH-10 to Petty (construction 2021):
  - Design began 2015
  - Bike lanes added to original plan

# **Summary of Public Comments**

### **Public Comment or Concern**

Both traffic congestion and vehicle speeds were identified as major concerns by many of the meeting attendees.

#### **PWE Response:**

PWE's analysis of current and future traffic volume, confirmed through the City's pre-engineering study and the <u>Major</u> <u>Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan</u> (MTFP), supports reconstruction of a 4-lane configuration with intersection improvements to better facilitate traffic flow. These improvements along with maintaining the current posted speed limit of 35mph, should improve traffic flow and safety concerns associated with speeding motorist.

Major Categories or Areas of Concern Are:

Traffic Sidewalks/Trees

**Bicycle Lanes** 

Comment Period: June 23, 2015 thru July 24, 2015

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Meeting attendees expressed concern regarding existing median trees. Residents would like to preserve the trees within the existing median as much as possible.

#### **PWE Response:**

With respect to protection of the existing trees, it is the intent of PWE, in coordination with the project arborist, to make efforts to minimize impacts to the existing trees. If adjustments to sidewalk placement, such as placing sidewalks adjacent to the curb, can be reasonably made to save a tree, then those adjustments will be made during the design phase of the project. Major Categories or Areas of Concern Are:

Traffic **Sidewalks/Trees** Bicycle Lanes

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Another concern was the implementation of safe bicycle facility that traverses TC Jester between Washington Avenue and IH-10.

### **PWE Response:**

We are recommending 5-feet bicycle lanes with 3-feet buffers in both directions of TC Jester Boulevard within the project limits to 11<sup>th</sup> Street to improve safety throughout the corridor. Due to the width of the existing right-of-way, the existing median width in general has to be narrower to accommodate the additional width required for the proposed bicycle lanes. Major Categories or Areas of Concern Are:

Traffic Sidewalks/Trees **Bicycle Lanes** 

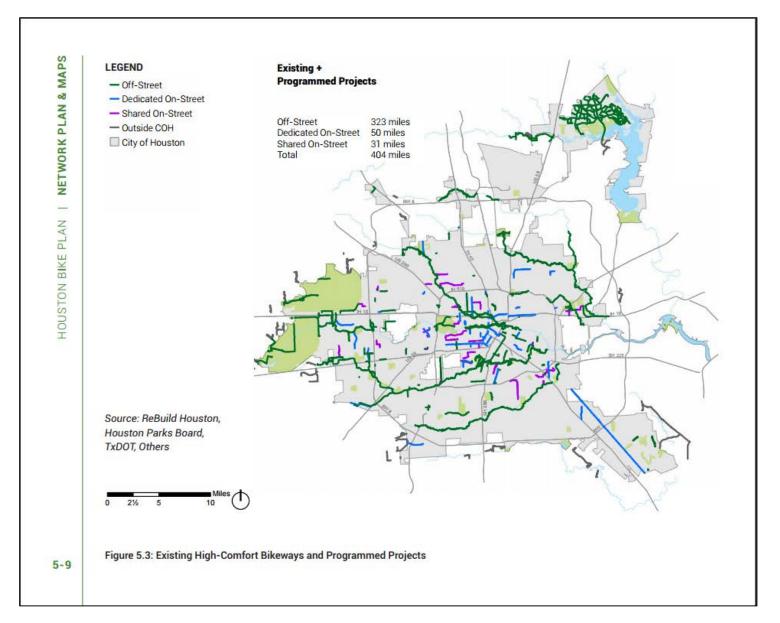
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# **About the Houston Bike Plan**

The City of Houston developed the Houston Bike Plan through a 12-month planning effort to update the City's Comprehensive Bikeway Plan originally adopted in 1993. The City and the Houston region have made great strides in improving people's ability to bike to more destinations, earning a Bronzelevel Bicycle Friendly Community award from the League of American Bicyclist in 2013. New trails are being built along our bayous, new protected bikeways have been installed, and more people are riding all over the city.

For more information, please visit:

### http://houstonbikeplan.org/about-the-houston-bike-plan



## About Complete Streets and Rebuild Houston

### ABOUT COMPLETE STREETS

Houston Complete Streets and Transportation Plan (Executive Order 1-15) guides the development of mobility planning and design of the City of Houston street and drainage projects. This Executive Order identifies goals and steps to move the city toward the achievement of Complete Streets through the planning, designing, budgeting, constructing, and reconstructing of all transportation improvements. The Executive Order recognizes that all streets are not the same and that reconstruction of the public right-of-way (ROW) should strongly utilize context sensitive design, incorporating local development context, and also take into account the role a particular corridor plays in the region's multimodal transportation networks. The introduction of these programs, as well as other initiatives that address multimodal safety on the region's roadways, requires rethinking existing planning and design. Evaluating existing approaches ensures that projects developed and constructed by the City of Houston meet these objectives.

#### ABOUT REBUILD HOUSTON

The reconstruction of the City's street and drainage infrastructure following the guidelines of the Complete Street and Transportation Plan is made possible through resources provided by the ReBuild Houston Program. ReBuild Houston is a voter-initiated and voter-approved, Pay-As-You-Go program to address the City of Houston's street and drainage infrastructure needs in a systematic, prioritized and objective manner. ReBuild Houston is a part of the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the 10-Year plan for Streets & Drainage. Street & Drainage improvement projects are separated into three phases of planning, design, and construction which allows for a much more detailed and objective planning process that complements the City's established Capital Improvement Plan.

To learn more about the ReBuild Houston and Street & Drainage infrastructure improvement process visit <u>www.rebuildhouston.org</u>.



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