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# NEPA and the Proposed Trinity Parkway

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of the Dallas City Council

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# Agenda

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# What is NEPA?

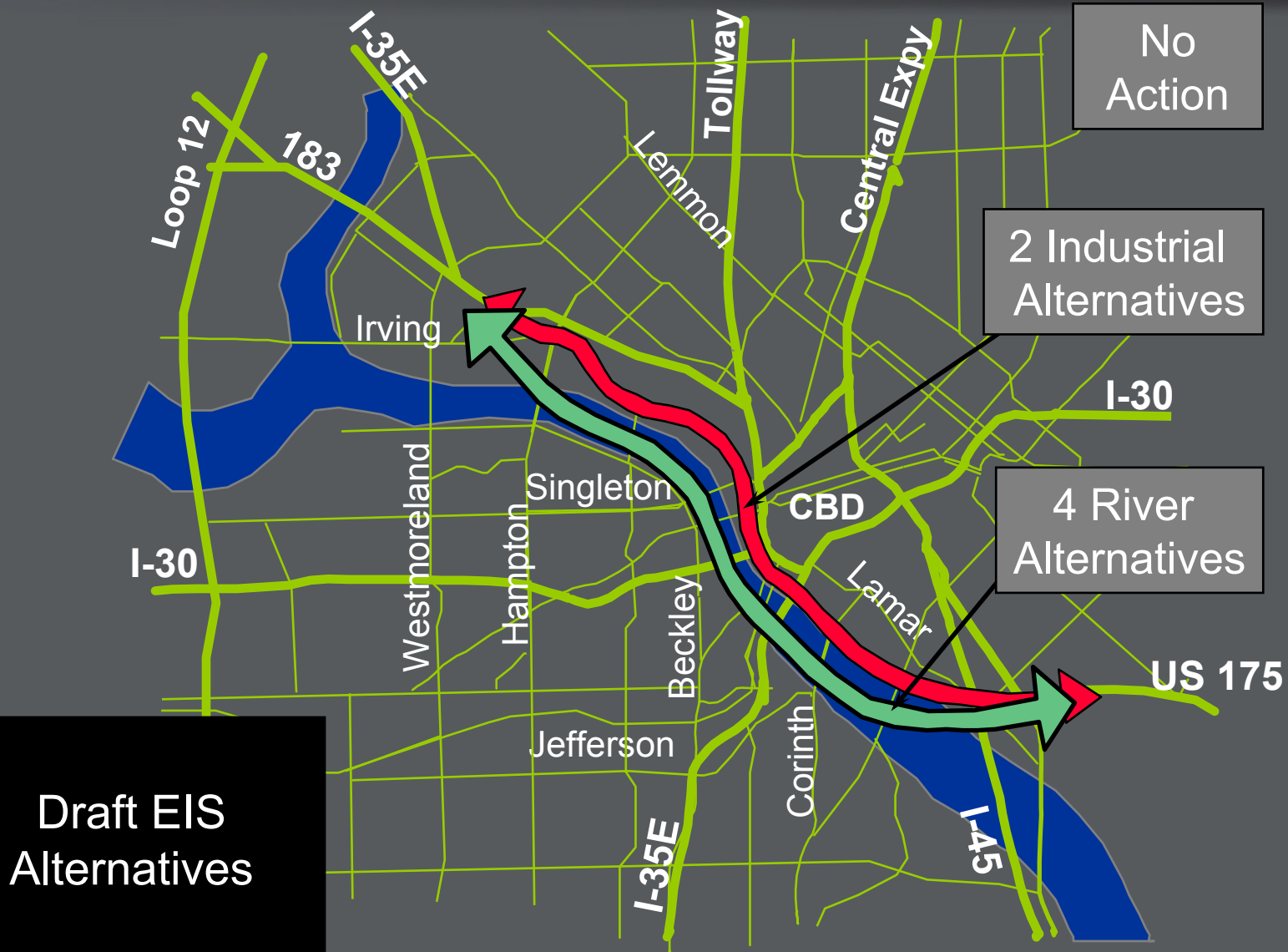
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- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 USC §4321 et seq.)
- First federally mandated program for environmental documentation
- Established the nation's environmental policy
- Requires federal agencies to consider environmental issues in full view of the public prior to making any major decisions
- Established the agency review process
- Requires consideration of alternatives and mitigation where feasible
- Provides for meaningful and continuous public participation

- City of Dallas
- Community Advisory Work Group/City participation in technical work groups
- Dallas County
- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Dallas District and ENV/Austin
- Texas Historical Commission
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Fort Worth District
- United States Coast Guard
- United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- United States Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Fort Worth District and Atlanta Office
- Public involvement – 200+ DEIS/SDEIS briefings to the public and City of Dallas

# Trinity Parkway EIS History

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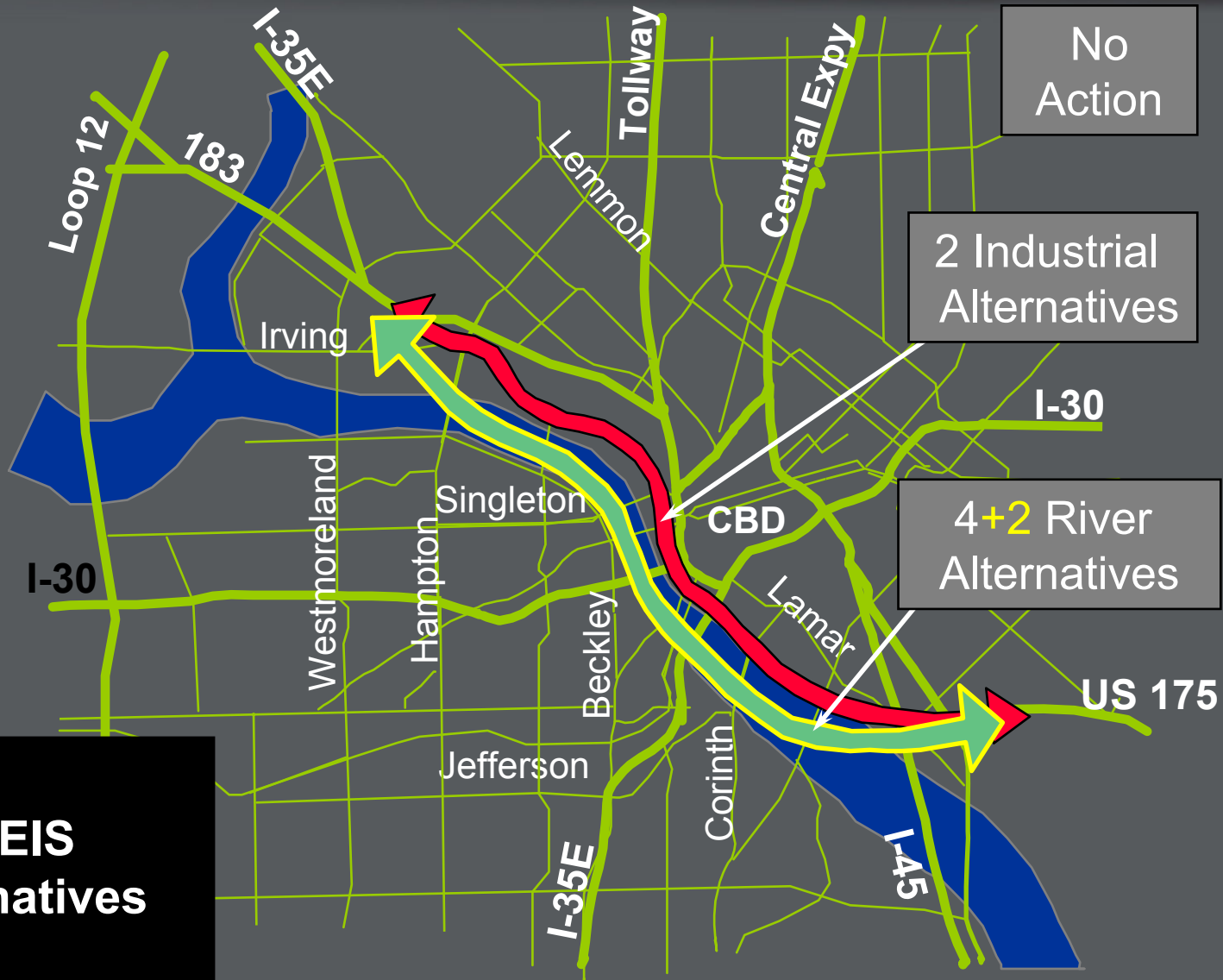
# Trinity Parkway EIS History

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- March 2005 – Public Hearing
- April 2005 – City of Dallas, NTTA select locally preferred alternative (LPA)
- Late 2005 – Agency roles for EIS finalized; begin additional technical work to meet new EIS standards and to address USACE concerns
- Present – SDEIS review by agencies

# Trinity Parkway EIS History

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**SDEIS  
Alternatives**

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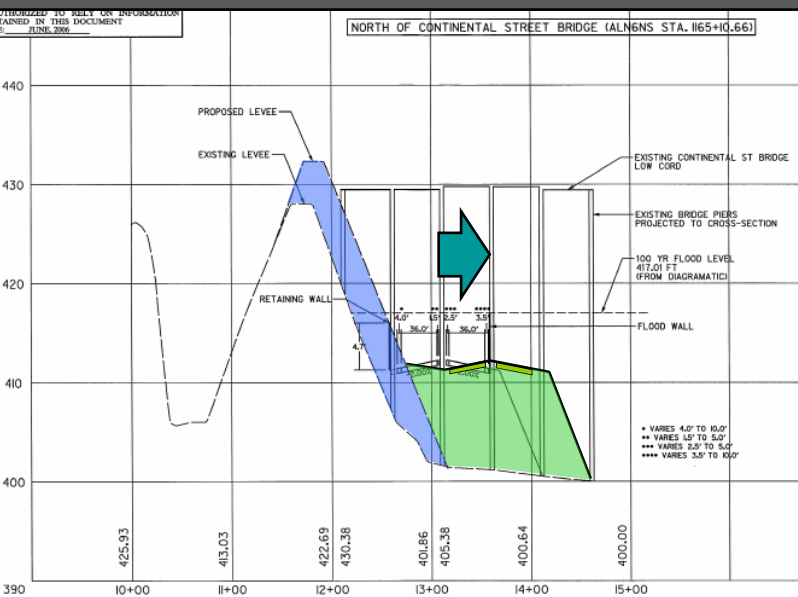
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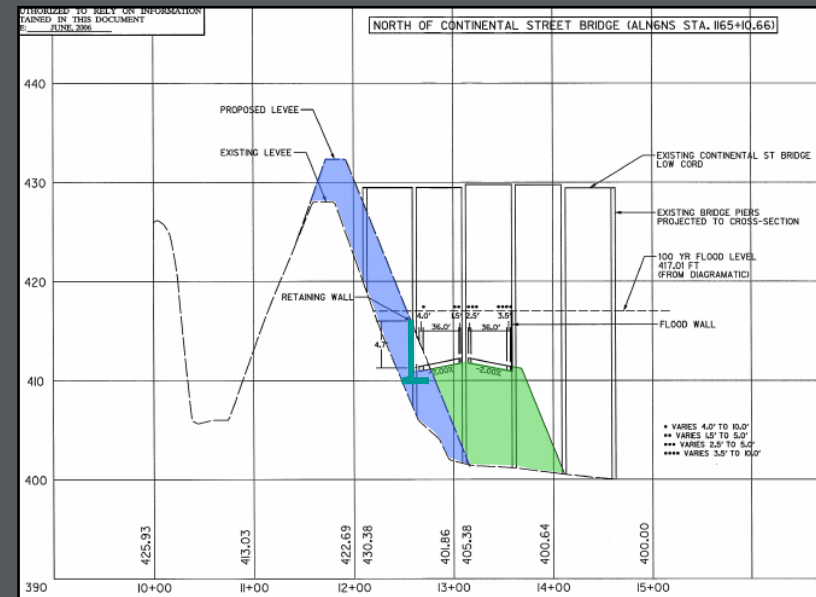
# Key USACE Design Changes

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- No retaining wall in levee embankment
- 15' bridge clearance over levee
- Levee penetration – Minimum 50' distance from toe of levee, or diaphragm wall required



Alternative 3C - SDEIS



Alternative 3B - DEIS



# Senate Bill 792

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- Passed by 80th Legislature in 2007
- Outlines market valuation process
  - Provides “right of first refusal” to local toll authorities
  - Requires toll authorities and TxDOT to set business terms (toll rates, O&M costs)
  - Business terms then used to set the market value of a toll road
- Scheduling Impacts of SB 792
  - Trinity Parkway Design (Aesthetics) Guidelines must be complete before market valuation study begins (July 2008)
  - Market valuation study must be complete before start of final design begins (October 2008)

# Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

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- Provides \$298 million for the Trinity River Corridor project
- USACE EIS process to be amended due to City of Dallas involvement in WRDA
- USACE record of decision (ROD) is scheduled to follow the Trinity Parkway ROD

# Next Steps

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# Questions



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