

# Memorandum



DATE February 1, 2013

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT S.M Wright Project and Job Opportunity Regional Pilot Program

On Wednesday, February 6, 2013, the City Council will be briefed on the S.M. Wright Project and the associated Job Opportunity Regional Pilot Program by the Texas Department of Transportation and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, respectively. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.



Jill A. Jordan, P.E.  
Assistant City Manager

## Attachments

c: Mary K. Suhm, City Manager  
Rosa Rios, City Secretary  
Thomas P. Perkins, Jr., City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Honorable Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge  
A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager  
Ryan S. Evans, Assistant City Manager  
Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer  
Frank Libro, Public Information Officer  
Stephanie Cooper, Assistant to the City Manager, Mayor and Council Office  
Rick Galceran, P.E., Director, Public Works Department  
Liz Fernandez, P.E., LEED AP, Director, Trinity Watershed Management

# Proposed SM Wright Project on I-45 / US 175 / SH 310

## Dallas City Council Briefing

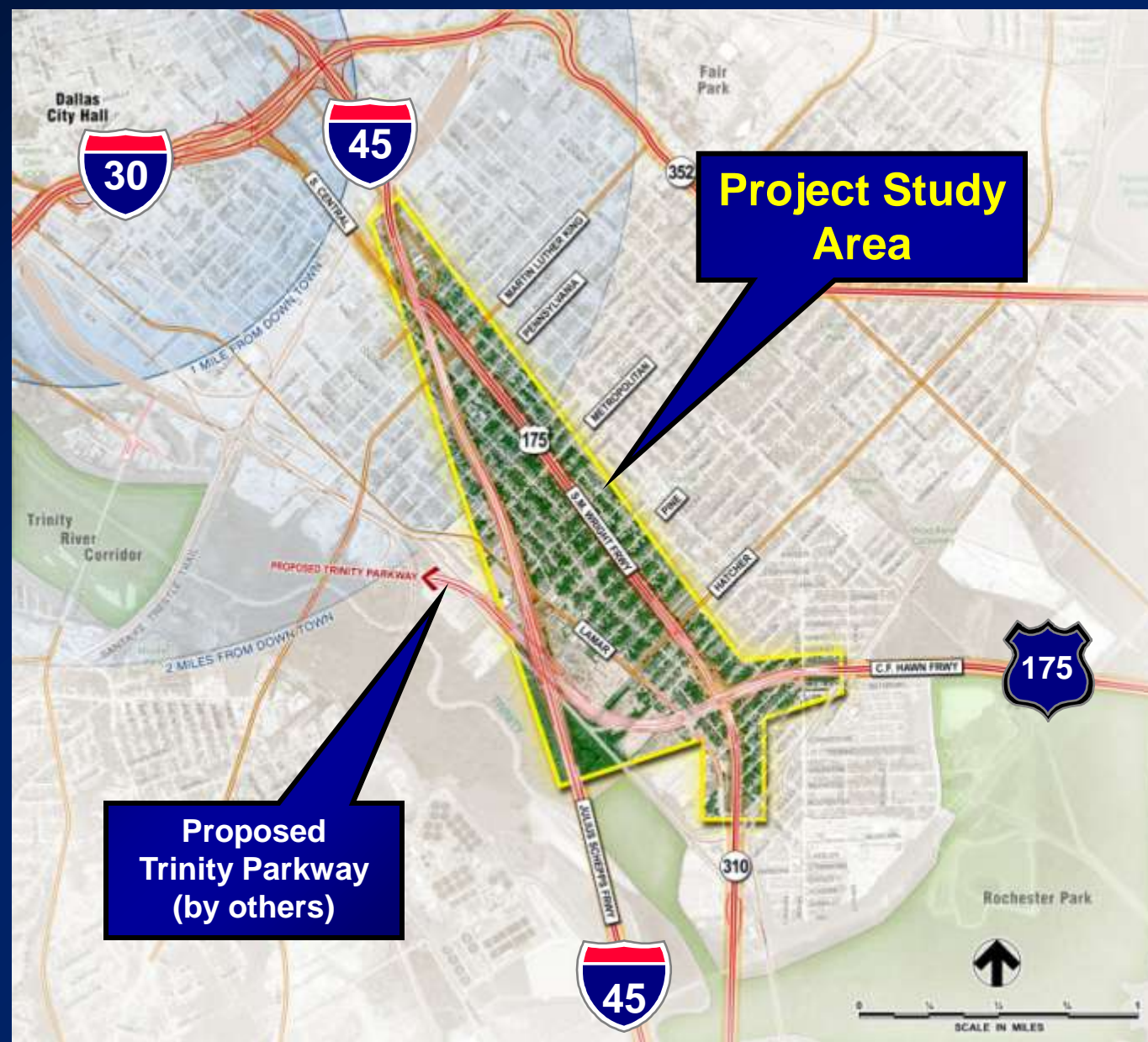


*Bill Hale, P.E.  
Dallas District Engineer*

*February 6, 2013*

Focus on

- Increased Safety through Removing the CF Hawn to SM Wright Bend
- Improved Mobility and Efficiency
- Enhancing Community Connectivity and Aesthetics.



# SM Wright Project Scope







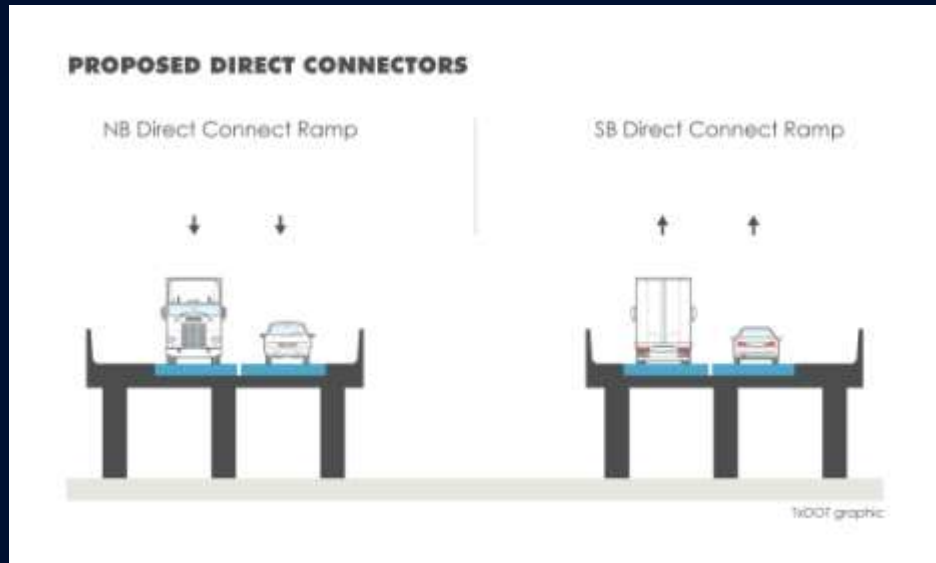
- Current 6-Lane freeway & frontage roads serve over 82,000 vehicles per day (vpd).
- Diversion to I-45 and Trinity Parkway reduces SM Wright traffic to about 50,000 vpd.
- Traffic reduction no longer needs freeway or bridges on SM Wright.
- Remaining local & through traffic volume requires only 6-lane signalized arterial.
- No added (new) right-of-way is anticipated for SM Wright. ROW is anticipated for US 175 connection to I-45.

# SM Wright Fundamentals



## Phase I

➤ Adds direct connecting ramps between US 175 CF Hawn Freeway & I-45



Phase I: US 175 to I-45 Connection





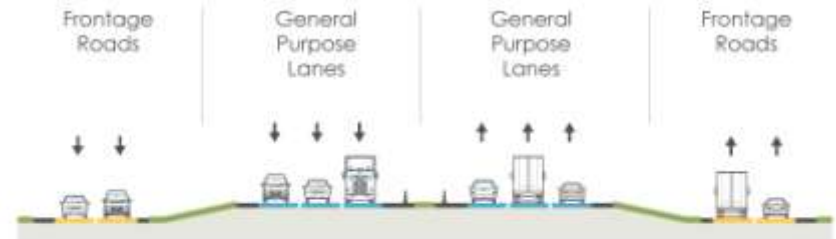
## Phase II: SM Wright Redevelopment

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- Converts SM Wright to a low speed, signalized, pedestrian-friendly, landscaped arterial



### EXISTING TYPICAL



### PROPOSED TYPICAL



TxDOT graphic



# Proposed Trinity Project

- Under study by NTTA
- Space for proposed Trinity Parkway provided within the direct connecting ramps from CF Hawn to I-45



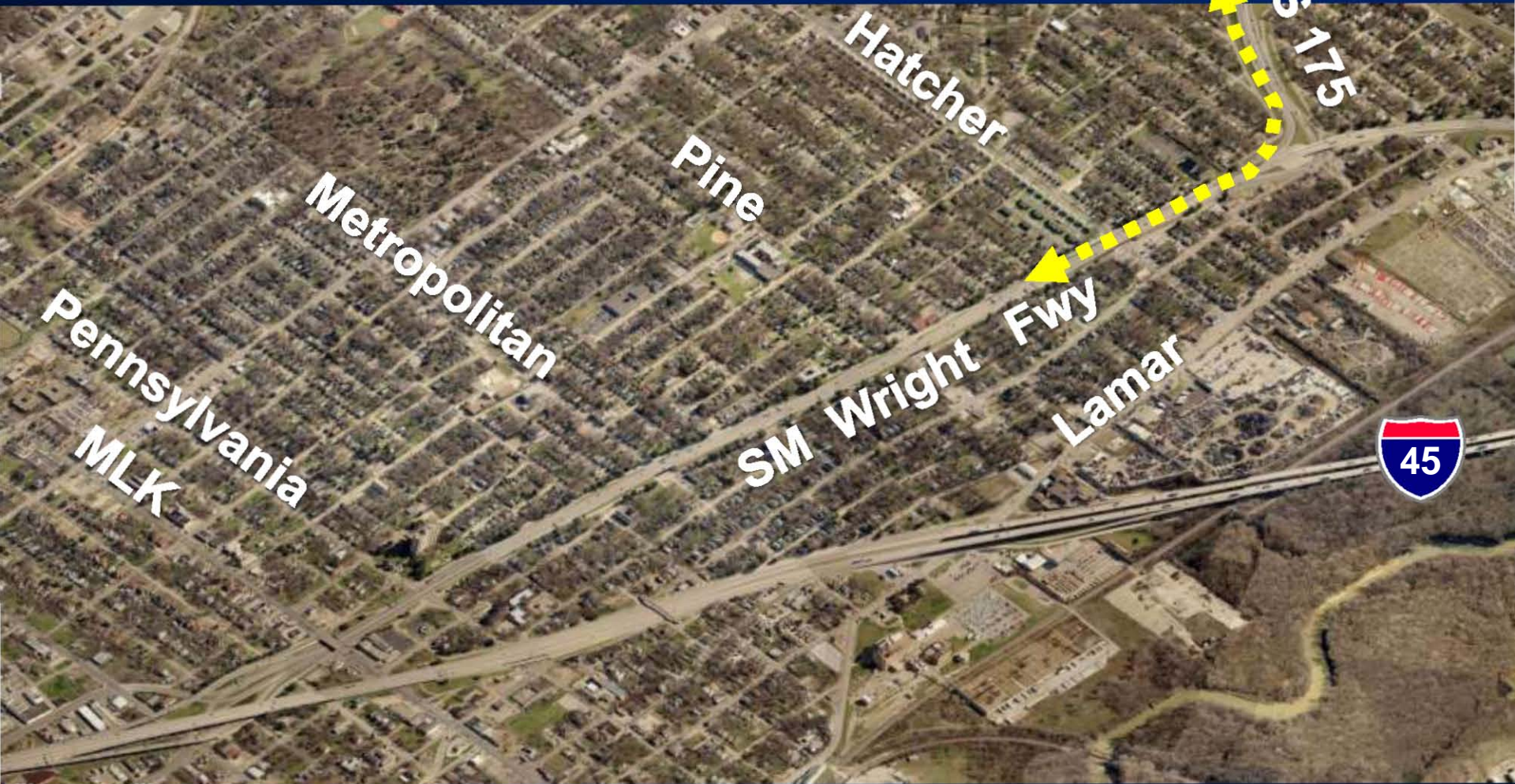








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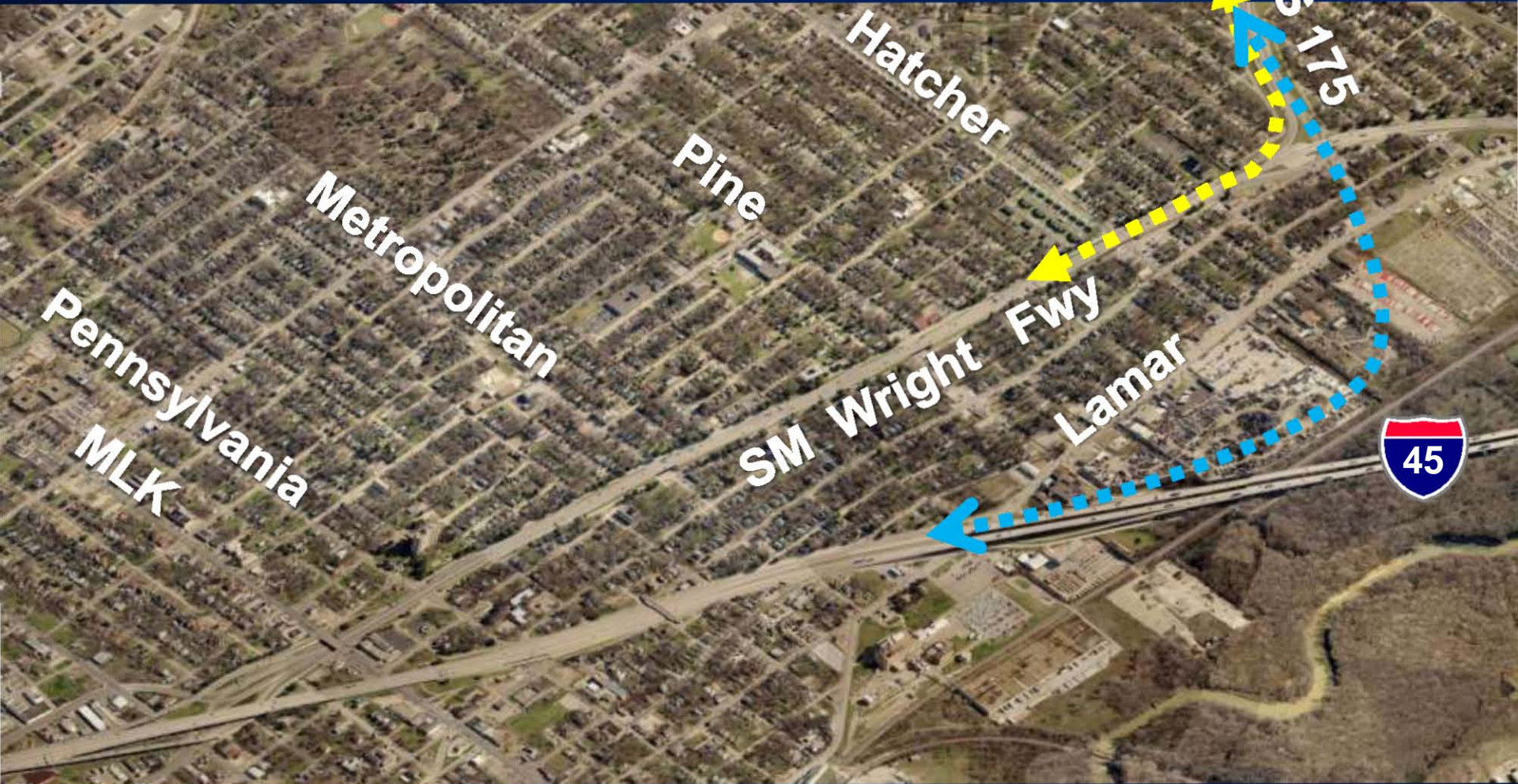


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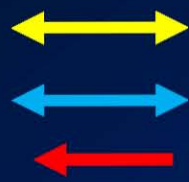


**Today's Commuter Flow**  
**Proposed Commuter Flow**

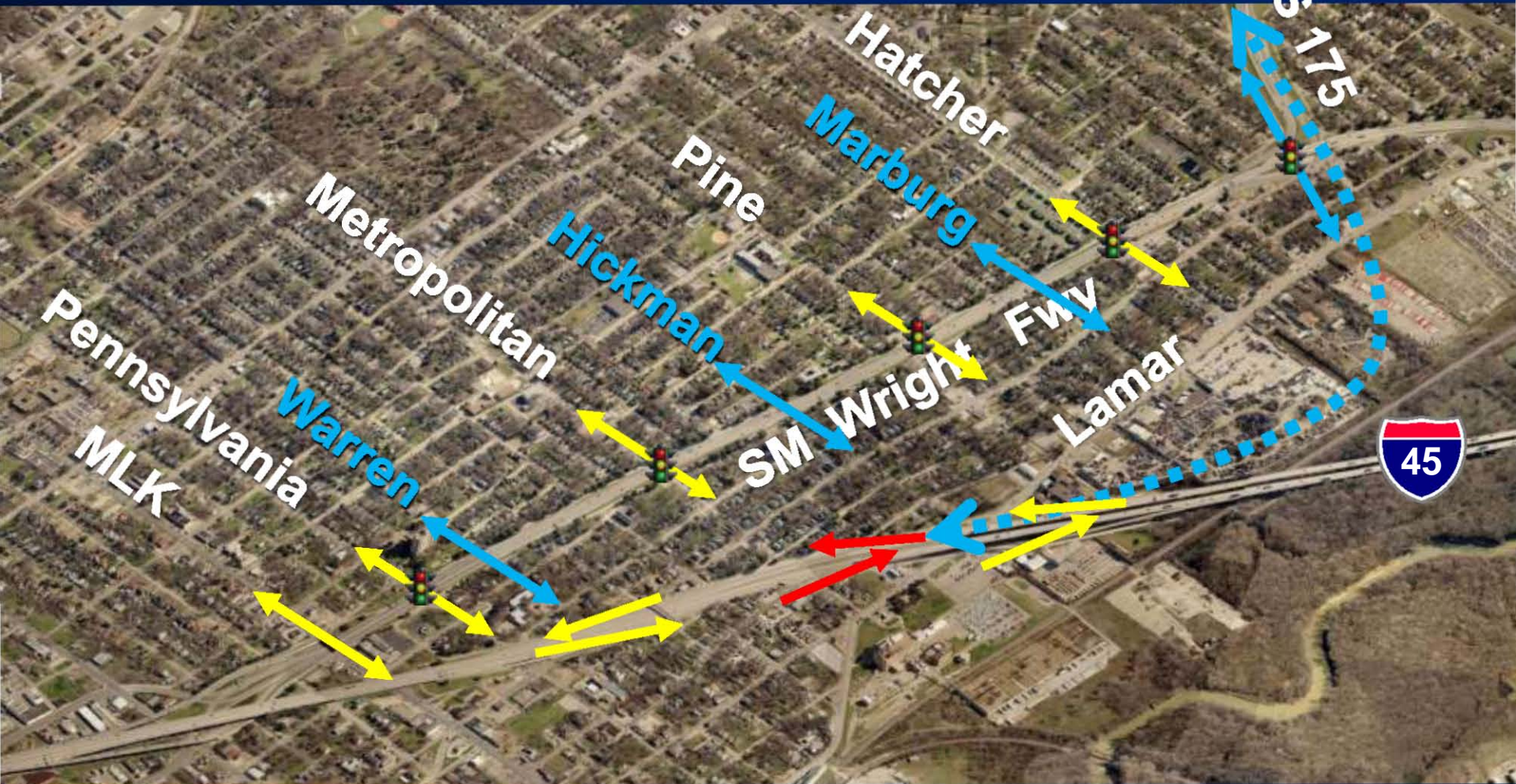


**This Project's Traffic Flow**





**Today's Access**  
**Added Access**  
**Combined Access**



**This Project's Access**







Lamar

SM Wright

US 175

310

Locator Map

SM Wright Project



175

175

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Approximately \$1 million spent by City of Dallas for early acquisitions.

**Legend**

- Proposed Right of Way
- Existing Right of Way
- Early Acquisition Property

# Dallas Right of Way Purchases







**Water Feature**



**Intersection Enhancement**



**SM Wright Redevelopment Aesthetics Master Plan**



# S.M. Wright Project

## Aesthetic Master Plan

Conceptual rendering, subject to further refinement



**SM Wright Redevelopment Aesthetics Master Plan Video**

**SM Wright Aesthetics**



## 4 Years of Cooperative Public Involvement

- 2 Dallas Council Trinity River Committee Briefings
- 5 Stakeholder Work Group Meetings
- City of Dallas Public Meeting
- 3 SM Wright Project TxDOT Public Meetings
- Trinity Pkwy NTTA Public Hearing
- 9 SM Wright Project Elected Officials Briefings

# S.M. Wright Public Hearing –

- Held January 31, 2013 at Park South YMCA
- Approximately 119 public attendees
- Public comments due by February 11, 2013
- Received 16 verbal and 9 written comments so far
- Most common comments:
  - Concerned with Penn./MLK Blvd access on I-45
  - Considered a catalyst for economic development
  - Improves safety by removing CF Hawn curve
  - Maintain existing and future landscape/roadways



Public Hearing –  
January 31, 2013

FHWA Approval  
(Anticipated) March 2013

City Council Resolution  
(Anticipated) Spring 2013

ROW Acquisition  
Summer/Fall 2013

Transfer SM Wright from TxDOT to  
City of Dallas after construction

ROW  
Acquired

Phase I  
I-45, US 175  
Let 2014  
Open 2016

Phase II  
SM Wright  
Let 2017  
Open 2019



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TxDOT Project Manager

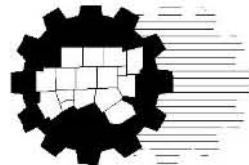
Texas Department of Transportation  
4777 E. Highway 80  
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Or visit the project web site at:  
[www.smwrightproject.org](http://www.smwrightproject.org)

# **THE S.M. Wright Job Opportunity Regional Pilot Program**

**Dallas City Council Briefing  
on February 6, 2013**

**Michael Morris, P.E.  
Christopher Anderson**



***North Central Texas  
Council of Governments***



# Regional Program Overview

Program has two Primary Components:

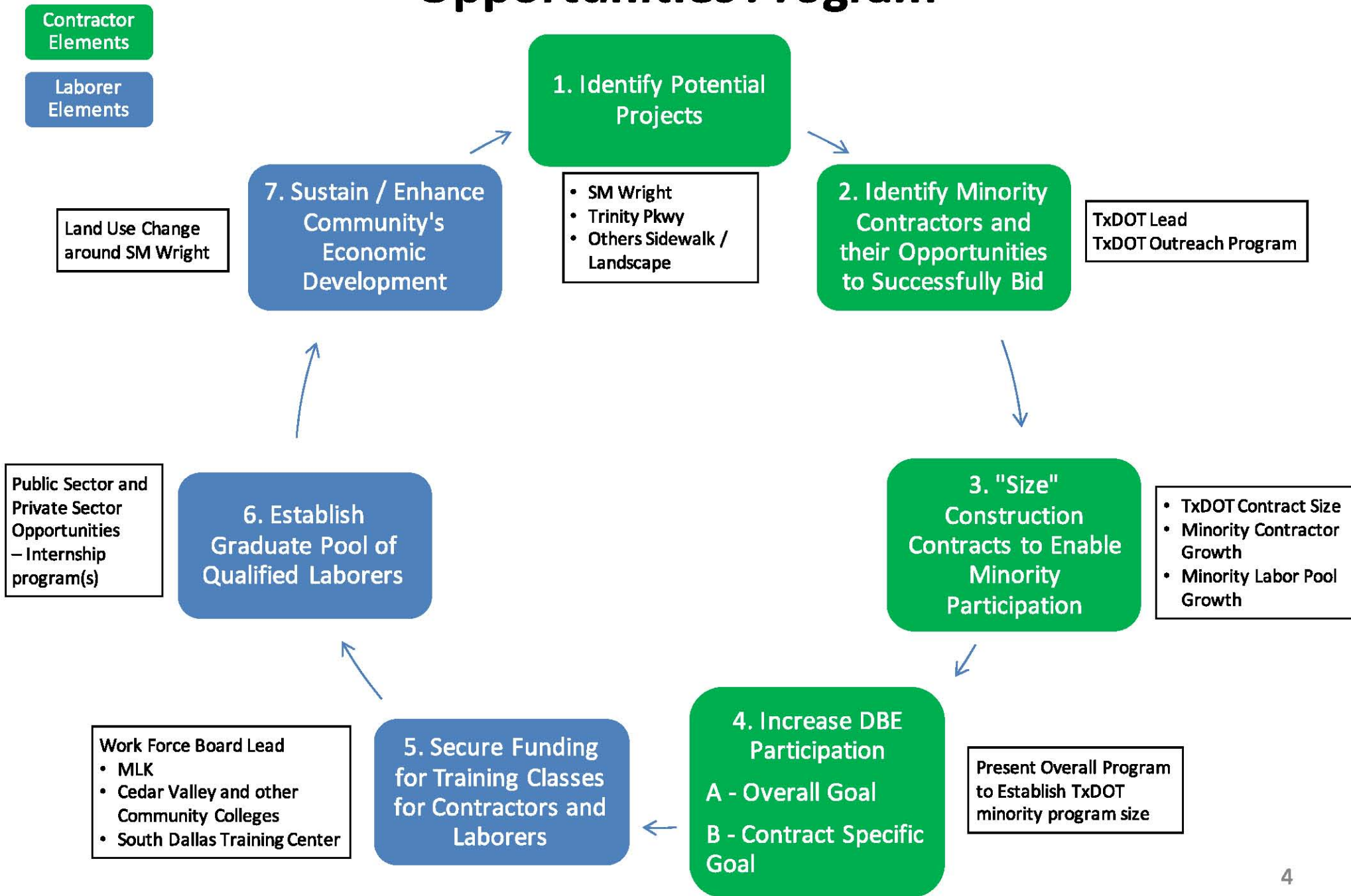
- **Residents**
  - trained to be employed on highway construction
  - Certified and Placed on highway construction projects
- **Minority Contractors**
  - Increase the number of TxDOT certified contractors:  
Increase competition
  - Improve chances for winning highway construction contracts

# Program Needs

- Shortage of Certified Transportation Construction Workers
- Enhanced Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprises “Competitive Effectiveness”
- Communication Plan on Transportation Projects in Southern Dallas



# Comprehensive Minority Contractor and Laborer Opportunities Program



# Program Funding (No City Funds Needed)

Amount	Source	Purpose
Up to \$500,000	Anticipated Work Force Development Grant	Work Force Training, Education
\$1,000,000	Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Federal / TxDOT funds	Communication Plan, Training Outreach, Contractor Outreach
\$1,000,000	RTC Federal funds	Sidewalks, Landscaping, Small Scale Construction Projects



# Program Support – Federal & Statewide

- FHWA Office of Civil Rights “excited by program’s possibilities”
- MAP21 – (most recent transportation authorization bill) approves use of federal funds for Workforce Development, Training and Education
- TxDOT to explore Statewide Application of Pilot Program