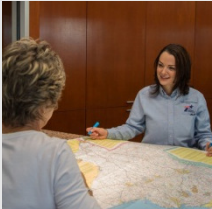




TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



# PUBLIC HEARING

## S.M. WRIGHT PHASE IIB PROJECT

SH 310 from Pennsylvania Ave. to N. of Al Lipscomb Way  
IH 45 from Lenway Street to Good Latimer Expressway  
City of Dallas



CSJs: 0092-01-059 & 0092-14-088

Thursday, December 15, 2016


***ELECTED & PUBLIC OFFICIALS***

***DISTRICT & AGENCY STAFF***

***CONSULTANTS***



## Public Hearing Purpose

- 1. Inform the public of project status and present recommendations**
  - 2. Describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected**
  - 3. Provide the public the opportunity to provide input**
  - 4. Develop a record of public participation**
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# Public Hearing Agenda

**1** Introduction

Mo Bur, P.E.

**2** Project Design Presentation

Matt Craig, P.E.

**3** Environmental Study and Right-of-Way

Matt Craig, P.E.

15 Minute Recess - Questions


**4** Public Comments

Mo Bur, P.E.

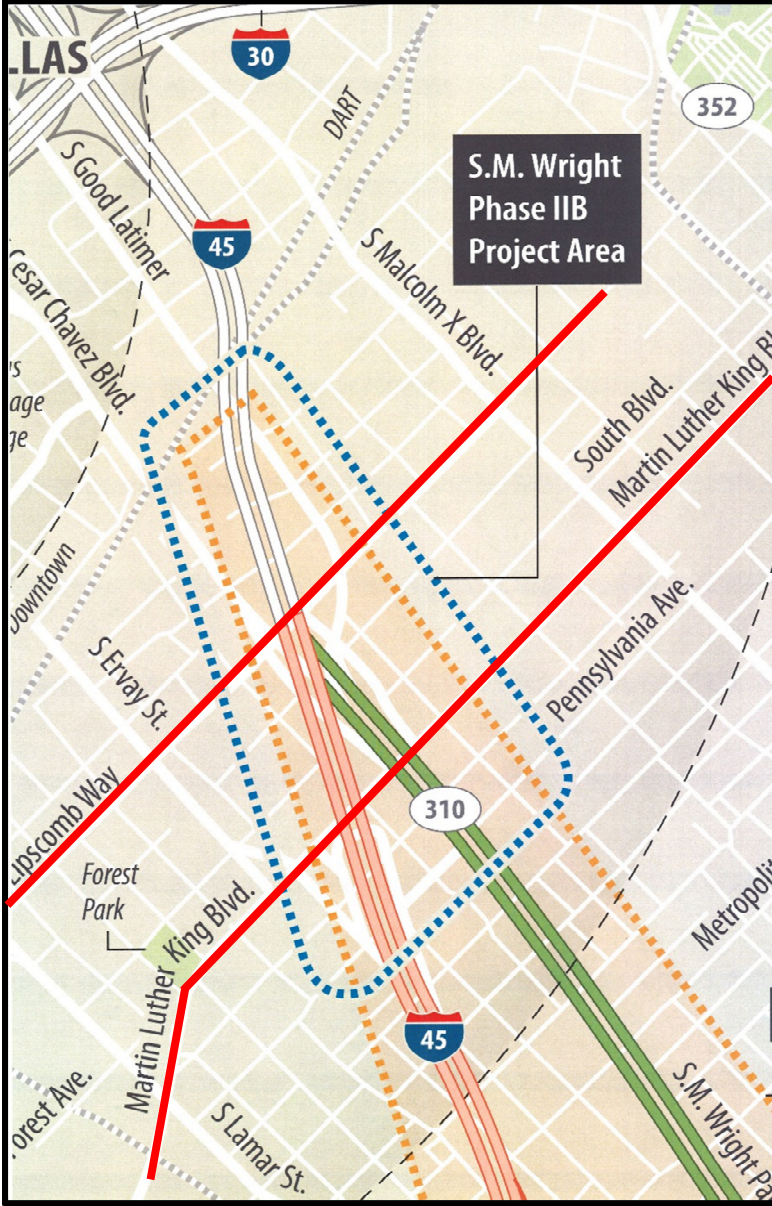
# Review and Approval of Environmental Document

***The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.***

### Schematics and Env. Doc. may be viewed at:

- TxDOT Dallas District Office  
4777 E. Highway 80  
Mesquite, TX 75150
  - City of Dallas City Hall  
1500 Marilla Street, Room 6BS  
Dallas, Texas 75201
  - Martin Luther King Branch Library  
2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Dallas, Texas 75215
  - Websites with Schematics:
    - <http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearing-meetings.html>
      - Under “Hearings and Meetings Schedule”
    - <http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/>
      - Under “Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting”
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# Project Location, Need and Purpose



## PROJECT LIMITS

- SH 310 (S.M. Wright Parkway): from Pennsylvania Avenue to north of Al Lipscomb Way (0.5 mile)
- IH 45: from Lenway St. to Good Latimer Expy. (1.0 mile)
- City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

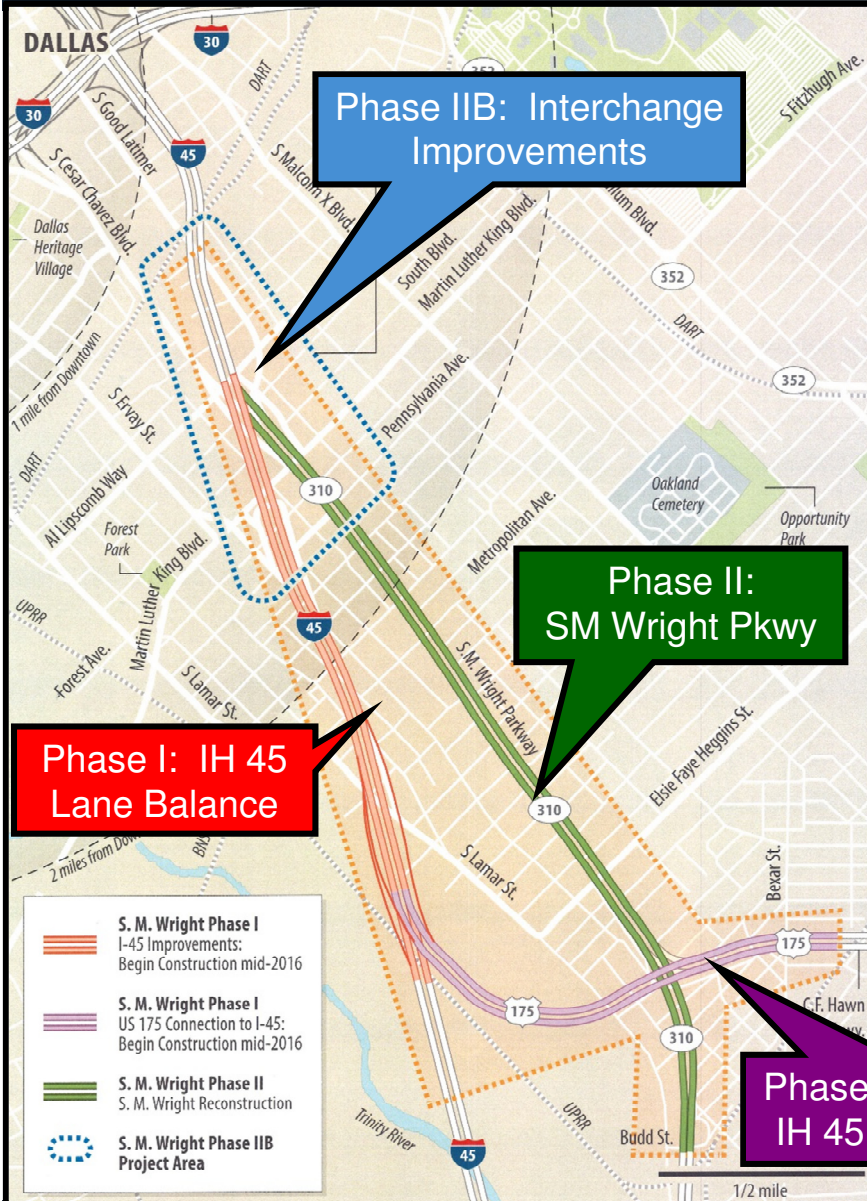
## NEED FOR PROJECT

- Address design and operational deficiencies of the existing IH 45 / S.M. Wright Parkway Interchange

## PROJECT PURPOSE

- Improve operability, connections, and mobility between IH 45 and Al Lipscomb Way and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

# S.M. Wright Project Phasing Overview



## Phase I

- Adds direct-connecting ramps between US 175 and IH 45
- Provides appropriate lane balance on IH 45 to facilitate new ramps from US 175
- Let in February 2016

## Phase II

- Convert S.M. Wright Parkway from a freeway to a low speed, signalized, pedestrian-friendly, landscaped arterial
- Construction to begin in April 2019 after Phase I construction is completed

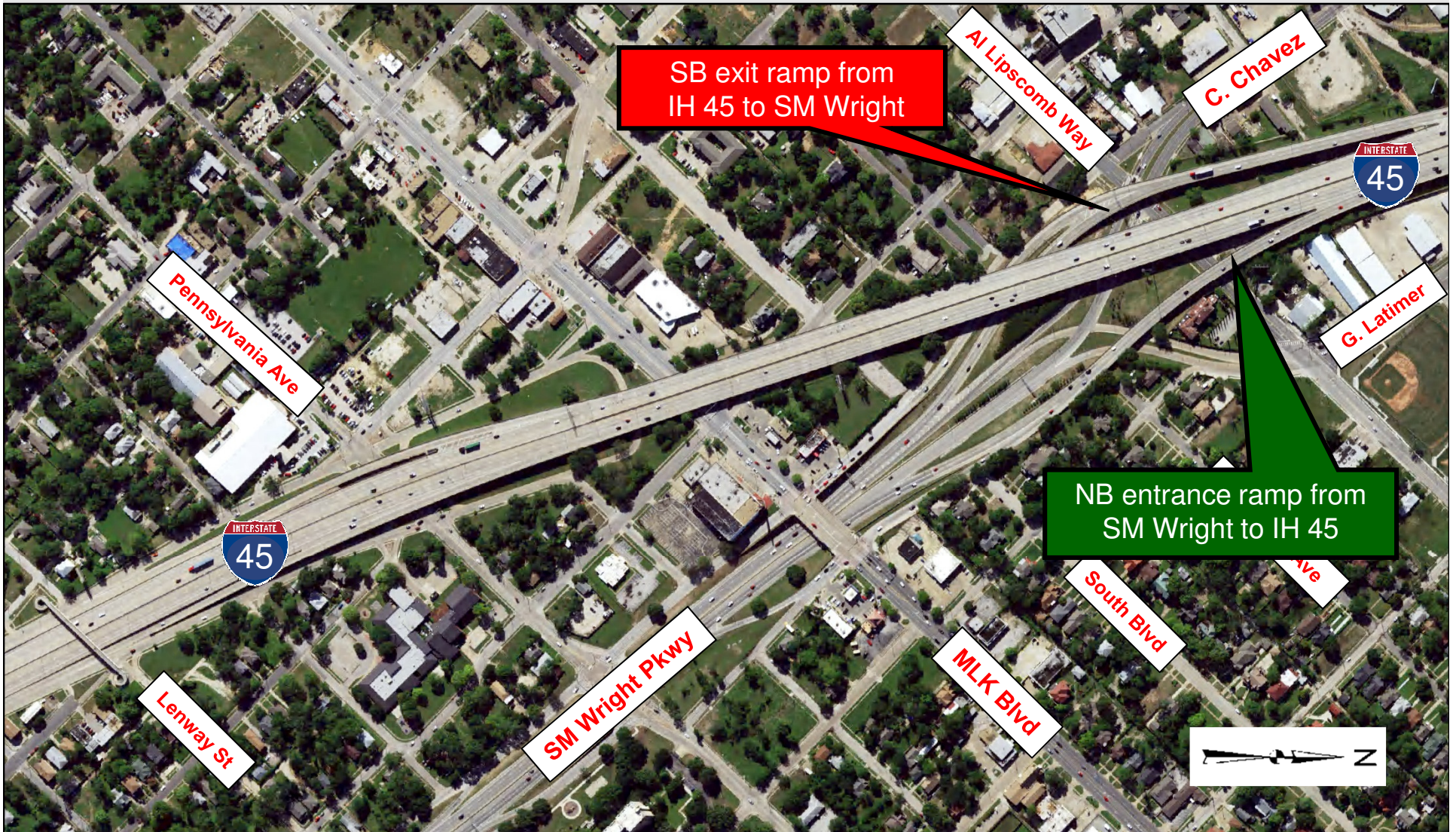
## Phase IIB

- Improve operability, connections, and mobility between IH 45 and Al Lipscomb Way and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
- This phase is the subject of this public hearing



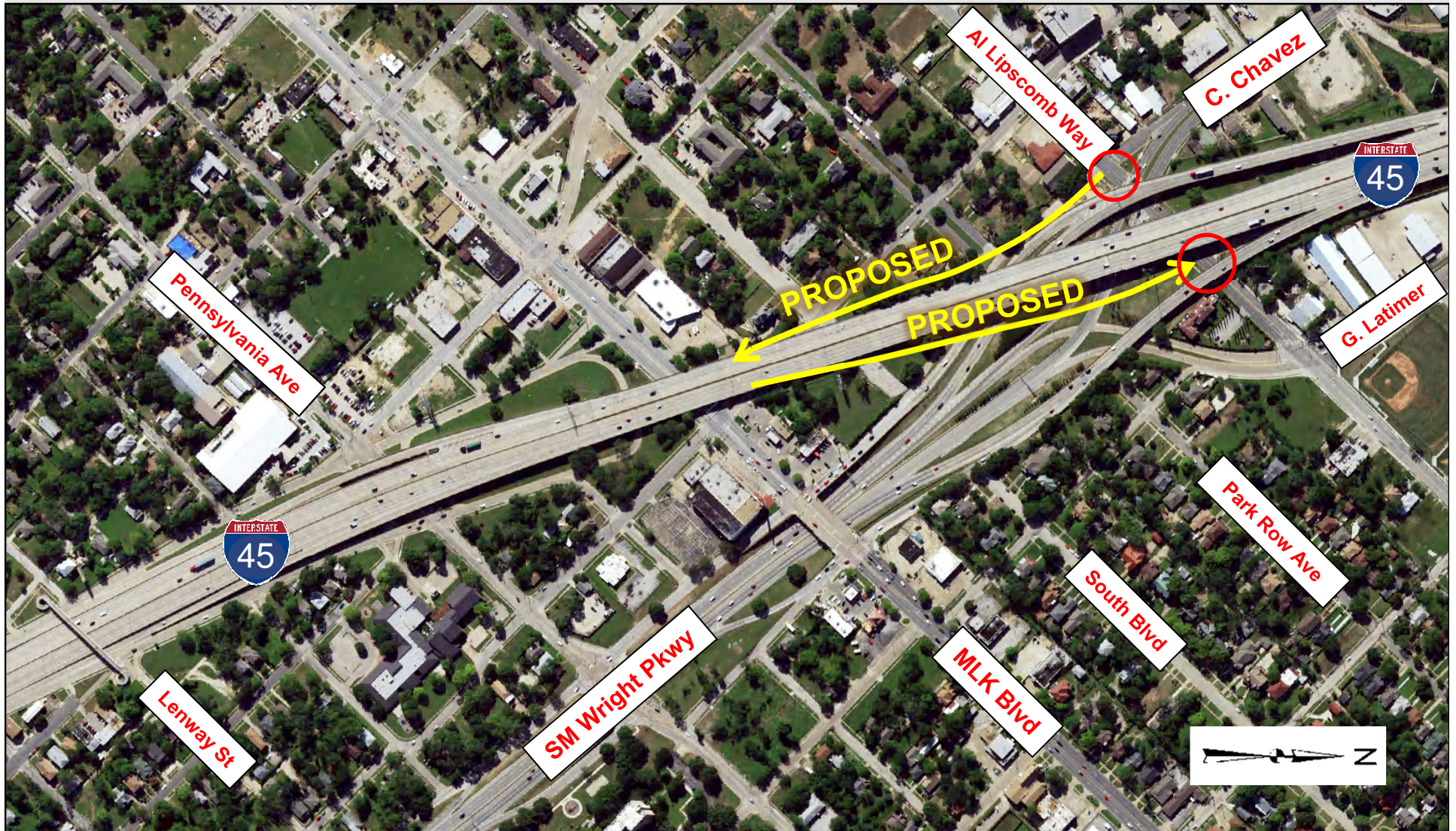
# Existing Facility

- Existing S.M. Wright has freeway ramp connections to/from IH 45



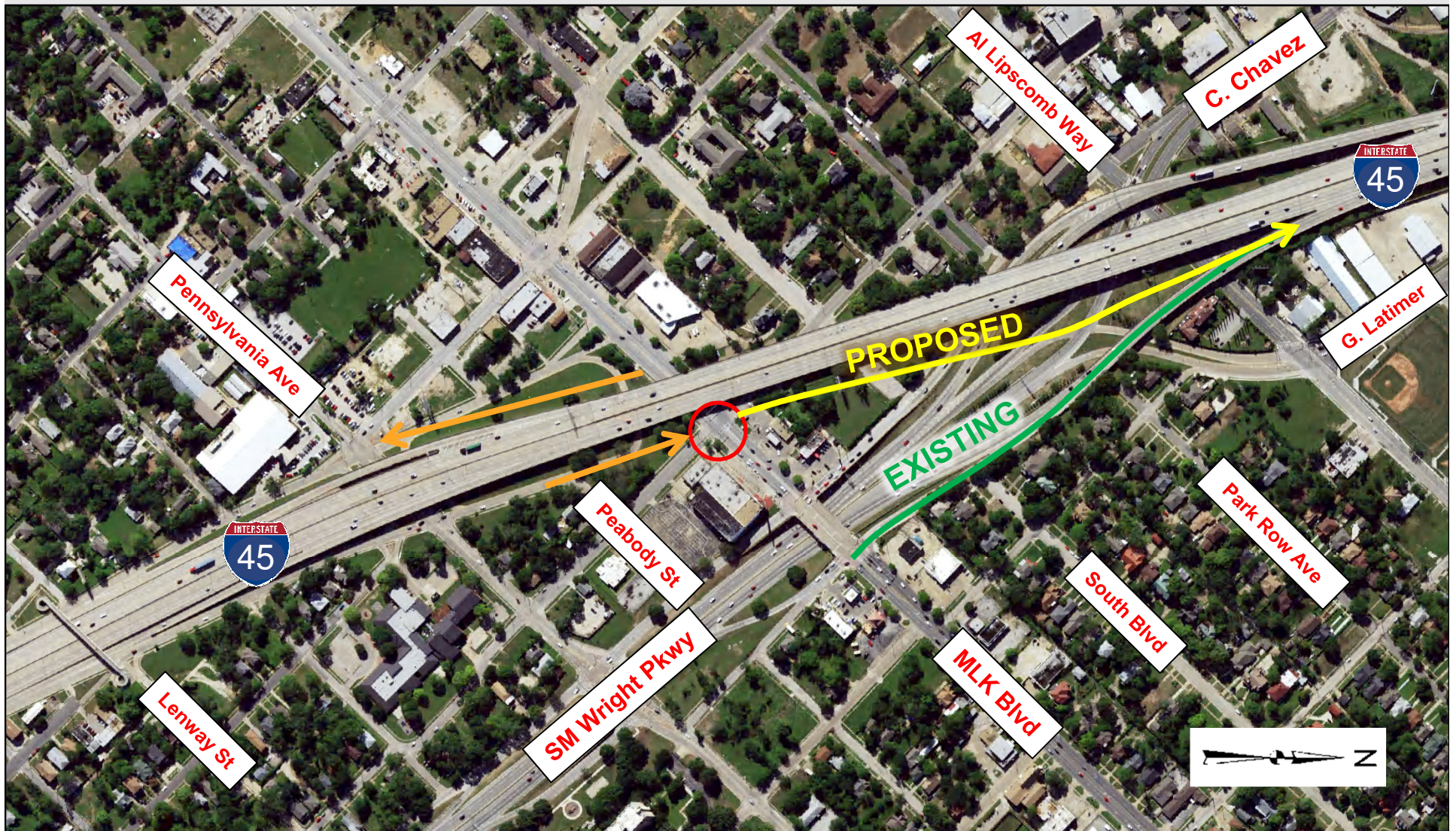
# Proposed Facility

- IH 45 and Al Lipscomb Way: Proposed NB Exit and SB Entrance



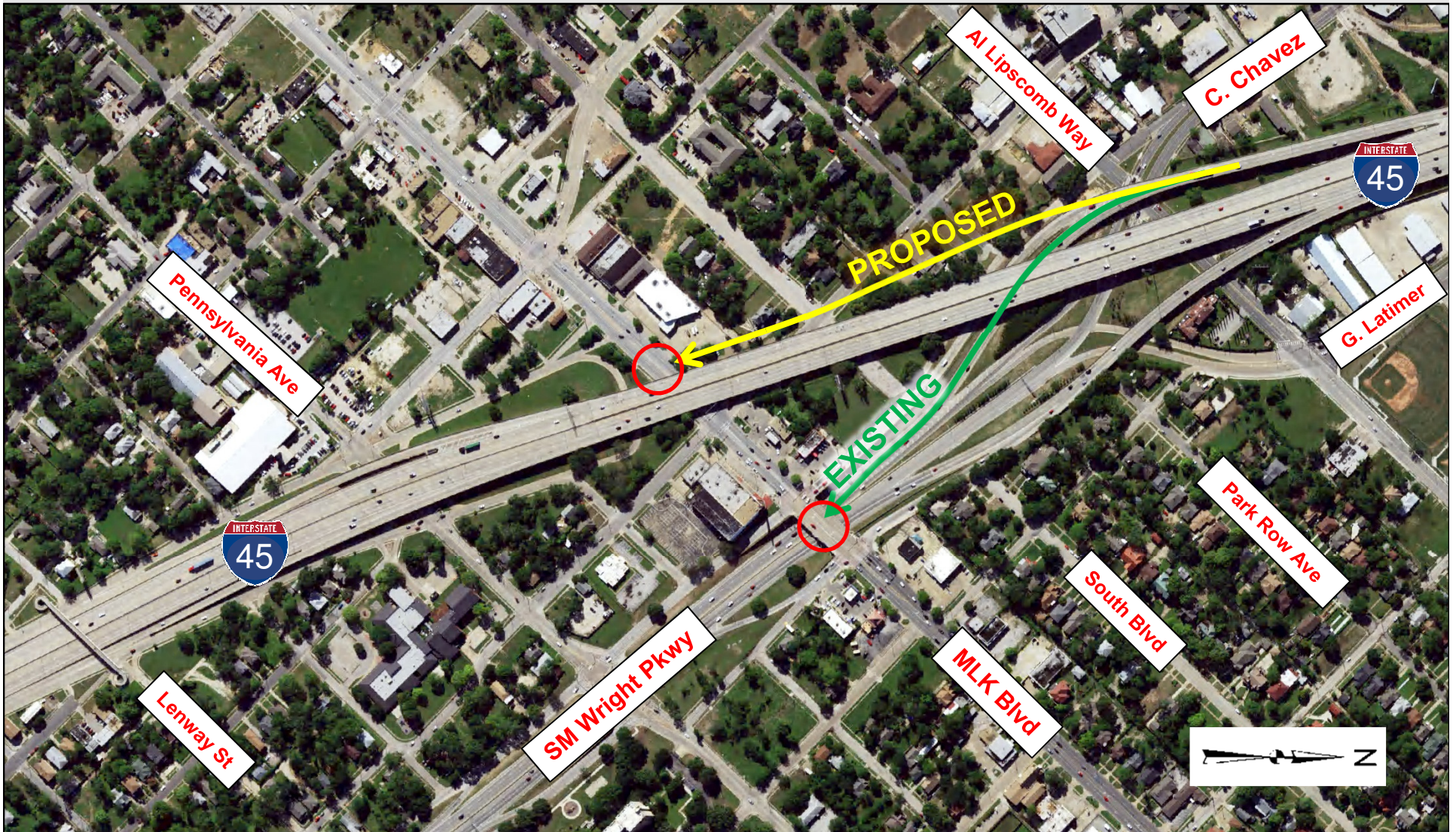
# Proposed Facility

- Relocate NB Entrance from MLK & Extend NB Frontage Road



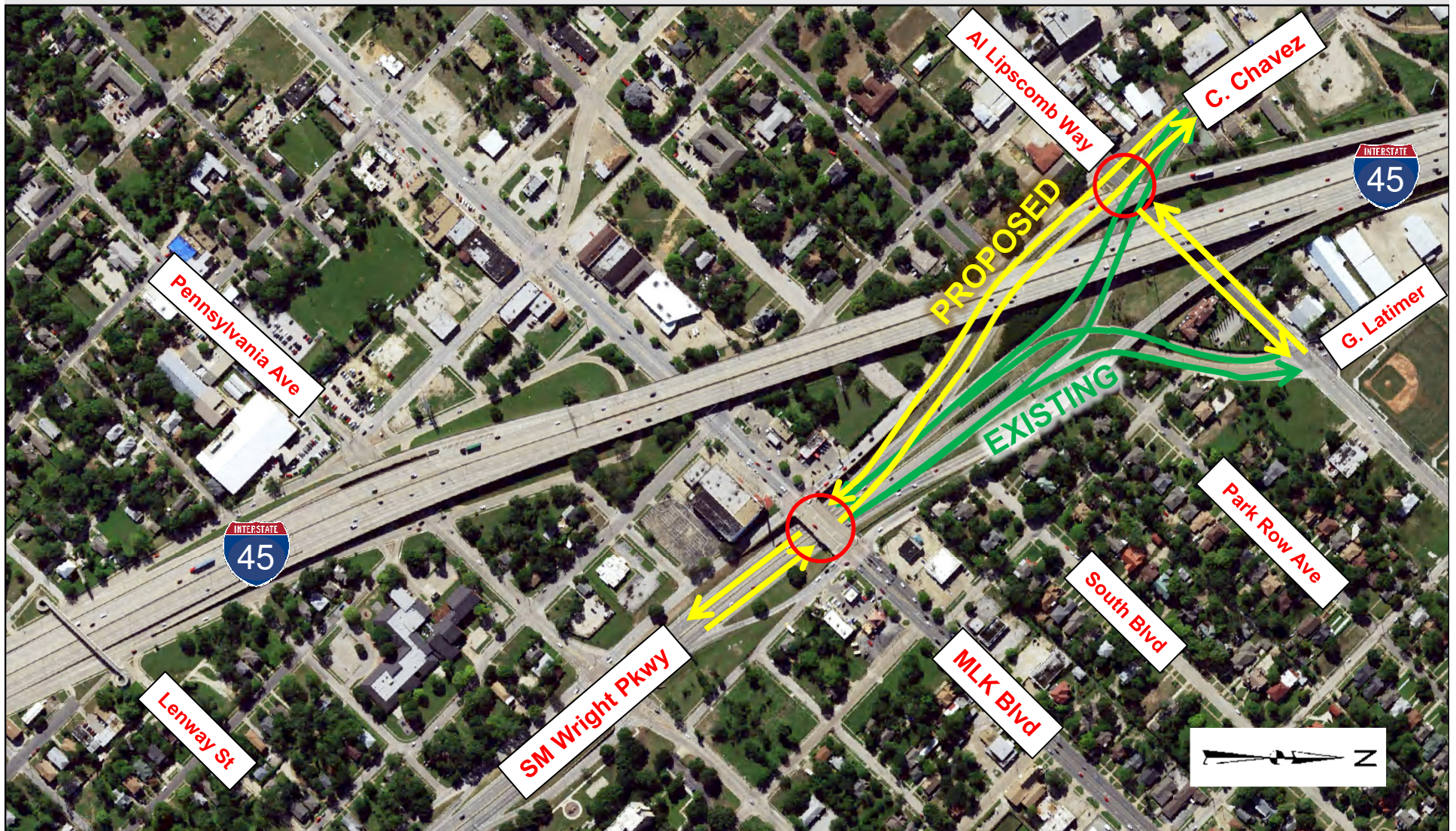
# Proposed Facility

- Relocate SB Exit to MLK Boulevard



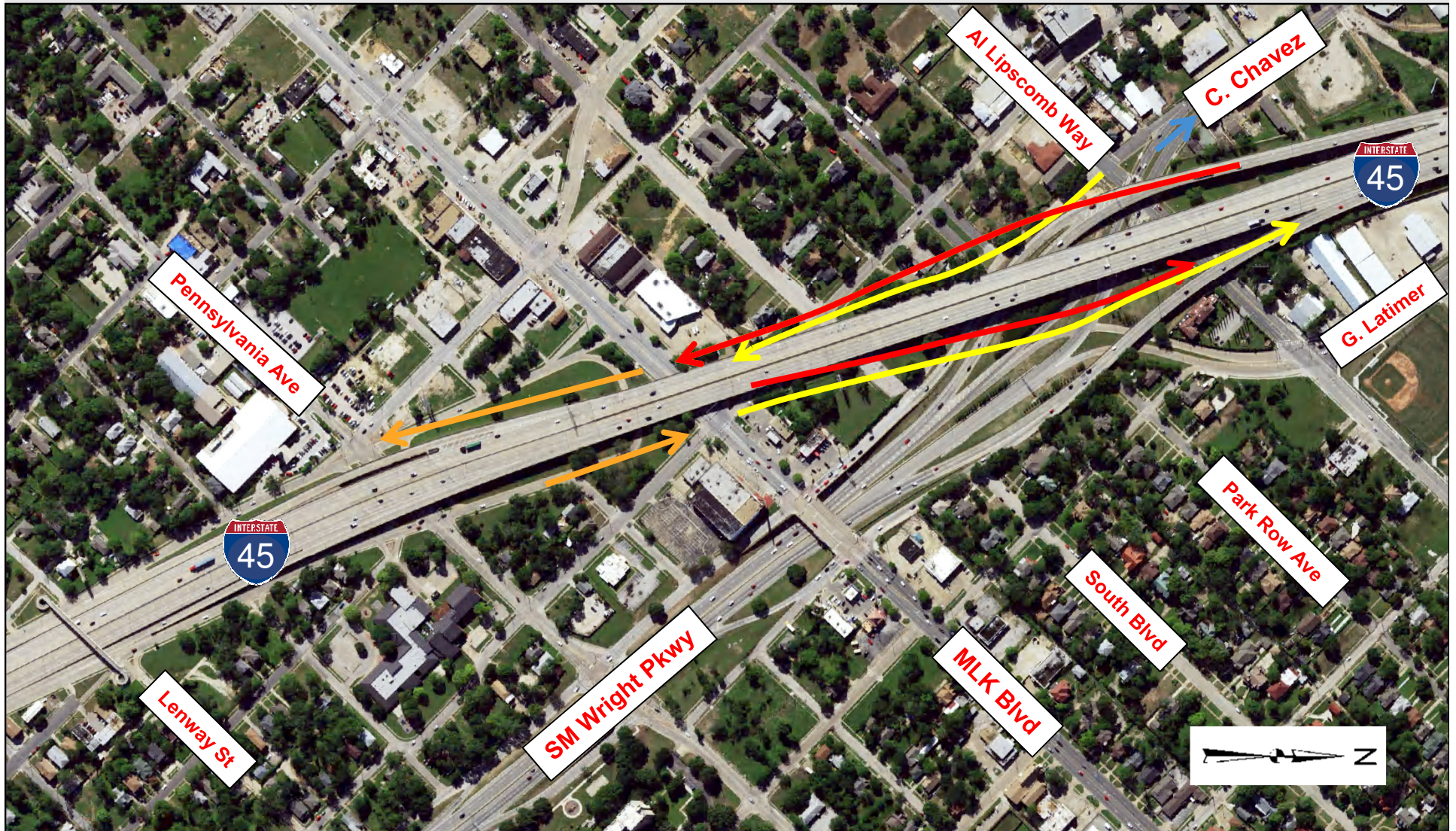
# Proposed Facility

- Reconfigure S.M. Wright's Connections to Cesar Chavez and Good Latimer



# Proposed Facility

## Overall Proposed Interchange Redesign



# Proposed View from S.M. Wright Parkway Looking North



## Proposed Description

- **Frontage roads would have:**
  - One **12-foot** inside lane
  - One **14-foot** outside share-use lane for bicycle accessibility
  - A pedestrian sidewalk six feet wide
  
- **S.M. Wright Parkway**
  - Three lanes in each direction: **11-foot** inner; **14-foot** outer
  - Dedicated turn lanes at cross streets: **11** feet wide
  - Median, and sidewalks (six to **12** feet wide) throughout
  
- **All intersections with major cross streets would be signalized**



- **Underground and overhead utilities**
  - Adjustments and relocations may be required prior to and during construction of the proposed project
  - No substantial interruptions are anticipated

- **Current Let Date:**  
**April 2019**
  - **Construction Duration:**  
**Approximately three years**
  - **Estimated Total Phase IIB Project Cost:**  
**\$31.4 Million**
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**IMPACTS ADDRESSED**

**Land Use**

**Archeological Resources**

**Historical Resources**

**Community Cohesion**

**Right-of-Way Acquisition**

**Traffic Noise**

**Vegetation / Habitat**

**Wildlife Resources**


**Waters of the U.S. / Wetlands**

**Water Quality**

**Air Quality**

**Hazardous Materials**



- **Proposed Right-of-Way (ROW) and Displacements**
    - Approximately **1.7** acres of additional ROW needed
    - No residential displacements
    - Two commercial displacements
    - A former city fire station would be displaced
    - No public facilities in operation would be displaced
    - Estimated **5.8** acres of surplus right-of-way
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### Historic Properties

- One bridge (MLK Blvd.) determined eligible for listing in the National Register would be affected.
- Coordination between TxDOT and SHPO is ongoing to mitigate impacts from removal of the historic bridge.

### Traffic Noise

- Noise impacts identified.
- Noise abatement measures are feasible and reasonable at two locations along the NB IH 45 exit ramp and frontage road (near Pennsylvania Ave.).


**Conclusion: Studies, analysis, and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant impacts**

- **What happens after the Public Hearing?**
    - **Public Comment Period**
    - **Anticipated Environmental Clearance**
    - **Plan Preparations**
    - **Funding**
    - **Approval of Construction Plans**
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- **15 minute recess**
- **Comment period following recess**



**Recess**  
**15 minutes**





### Comment Period

- Please note that we will not attempt to respond to your comments at this time. All substantive comments will be fully considered and responded to in the project record.



Questions and comments may be mailed to:

**Mailing Address**

TxDOT Dallas District Office  
Attn: Mr. Stephen Endres, P.E.  
4777 E. Highway 80  
Mesquite, TX 75150-6643

- Written comments must be postmarked by [Friday, December 30, 2016](#)
- Project information is available for inspection at:
  - [www.keepitmovingdallas.com](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com) under “Upcoming Public Hearings/Meetings”

- **So that everyone may speak, please limit your comments to three minutes.**



Thank you for your interest in the

**S.M. Wright**  
**Phase IIB Project**

