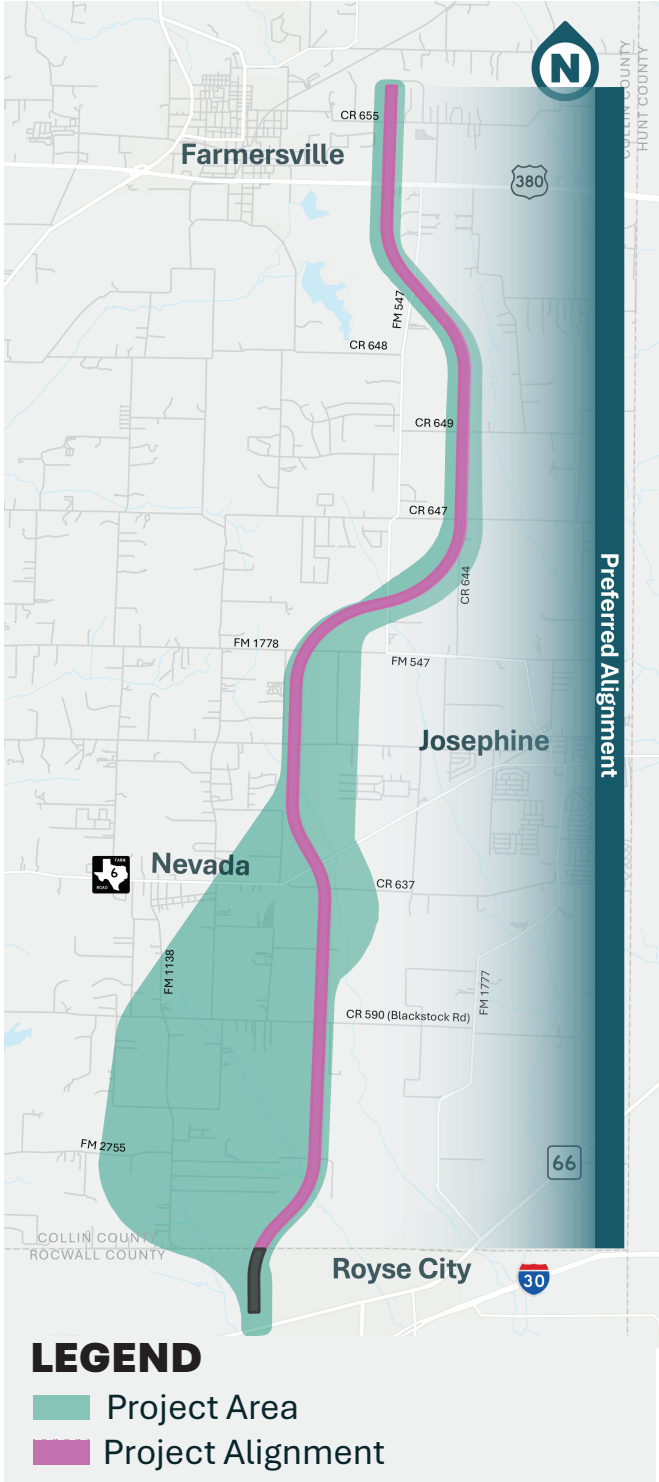


# COLLIN COUNTY OUTER LOOP - SOUTHEAST

## Schematic Design & Environmental Study



### Project Description

**Project Type:** Schematic Design and Environmental Study

**Project Limits:**

- County Road (CR) 656 in Farmersville to the Rockwall County Line

**Project Length:** Approximately 14 miles

**Construction Start:** 2028 (estimated)

Collin County is conducting a study to finalize the alignment of the segment of the Collin County Outer Loop in the southeast part of the county from County Road 656 in Farmersville to the Rockwall County Line. A previous study evaluated the feasibility of multiple alignments and identified the previous Technically Preferred Alignment (PTPA) in 2009/2010. The current project identified potential revisions to the PTPA, and will develop preliminary engineering and conduct an environmental study. Collin County has identified a new preferred alignment for the full project limits as the “Pink Alignment”, including the western shift of the alignment in the middle part of the study area. More information can be viewed on the project website at [www.ccol-se.com](http://www.ccol-se.com).

The proposed project will be constructed in phases. Construction staging will depend on availability of funding and traffic demand along the corridor. The first phase of construction will be right-of-way acquisition, then the construction of one 2-lane frontage road.

### Project Purpose & Need



#### Manage Congestion

Collin County’s high growth rate is expected to continue, and the population could reach over 3 million in the next 30 years and beyond.



#### Improve Connectivity

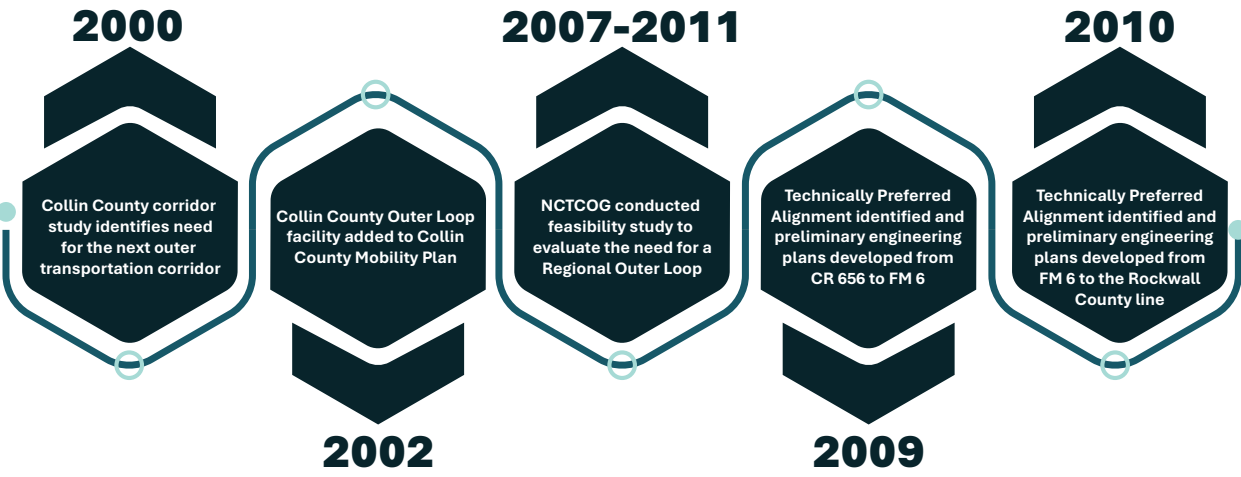
Current roadways within the study area predominately consist of two-lane county roads and Farm-to-Market (FM) highways. The existing infrastructure network does not facilitate the level of mobility needed as population growth and development occur.



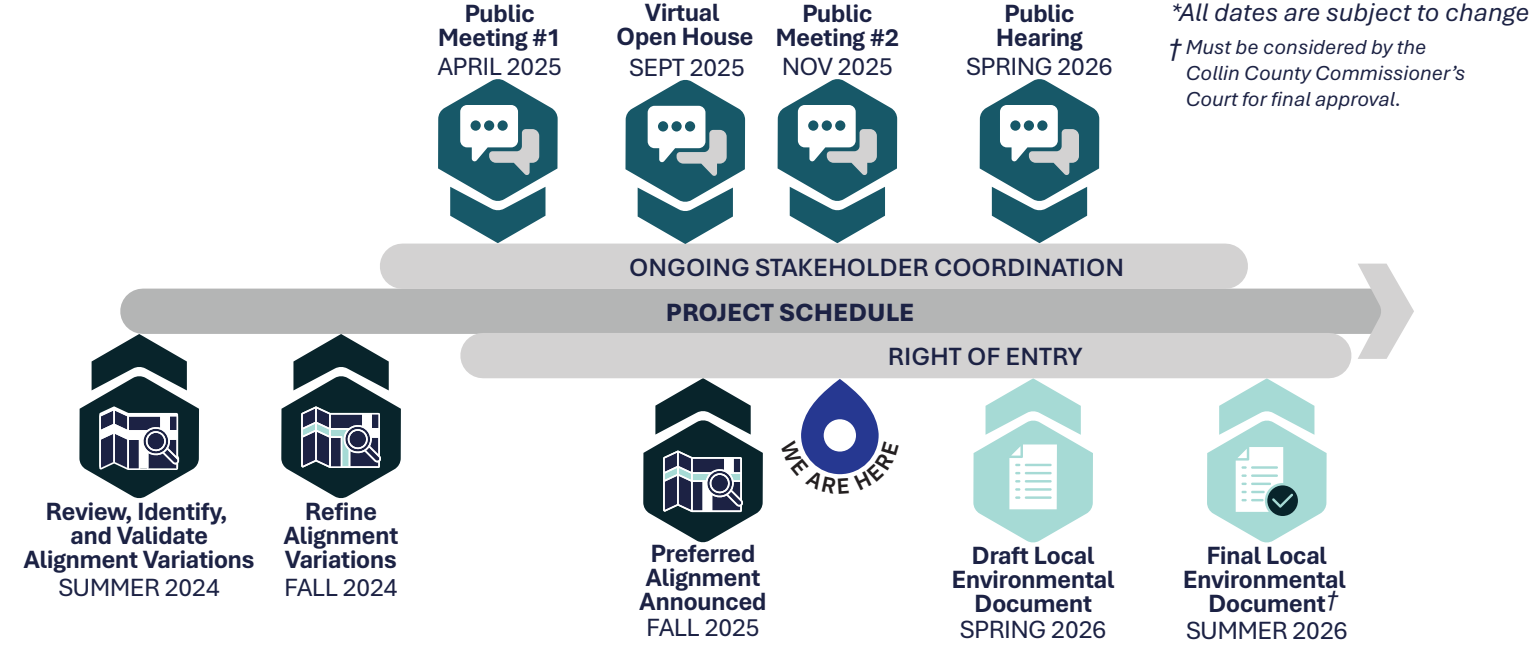
#### Enhance Safety

Adding a freeway into the transportation network will help decrease traffic on existing FM and local roadways. A decrease in traffic volumes typically observes a reduction in crash rates.

### Background



### Project Schedule



### Project Tasks

- Schematic Design and Engineering**  
A Schematic Design is being developed for the Preferred Alignment. The schematic design process includes determining the preferred location of the alignment, developing the lane and interchange configurations and other preliminary engineering, and determining the amount of right-of-way needed to construct the project.
- Traffic and Safety Analysis**  
A Traffic and Safety Analysis confirmed that the existing two-lane rural and Farm-to-Market roads are not designed to safely handle future traffic growth. Modeling showed that adding a freeway reduces local congestion by separating high-speed regional traffic from local trips. The Collin County Outer Loop aims to reduce congestion, improve safety, and provide a more predictable driving environment as the area grows.
- Environmental Studies**  
Field studies will assess potential impacts of the project on residences and businesses, archaeological, historical, cultural, and biological resources, community facilities, and other relevant criteria. The project team will prepare a Local Environmental Document that evaluates the potential impacts of the Preferred Alignment.
- Stakeholder Outreach and Public Involvement**  
Public involvement is a fundamental component of this study. Two public meetings, one virtual open house, and one public hearing will be held at key development milestones to provide updates and gather feedback from the public. In addition, regular coordination with local cities and stakeholders will occur throughout the project duration.

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This project is being led by Collin County, in consultation with project area cities, NCTCOG, and other stakeholders.