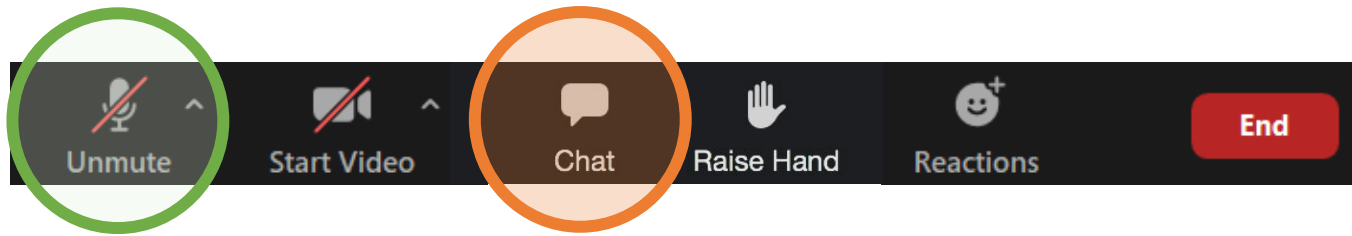


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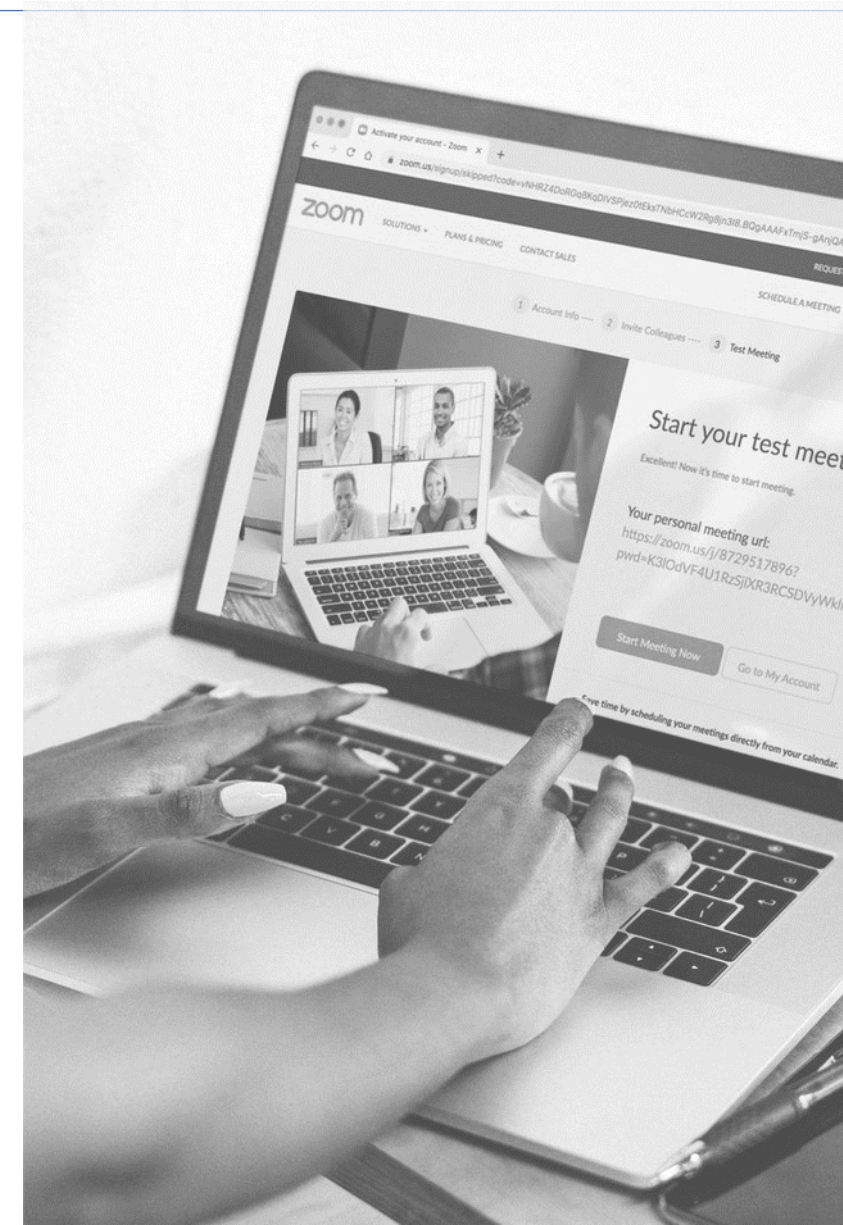
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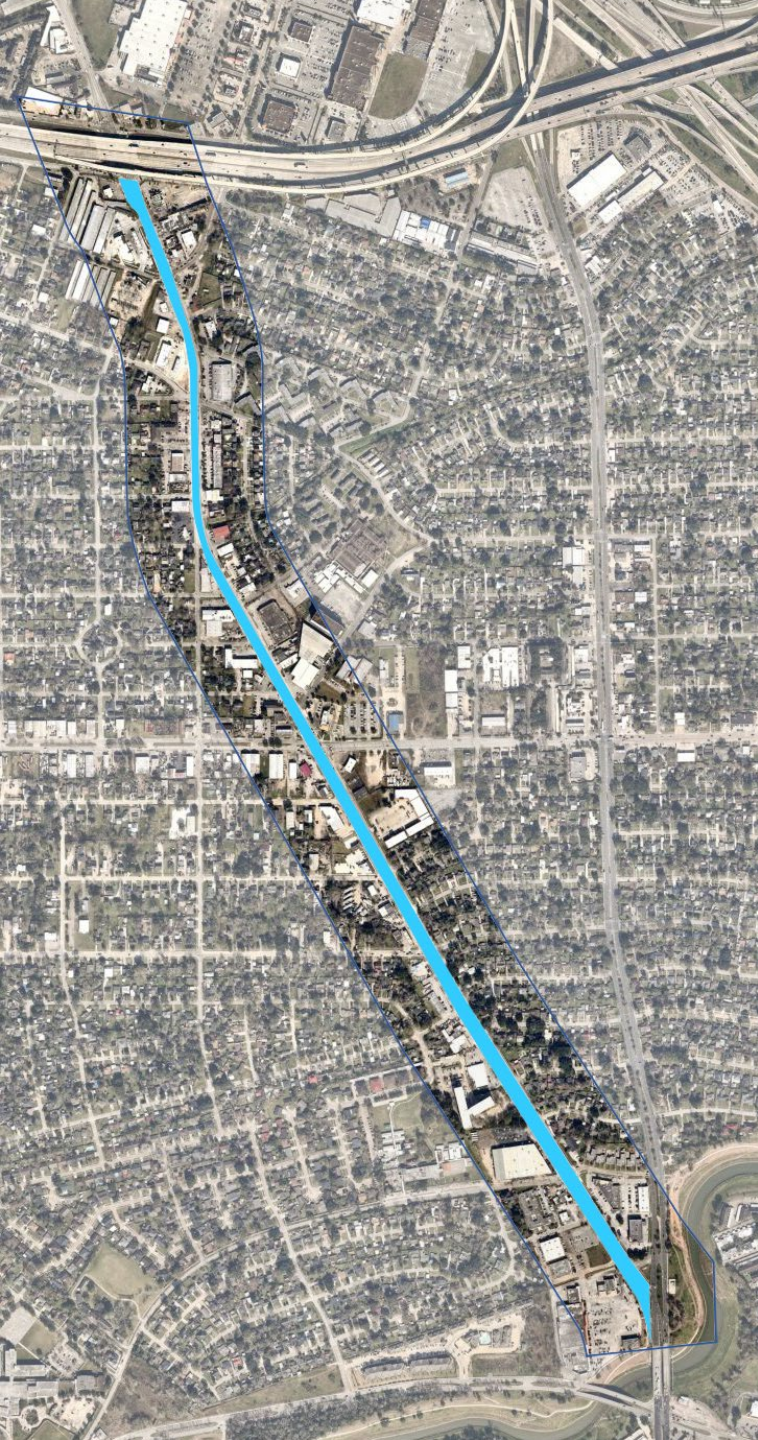


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## Potential Telephone Road Reconstruction Project

*Public Meeting*

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
6:30 to 7:30 P.M.**



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# Agenda

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# TIRZ 8 / Gulfgate Redevelopment Authority

## What is a TIRZ?

- **T**ax **I**ncrement **R**einvestment **Z**one
- 180+ in Texas (27 in Houston)
- Economic development tool
- Used for public infrastructure improvements & enhancements
- Funded by ad valorem Property Taxes
- Example Projects:
  - Park Place Blvd Improvements
  - Multiple Streets & Sidewalk Improvements
    - Repaved MLK Blvd
    - Repaved portion of Bellfort Ave

Bellfort Ave at Luce St



## Board of Directors

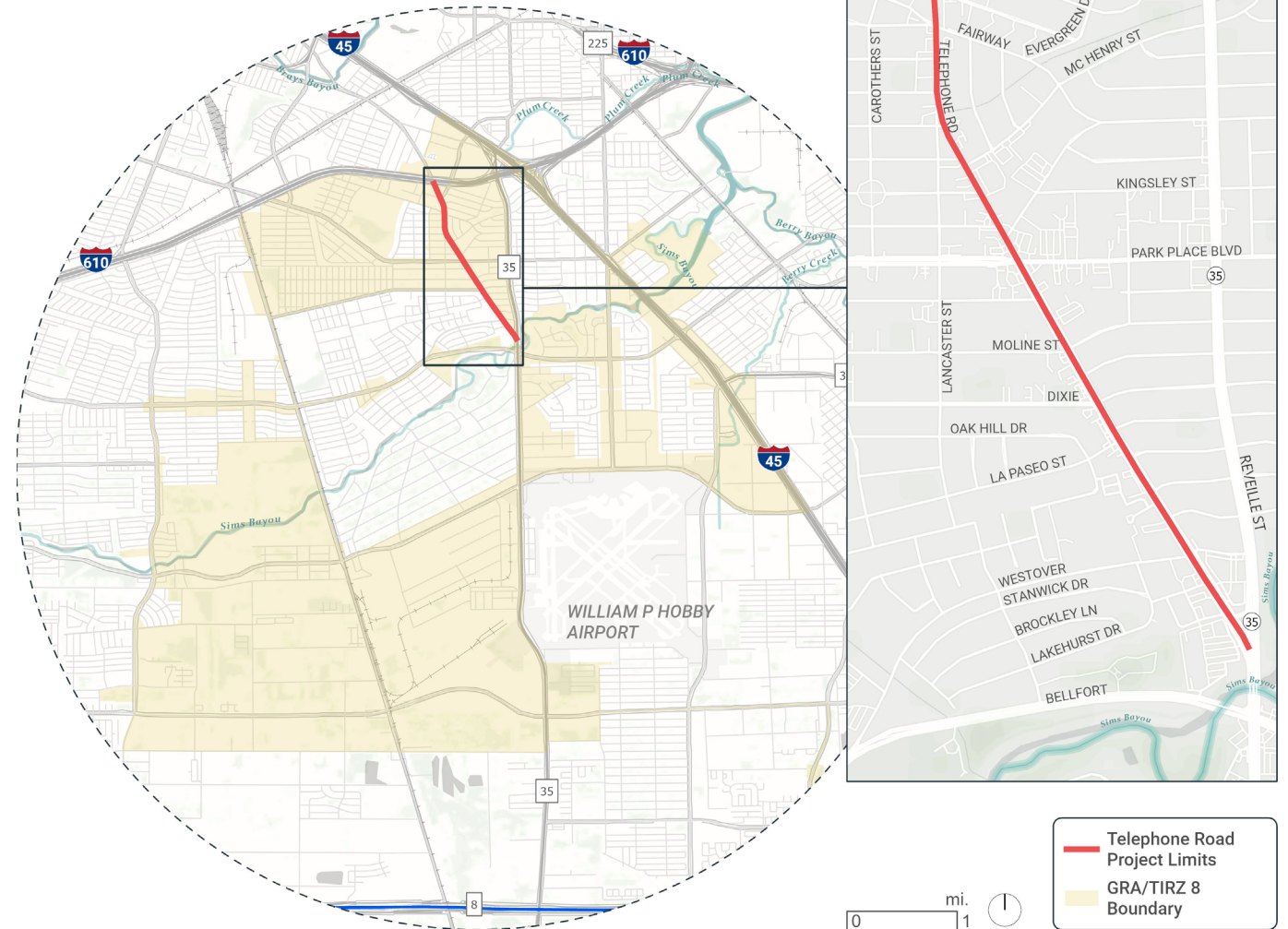
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- Position 3: Tracy Stephens\*
- Position 4: M.E. “Sonny” Garza, *Chairman*
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- Position 7: Dr. Samuel Sarabia

*\*Members of the Telephone Road Subcommittee*

# Project Information

## Telephone Road

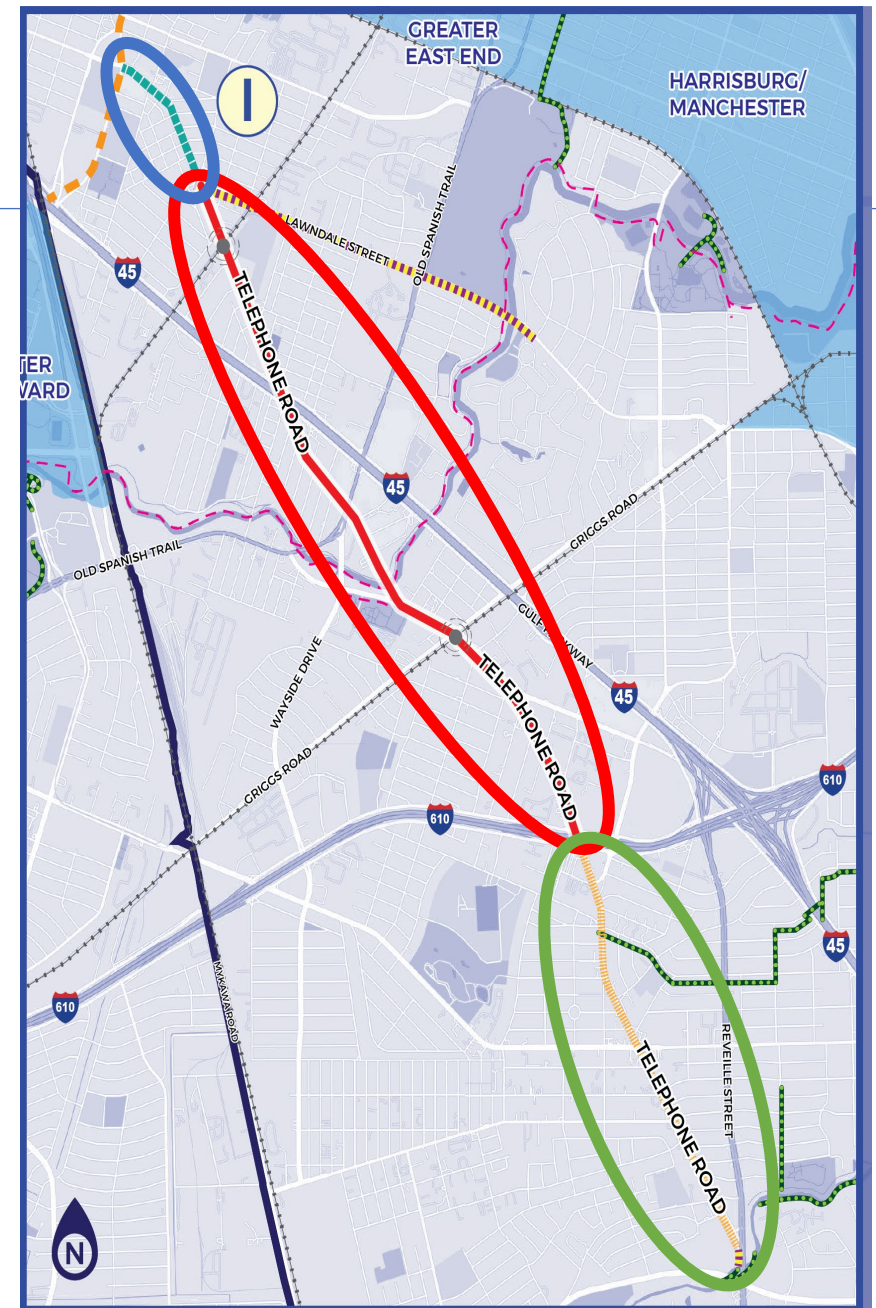
- 1.6-mile stretch from South Loop East Freeway frontage road to Reveille Street
- A vital commercial and residential corridor for the community
- Provides a direct connection between southern Houston, the Hobby Area, and communities to the south such as Pearland and Alvin
- Project is in the TIRZ 8 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)



# Part of a larger revitalization effort

Three projects to create a continuous, transformational corridor:

- Lockwood to Lawndale (TIRZ 23)
- Lawndale to IH-610 (City of Houston's *Main Street Revitalization Project*)
- IH-610 to Reveille (TIRZ 8)





# Corridor Overview

- Two sections:
  - 4 lanes + continuous left-turn lane from South Loop East Freeway frontage road to Long Drive/Park Place Blvd
  - 6 lanes + raised median from Long Drive/Park Place Blvd to Reveille Street
- Speed Limit is 35 MPH
- Major Thoroughfare
  - Designed to accumulate and distribute traffic across the road network in the area
  - Provide access to commercial, mixed use, and residential areas



# Previous Studies

## TxDOT

- IH 610 – Reconstruction of Existing Roadway
- SH 35 Surfacing/Roadway restoration

## Houston-Galveston Area Council

- [Southeast Mobility Plan](#) - May 2019 *(Partially funded by TIRZ 8)*
- [Hobby Area Livable Centers Planning Study](#) - March 2017
- [Metro Bike & Ride Access & Implementation Plan](#) – Jan 2014



# Planned Projects

## TIRZ 8

- Woodridge Dr Street Rehab and Pedestrian Safety from Telephone to IH-45



# Project Purpose

The project purpose is to reconstruct and update the corridor with new infrastructure that will:

- Improve safety
- Improve mobility
- Improve access
- Improve street lighting
- Upgrade public utilities
- Add enhancements & beautification



# Existing Conditions



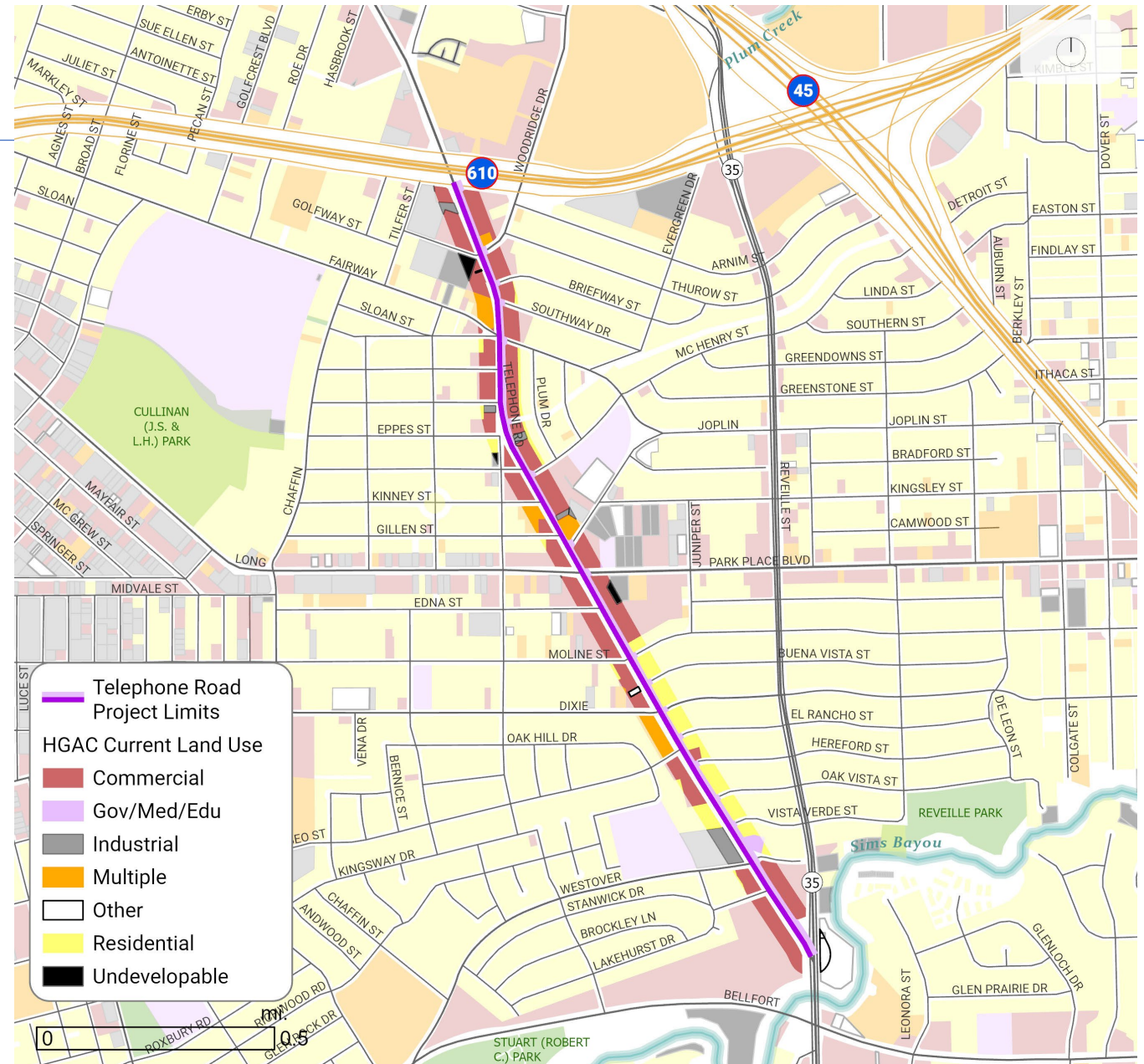
# Land Use

Adjacent to Telephone Road is mainly commercial

Surrounding area is predominantly residential

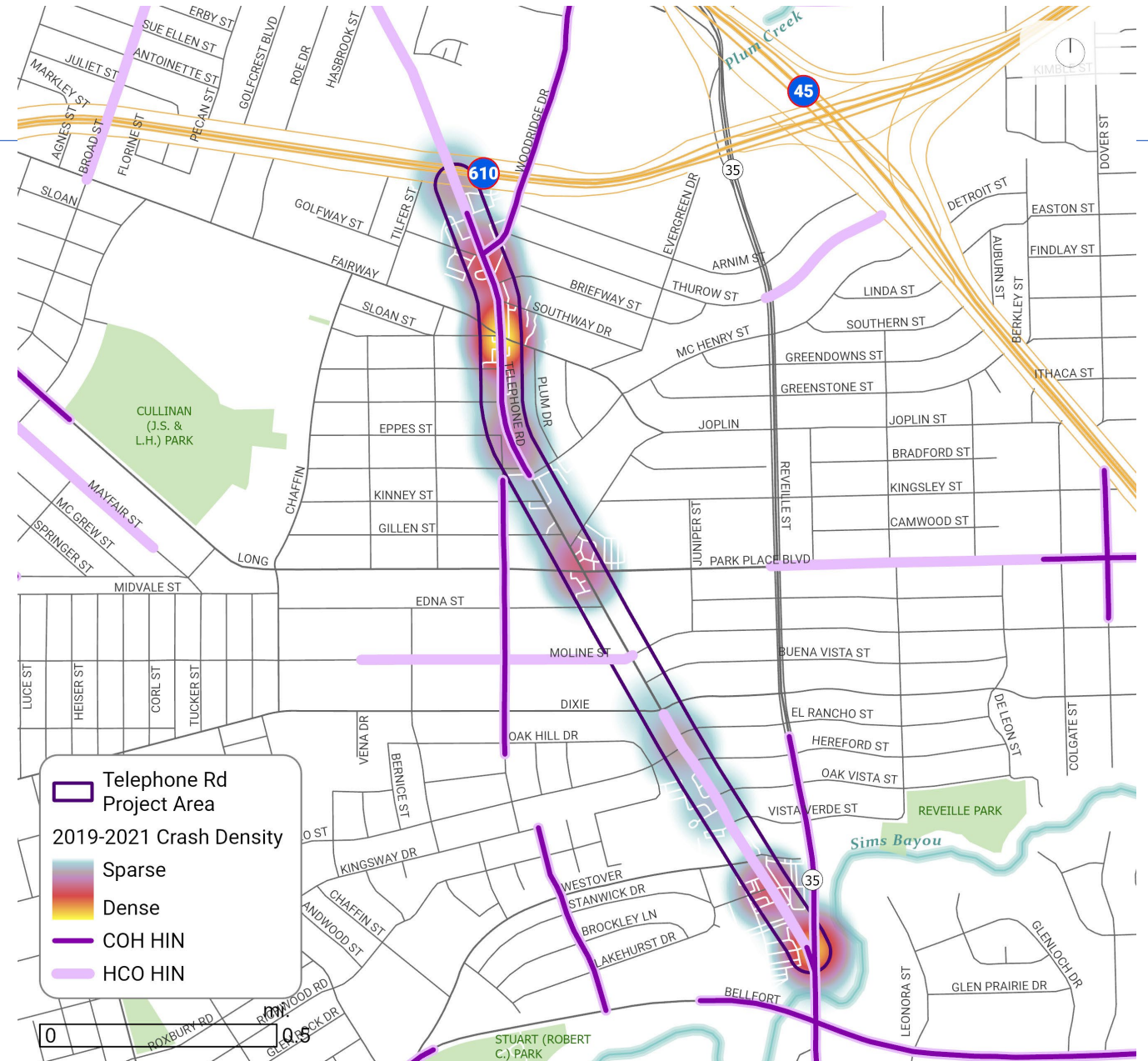
Telephone Road provides access to:

- J. P. Cornelius Elementary, Golfcrest Elementary, Hartman Middle School
- HISD Barnett Sports Complex
- Hobby Airport
- Communities to the south



# Safety

- 136 reported crashes from 2019 to 2021
- 60% of corridor identified in the City of Houston and Harris County Vision Zero High Injury Network



# Traffic & Congestion

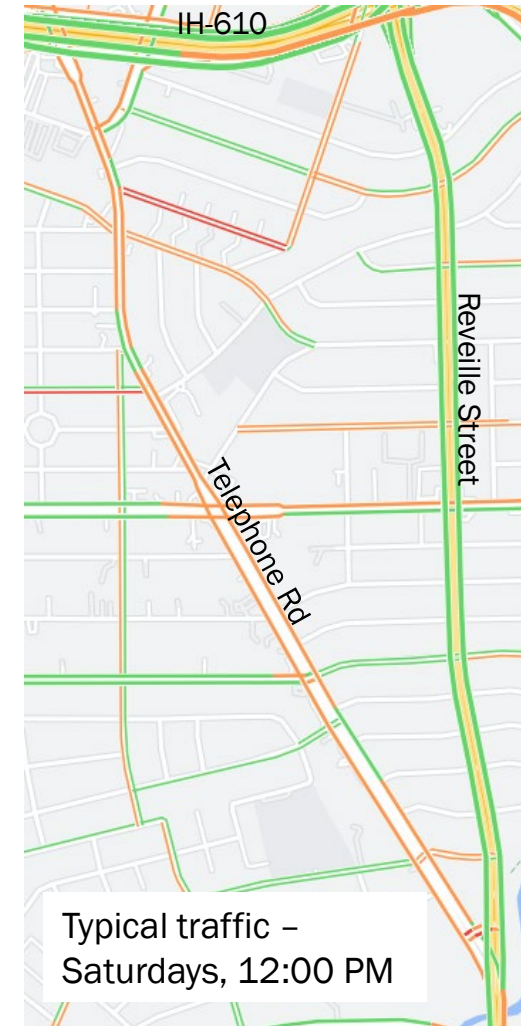
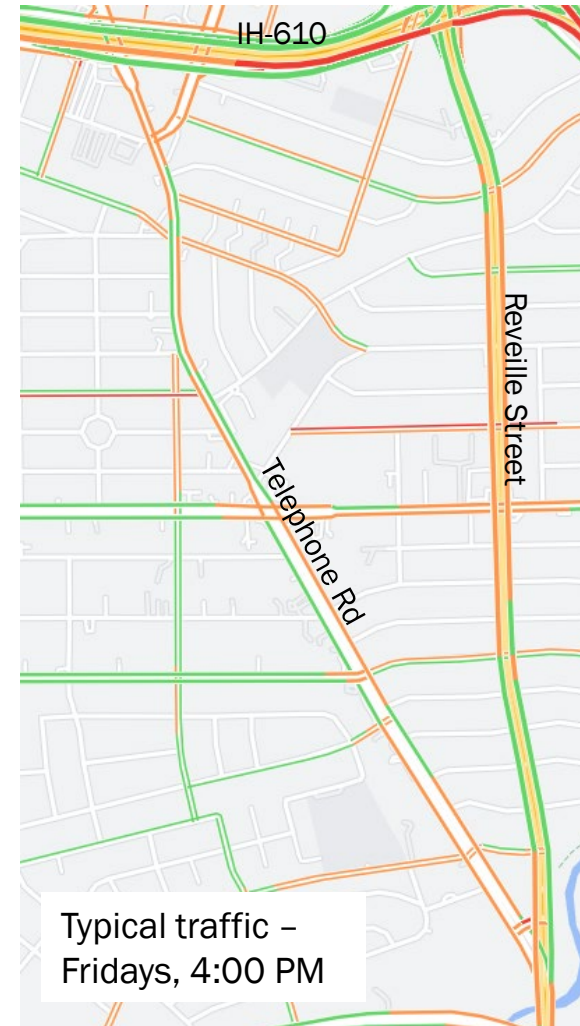
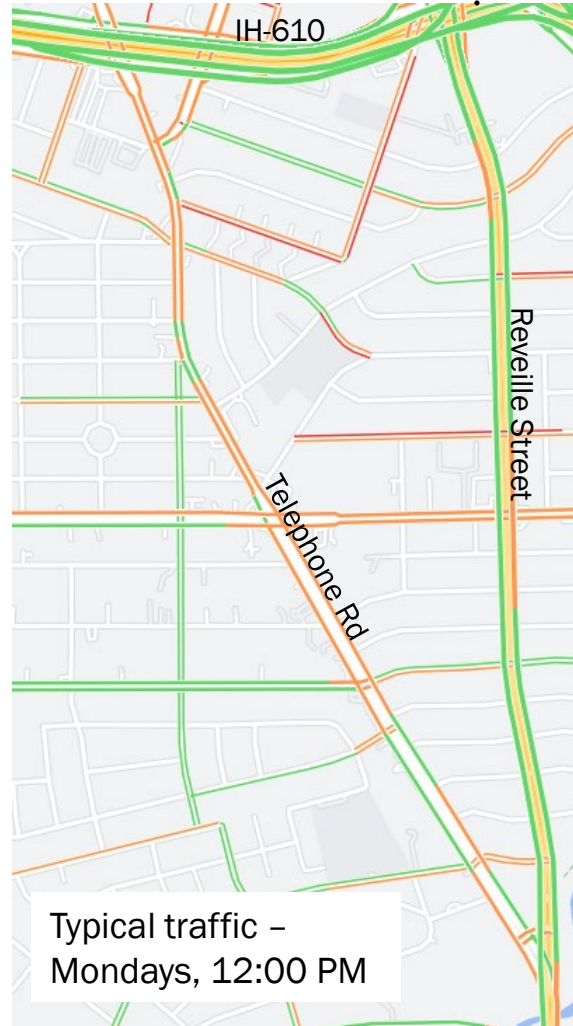
Traffic is consistent with other similar roadways

*However...*

When traffic is combined with:

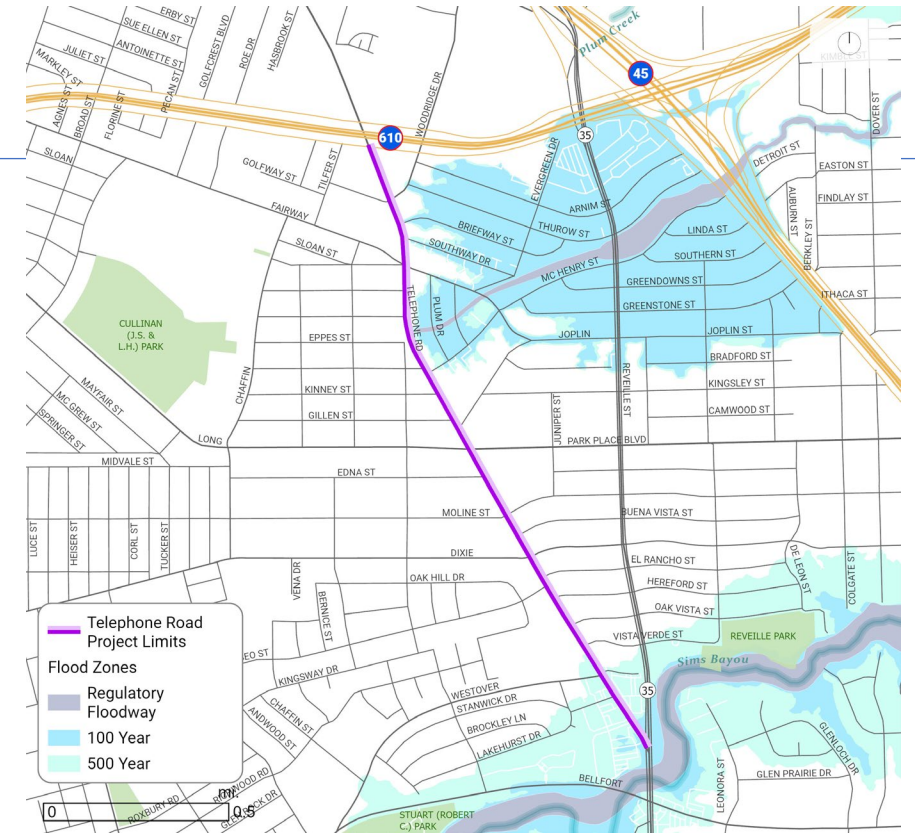
- 6 signalized intersections
- 19 intersecting streets
- 70+ commercial driveways

Creates congestion during peak hours



# Drainage and Flooding

- Drainage
  - Telephone Road is elevated above surrounding roadways preventing adequate drainage from exiting the western area
- Storm Water
  - Three storm sewers
  - Constructed between 1945 – 1965
  - No or limited improvements
- Flooding
  - No flood losses according to FEMA
  - Low-lying residential area west of Pine Gully
  - Potential 100-year mobility impacts south of Long Drive
- This aging infrastructure has exceeded its service life and does not meet current drainage standards
- Drainage infrastructure should be improved to meet post-Hurricane Harvey design standards





# Roadway Pavement Conditions

- Observed several areas with deteriorating pavement
- Many driveway aprons are in poor condition
- Many driveways too large for safe pedestrian travel
- Roadway has exceeded its service life and no longer meets current City criteria



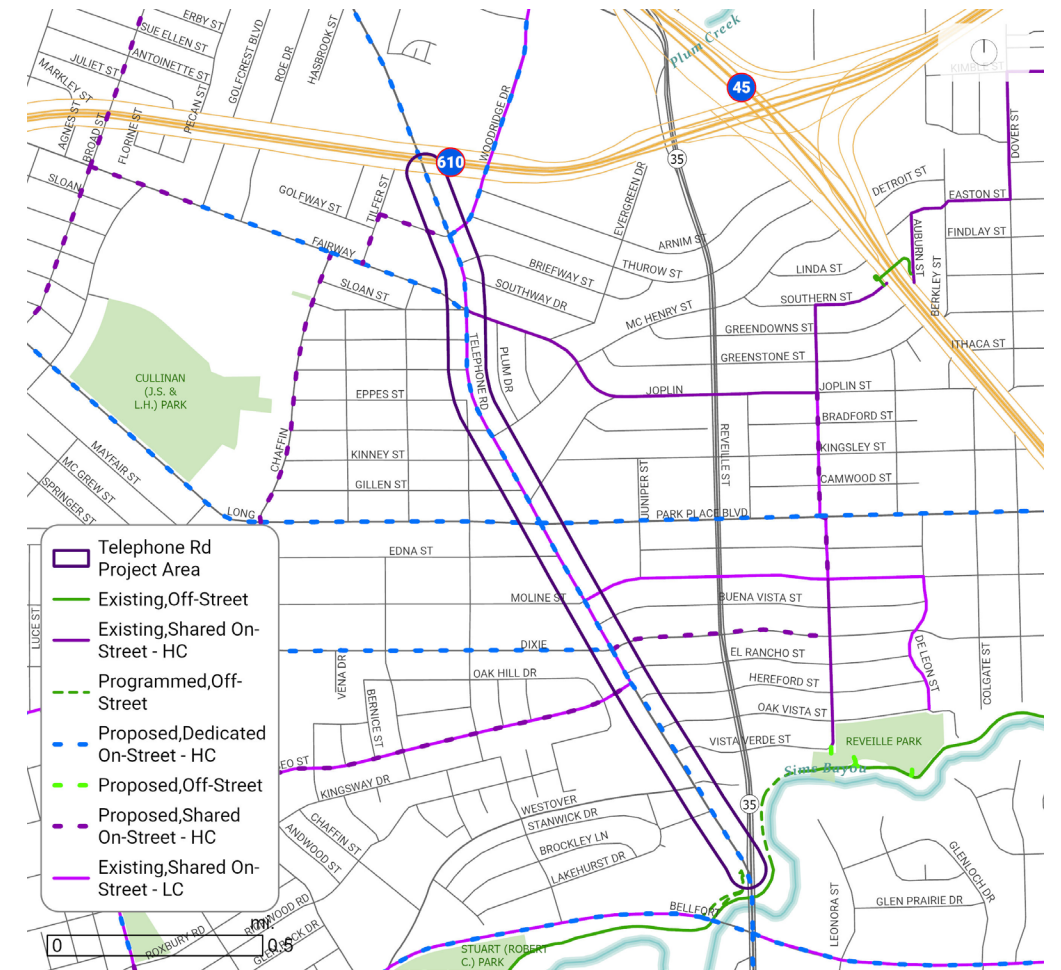
# Sidewalk Conditions

- Sidewalks range from fair to poor
- Lacking safe passageway for pedestrians
- Sidewalk widths are too narrow by current criteria and not ADA-compliant
- Large gaps in sidewalk coverage, inconsistent ramps and crossings, utility poles and other barriers
- Existing sidewalks have exceeded their useful life



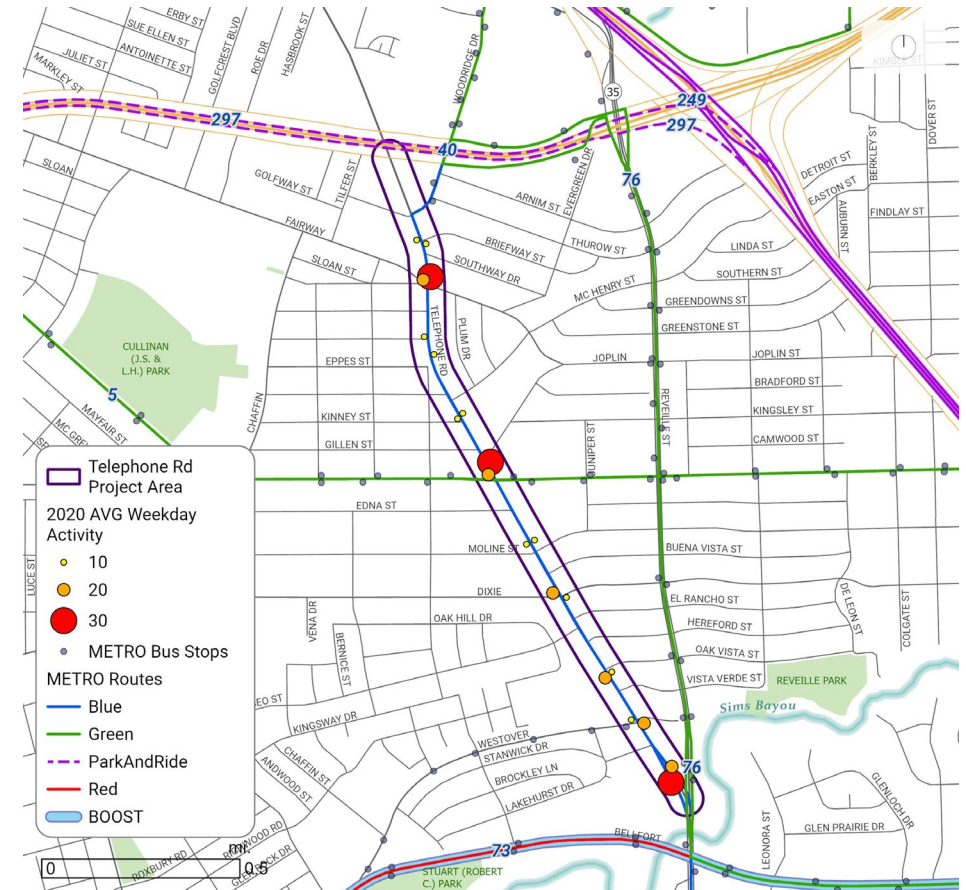
# Bicycle Network

- Existing Bike Routes:
  - Shared on-street from Woodridge Drive to La Paseo Street
- City of Houston Bike Plan *Proposed* Bike Routes:
  - Dedicated on-street from South Loop Fwy E to Bellfort Ave



# Public Transportation

- Existing METRO Bus Route 40 along Telephone Rd



# Project Elements Under Consideration

- Reconstruction and reconfiguration of the roadway
- Access management considerations
- Expanded pedestrian facilities
- Consideration of bicycle and public transportation elements
- Stormwater infrastructure upgrades
- Public utility (water/wastewater) improvements
- Improved lighting, traffic markings, and related signalization
- Street trees and other landscape features



# Project Schedule

## Phase 1 – Now!

- Project Development
- Public Input

## Phase 2 – Summer 2022

- Develop Alternative Design Solutions
- Public Input & Consensus – Date TBD (Check the website for more information!)

## Phase 3 – Begin Fall 2022

- Pursue Funding Opportunities

## Phase 4 – TBD / Determined by Funding

- Engineering & Design
- Construction

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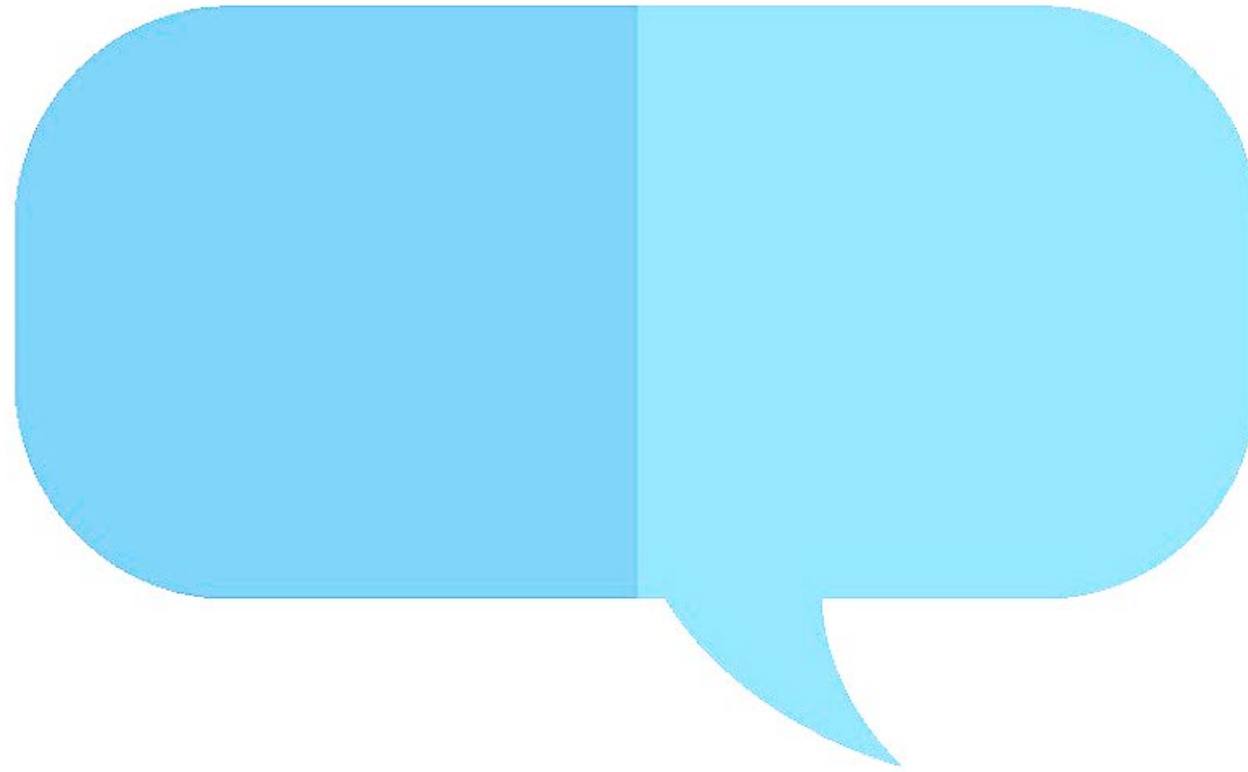
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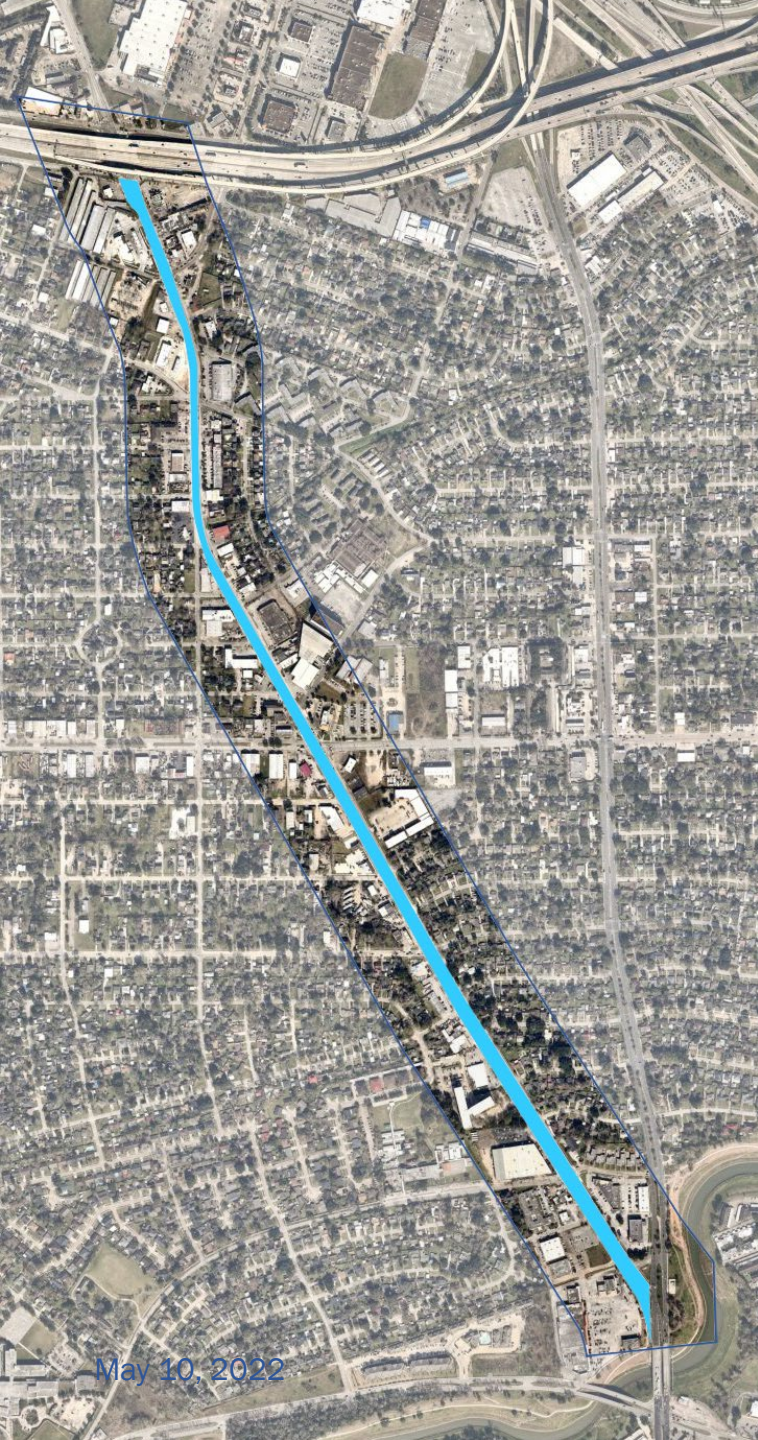
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