



# Rayford Road Safety and Mobility Project

## Project Fact Sheet

Montgomery County is currently in the design phase to widen Rayford Road from four to six lanes. This area has seen a tremendous amount of growth and the widening and additional improvements will help with safety and mobility issues. Most of the improvements can take place in existing right-of-way with minimal impacts. There are two locations that will require additional right-of-way that the County will need to acquire. The additional right-of-way will accommodate the bridge over the railroad and curve smoothing for safety near Fox Run Drive (see realignment areas in map below).

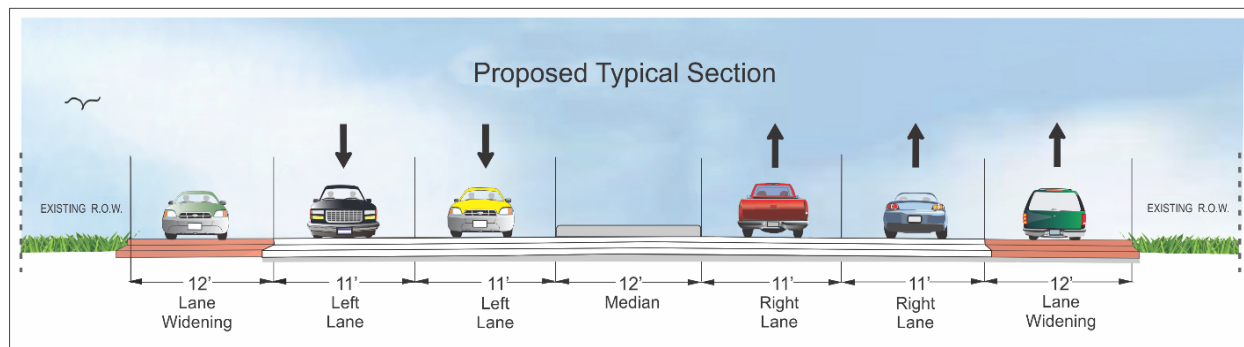
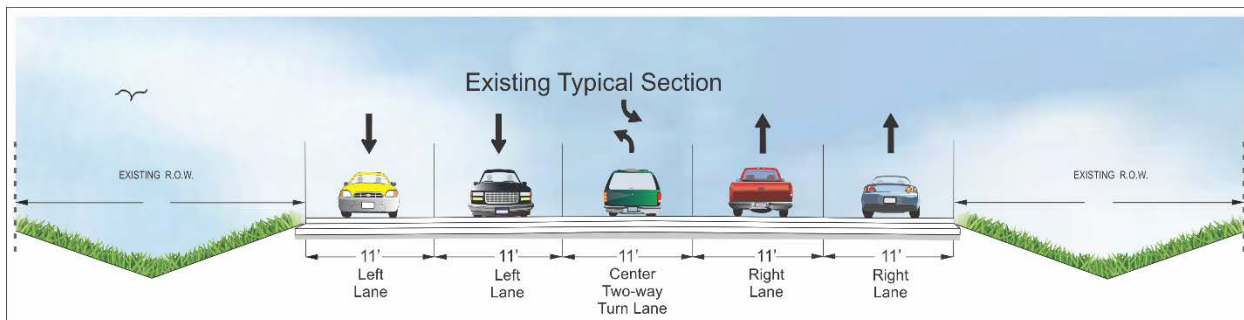
### Improvements

Rayford Road project limits are from Richard Road to SH 99 (Riley Fuzzel Road/Grand Parkway). Improvements include:

- Widening Rayford Road from four to six lanes
- Building a six lane bridge to bypass the Union Pacific Railroad
- Installing new traffic signals and street signage
- Improving and synchronizing traffic lights
- Installing additional traffic lights to assist residents in and out of neighborhoods
- Building a raised median to enhance safety of left turning motorists
- Improving drainage



The diagrams below illustrate what the current road and widened road would look like.



## Project History

Montgomery County along with many other partners have been working to address mobility and safety issues on Rayford for the past few years.

Date	Activity
October 2013	TxDOT, the Houston Galveston Area Council, Montgomery County, and other transportation partners initiated a Mobility Study
February to September 2014	Mobility Study outreach conducted via 2 public meetings, a business open house, and presentations to several stakeholders – gathering more than 381 comments on the Rayford Road area
Late 2014	RPS Klotz Associates hired to develop preliminary engineering for Rayford Road
December 2014	South Montgomery Mobility Study complete – identifying Rayford Road as a top congested roadway
November 2015	Road Bond election passes with an average of 80% support in the areas surrounding Rayford Road
December 2015	RPS Klotz approved to finalize design and right-of-way acquisitions for the project

## Community Involvement

Working closely with property owners, residents, local business owners, and the community throughout the project is a priority for Montgomery County and Commissioner Noack. Both the county and project engineer will work with the community to collect input, identify opportunities to reduce impacts, and provide updates on the project as they become available.

## Public Meetings

We anticipate holding a public meeting in March/April 2016, where we will share project information and preliminary design. Community members will have the opportunity to review maps and visit with project team members to ask questions and share their comments on the project. Another public meeting will be held prior to construction to share phasing and traffic control information, along with a detailed construction schedule. Additional public meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

## Schedule

Below is the anticipated schedule. Please note, this is subject to change and updates will be provided as they are available.

Activity	Timeline
Project Design and Engineering	Fall 2014 to Late 2016
Meetings with Property Owners and Businesses	February 2016 to April 2016 (and ongoing as needed)
Public Meeting	March/April 2016
Right-of-Way Acquisition	Mid 2016 to Late 2016
Public Meeting	Prior to Construction
Construction	Early 2017 to Early 2019

## Sign Up For Updates!

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**[Rayford.Road@mctx.org](mailto:Rayford.Road@mctx.org)**

Include “Updates” in the subject line. Your contact information will not be shared and you may unsubscribe at any time.

We are continually working to identify community members interested in this project. Please share this information with all those who may be interested!