COLLIN COUNTY
OUTER LOOP
U.S. 75 to Rockwall County

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Collin County Outer Loop Study Continues East of U.S. 75; Public Invited To Upcoming Meeting

Collin County ranks as one of the top growth areas in the State of Texas. Since the 2000 census, the County's population has grown by over 15 percent and by 270 percent since the 1980 census. The population growth along with private and commercial development requires future transportation planning. Collin County officials believe that now is the time to evaluate and prepare for the next major outer-loop thoroughfare.

The next major outer-loop thoroughfare is the proposed "Collin County Outer Loop." Collin County Commissioners have approved the preparation of a study to determine a preferred corridor and route location for the Outer Loop between U.S. 75 and Rockwall County. HNTB Corporation of Plano was contracted to prepare the study.

The Collin County Outer Loop section between the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) extension and U.S. 75 in northern areas of Collin County has been under study during the past few years. This project will match into the Outer Loop Study west of U.S. 75, then continue east and south to the Rockwall County line.

Commissioners and County staff members believe that an alignment should be chosen soon due to significant population growth and development in the county. Land developers continue to construct new residential and commercial developments every month, narrowing the geometric envelope for the Collin County Outer Loop. In order to avoid or minimize impacts to these developments, a right-of-way (ROW) corridor must be preserved quickly for the future multi-modal facility.

Initial public meetings occurred in 2003 on the Outer Loop section from the DNT extension to U.S 75. Public input will once again be welcomed at a series of upcoming public meetings for the new study between U.S. 75 and Rockwall County.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, February 24, 2005

Melissa High School Cafetorium
3150 Cardinal Drive
Melissa, Texas 75454

6:30 p.m.: Open House
7:00 p.m.: Public Meeting

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"As we begin to consider preliminary routes and identify constraints, it is extremely important that we hear from residents," said Collin County Commissioner Joe Jaynes. "We need and welcome their feedback and will offer them that opportunity throughout the process."

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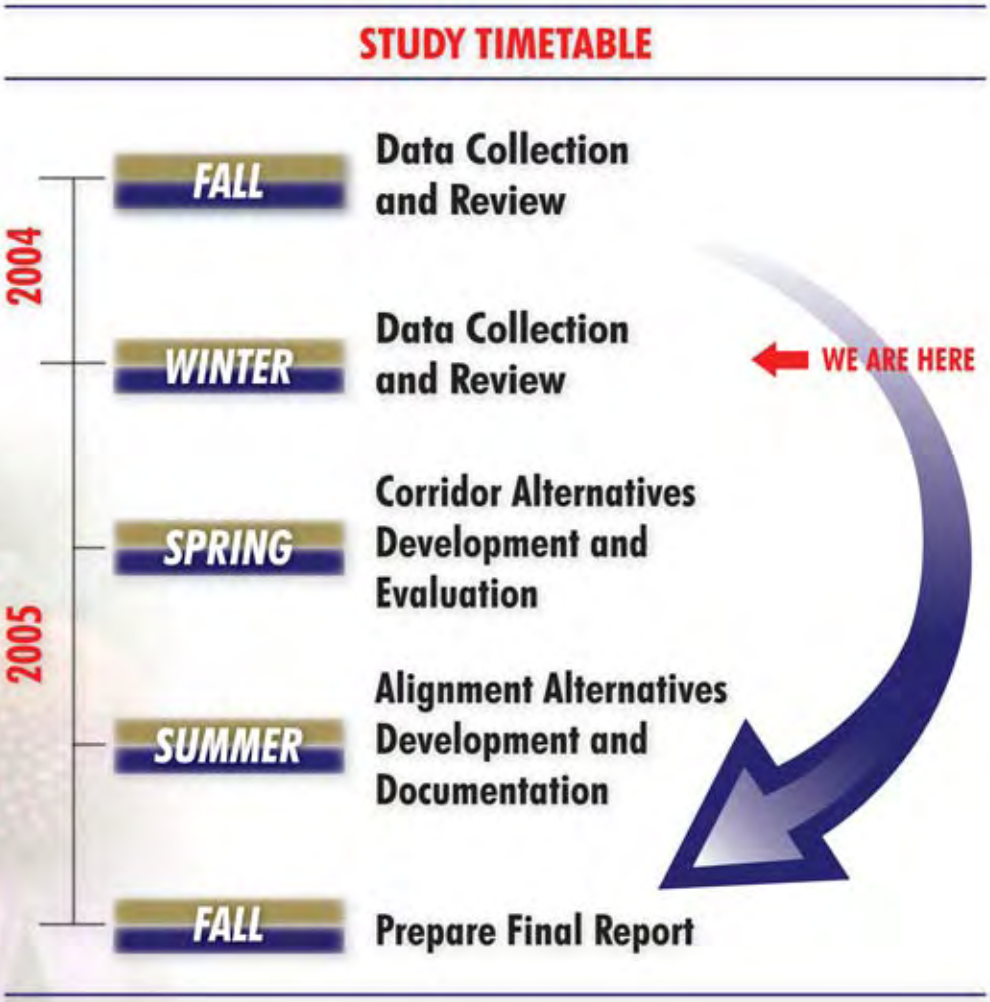
The first Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2005, in the cafetorium of Melissa High School (3150 Cardinal Drive) in Melissa. An Open House will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a presentation and public comment period beginning at 7:00 p.m. Additional public meetings will be scheduled and announced in local newspapers, newsletters, and on the Collin County Web site, www.co.collin.tx.us

The Collin County Outer Loop Study Team has also been meeting and coordinating with city and county officials. The open communication will result in a comprehensive study that will assist County Commissioners in making decisions about this future transportation facility.

The Study Timeline

The Collin County Outer Loop Study was initiated in November 2004 and is anticipated to be complete in Fall 2005. The Timetable graphic illustrates the steps in the study process.

Data collection is currently under way. After the existing constraints, including lakes, rivers, cemeteries, existing/proposed roadways, and existing/proposed developments are documented and identified, the study team will begin to develop and evaluate corridor alternatives, approximately 3,000 feet in width. These corridors will be evaluated and the most favorable corridor(s) will be studied in further detail. Alternative alignments, approximately 500 feet in width, will be developed within the preferred corridor(s). These alignments will be evaluated, and the most favorable alignment will be selected as the preferred alignment.



Planning Ahead: Your Collin County Commissioners

The Collin County Outer Loop Study was authorized by the Collin County Commissioners in October 2004. Your Collin County Commissioners are:

Ron Harris,
County Judge

Phyllis Cole,
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Jerry Hoagland,
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

Joe Jaynes,
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Jack Hatchell,
County Commissioner, Precinct 4

Mailing List
Add name to the study mailing list

Postcards
Receive postcards in the mail

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Open House
Open to all interested parties

Public Meetings
Open to all interested parties

Submit Comments
Comment cards or contact us

www.co.collin.tx.us

Your Input Is Important

Collin County citizens have an important role in defining the future transportation network within the county. While you may never have conducted a traffic study or drafted design plans, you can assist in developing a consensus plan of action to develop the future transportation system we all depend on in Collin County. Decisions made during the Study will affect Collin County's transportation system for several decades.

For more information on the Collin County Outer Loop Study Project or to contact the Study Team, you may:

Write to:
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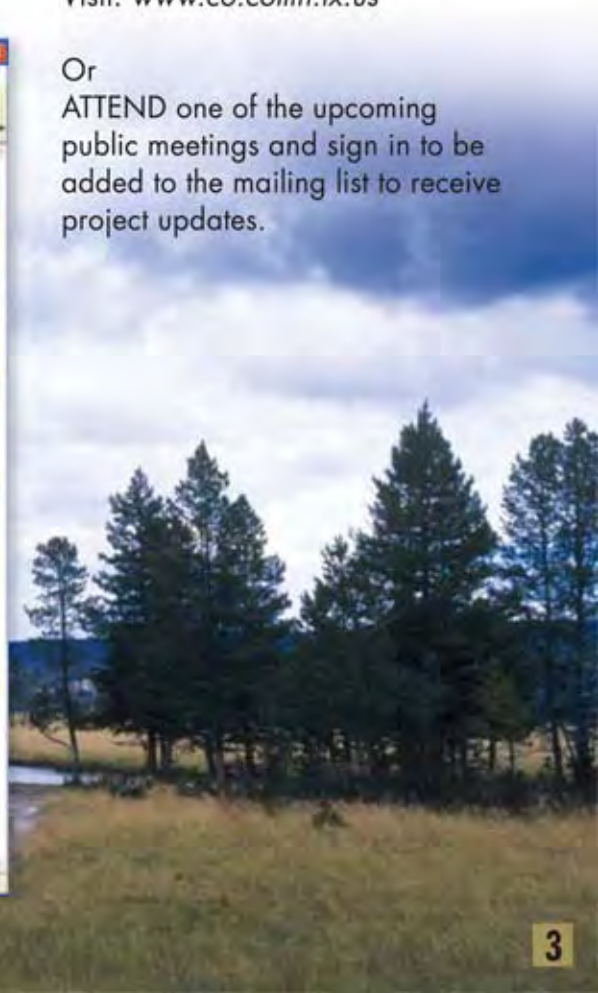
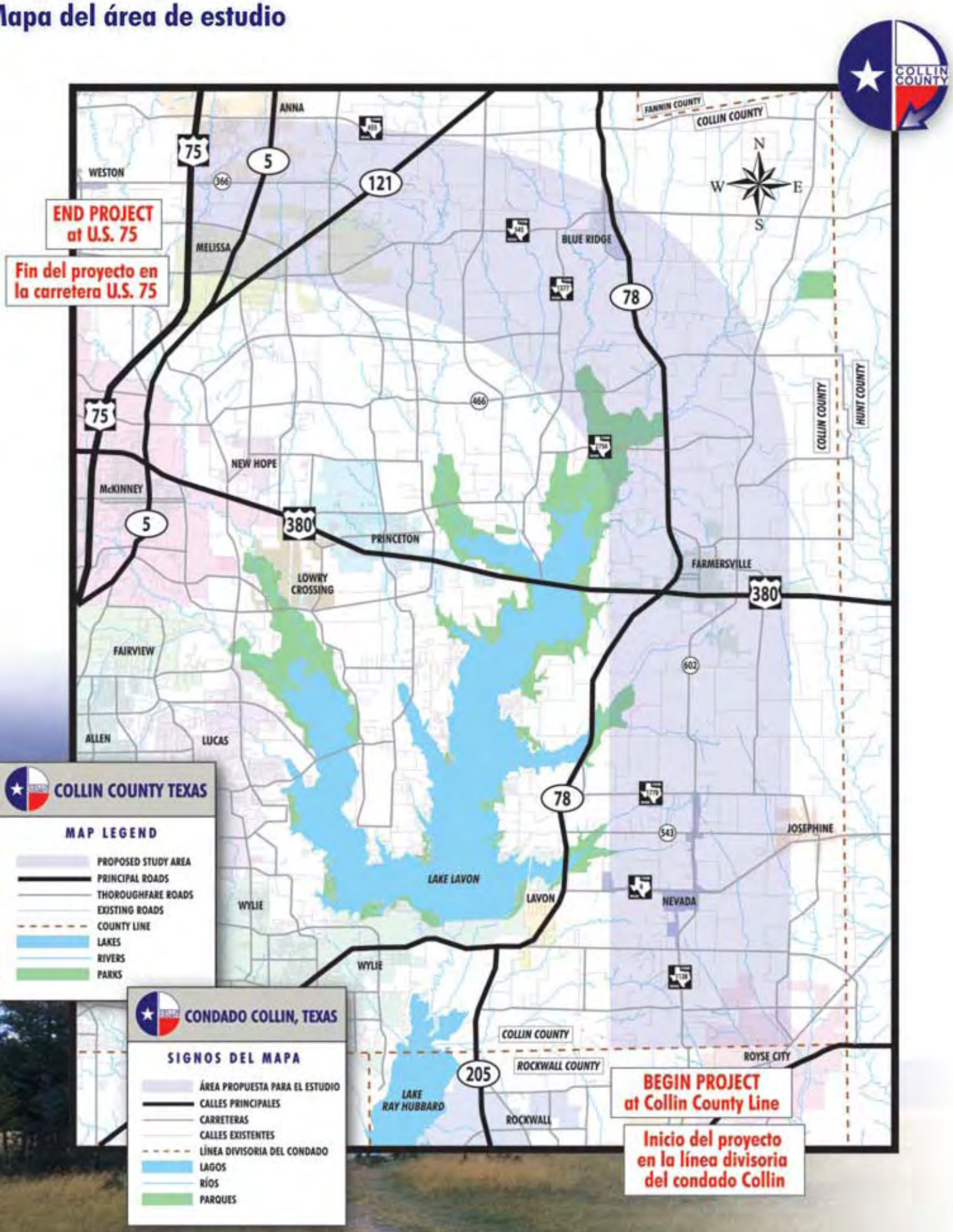
Collin County Director of Engineering
825 N. McDonald Street, Suite 160
McKinney, Texas 75069

Or
Visit: *www.co.collin.tx.us*

Or
ATTEND one of the upcoming public meetings and sign in to be added to the mailing list to receive project updates.



Study Area Map
Mapa del área de estudio