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### Introduction

The East Branch/State Highway (SH) 190 corridor study was initiated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in May 1969. TxDOT conducted the initial corridor studies and is processing the Environmental Impact Statement for the project. As outlined in Senate Bill 792, passed by the 80th Texas Legislature, the East Branch/SH 190 corridor may go through a market valuation process, a joint effort of TxDOT and the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA). In response, project partners will initiate partnering meetings to address this legislation. The corridor effort could result in a new, 11-mile link in the growing loop around Dallas and its neighboring cities.

### Corridor Updates

- The East Branch/SH 190 transportation study area extends 11 miles between Interstate Highway (IH) 30 and IH 20. It would connect the proposed Loop 9 in Dallas County to the Eastern Extension of the President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT).
- The project is part of an outer loop for Dallas County first envisioned in the early 1960s. In the late 1980s, Dallas County and cities along and near the route conducted a corridor study. In 1994, TxDOT conducted an additional corridor and alignment study that again recommended a route west of Lake Ray Hubbard. In 2000, the NTTA created a more detailed study to develop the section north of the East Branch State Highway 190 project. That section, from SH 78 to IH 30, is under construction as an extension of the PGBT.
- Alignment alternatives, including a no-build option, are now identified for detailed analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- TxDOT has conducted three public meetings.
- The Draft Environmental Impact Statement remains under preparation and review in anticipation of conducting a Federal Highway Administration-approved public hearing.

### Project Partners

- TxDOT
- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- NTTA
- Dallas County
- Kaufman County
- Dallas
- Garland
- Mesquite
- Sunnyvale

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