

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

2011-15 *Blue Ridge Road/Chasewood Drive*

APPLICANT: Fort Bend County & Planning and Development Department, City of Houston

KEY MAP: 611 E, J, 570 V

JURISDICTION: City and ETJ, Fort Bend County

LAMBERT: 5149, 5051

DISTRICT/PRECINCT: Dist D,
County Pct.1,2

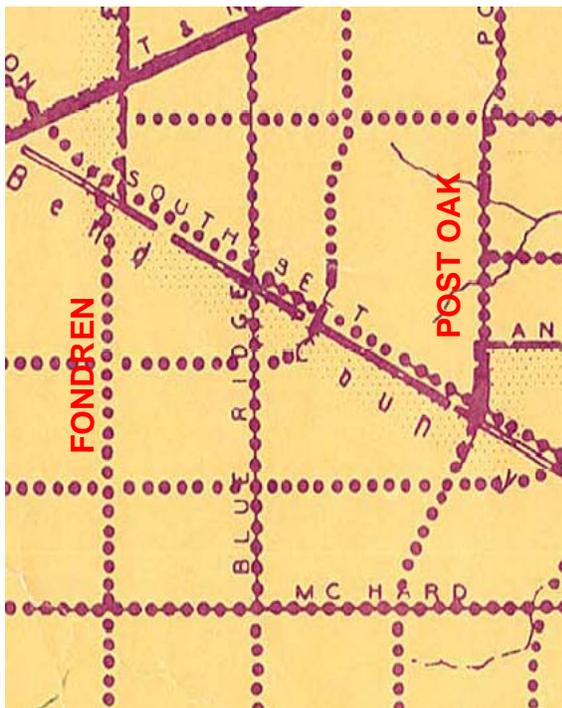
PROPOSAL:

1) Extend Blue Ridge Road as a major collector south of FM 2234 (Mc Hard Rd) to unnamed east-west major thoroughfare on City of Houston's (COH) Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP). 2) Add Chasewood Drive between Fort Bend Parkway and Fondren Road as a major collector on the COH MTFP. Fort Bend County's MTFP already reflects this alignment as a major thoroughfare.

JUSTIFICATION & HISTORY:

Subject area was included within Planning Commission jurisdiction in 1957. Chimney Rock Road and South Post Oak Road are the north-south thoroughfares in the subject area. On the 1969 MTFP Chimney Rock Road was added from City of Houston's (COH) Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) to Beltway 8 and Blue Ridge Road was deleted in the same segment. In 1997, Blue Ridge Road was added to the map from Fort Bend Parkway to FM 2234 as major collector.

Fort Bend County's (FBC) Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) reflects Chasewood Drive and Blue Ridge Road as a major thoroughfare. Blue Ridge Road would be spaced less than a mile east of Fort Bend Parkway and one-half mile west of Chimney Rock Road.



1957 MTFP



1997 MTFP

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Extend Blue Ridge Road as a major collector south of FM 2234 (Mc Hard Rd) to unnamed east-west major thoroughfare on City of Houston's (COH) Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP).
- 2) Withdraw the requested amendment for adding Chasewood Drive as a major collector.

JUSTIFICATION:

The existing thoroughfare grid, north of McHard Road, provides adequate east-west and north-south access. Fort Bend Parkway is a limited access toll road that blocks east-west local street circulation in the area. Collector street Blue Ridge Road, is spaced evenly between major thoroughfares Fondren and Chimney Rock. South of McHard, Chimney Rock is proposed to be extended to the unnamed east-west thoroughfare and is spaced approximately 1.55 miles from Fort Bend Parkway. In the future if the existing telecommunication site redevelops the proposed extension of Blue Ridge will allow better north-south access.

The current configuration of Fort Bend Parkway prohibits access between Chasewood Drive and Blue Ridge Road. The length of this segment between Fondren and Hillcroft is only 0.6 mile long. Staff does not recommend classifying this segment as a major collector on the City of Houston's MTFP. Staff will coordinate with Fort Bend County to amend their thoroughfare plan to reflect this recommendation.

MOBILITY:

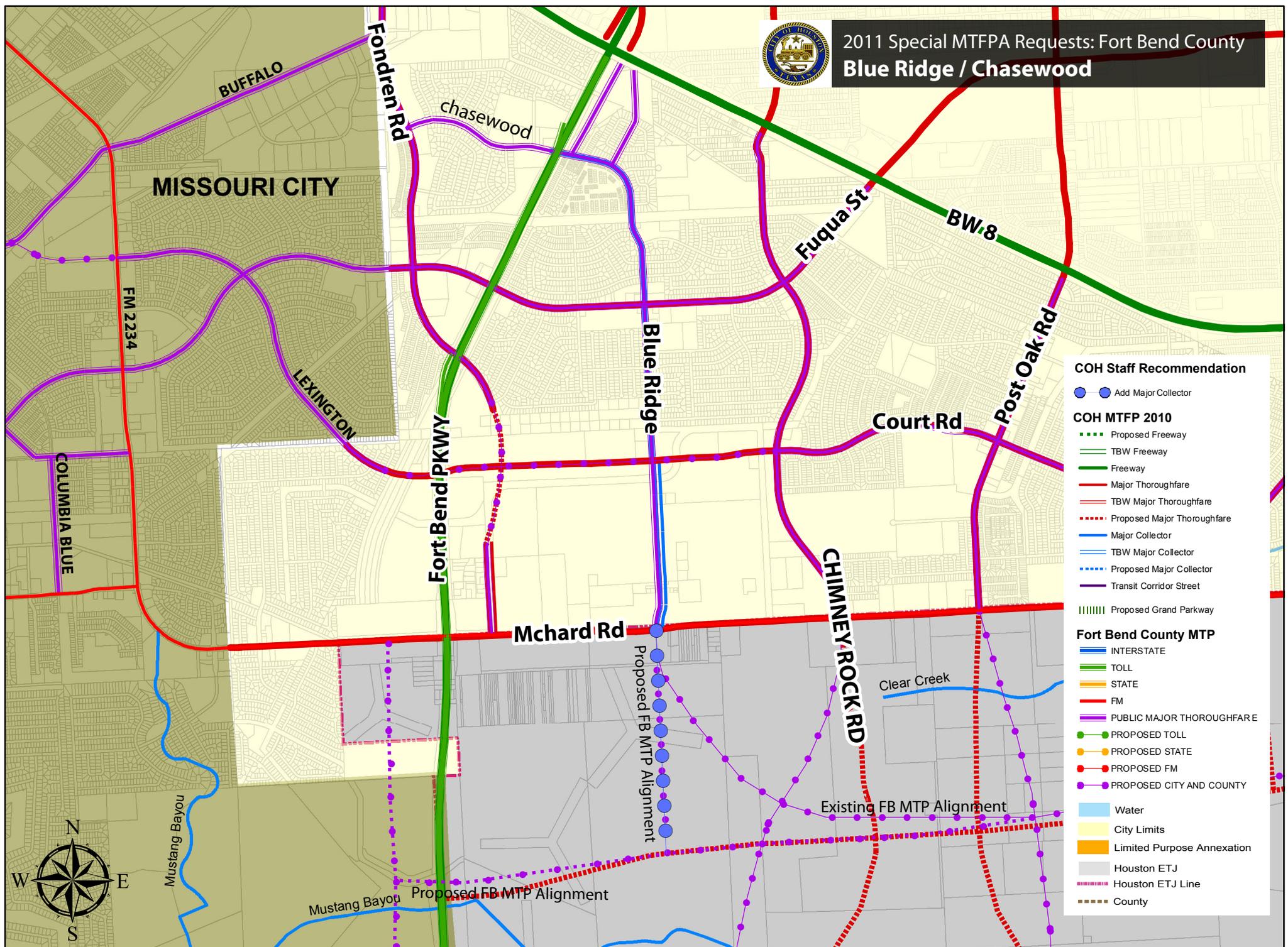
Blue Ridge Road currently is a 2.55 mile long north south collector street between Fort Bend Parkway and Chimney Rock Drive. It aligns with Chasewood Drive at Fort Bend Parkway and extends it 0.6 miles west to Fondren Road. Currently Fort Bend Parkway separates the two roads without an interchange. The overall length of the proposed Blue Ridge and Chasewood Drive will be 4 miles. Chasewood Drive is spaced one-half mile from Beltway 8 and West Fuqua Street.

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2011 Special MTFPA Requests: Fort Bend County Blue Ridge / Chasewood



COH Staff Recommendation

- Add Major Collector

COH MTFP 2010

- Proposed Freeway
- TBW Freeway
- Freeway
- Major Thoroughfare
- TBW Major Thoroughfare
- Proposed Major Thoroughfare
- Major Collector
- TBW Major Collector
- Proposed Major Collector
- Transit Corridor Street
- Proposed Grand Parkway

Fort Bend County MTP

- INTERSTATE
- TOLL
- STATE
- FM
- PUBLIC MAJOR THOROUGHFARE
- PROPOSED TOLL
- PROPOSED STATE
- PROPOSED FM
- PROPOSED CITY AND COUNTY
- Water
- City Limits
- Limited Purpose Annexation
- Houston ETJ
- Houston ETJ Line
- County

