15: Ramps in NE corner of Downtown

Rampas al Noreste del Centro de Houston

Description:

In rebuilding the freeway, TxDOT is proposing to create a new street that runs north-south on the east side of Downtown. Along with this, they are proposing to relocate some ramps, possibly complicating Downtown traffic flow. TxDOT's proposed freeway alignment (which displaces Clayton Homes) leaves unused open space to the west of the highway. This could potentially be used as park space, but the proposed ramps divide this space.

Also Addresses:

Connections

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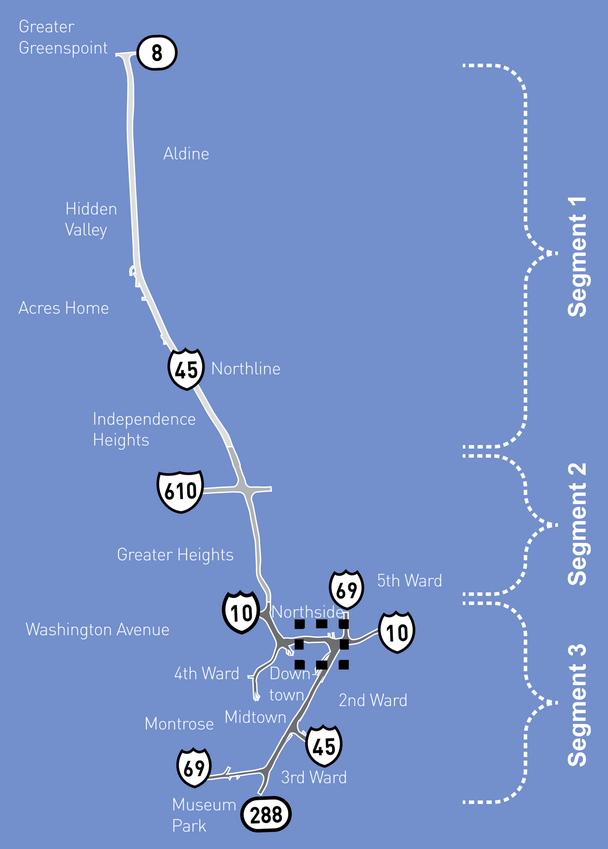


We Heard:

TxDOT should look at alternate options for the US-59 ramps that improve connectivity to Downtown

The stretch of US-59 south between Hamilton and I-45 needs work.

TxDOT Proposal

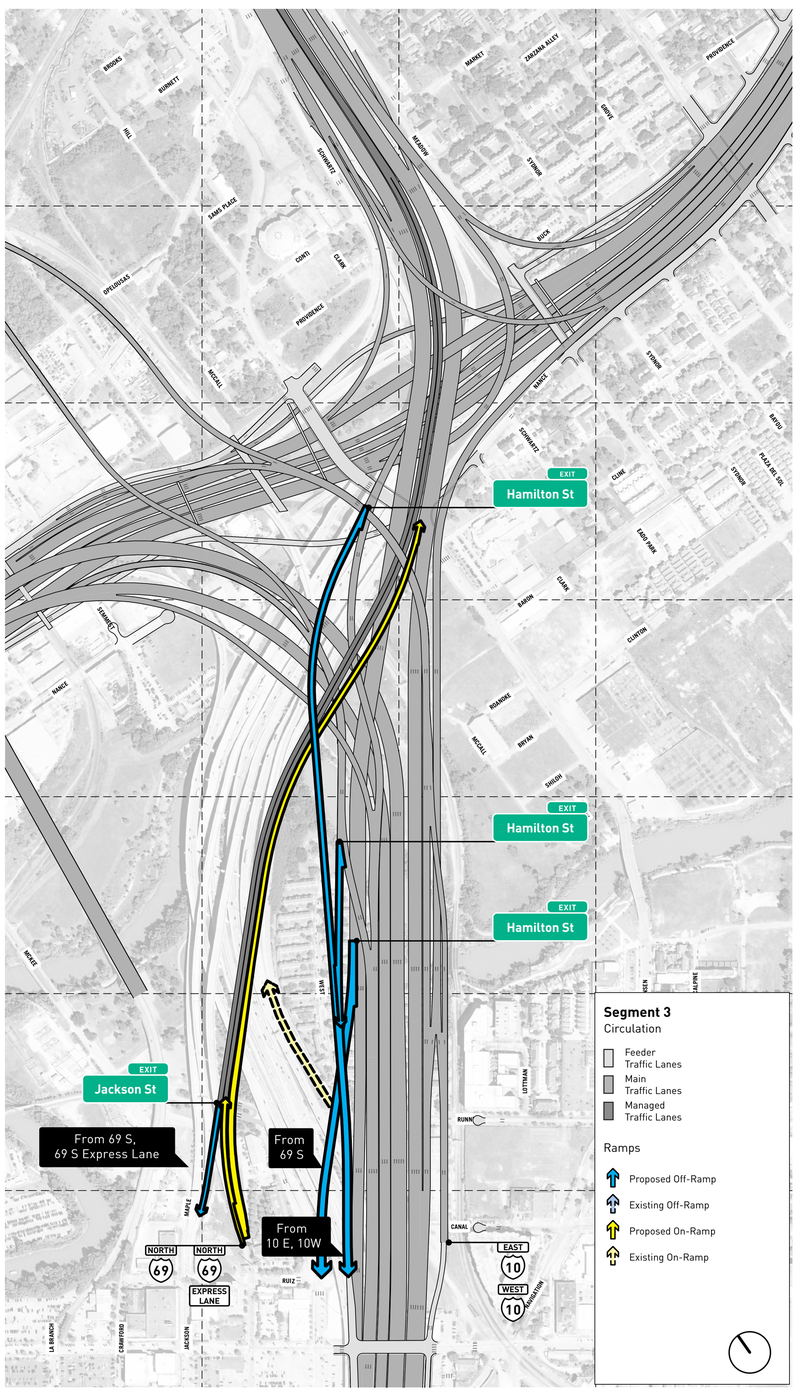
TxDOT proposes:
- An offramp at Jackson St. from US-59/I-69 S managed lane
- An on-ramp at Chenevert St. to US-59/I-69 N
- US-59/I-69 N managed lane
- An off-ramp at Hamilton St. from US-59/I-69 S.
- An off-ramp at "New Hamilton" St. from I-10 E/ I-10 W

The ramps cross a large open area that the Buffalo Bayou Partnership proposes could be used as parkland.

Hamilton and "New Hamilton" Streets are only about 100 feet apart, so there would be closely spaced intersections at Commerce, Franklin, and Congress with parallel streams of traffic.

PROS
- US-59/I-69 S can continue down Hamilton St. to Texas Ave.

CONS
- Wider freeway footprint through potential park space
- Intersections at Hamilton and New Hamilton Streets will be difficult to signal and operate, potentially causing traffic backups
- US-59/I-69 S mainlane and managed lane traffic end up on different streets



Give us your input.

Put your #15 sticker on the alternative you prefer.

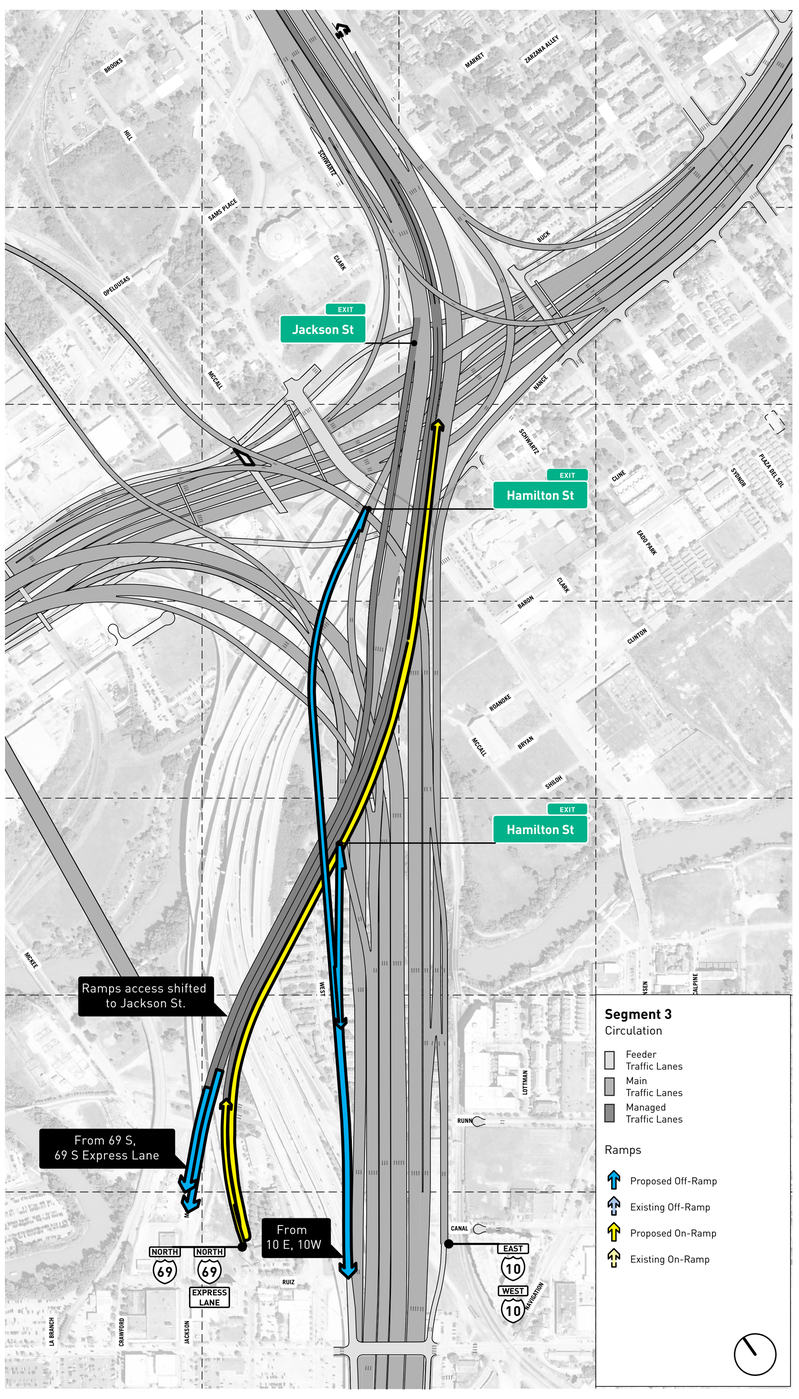
TxDOT Proposal

Alternative 15.1 - Jackson Street Off-ramp

The I-45 off-ramp is relocated to Jackson St. The ramps are brought closer to the rest of the highway, opening up more space for parks.

PROS
- Narrower freeway footprint through potential park space
- Intersections with on-ramps and off-ramps are spaced like typically Downtown blocks
- US-59/I-69 S mainlane and managed lane traffic end up on the same street

CONS
- US-59/I-69 S cannot continue down Hamilton St. to Texas Ave. (This is the same as it is today.)



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