

Appendix A

Meeting Notices



FM 150 West Alignment Study

From Arroyo Ranch Road to IH 35



Commissioner Jones, Precinct 2 and Commissioner Whisenant, Precinct 4 Invite You to Attend an Open House

Project Details

Hays County and The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, are considering a realignment of a 5 mile section of existing FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch Road to I-35. The purpose of this proposed project is to enhance safety and mobility.

Open House

The project team has narrowed down the study area to more specific corridors and route alternatives for the proposed project, based on the data collected and comments received to date. The purpose of this open house is to share and collect feedback on these alternatives. The meeting will be an open house format with no formal presentation. Attendees will be able to view route alternatives, visit with project team members, ask questions, and share comments on the project.

Submitting Comments

All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, October 3, 2014 for inclusion in the Open House Record using one of the following methods:

- Complete a written comment card or make a verbal comment to a court reporter at the meeting
- Submit your written comments by October 3, 2014
 - Mail: P.O. Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763
 - Fax: 512-533-9101
 - Email: info@improvefm150.com

Special Accommodations

The meeting will be conducted in English and a Spanish translator will be available. Those who have special translation or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Arin Gray (512-533-9100 Ext. 12, agray@cdandp.com) by September 16, 2014. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

For Project Information

Arin Gray - Public Information Consultant
512-533-9100 Ext. 12
info@improvefm150.com

If you are interested in receiving email updates on the project, please send an email to info@improvefm150.com with "Email Updates" in the subject line.

Meeting Details

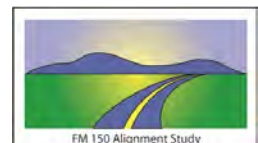
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Wallace Middle School

1302 West Center Street
Kyle, TX 78640

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Hays Free Press

113 West Center Street § 122 N. Main St.
Kyle, Texas 78640 § P.O. Box 339 • Buda, Texas 78610

(512) 262-NEWS (Kyle office) • (512) 295-9760 (Buda office) • (512) 268-0262 (fax)

State of Texas
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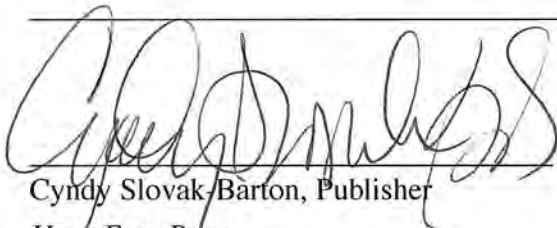
Affidavit of Publication

My name is Cyndy Slovak-Barton, and I am Publisher of the Hays Free Press. I am over the age of 18, have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and am otherwise competent to make this affidavit.

The Hays Free Press is a legal newspaper publication under Texas law, headquartered and regularly published in Hays County, Texas. It is a newspaper of general circulation, and is generally circulated in Hays, Travis, and Caldwell Counties.

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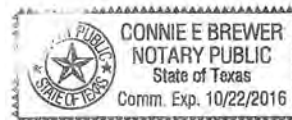
Sept. 3 and Sept. 10, 2014



Cyndy Slovak-Barton, Publisher
Hays Free Press

Subscribed and sworn before me this the 11 day of Sept, 2014.


Notary Public
Connie Brewer



Public Notices

Unit # 083- Bicycle, bed, bar stools, microwave, toys, furniture, copier

Unit# 095- Bunk beds, 2 single beds

Unit # 117- Entertainment center, couch, washer "Whirlpool", baby crib

Unit # 123- X-mas items, many boxes

Unit # 139- 2 beds, treadmill, heater, clothes

Unit # 146- TV w/stand, bed, dresser

Unit # 156- Furniture, weight bench, vacuum cleaner, entertainment center

Unit # 300- Travel bag, 2 sets of skis, snow boots

Unit # 316- Bed, couch, dishes

Unit # 386- Bed, desk, baby items, computer, dresser, disk player, many storage containers, chairs

Unit # 413/414- Shelves, hutch, bed w/headboards, misc boxes, tire, roll top desk, tables, dresser, book shelves, many boxes, dining chairs, chest

at Law Number 2 of Hays County, Texas, to Darlene Childers Gaddy, the Independent Executor.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Hays County, Texas, the post office address is:

12811 Trail Driver Street
Austin, Texas 78737

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the

manner prescribed by law.

DATED August 26, 2014.
RICHARDS RODRIGUEZ & SKEITH LLP

816 Congress Ave., Suite 1200

Austin, Texas 78701

Telephone: (512) 476-0005

Facsimile: (512) 476-1513

By: /s/ J. Mark Avery

Attorneys for Darlene Childers Gaddy, Independent Executor of the Will and Estate of Charles R. Gaddy, Deceased

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BUDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD

The Buda Economic Development Corporation will be accepting completed Board applications forms from citizens interested in serving on the Economic Development Corporation Board. This Board meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, located at 121 N. Main, Buda or the EDC office, located at 203 Railroad Street, Suite 3A, during normal business hours. You may also download the Boards/Commissions application at www.ci.buda.tx.us. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on September 15th. Please remit applications to the EDC office (Email: admin@budaedc.com; Fax: 512.295.3519; Mailing & Physical Address: 203 Railroad Street Suite 3A, Buda, TX 78610.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CHARLES R. GADDY, Deceased, were issued on August 13, 2014, in Docket No. 14-0182-P, pending in the County Court

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 102, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hays, Texas will conduct a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and views regarding the proposed City of Hays budget for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 commencing October 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2015. The public hearing will be held on September 15, 2014, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 520 Country Lane, Buda, Texas 78610. Following the public hearing, the Hays City Council may vote on the adoption of a budget for FY2014/2015 Budget. The public is encouraged to attend. A copy of the proposed budget is available for viewing on weekdays at the Hays City Hall, 520 Country Lane, Buda, Texas 78610 and may be found on the City's website: www.haystexas.com. Please contact the City Secretary at 512-295-4792 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
PURSUANT TO TEXAS PROPERTY CODE CHAPTER 70, RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TEXAS, L.P. D/B/A RUSH TRUCK CENTER, AUSTIN ("RUSH") WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLE:

1) 2002 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK VIN# 1FUJBBG32PJ89930

BY PUBLIC SALE. SALE HELD BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M. AT LOBBY OF RUSH TRUCK CENTER, AUSTIN, 16870 S. I.H. 35, BUDA, TX 78610. RUSH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BID. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS ONLY. VEHICLE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION PRIOR TO SALE. SALE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION IN EVENT OF SETTLEMENT.

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Mountain City will adopt the 2014 tax rate at a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 22 at City Hall,

101 Mountain City Drive, Mountain City, Texas. A tax rate of 0.123 per \$100 of property value is being proposed.

The proposed tax rate would increase the tax levy by a total of approximately \$4,400 or about 7.99% and increase taxes on a \$200,000 house by approximately \$18 for the year.

CITY OF BUDA REQUESTING BIDS

The City of Buda is Requesting Bids for the Downtown Wastewater Rehab project, a wastewater construction project by pipe bursting and open cut. Bids must be submitted to: City of Buda, Attn: Stanley Fees, PE, 121 Main Street, Buda, TX 78610 by no later

than: October 6, 2014, by 3:00 p.m., Central Time. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at Buda City Hall. The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, 102 Wonder World Dr., Suite 303, San Marcos, TX 78666; City of Buda Engineering Department, 100 Houston St., Buda, TX 78610; AGC Plan Room, 609 S. Lamar, Austin, TX 78704; AGC of Texas, 300 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at Thomas Reprographics, 304 E. 3rd St., Austin, TX, 78701, 512-302-4664 (Phone), 512-302-4666 (Fax).

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

SMALL MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

Irma Portuondo

(Name of newspaper representative)

Deposes and says that (s) he is the:

Traffic Manager

(Title of newspaper representative)

Of the El Mundo Newspaper

(name of newspaper)

; that said newspaper is generally
Circulated in Hays County, Texas

That the ad for the following costumer Texas Department of Transportation was
published in said newspaper on the following date(s):

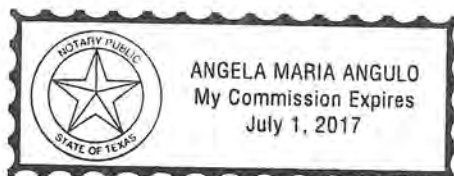
August 28, 2014.

Irma Portuondo
(Newspaper representative's signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28 day of August, 2014 to certify
which witness my hand and seal of office.

(Seal)

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Print or Type Name of Notary Public

Angela M. Angulo

My Commission Expires July 1, 2017

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Representantes de 70 países iniciaron el pasado 1 de septiembre los preparativos de la Primera Conferencia de Estados Parte del Tratado sobre el Comercio de Armas (ATT), que se efectuará en 2015. En los preparativos participan además organizaciones regionales y sociales, para analizar las modalidades pendientes hacia la entrada en vigor del tratado, como sus reglas de procedimiento, aspectos financieros y su secretariado, informó la Secretaría de Relacio-

ANUNCIO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

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Una reunión pública se llevará a cabo el 23 de septiembre del 2014 de las 5pm. a las 7pm. en la Escuela Intermedia Wallace (1302 West Center Street en Kyle, TX 78640).

Los asistentes tendrán la oportunidad de ver las alternativas de rutas propuestas y los mapas del proyecto, conversar con los miembros del equipo, hacer preguntas y hacer comentarios.

La reunión se realizará en inglés y pero contará con los servicios de un traductor al español. Cualquier asistente que requiera lenguaje de señas u otras necesidades especiales, puede comunicarse con Arin Gray (512) 533-9100 Ext.12, antes del 16 de septiembre, 2014.

Para enviar un comentario escrito para su inclusión en el registro de la casa abierta, enviar sus comentarios para el 3 de octubre, 2014 al P.O. Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763, info@improvefm150.com o por fax al (512) 533-9101.

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¡Monica
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ESTADO DE MÉXICO. Policías municipales impidieron el robo de 45 mil pesos que retiraron dos ciudadanos de una sucursal bancaria en las inmediaciones del municipio de Los Reyes La Paz.

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Appendix B

Meeting Materials



FM 150 West Alignment Study

Visit the project website to learn more about this study, to be added to the email list, and to take the open house survey.

www.improvefm150.com

Contact the Project Team
(512) 533-9100 Ext. 12
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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please share your input on the FM 150 West Alignment Study:

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FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

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Since the first public comment period closed in April 2014, the FM 150 West Alignment Team has been compiling and analyzing all comments received. The team has also collected and reviewed available data on current and future conditions and projections of future growth and development. With this information as the background, the study team has developed 4 alternative corridors, each with alignment options, to address the growing challenges facing FM 150 through the City of Kyle.

Please review each corridor and the corresponding alignment options and share you input with the County and project team.

This survey will be open through October 3, 2014. For more project information, please visit: www.improvefm150.com

Thank you for your time and input on the FM 150 Alignment Study.

FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

Corridor A - Kohler's Crossing

Construct a new four-lane roadway connecting the existing FM 150 just north of Arroyo Ranch to I-35 north of Kyle.

Pros: Short alignment resulting in reduced ROW acquisition required; Encourages future connectivity north of Kyle; Short alignment resulting in reduce ROW acquisition costs

Cons: Crosses floodplain; Tight alignment where roadway passes between Barton Jr High and Hays High School; Depending on intersection design, a 4-lane highway may create large infrastructure, creating a barrier between possible future development north of Kyle and the existing downtown; Requires re-alignment of intersection at 2770 and Kohlers Crossing; Does nothing to reduce the amount of traffic passing through downtown Kyle (as compared to local traffic

Option 1:

Pass between Hays High School and Barton Jr High School and connecting to Kohlers Crossing.

Pros: Existing Kohlers Crossing has desired capacity and roadway features; Already and existing 4-lane floodplain crossing at Kohlers Crossing; No new UPRR crossing required

Cons: Existing UPRR crossing is at grade; Requires new grade separated intersection at I-35, or improvement of existing Kyle Crossing to connect to existing bridge over I-35

Option 2:

Passing between Hays High School and Barton Jr High School, utilize a portion of existing FM 2770 and construct a new four-lane roadway parallel to Kohlers Crossing.

Pros: Connects to existing grade separated interchange on I-35

Cons: Requires new UPRR crossing; Sharp turn after passing between schools will result in lower design speeds; Disrupts future development land north of Kohlers Crossing; Requires new floodplain crossing



1. Are there any additional advantages to this corridor?

2. Are there any additional disadvantages to this corridor?

FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

3. Do you feel this alternative is a suitable solution for FM 150?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

Corridor B – Existing FM 150

The existing FM 150 travels through the City of Kyle along Rebel Drive and Center Street.

Option 1 No Build:

Maintain the existing alignment of FM 150 through Kyle.

Advantages: lowest possible cost; no ROW impacts.

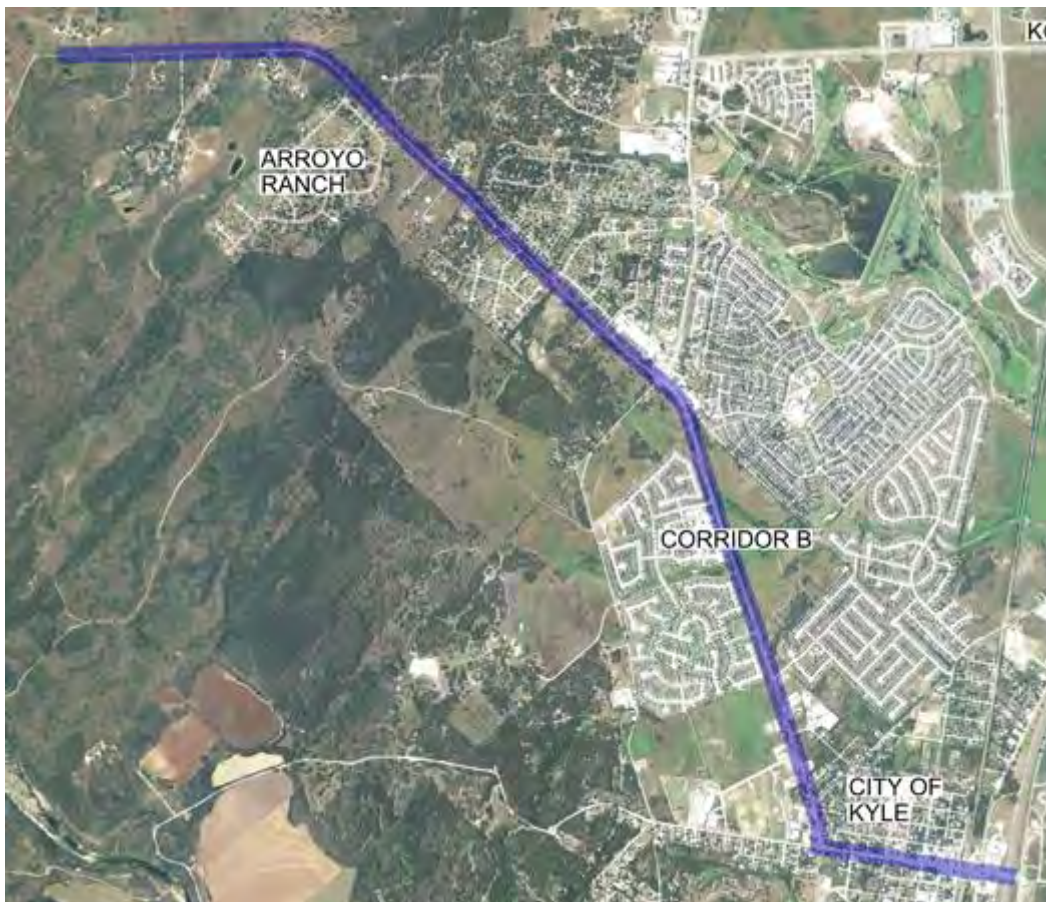
Disadvantages: Increasing congestion through downtown Kyle results in adverse impacts for residents and businesses (poor air quality, travel time increased, reduced safety for pedestrians and bicyclist); does nothing to reduce the amount of traffic passing through downtown Kyle as compared to local traffic.

Option 2 – Improve Existing FM 150

Expand the existing alignment to provide a greater throughput capacity.

Advantages: only 1 FEMA floodplain crossing (at Autumn Sage Pkwy).

Disadvantages: Significantly disrupts existing downtown Kyle (removes on-street parking, will result in minimum sidewalk sizing with no setback for storefronts); existing at-grade UPRR crossing will have to be improved and may impact existing downtown intersections; sharp turns at intersection of W Center St. and Rebel Dr results in reduced design speeds; crosses between multiple existing subdivisions, requiring many intersections potentially resulting in reduced design speeds; no improvement to pedestrian and bicyclist safety, no potential to add bike lanes downtown; does nothing to reduce the amount of traffic passing through downtown Kyle (as compared to local traffic)



FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

4. Are there any additional advantages to this corridor?

5. Are there any additional disadvantages to this corridor?

6. Do you feel this alternative is a suitable solution for FM 150?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

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Corridor C - Western Alignment Not Crossing Blanco River

Construct a new four lane roadway connecting the existing FM 150 west of Arroyo Ranch to I-35 at Yarrington road south of Kyle, closely following the Hays County Transportation Plan and staying north of the Blanco River.

Option 1 – cross Old Stagecoach Road and construct an entirely new alignment.

Option 2 – Utilize a portion of the existing Old Stagecoach Road.

Advantages: existing 4 lane grade separated UPRR crossing at Yarrington Rd.; connects to future FM 110; Supports desired growth and development, promotes development west of Kyle, acts as a start to a loop around Kyle; allows through traffic to travel around downtown Kyle, improving conditions and reducing congestion for local travelers

Disadvantages: requires 3 floodplain crossings; extensive ROW acquisition (long alignment with no existing ROW); potential impact to existing residences and neighborhoods; hilly terrain, requires extensive excavation; close proximity to historic ranches.

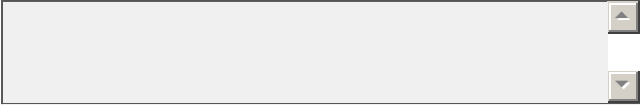
FM 150 Alignment Alternatives



7. Are there any additional advantages to this corridor?

FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

8. Are there any additional disadvantages to this corridor?



9. Do you feel this alternative is a suitable solution for FM 150?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

Corridor D – Western Alignment Crossing the Blanco River

Construct a new four lane roadway from the existing FM 150 west of Arroyo Ranch, crossing the Blanco River, and connecting to I-35 at Yarrington Road south of Kyle.

Option 1 – a Northern alignment

Option 2 Southern alignment

Advantages: Exiting 4 lane grade separated UPRR crossing at Yarrington Road; connects to future FM 110; Supports desired growth and development, promotes development west of Kyle, acts as a start to a loop around Kyle; allows through traffic to travel around downtown Kyle, improving conditions and reducing congestion for local travelers; reduced impact on existing neighborhoods and residences (compared to Corridor C).

Disadvantages: Includes two Blanco River crossings requiring large expensive bridges; requires multiple floodplain crossings; extensive ROW acquisition (long alignment with no existing ROW); potential impact to existing residences and neighborhoods; hilly terrain, requires extensive excavation; close proximity to historic ranches.

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10. Are there any additional advantages to this corridor?

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11. Are there any additional disadvantages to this corridor?



12. Do you feel this alternative is a suitable solution for FM 150?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

General Project Input

13. What corridor would be your preference for further evaluation?

| | 1st Preference | 2nd Preference | 3rd Preference | 4th Preference |
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| Corridor B - Existing 150 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Corridor C - Western Alignment Not Crossing Blanco River | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Corridor D - Western Alignment Crossing Blanco River | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

14. Are there any additional comments you would like to share (note - a response is not required)?

FM 150 Alignment Alternatives

Demographic Information

All information is confidential and will not be shared.

15. If you share your email address, you will receive project information and updates.

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16. How did you hear about this survey or project?

- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Friend
- ☐ Email Update
- ☐ Sign

Other (please specify)

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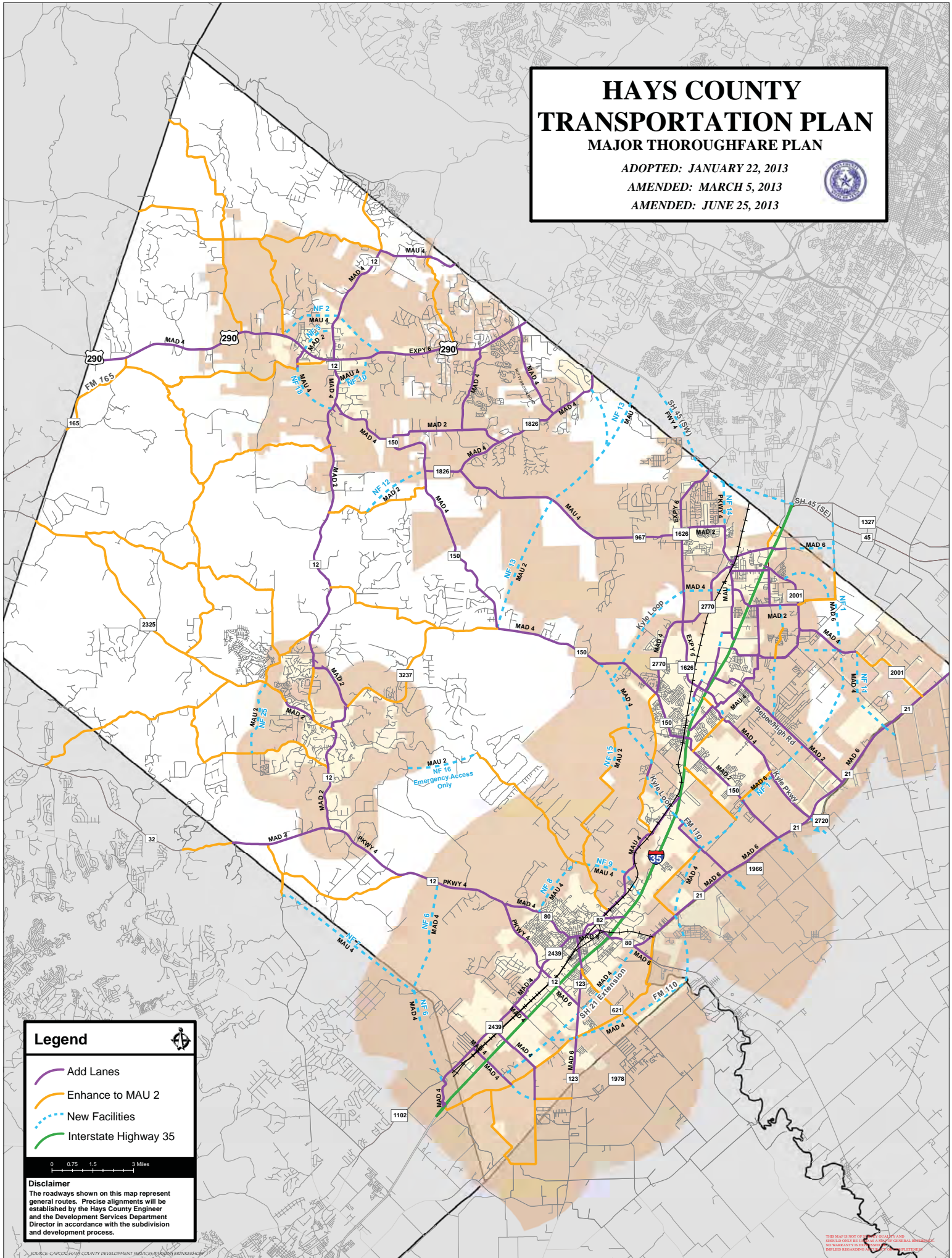
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- The study team developed four alternative corridors, each with alignment options

We are here to share our findings and obtain your input.



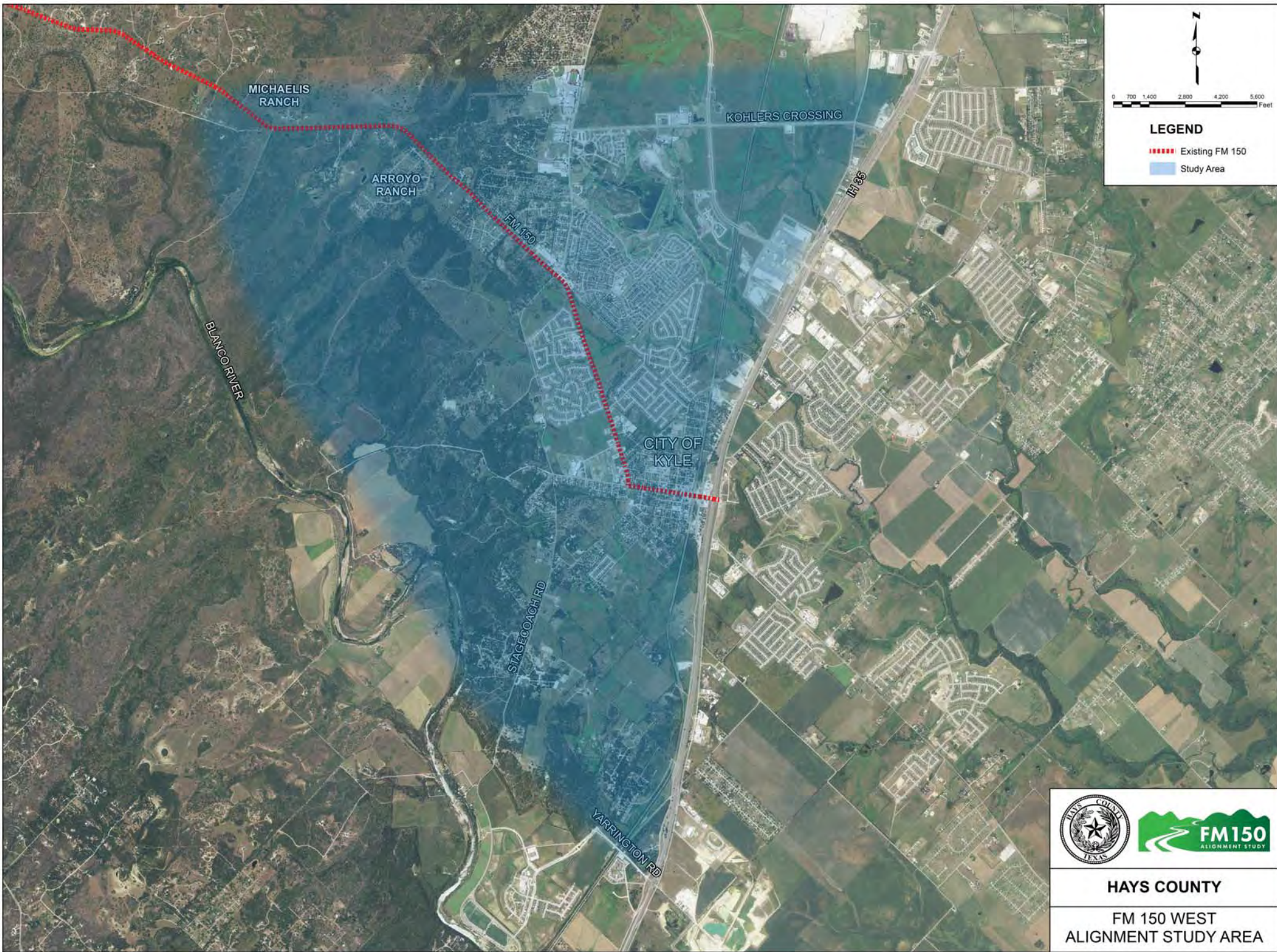


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THE FM 150 REALIGNMENT STUDY

- Identified in the Hays County Transportation Plan (January 2013)
- Proposes a re-alignment of FM 150 to increase safety, support growth and development and alleviate congestion in Kyle
- Provide a potential connection to the future FM 110
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Limited space to improve existing FM 150 in Kyle
 - Provide separate routes for through and local traffic
 - Propose four-lane divided roadway within 150 feet





LEGEND

- Existing FM 150
- Study Area



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**FM 150 WEST
ALIGNMENT STUDY AREA**

STUDY PURPOSE & NEED

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

- **Relieve congestion:** By relocating through-traffic away from downtown Kyle, through-traffic and local traffic would no longer be required to share the current facility, which would result in reduced congestion overall.
- **Improve Safety:** Relocating through-traffic outside of downtown Kyle reduces vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-train interactions. Improvements to FM 150 would lessen motorists' crash risk by reducing congestion, improving mobility, and providing additional travel lanes.
- **Alleviate Delays at Rail Road Crossing:** Traffic through Kyle and beyond to the east or west would no longer be required to stop at the Union Pacific rail crossing at Center Street and could continue on FM 150 uninterrupted.



STUDY PURPOSE & NEED

NEED FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT

- **Population Growth:** Hays County has grown 139% from 1990 to 2010 and is expected to grow another 156% by 2040. The city of Kyle is expected to grow more than 3x its current population by 2040. Population growth is expected to contribute to increased traffic congestion if roadway improvements are not made.
- **Increased Traffic:** FM 150 experienced about 25,700 vehicles per day (vpd) in 2012. TxDOT expects about 41,600 vpd by 2035. Increased traffic and congestion will reduce traffic safety if improvements are not made to FM 150.
- **Safety:** From 2012 to 2014 FM 150 had 70 collisions: 12 at I-35, 2 at FM 2770, 3 at FM 3237, and 53 along FM 150 between these intersections. Improvements to congestion and mobility along FM 150 would be expected to increase safety.
- **Train Delays:** The Union Pacific rail line crosses Center Street 15 times a day. This forces traffic east and west to stop, causing traffic delays. Creating an overpass for FM 150 through-traffic to and from I-35 would prevent rail delays for these motorists.

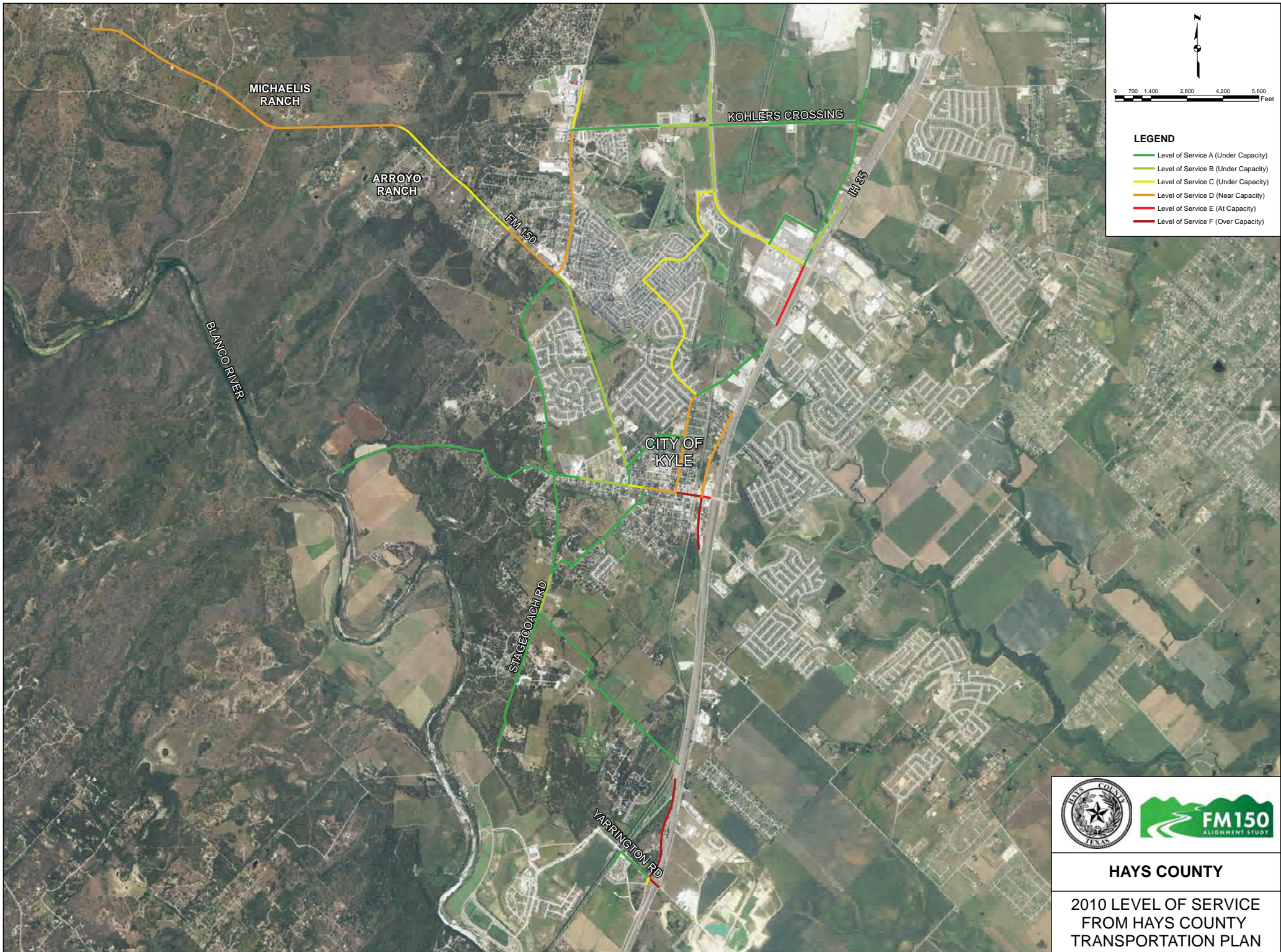


COMMON THEMES FROM PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 COMMENTS

- **Northern Alignment**
 - Alignment should connect to Kohler's Crossing
- **Property Value Impacts**
 - Property values along new alignment will diminish
- **Travel Patterns & Demands**
 - Majority of traffic through Kyle goes north to Austin
 - Traffic counts and models need to be updated
- **Land Acquisition Requirements**
 - Not enough space for proposed right-of-way without taking homes
- **Southern Alignment**
 - Alignment should cross the Blanco River and connect to Yarrington Rd
 - Alignment should connect Old Stagecoach Rd and Yarrington Rd
- **Safety**
 - Alignments near neighborhoods creates safety concerns for pedestrians
 - Bicycle safety would be negatively impacted by new four-lane roadway
- **Visual & Noise Affects**
 - Alignments would create unwanted noise pollution for surrounding homes
 - Four-lane roadway would take away from scenic views in Kyle
- **Environmental Impacts**
 - New roadway will diminish air quality
- **Government Land Office (GLO) Property**
 - Alignments are intended to benefit GLO property, not to improve traffic issues
- **Neighborhood Impacts**
 - Neighborhoods would be negatively impacted by the increased traffic

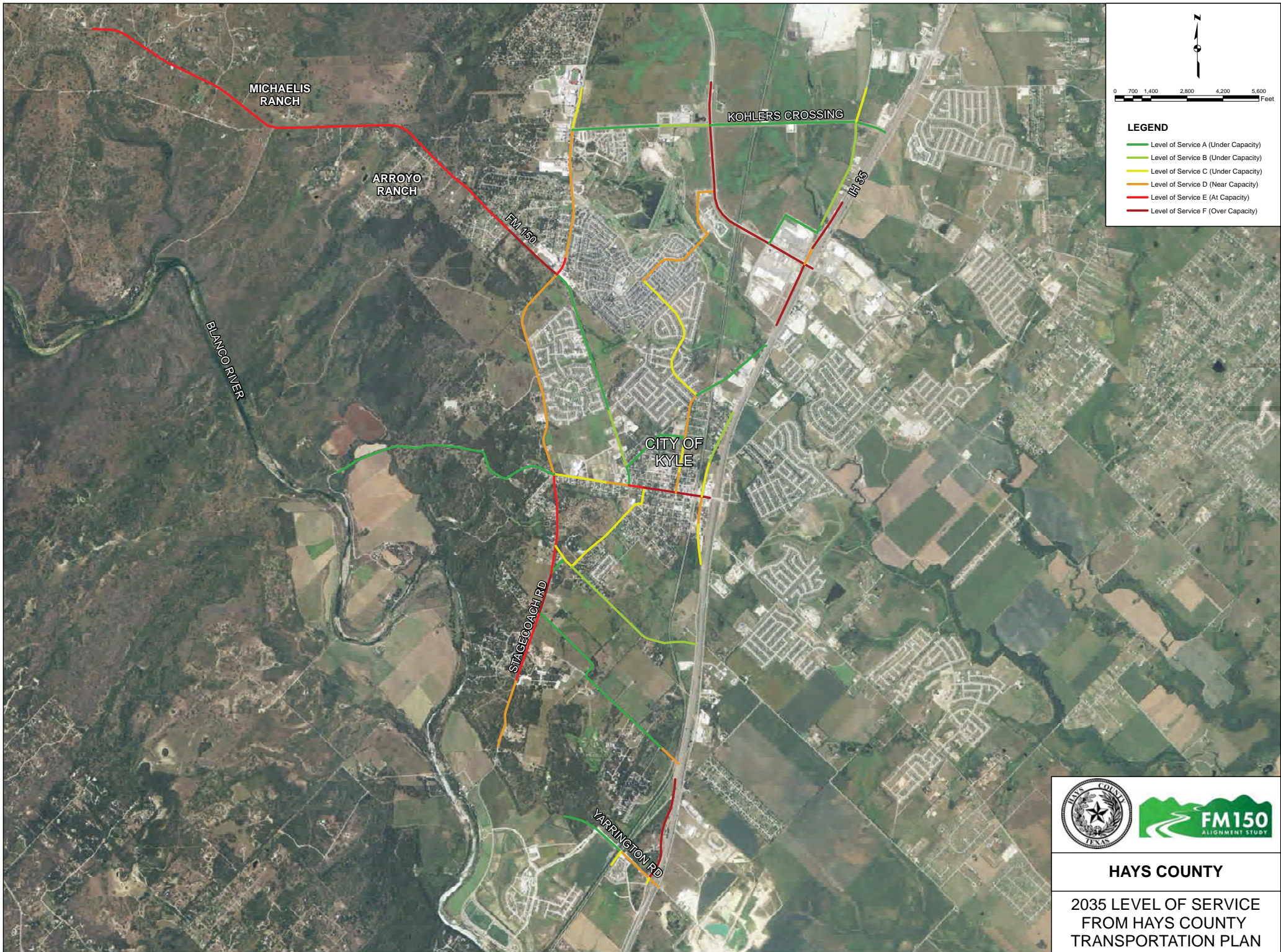
A summary of all public comments and responses can be found on the FM 150 Alignment Study website at improvefm150.com

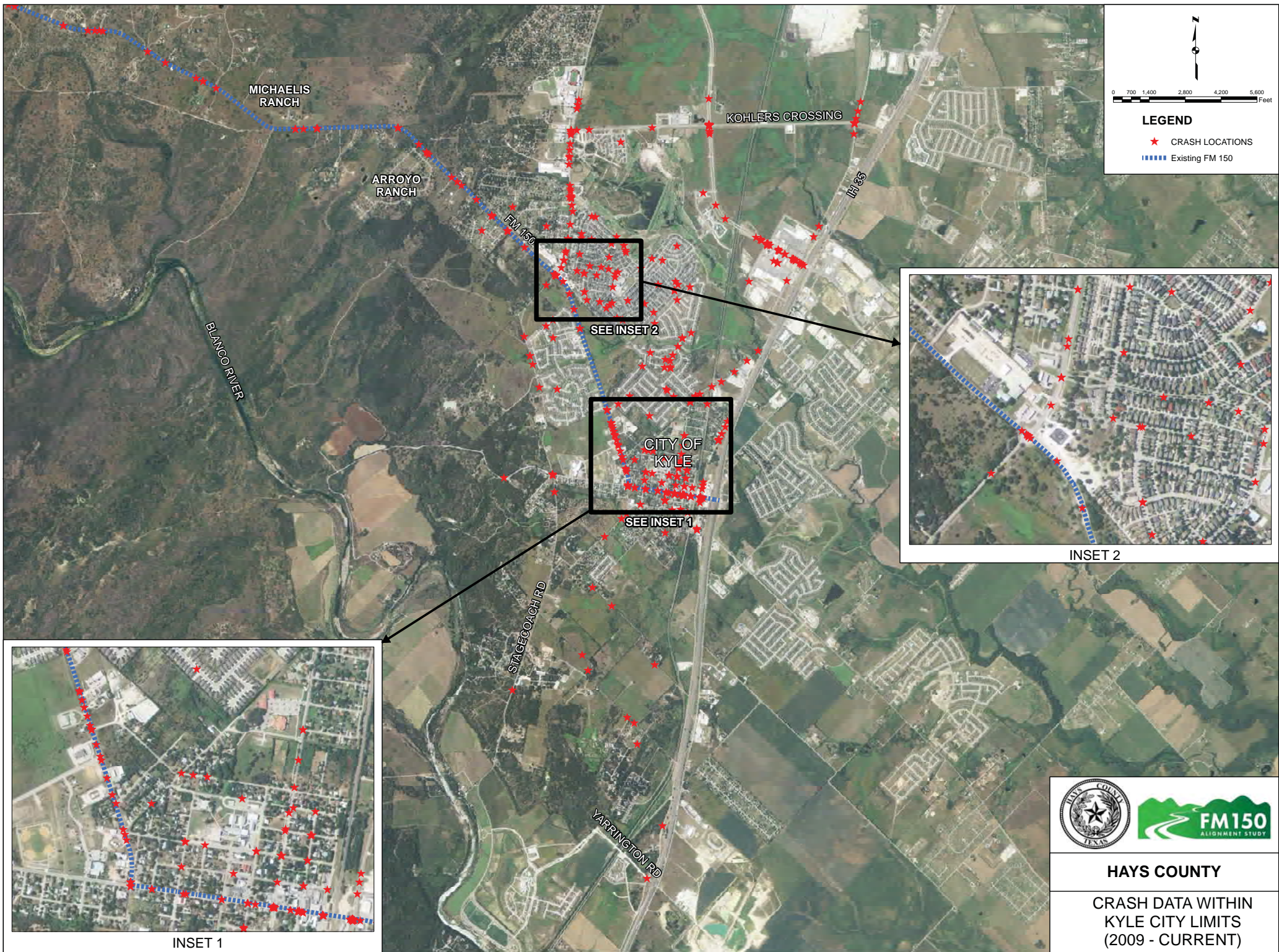


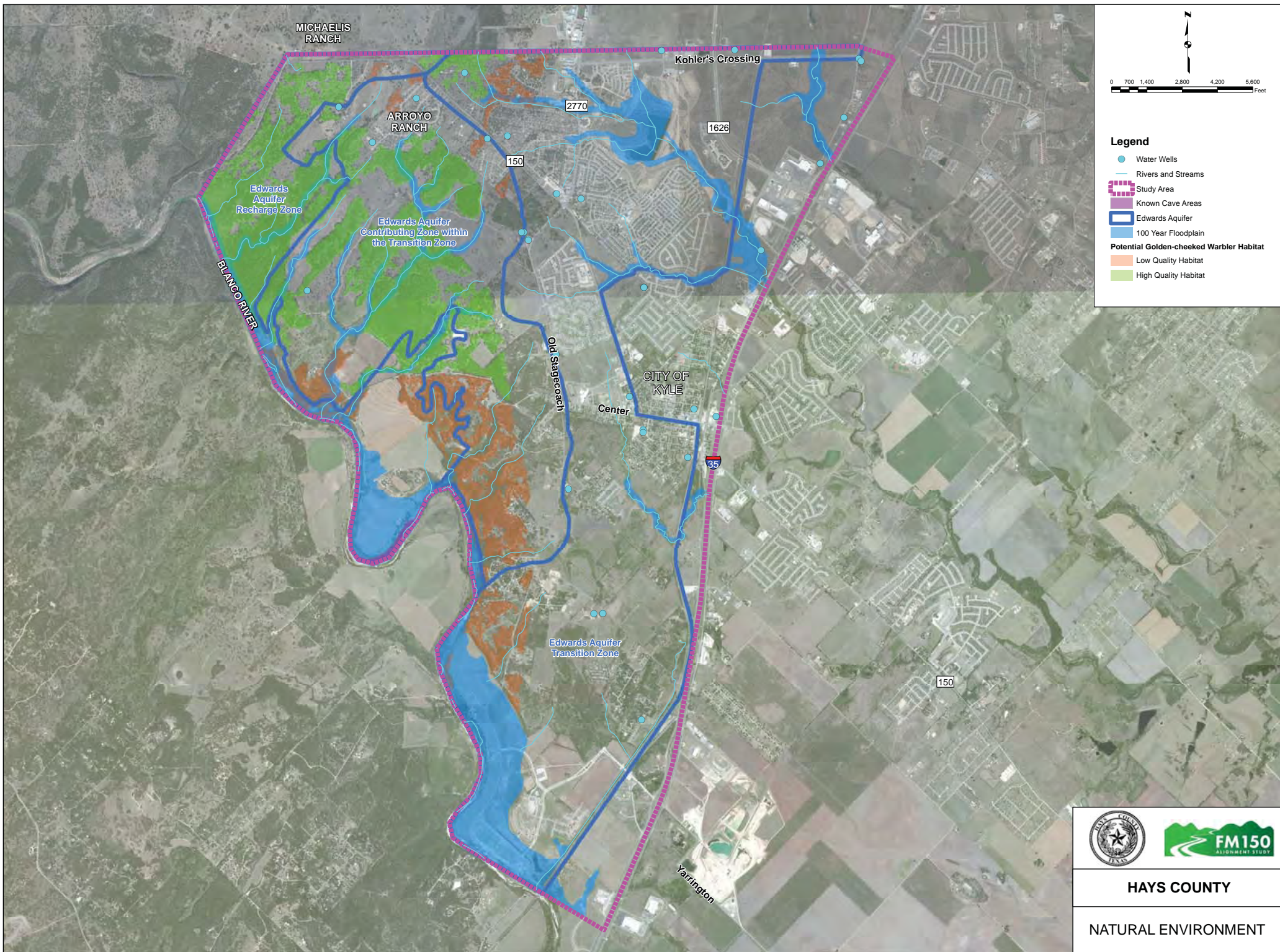


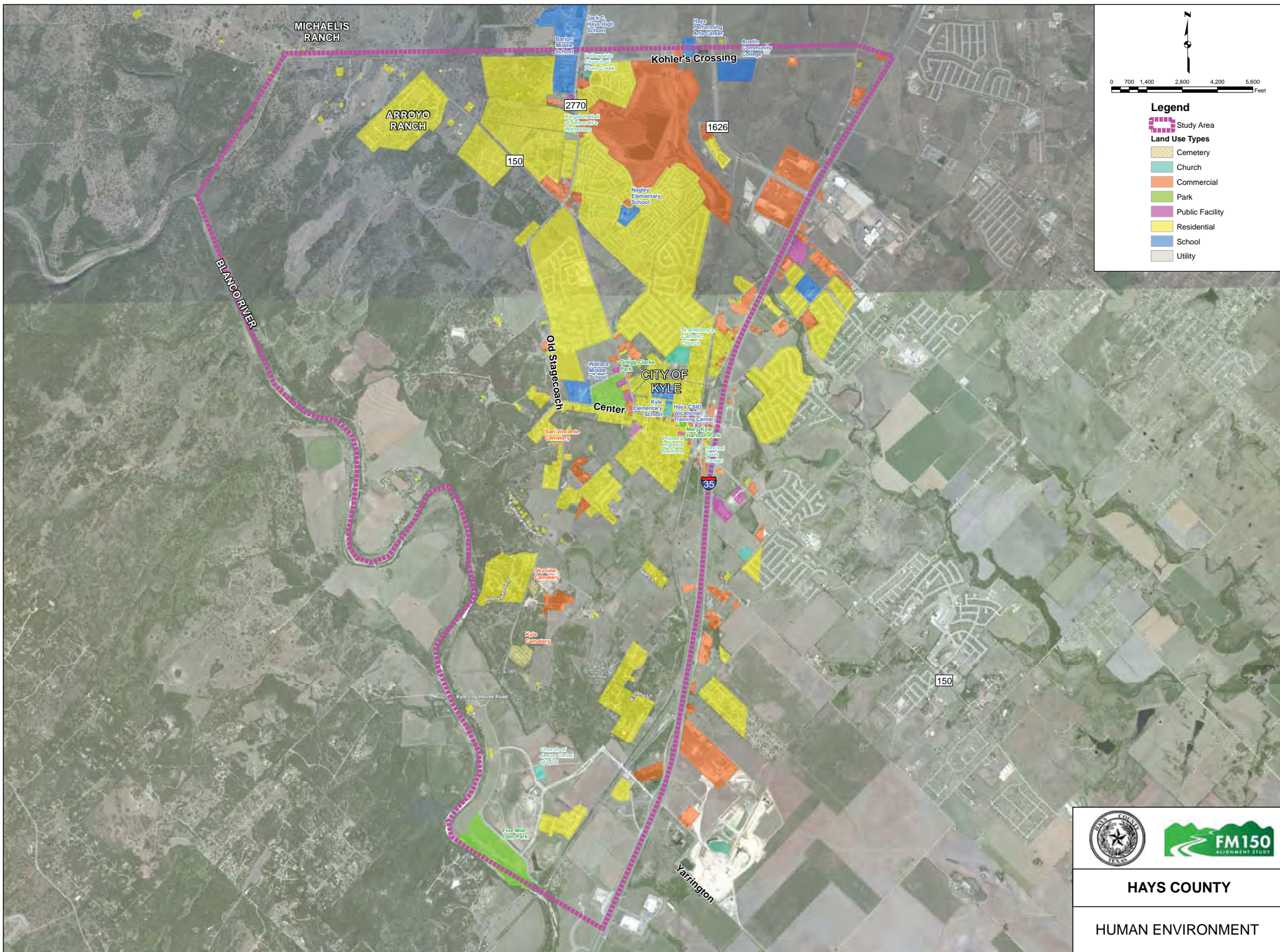
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2010 LEVEL OF SERVICE
FROM HAYS COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION PLAN



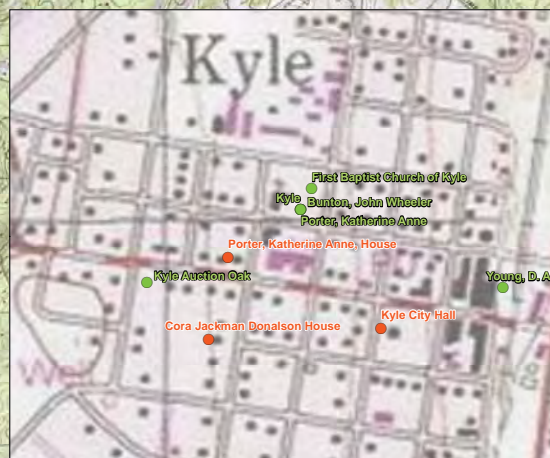








-  Historical Markers
-  NRHP Properties
-  Study Area
-  NRHP Historic Sites



PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

Please review each of the following corridors and their corresponding alignment options, as well as the no-build option, and share your input with the County and project team.

- Complete a survey at this workshop
- Complete a survey at home via this link:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/FM150align

The survey will close October 3, 2014

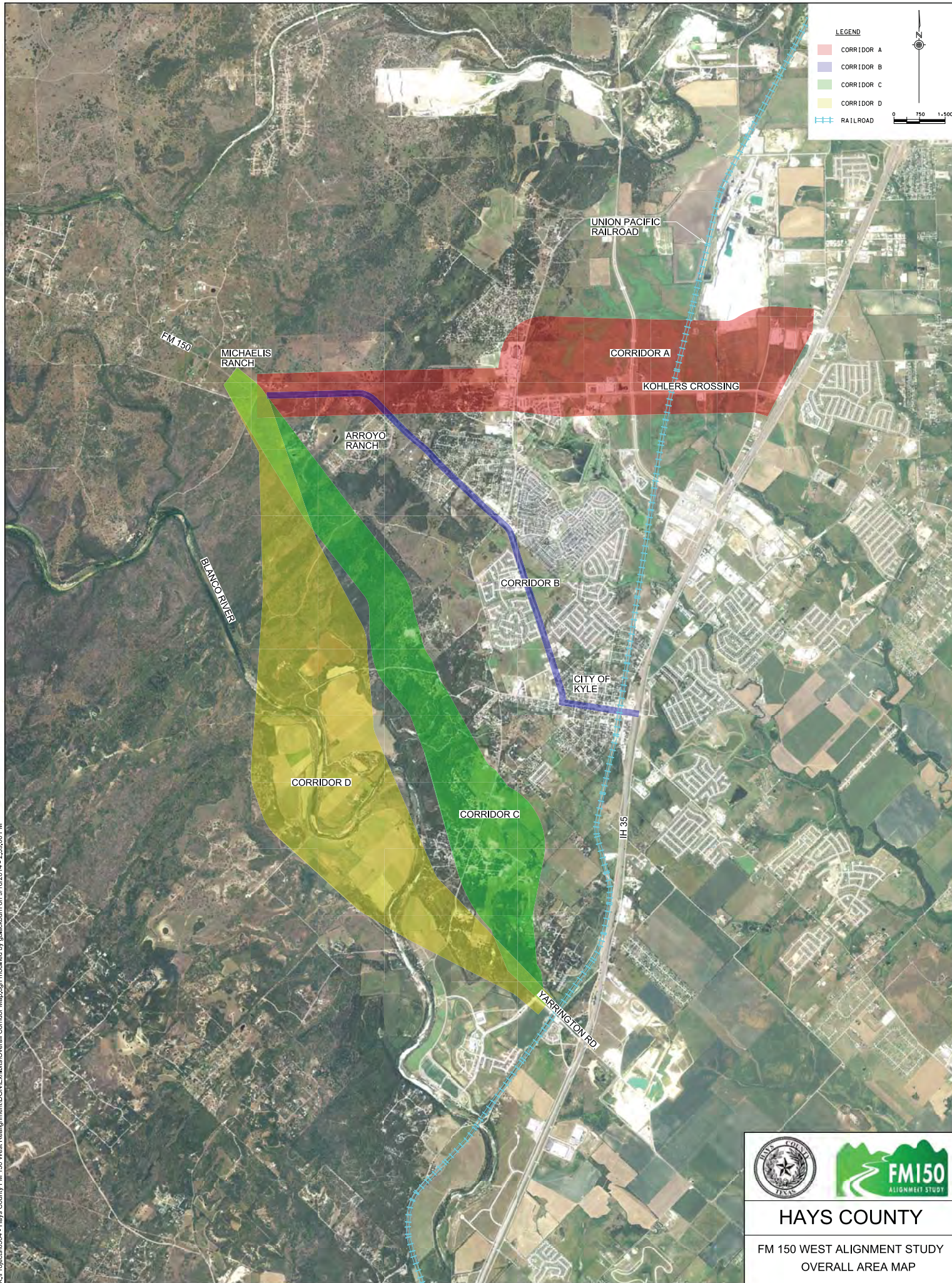


POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Widen and improve existing Kohler's Crossing and tie into existing FM 150 between Arroyo RR and RM 3237
- Widen and improve existing FM 150 (Center Street) through downtown Kyle
- Develop a new-location alternative south of Kyle and east of the Blanco River from the Yarrington Road-IH 35 intersection that would tie into existing FM 150 between Arroyo RR and RM 3237
- Develop a new-location alternative south of Kyle and west of the Blanco River from the Yarrington Road-IH 35 intersection that would tie into existing FM 150 between Arroyo Ranch Road and FM 3237
- Develop a new-location alternative south of Kyle from the Yarrington Road-IH 35 intersection that would cross the Blanco River and tie into existing FM 150 between Arroyo Ranch Road and RM 3237

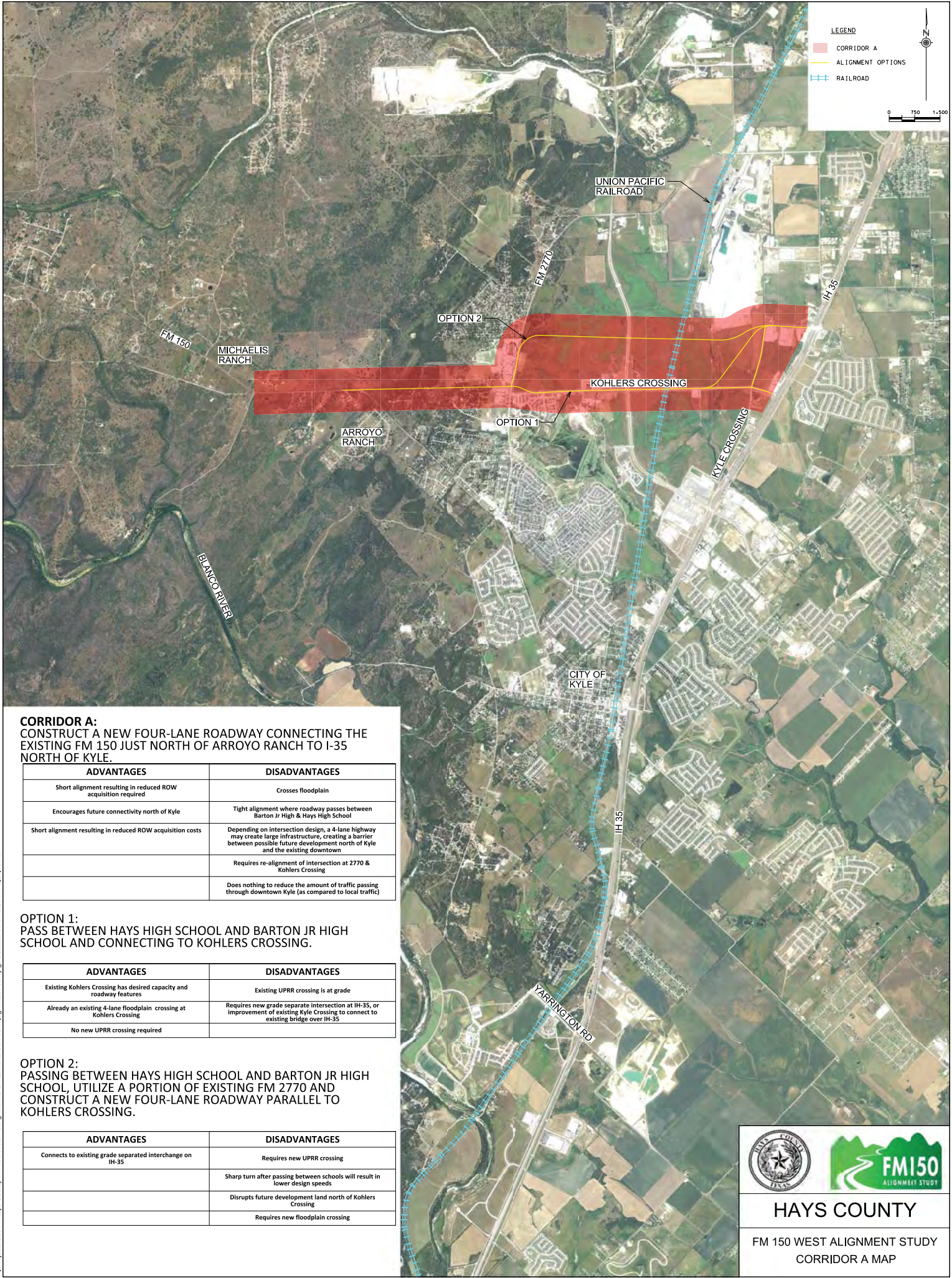


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FM 150 WEST ALIGNMENT STUDY
OVERALL AREA MAP



CORRIDOR A:
CONSTRUCT A NEW FOUR-LANE ROADWAY CONNECTING THE EXISTING FM 150 JUST NORTH OF ARROYO RANCH TO I-35 NORTH OF KYLE.

| ADVANTAGES | DISADVANTAGES |
|---|--|
| Short alignment resulting in reduced ROW acquisition required | Crosses floodplain |
| Encourages future connectivity north of Kyle | Tight alignment where roadway passes between Barton Jr High & Hays High School |
| Short alignment resulting in reduced ROW acquisition costs | Depending on intersection design, a 4-lane highway may create large infrastructure, creating a barrier between possible future development north of Kyle and the existing downtown |
| | Requires re-alignment of intersection at 2770 & Kohlers Crossing |
| | Does nothing to reduce the amount of traffic passing through downtown Kyle (as compared to local traffic) |

OPTION 1:
PASS BETWEEN HAYS HIGH SCHOOL AND BARTON JR HIGH SCHOOL AND CONNECTING TO KOHLERS CROSSING.

| ADVANTAGES | DISADVANTAGES |
|---|--|
| Existing Kohlers Crossing has desired capacity and roadway features | Existing UPRR crossing is at grade |
| Already an existing 4-lane floodplain crossing at Kohlers Crossing | Requires new grade separate intersection at IH-35, or improvement of existing Kyle Crossing to connect to existing bridge over IH-35 |
| No new UPRR crossing required | |

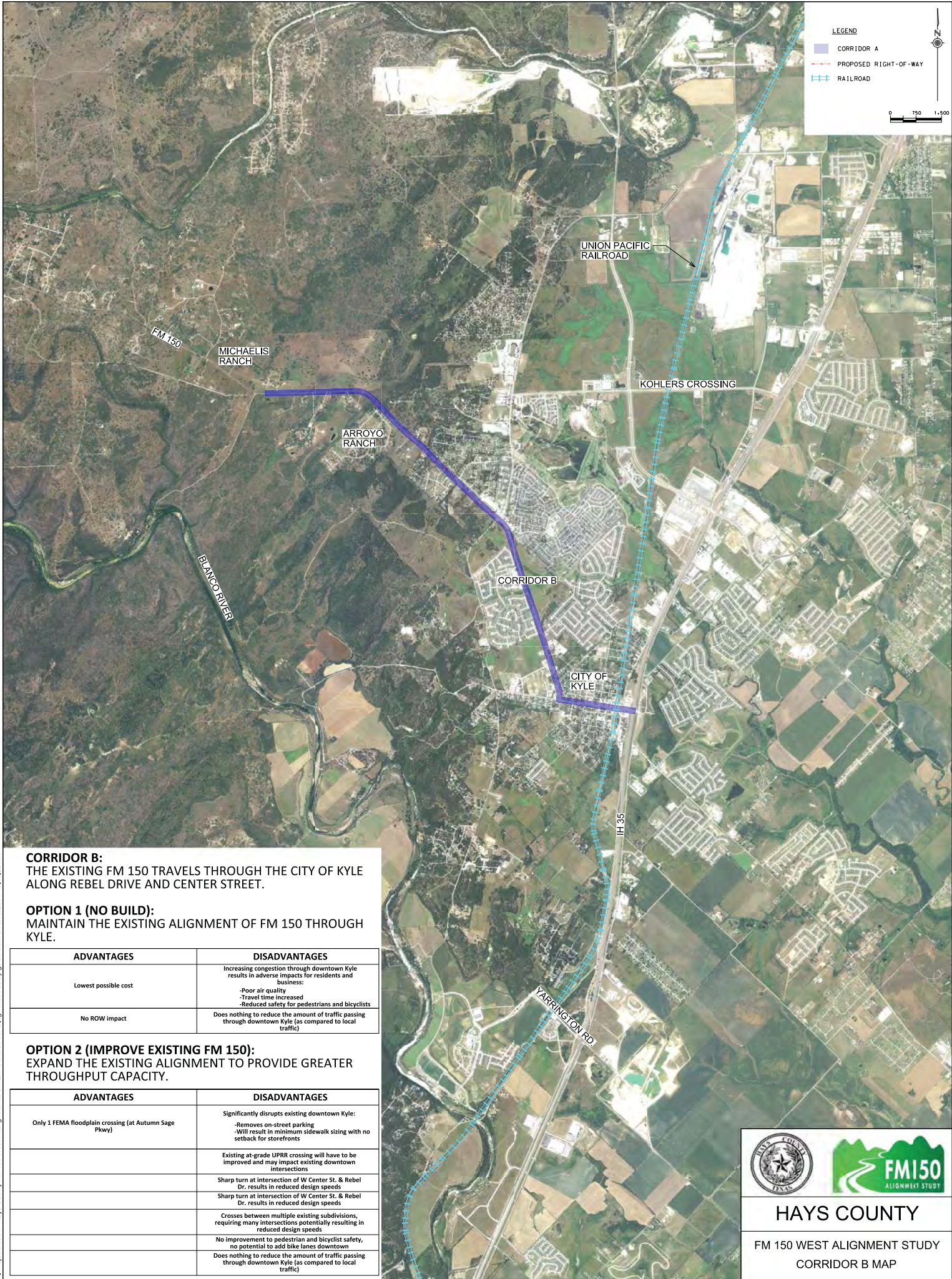
OPTION 2:
PASSING BETWEEN HAYS HIGH SCHOOL AND BARTON JR HIGH SCHOOL, UTILIZE A PORTION OF EXISTING FM 2770 AND CONSTRUCT A NEW FOUR-LANE ROADWAY PARALLEL TO KOHLERS CROSSING.

| ADVANTAGES | DISADVANTAGES |
|---|---|
| Connects to existing grade separated interchange on IH-35 | Requires new UPRR crossing |
| | Sharp turn after passing between schools will result in lower design speeds |
| | Disrupts future development land north of Kohlers Crossing |
| | Requires new floodplain crossing |



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FM 150 WEST ALIGNMENT STUDY
CORRIDOR A MAP



CORRIDOR B:
THE EXISTING FM 150 TRAVELS THROUGH THE CITY OF KYLE
ALONG REBEL DRIVE AND CENTER STREET.

OPTION 1 (NO BUILD):
MAINTAIN THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT OF FM 150 THROUGH
KYLE.

| ADVANTAGES | DISADVANTAGES |
|----------------------|--|
| Lowest possible cost | Increasing congestion through downtown Kyle results in adverse impacts for residents and business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Poor air quality-Travel time increased-Reduced safety for pedestrians and bicyclists |
| No ROW impact | Does nothing to reduce the amount of traffic passing through downtown Kyle (as compared to local traffic) |

OPTION 2 (IMPROVE EXISTING FM 150):
EXPAND THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT TO PROVIDE GREATER
THROUGHPUT CAPACITY.

| ADVANTAGES | DISADVANTAGES |
|--|---|
| Only 1 FEMA floodplain crossing (at Autumn Sage Pkwy) | Significantly disrupts existing downtown Kyle: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Removes on-street parking-Will result in minimum sidewalk sizing with no setback for storefronts |
| | Existing at-grade UPRR crossing will have to be improved and may impact existing downtown intersections |
| | Sharp turn at intersection of W Center St. & Rebel Dr. results in reduced design speeds |
| | Sharp turn at intersection of W Center St. & Rebel Dr. results in reduced design speeds |
| | Crosses between multiple existing subdivisions, requiring many intersections potentially resulting in reduced design speeds |
| | No improvement to pedestrian and bicyclist safety, no potential to add bike lanes downtown |
| | Does nothing to reduce the amount of traffic passing through downtown Kyle (as compared to local traffic) |



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FM 150 WEST ALIGNMENT STUDY
CORRIDOR B MAP





CORRIDOR C:
CONSTRUCT A NEW FOUR LANE ROADWAY CONNECTING THE EXISTING FM 150 WEST OF ARROYO RANCH TO I-35 AT YARRINGTON ROAD SOUTH OF KYLE, CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE HAYS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND STAYING NORTH OF THE BLANCO RIVER.

| ADVANTAGES | DISADVANTAGES |
|---|--|
| Existing 4 lane grade separated UPRR crossing at Yarrington RD | Requires 3 floodplain crossings |
| Connects to future FM 110 | Requires extensive ROW acquisition (long alignment with no existing ROW) |
| Supports desired growth and development. Promotes development west of Kyle, acts as a start to a loop-road around Kyle | Potential impact to existing residences and neighborhoods |
| Allows through traffic to travel around downtown Kyle, improving conditions and reducing congestion for local travelers | Hilly terrain requires extensive excavation |
| | Close proximity to historic ranches |

OPTION 1:
CROSS OLD STAGECOACH ROAD AND CONSTRUCT AN ENTIRELY NEW ALIGNMENT.

OPTION 2:
UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE EXISTING OLD STAGECOACH ROAD.



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FM 150 WEST ALIGNMENT STUDY
CORRIDOR C MAP

LEGEND

- CORRIDOR D
- ALIGNMENT OPTIONS
- RAILROAD

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CORRIDOR D:
CONSTRUCT A NEW FOUR LANE ROADWAY FROM THE EXISTING FM 150 WEST OF ARROYO RANCH CROSSING THE BLANCO RIVER AND CONNECTING TO I-35 AT YARRINGTON ROAD SOUTH OF KYLE.

| ADVANTAGES | DISADVANTAGES |
|---|---|
| Existing 4 lane grade separated UPRR crossing at Yarrington Rd | Includes two Blanco River Crossings requiring large expensive bridges |
| Connects to future FM 110 | Requires multiple floodplain crossings |
| Supports desired growth and development. Promotes development west of Kyle, acts as a start to a loop-road around Kyle | Extensive ROW acquisition (long alignment with no existing ROW) |
| Allows through traffic to travel around downtown Kyle, improving conditions and reducing congestion for local travelers | Potential impact to existing residences and neighborhoods |
| Reduced impact on existing neighborhoods and residences (compared to Corridor C) | Hilly terrain, requires extensive excavation |
| | Close proximity to historic ranches |

OPTION 1:
NORTHERN ALIGNMENT.

OPTION 2:
SOUTHERN ALIGNMENT.

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MICHAELIS RANCH

ARROYO RANCH

KOHLERS CROSSING

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

CORRIDOR D

CITY OF KYLE

IH 35

YARRINGTON RD.



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FM 150 WEST ALIGNMENT STUDY
CORRIDOR D MAP

NEXT STEPS

- The project team will review and evaluate comments and feedback received tonight and through October 3rd.
- The project team will narrow the corridors and alignments and recommend a preferred alignment.
- Evaluation Criteria:
 - Construction costs
 - Direct property impacts
 - Indirect property impacts
 - Accommodates existing travel patterns/demands
 - Accommodates future travel patterns/demands
 - Improves railroad crossing
 - Natural environment impacts
 - Bicycle and pedestrian mobility/accommodations
 - Constructability
- The recommendation will be made at a public workshop in the summer of 2015.



Track Study Progress

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