City of Waco and Texas Department of Transportation

Request: Closure of the At-Grade Railroad Crossing at Oxygen Drive (DOT# 790-612A, RRMP 681.6) for its replacement by frontage road bridge crossings.

Background:

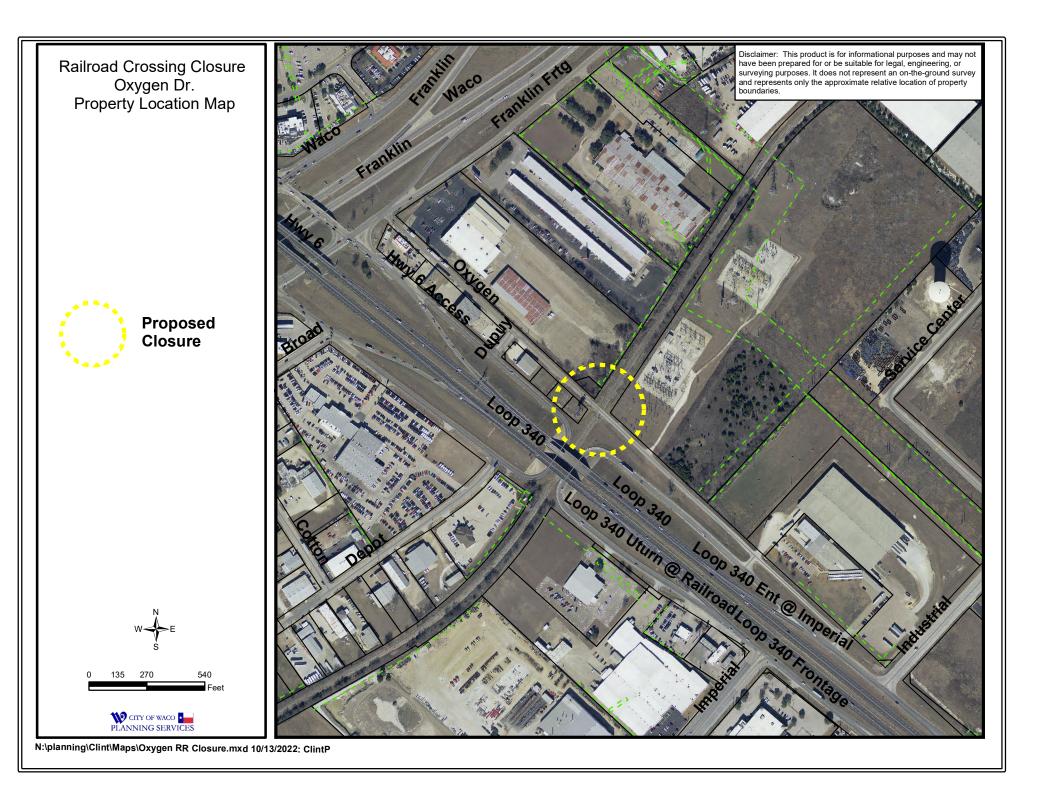
The Texas Department of Transportation's "mall to mall" project on State Highway 6 (CSJ 0258-09-142 which was let in August 2021) is constructing frontage road bridges at Union Pacific Railroad and to replace the at-grade crossing at Oxygen Drive.

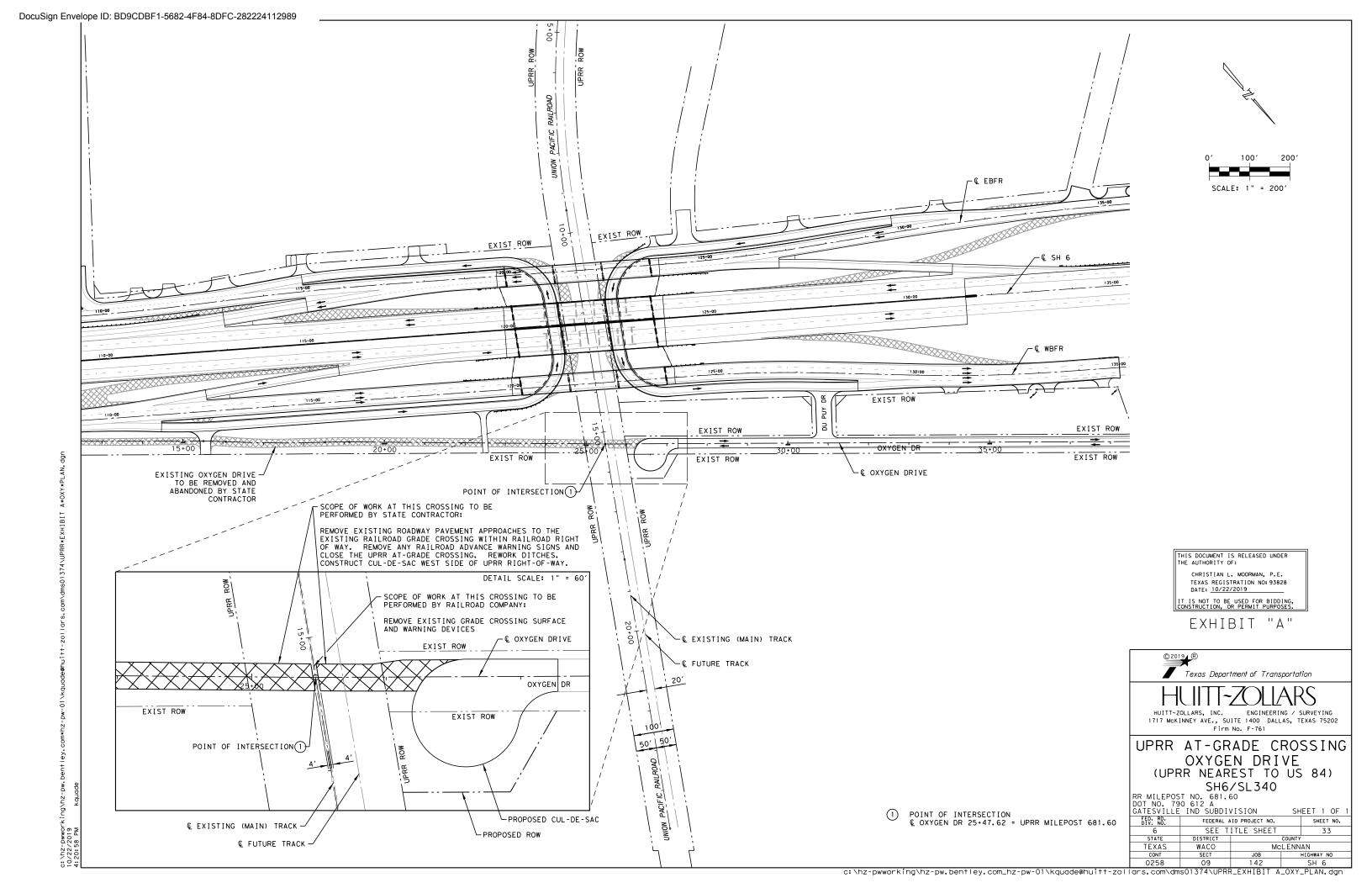
During the development phase of the project, all affected businesses and property owners were communicated with to agree on change of access of Oxygen Drive once the at-grade railroad crossing was removed, including the construction of a cul-de-sac and driveway access.

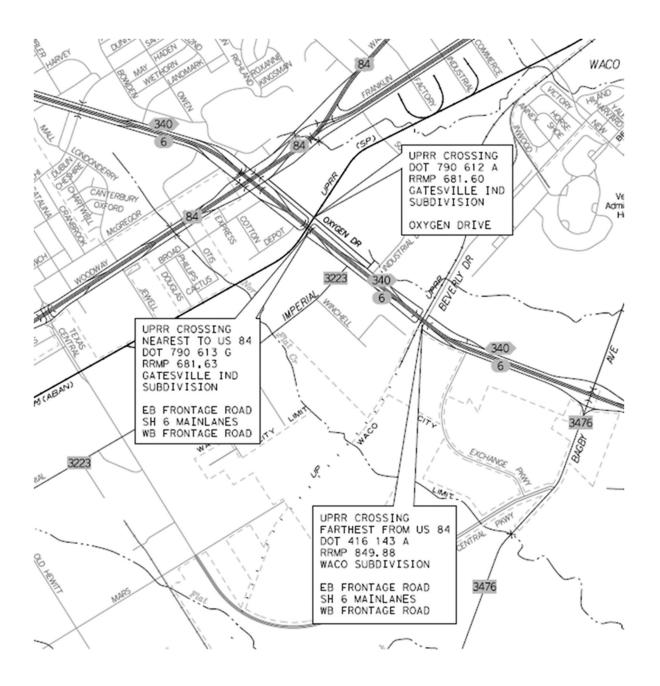
The new frontage road bridges will replace the at-grade crossing and increase the safety to the traveling public.

Project Schedule:

This TxDOT project is currently under construction is estimated to be complete by Dec 2023.







Oxygen Drive RR Closure Follow Up

- Public Meeting previously held? TxDOT held a public meeting on the Loop 340
 (Mall to Mall) expansion project on 11/14/2017. Impacted property owners were
 made aware of the proposed closure and several attended this public meeting.
 The proposed Loop 340 project plans with the proposed closure was
 supported by the City, MPO, and TxDOT and is what is being constructed
 today.
- 2. Does Union Pacific support the closure? Yes, UPRR is in agreement with the closure of this at grade crossing.
- 3. Is the closure being requested by Union Pacific? No. As mentioned above the closure was agreed upon by the City and TxDOT during design. TxDOT then worked with UPRR on the agreement.
- 4. What will be the impact if the closure is not approved? The agreement for this closure has already been approved by UPRR. Should this closure not happen, the remaining section of Oxygen has the potential to create safety and operational impacts with the improvements being constructed in the current project. Additionally, Railroad companies require a 2:1 (sometimes 3:1) number of closures should TxDOT ever desire a new at grade crossing somewhere in the state. This closure is inventoried to TxDOT's statewide total.