



SEGMENT C NEWS

Route Study ♦ Environmental Impact Statement ♦ Schematic Design ♦ Right-Of-Way Determination

DEIS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Segment C of the Grand Parkway is available for review at the following locations:

- TxDOT Houston District (see Robin Sterry)
7721 Washington Avenue, Houston
- Grand Parkway Association
4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 222, Houston
- Houston Public Library (Texas Room)
500 McKinney, Houston
- George Memorial Library
1001 Golfview Drive, Richmond
- Angleton Branch of the Brazoria County Library
401 East Cedar, Angleton

Copies of the DEIS can be obtained from the Grand Parkway Association for the cost of reproduction. For details, contact Donna Schneider at 713-965-0871.

TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 13

On June 13, 2000, at 7:00 pm, two simultaneous public hearings for Segment C of the Grand Parkway will be held.

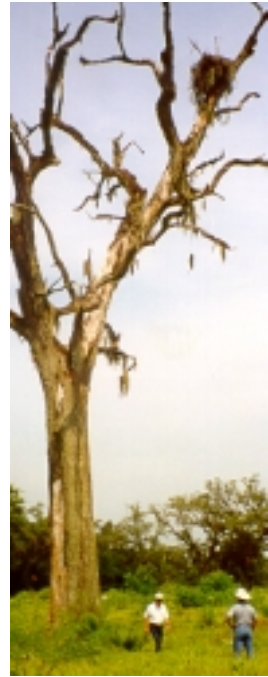
- **Fort Bend County** at the Dickinson Elementary School, located in Greatwood at the corner of Sansbury and Greatwood Parkway. (7110 Greatwood Parkway, Sugar Land)
- **Brazoria County** at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on CR 48 (Old Airline Rd.) north off of SH 6 approximately ¾ mile west of SH 288. (6502 County Road 48, Manvel)

The public hearing locations are also shown on the map on pages 2 and 3.

At the public hearings, the DEIS will be presented and comments will be received from the public. Comments can be made at any time by visiting the Grand Parkway Association website (www.grandpky.com).

INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD WORK COMPLETED

During mid 1999, environmental field work was performed to verify the existence, location and magnitude of environmental constraints. The field work was performed by teams of environmental scientists and resulted in one surprise. A Bald Eagle's nest was found southeast of Lake Worthington. Bald Eagles are a federally listed endangered species. Their nests are protected by primary and secondary management zones that restrict certain types of development close to the nest. The proximity of Segment C of the Grand Parkway to the nest and feeding areas of the Bald Eagles requires close coordination with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



REPRESENTATIVE ALTERNATIVES SELECTED

In August of 1999, the study team, including TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, screened the group of 40 remaining alternatives. The screening occurred for two reasons: additional impacts had been identified, and TxDOT requested fewer alternatives be described in detail in the DEIS.

What's New ?

Two New Alternatives Have Been Added
Eight Alternatives Remain for Evaluation
DEIS Completed and Available for Review
Two Public Hearings To Be Held June 13

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The 40 alternatives were evaluated considering impacts quantified during the environmental field analysis. The screening eliminated 32 alternatives and resulted in the eight remaining Representative Alternatives (see the map on the right).

- Alternatives which included **Segment D1** were eliminated due to the platting of a residential subdivision and imminent construction of homes on the platted lots.
- Alternatives which included **Segment A4** were eliminated due to impacts to the George Ranch Historical Park.
- Alternatives which included **Segments G3, H1 and J2** were eliminated due to impacts to the Bald Eagle's nest.

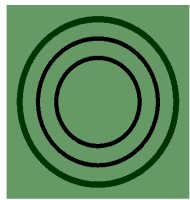
The eight Representative Alternatives are shown on the map to the right and are described in detail in the DEIS.

NEW ALTERNATIVES

Two alignment segments were added to the study following the detailed environmental field analysis which brought to light previously unknown information. The updates to the segments are as follows:

- **Segment S1** - This segment was added to minimize impacts to the George Ranch Historical Park.
- **Segment T1** – This segment was added to create an alternative that avoided the primary and secondary management zones for the Bald Eagle's nest.

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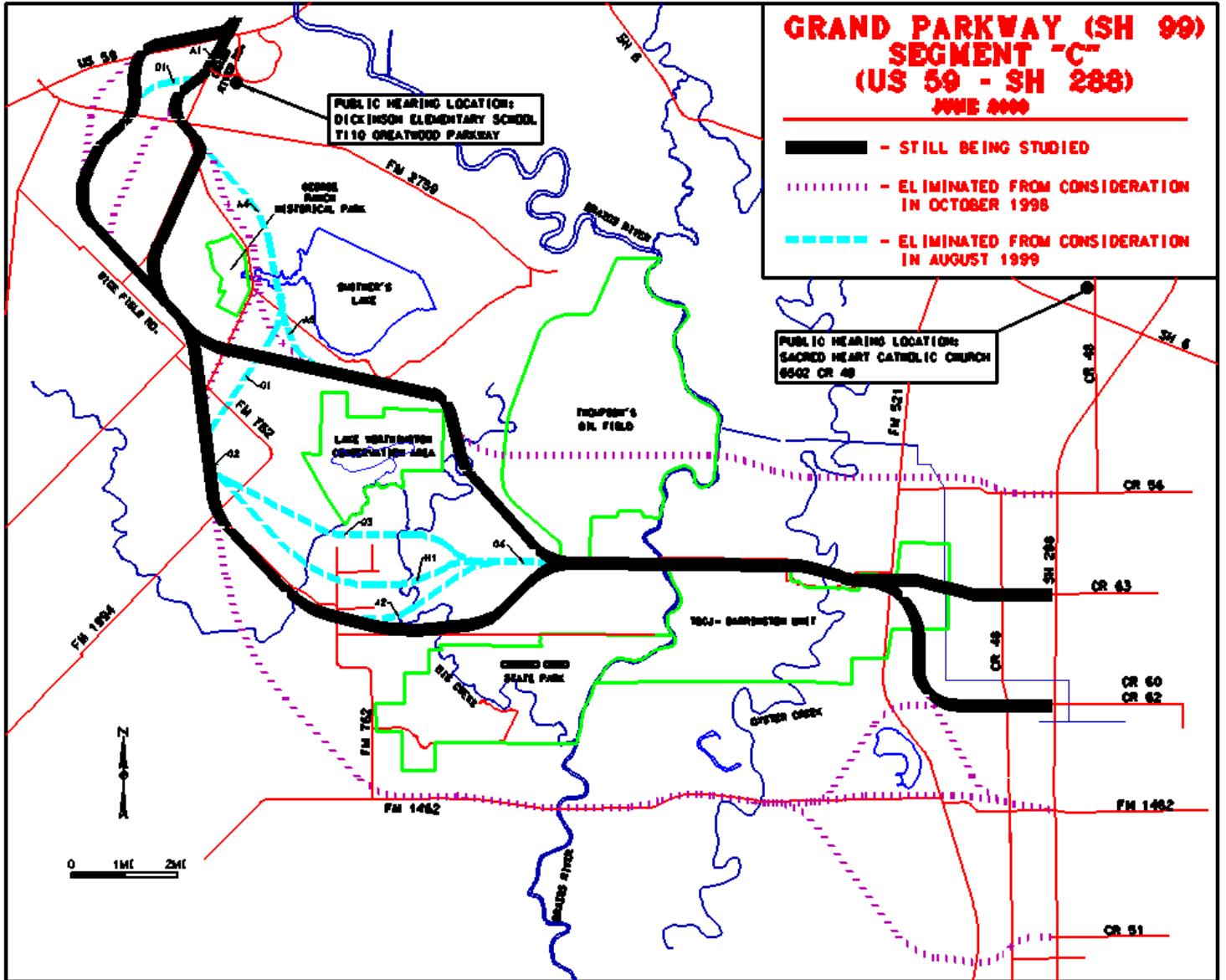
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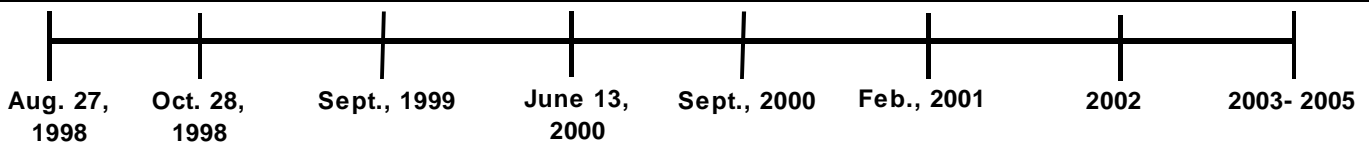
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Grand Parkway Segment C - Timeline



August 27, 1998	<i>Project Scoping Meeting - Public presentation of the Study Area.</i>
October 28, 1998	<i>Public Workshop #1 - Public presentation of the Universe of Alternatives and the Reasonable Alternatives used for further study.</i>
September, 1999	<i>DEIS - Presented to TxDOT and FHWA for review.</i>
June 13, 2000	<i>Public Hearings - Public presentation of the DEIS and the Representative Alternatives used for further study.</i>
September, 2000	<i>Public Workshop #2 - Public presentation of the Preferred Alternative.</i>
February, 2001	<i>Final EIS - presented to TxDOT and FHWA for review.</i>
2002	<i>Final Design - of the Preferred Alternative.</i>
2003-2005	<i>Construction Begins - at the earliest.</i>



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