

Memo

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Project: Fort Worth MTP

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Subject: Review: Lone Star/Great Southwest

Several questions have been raised regarding the need for maintaining the currently proposed Lone Star Boulevard connection between Northeast Parkway and Meacham Boulevard on the Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP). This memo evaluates those concerns.

Maintaining the Lone Star Boulevard connection has been questioned for several reasons:

1. The projected traffic volumes are more consistent with a collector than a thoroughfare.
2. The Lone Star Boulevard segment is short and runs parallel to other thoroughfares approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away to the east and west.
3. The road would add two new at-grade rail crossings along spur tracks in this area.
4. The connection at Meacham Boulevard would be difficult due to the existing railroad bridge and the angle at which the existing portion of Lone Star Boulevard is currently built.



The travel demand model shows that the proposed Lone Star Boulevard connection in question is projected to carry low volumes; approximately 2,000 to 4,000 vehicles per day (vpd). This would primarily be local traffic as north-south through traffic would mainly use Mark IV Parkway and Blue Mound Road. See top figure on the following page.

