

Intersection
HWY 75 and Eldorado
Parkway



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Background

- The Green Ribbon Program is a program created by TxDOT to improve roadway aesthetics and to offset the effects of highways.
- TxDOT works with the city on the design of the project, creates the construction documents, installs the project, and pays for all plant material and irrigation.
- The city has participated with TxDOT and the program to date on four different occasions: Industrial Boulevard, Custer Road, intersection of Wilmeth and Hwy 75, and the intersection of Hwy 380 and Hwy 75.

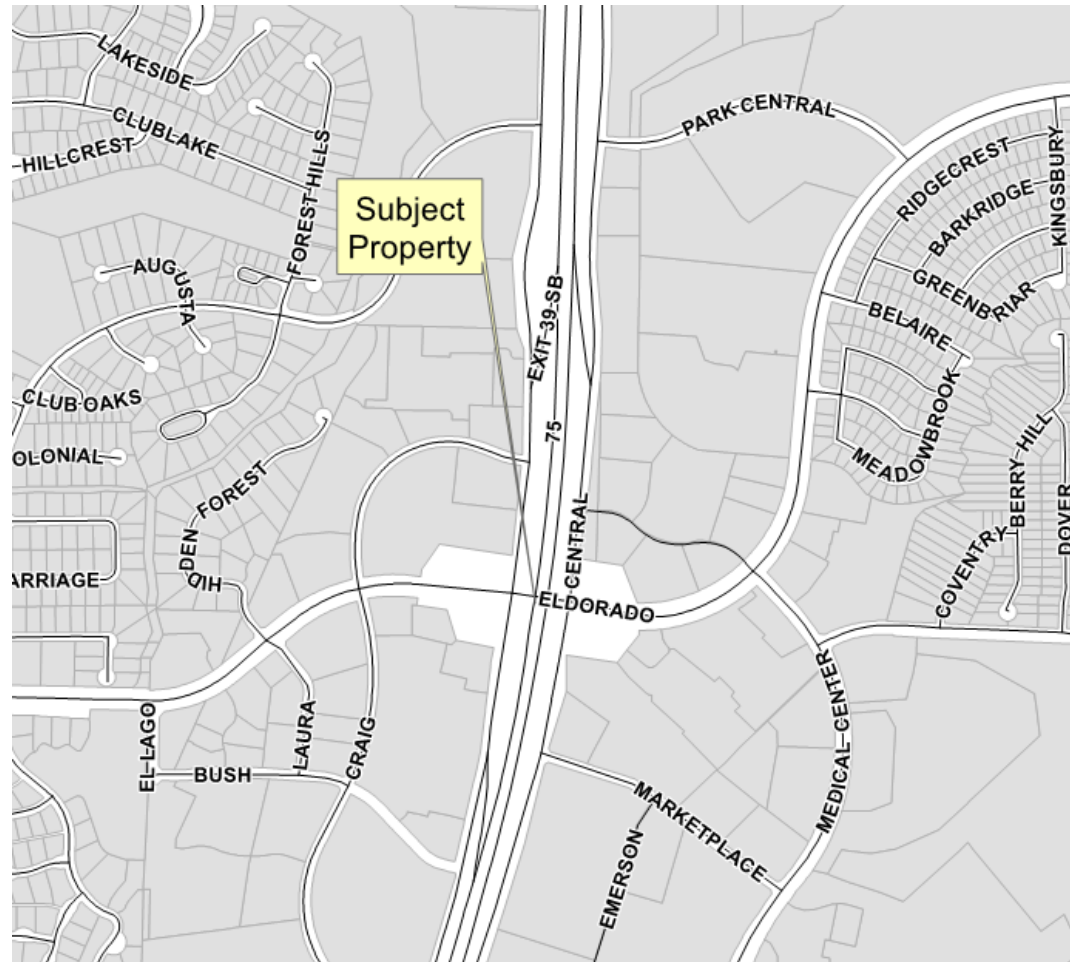
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Background

- The Highway 75 corridor as a whole and the Eldorado Parkway and Hwy 75 intersection are high-profile locations. These areas have been mentioned by Council previously as an important corridor with the Hwy 75 and Eldorado Parkway as a gateway intersection to the city.

Location Map



Aerial Map



Two Project Areas



Why Two Project Areas?

- The first location is the lower portion of right-of-way that is associated directly with the vehicular traffic on Hwy 75. This portion of the project would be a Green Ribbon Project since the right-of-way would continue to belong with TxDOT.
- The second location is the upper corners of the Hwy 75 and Eldorado Parkway intersection. This location is currently owned by TxDOT. TxDOT wishes to sell the four corners of the intersection. The city has been given first rights of refusal.
- Since TxDOT would not ultimately own the landscaping area the Green Ribbon Program would not apply. The Tree Reforestation Fund could be used as a source of funding for the trees and irrigation.

Two Project Areas



Green Ribbon Project Area (North)

- The lower portion of right-of-way property that is associated directly by the vehicular traffic on Hwy 75.



Tree Reforestation - NW Corner



Tree Reforestation - NW Corner



Tree Reforestation - SW Corner



Tree Reforestation - SW Corner



Tree Reforestation - SE Corner



Northeast Corner



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- The northeast corner has a grade change that makes it undesirable for landscaping.



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Land Acquisition

- The Engineering Department has reached out to TxDOT to obtain a monetary price for the property. TxDOT has not responded with a direct cost and is looking for the city propose a price for their consideration.

Discussion

- The request for direction is two-fold:
 - Does the city wish to pursue the Green Ribbon Program for the areas at freeway level?
 - Does the city wish to pursue landscaping, which would include purchasing a portion of the intersection? Cost for the land?