# **Cullen Boulevard Transformation**

From City Thoroughfare to

**Pedestrian-Friendly Campus Street** 

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### **BUILDING A BETTER THIRD WARD**



March 2018–Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Mayor Sylvester Turner announce a joint agreement to improve streets in the University of Houston and TSU neighborhoods.

# Street Improvements Around UH, TSU Announced

March 14, 2018

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Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner announced a joint agreement in which Precinct One will pay \$30 million to improve seven streets in the University of Houston-Texas Southern University corridor.

"This is a great example of how Harris County can innovatively and strategically partner with the City of Houston, our universities and other entities to improve mobility, safety and quality of life for all residents," Precinct One Commissioner Ellis said. "Precinct One is looking forward to supporting TSU and UH, and the entire Third Ward community through this project."

Dubbed "Complete Streets" project, the improvements dovetail with Mayor Turner's Complete Communities program, which involves improving Third Ward and other neighborhoods.

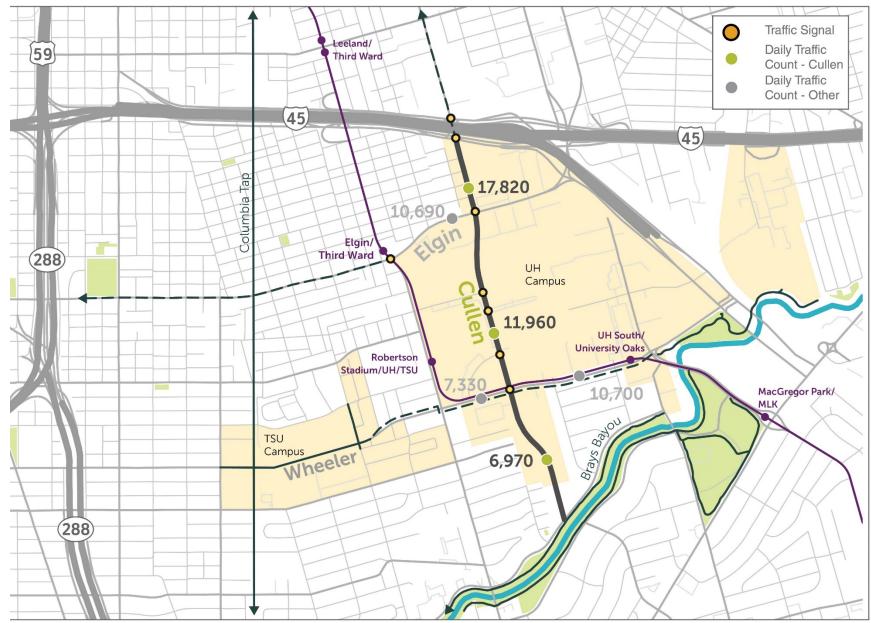


UHS Regent Paula Mendoza represented UH at a press conference at Houston City Hall



"Now I'm excited to see that the Commissioner is bringing safer, more attractive streets to this community of twin universities," Mayor Turner said. "If the improvements in these areas were just relying on the city, they would be highly incomplete."

### **DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES**



### **BIKEWAY NETWORK**



Houston Bike Plan

LEGEND

Proposed BikewaysUH & TSU Campus Area

Existing Bikeways

# WHY INVEST IN CULLEN BOULEVARD?

#### IMPROVED SAFETY

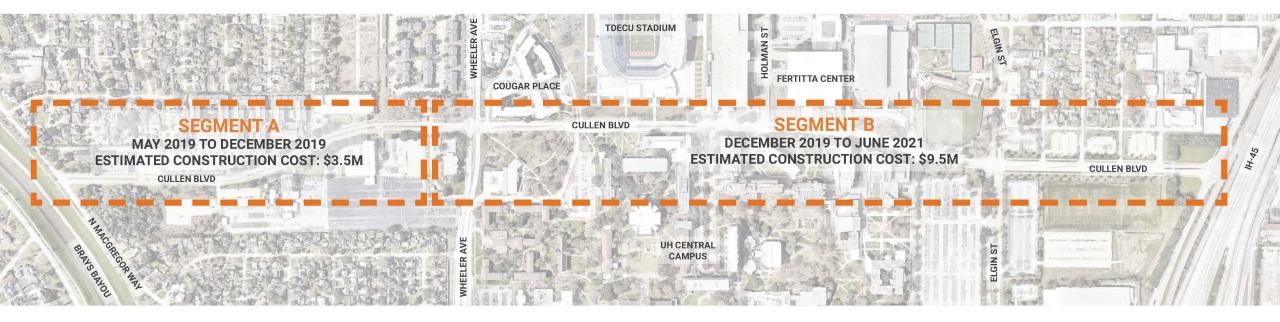
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- improved sidewalks, ADA ramps
- new pedestrian lighting
- improved bus stops
- enhanced shared use path
- gate arms at light rail crossing

#### **BEAUTIFUL STREETS**

- pedestrian friendly
- street trees
- shaded walks
- native trees
- fall and spring color
- consistent image and details

#### IMPROVED DRAINAGE

- improved storm sewers
- new rain storage tanks
- increased storage capacity
- reduced flooding



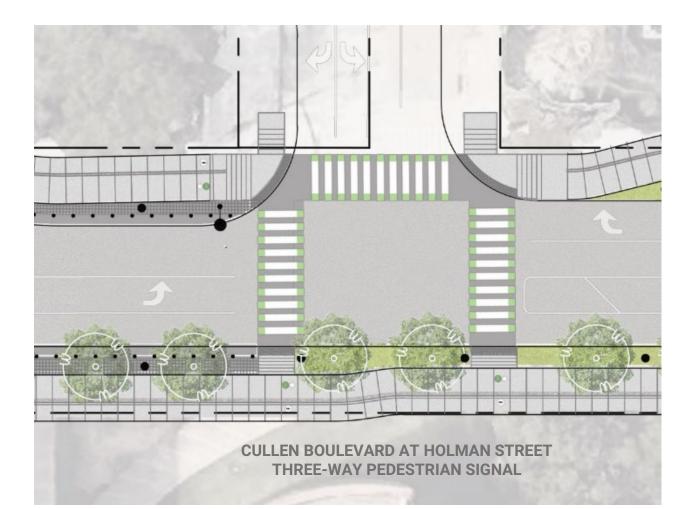
### **IMPROVED SAFETY & MOBILITY**

#### PEDESTRIAN & BIKEWAY CROSSINGS



Clarity in crosswalk marking. ADA warnings



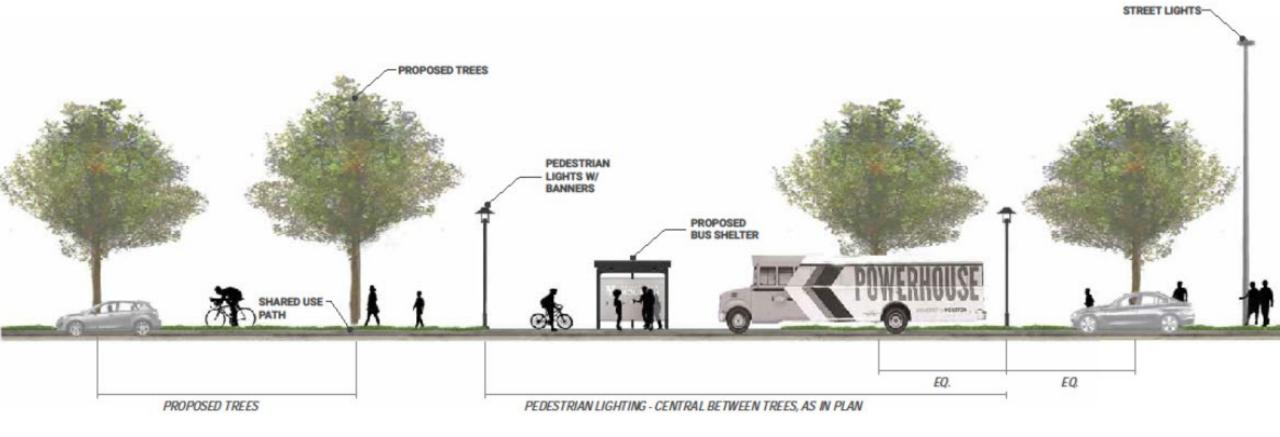


#### TYPICAL LANDSCAPE SECTION



N. MacGregor Way to Cougar Place

#### TYPICAL LANDSCAPE ELEVATION



N. MacGregor Way to Cougar Place

**BEAUTIFUL STREETS** 

COURSE OF STATES

N. MacGregor Way to Cougar Place



#### TYPICAL LANDSCAPE SECTION (CURBLESS PLAZA)



Cougar Place to Holman Street

#### TYPICAL LANDSCAPE ELEVATION (CURBLESS PLAZA)



Cougar Place to Holman Street

Cougar Place to Holman St (at TDECU Stadium)

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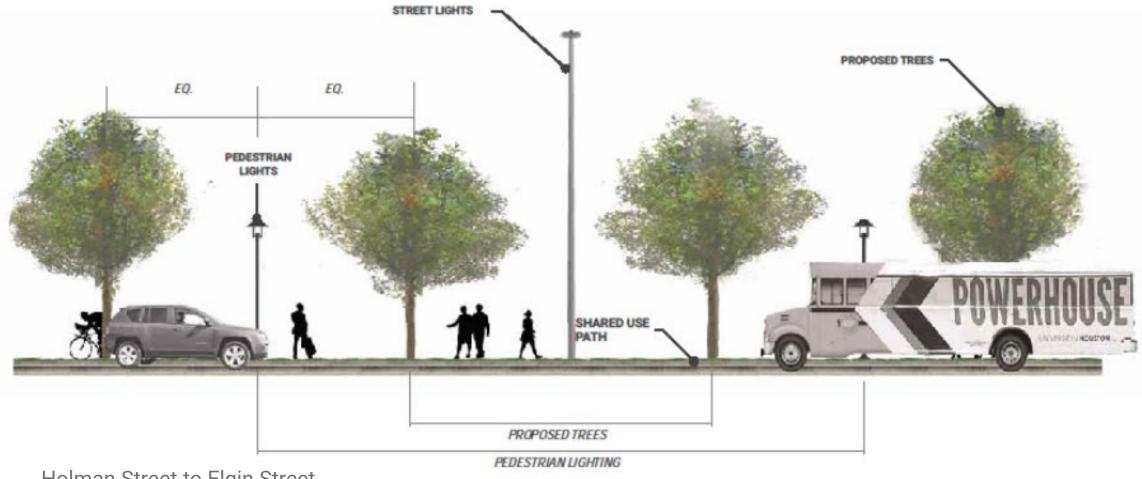
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Holman Street to Elgin Street

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#### TYPICAL LANDSCAPE SECTION W/ MEDIAN



## **CONSISTENT PATTERN**

#### STREET TREES



#### Cathedral Oak

- evergreen
- average height: 35'-45'
- shade tree
- columnar form
- native species



#### MEDIAN TREES



Chalk Maple

Cedar Elm

Texas Pistache



Fringe Tree Redbud

## **CONSISTENT IMAGE**

#### SHARED USE PATH

- 14'-16' wide shared use path, connecting City bike network
- Shaded, with regular pattern of street trees

#### PUBLIC TRANSIT

- Bus pullout lanes for safety
- Bus shelters for user comfort
- UH branded shelters



- Pedestrian lighting for safety and visibility of pedestrians and cyclists
- Bollards and street trees for separation of pedestrians and motorists



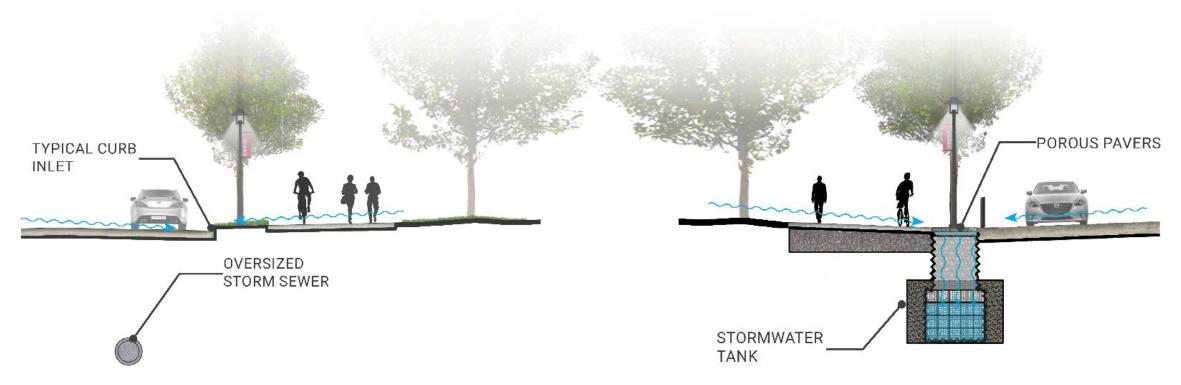




### **IMPROVED DRAINAGE**

#### TYPICAL CURBED SECTION

TYPICAL CURBLESS SECTION



204% INCREASE IN STORM WATER STORAGE IN SEGMENT A 88% INCREASE IN STORM WATER STORAGE IN SEGMENT B

### **IMPROVED DRAINAGE**

#### **POROUS PAVING**

- Modular paving
- Color: charcoal
- Allows infiltration



#### **R** TANK

- Modular storage tank
- Underground storage
- Allows for smaller storm pipes
- Net 40% cost savings



# **QUESTIONS?**

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