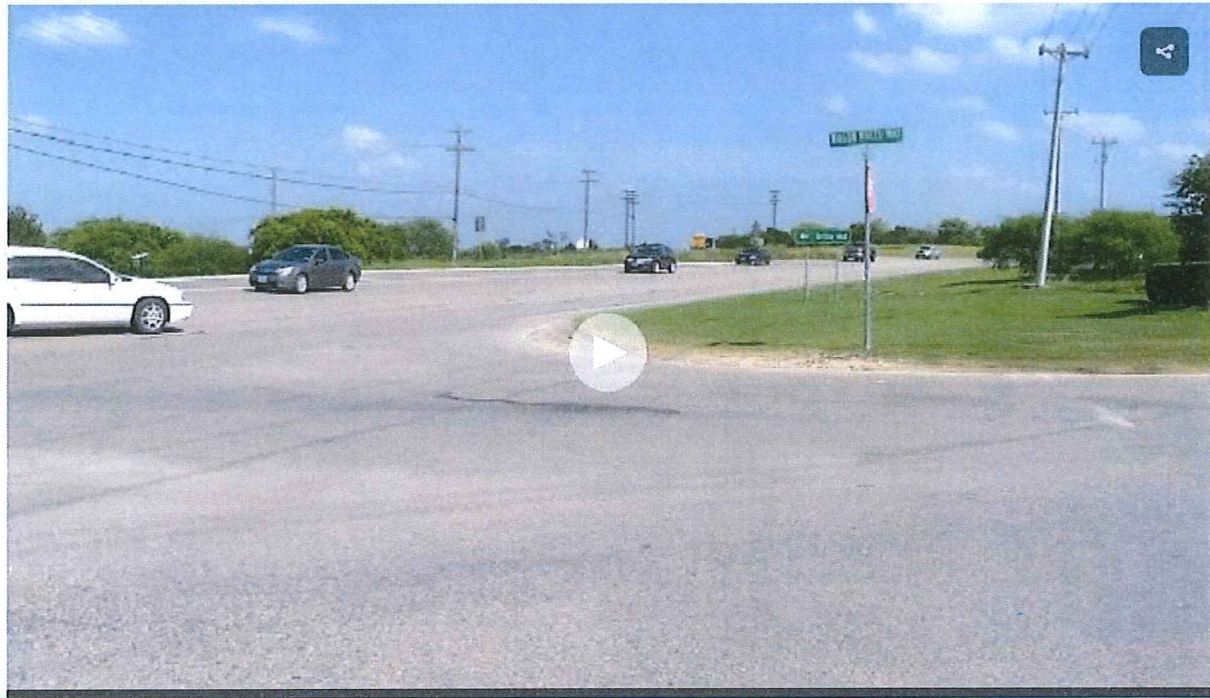


# Toll road proposed in Cibolo

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CIBOLO, TX - The Cibolo City Council unanimously voted to move forward with a feasibility study to see if it will be possible to build a toll road in the city. The proposal, which was brought forward by city staff and a committee made up of residents, would extend FM 1103 at Wagon Wheel Way to Interstate 10 via a toll road.

"Our citizens have indicated a strong level of frustration about the amount of traffic and lack of mobility," City Manager Robert Herrera said about the current FM 1103.

Herrera said construction of the road would cost \$100 million, but the Texas Turnpike Corporation would pay for the seven mile road through a partnership with the city.

"They have agreed to finance construction of the road if the market and the feasibility studies come back showing that this is a good project," he said

Herrera said this is something the city has talked about since 2006, but the Texas Department of Transportation said state funding would not be available for at least 20 years. He said the proposal with the Texas Turnpike Corporation would save the city tremendously. He also believed the construction of the toll would increase economic development.

"The routes that's been chosen by TxDOT will open up some economic development opportunities along at least three major intersections going south to IH-10," Herrera said.

The existing FM 1103 would remain free for drivers to use.

The council said it will hold public input meetings before making a final decision on the toll road.