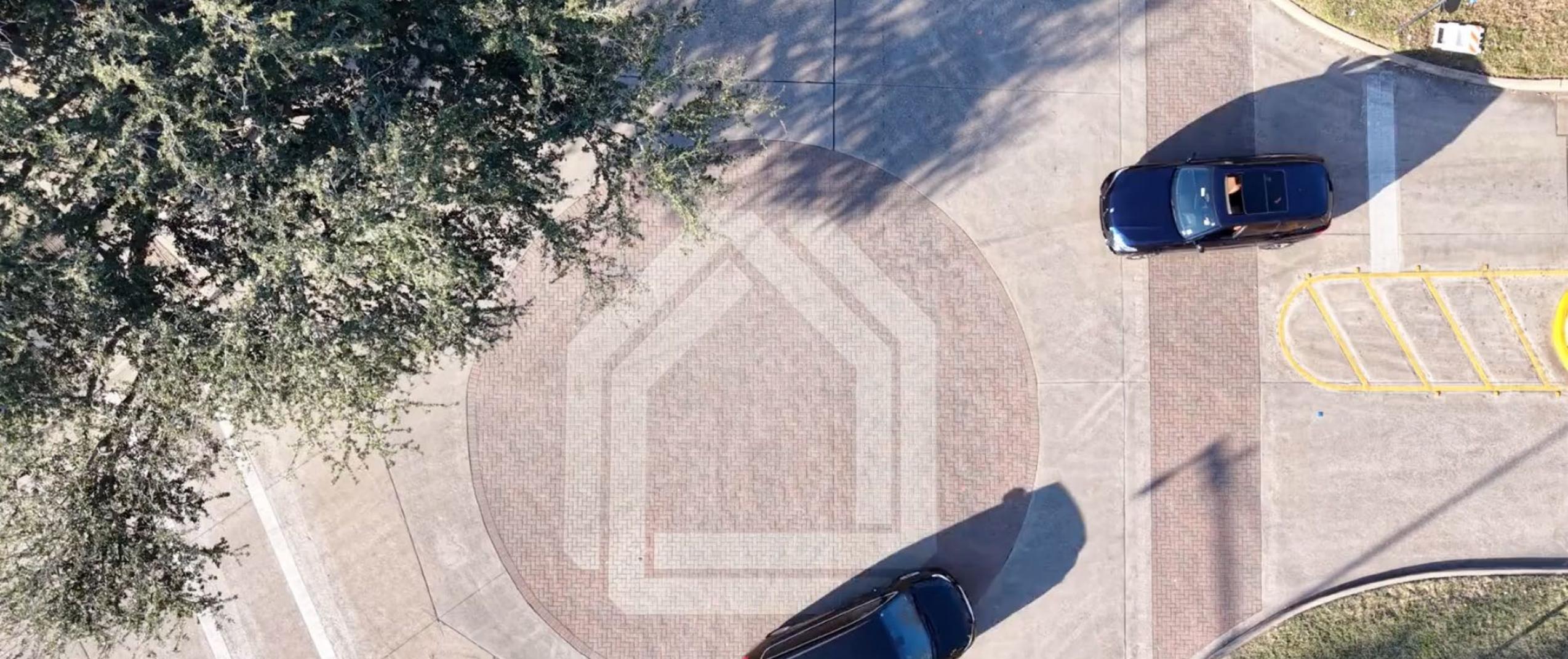


2026 State of the City

Presented by Mayor Susan Sample

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2025 Year in Review

Special Thanks and Acknowledgements

Federal and State:

- Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher
- State Senator Molly Cook

West U City Council

- Mayor Pro Tem John Barnes
- Councilmember John Bertini
- Councilmember Clay Brett
- Councilmember Kalie Rainsberger

Special Thanks and Acknowledgements

Friends of West U Parks

Task Forces:

- Facilities Utilization Task Force
- Underground Utilities Task Force

Boards and Commissions:

- Building & Standards Commission
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Recycling & Solid Waste Reduction Board
- Senior Services Board
- Zoning & Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

2025 – Impactful Projects

2025 – Water Infrastructure Investments

Milton Water Line Improvements – \$3.4 million

- Environmental Protection Agency Grant (\$2.5 million)
- Replaces ~5,800 linear feet with larger PVC pipes
- Project Benefits
 - More resilient infrastructure
 - Lower maintenance
 - Improves service reliability
 - Improves water pressure

2025 – Investments In Infrastructure

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

- Summer 2027 Completion
- Elevated Control Building
- Increased Height of Existing Standby Generator
- Lift Station with submersible pumps
- Concrete Pad-Mounted Electricity Lines



2025 – Impactful Projects

Public Works Facility

- \$12.4 million total cost
- 17,900+ sq. ft. facility
- April 2026 completion
- New home for
 - Public Works operational staff
 - Parks maintenance staff



2025 – Impactful Projects (Continued)

- Sidewalk Improvements

- \$500,000 grant partnership with METRO (\$400,000 METRO / \$100,000 City)
- Project complete January 2026
- ~5,700 linear feet of sidewalk replaced
- 10 ADA ramps replaced
- Nearly \$1 million committed to sidewalk repairs in 2026

- Pedestrian Mobility

- Improved traffic and pedestrian crossing signage
- Restriped pedestrian crosswalks for enhanced visibility at signalized intersections
- Preliminary evaluation for pedestrian and traffic calming improvements along Wesleyan St. Corridor

2025 – City Staffing Updates

- Public Works Department
 - Added new Capital Improvement Program Manager position

Police Department Restructure

- Developed strategic staffing plan
 - Revised command structure and restructured two new lieutenant positions
 - Reclassified administrative support position to police officer (2025)
 - Adding two new police officer positions (mid-year 2026)
- Implemented new recruitment strategies
 - Sponsoring Police Academy Cadets

2026 Uniquely West U

2026 – Uniquely West U

2025 Centennial Celebration of West U Elementary

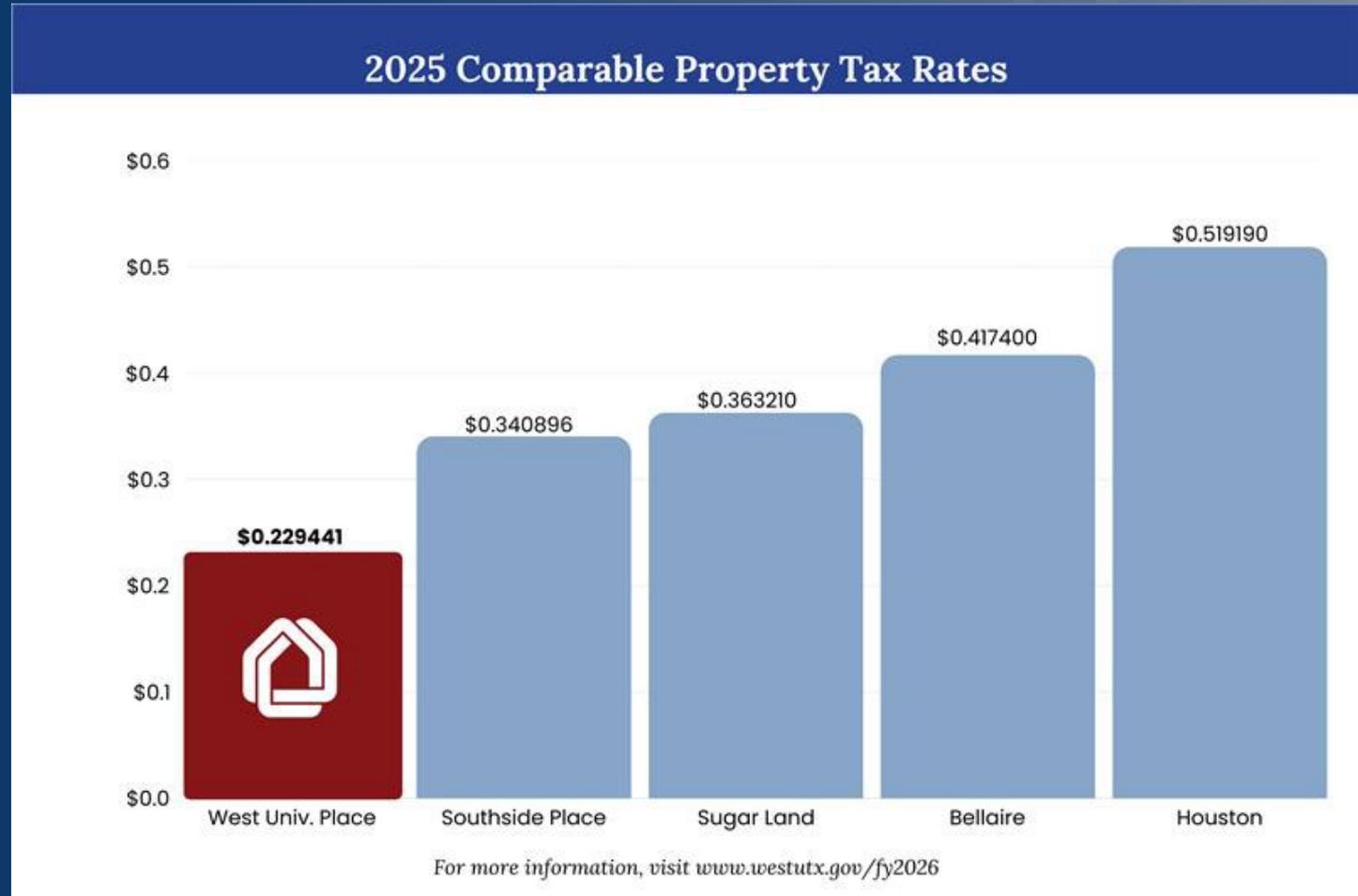
- Scott Disch, Principal



2026 – Budget Priorities

Lowered property tax rate for the seventh straight year

- One of the lowest tax rates in Harris County for a full-service city at 22.9 cents per \$100
- Balanced budget



2026 – Budget Priorities (Continued)

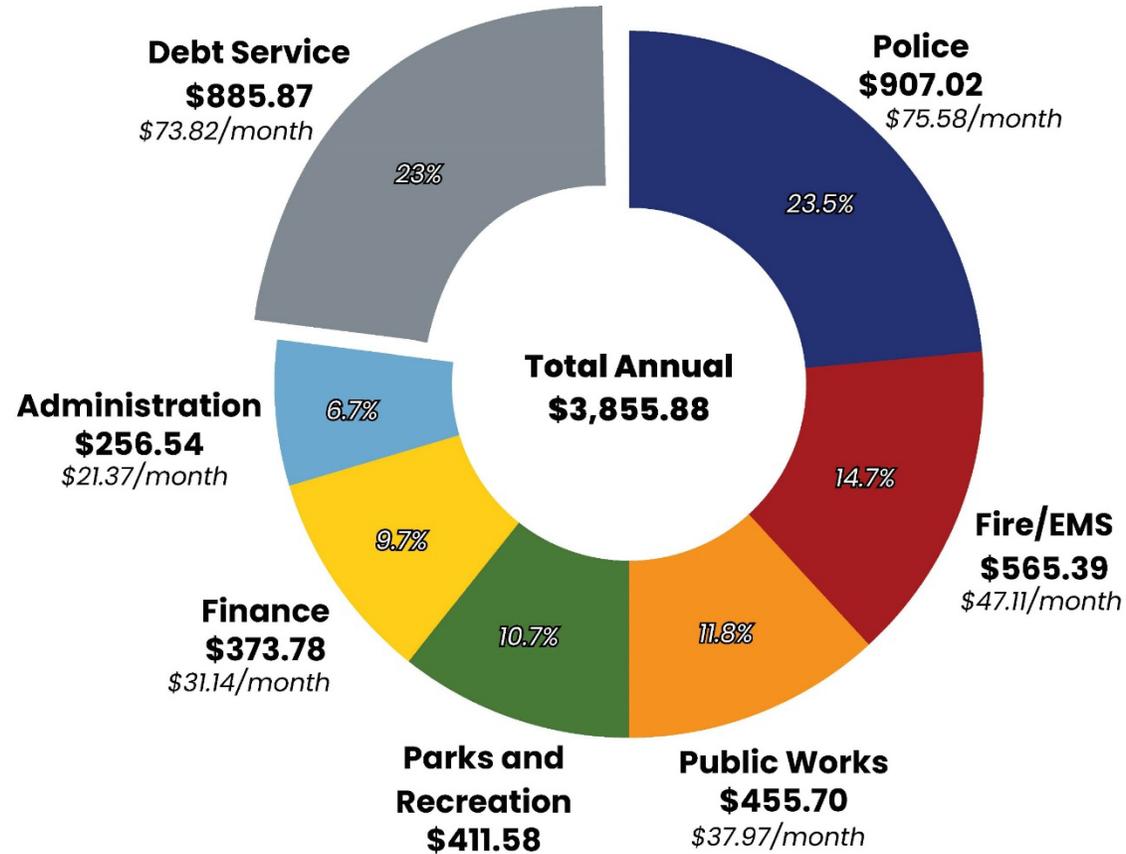
Based on the 2025 Average Residential Non-Senior Homestead Taxable Value of \$1,680,555
 Estimated total property tax \$24,268.25



Jurisdiction	Percentage	Estimated Tax Amount
Houston ISD	44%	\$10,578.63
Harris County	21%	\$5,121.79
Special Districts	19%	\$4,711.94
West U	16%	\$3,855.88

2026 – Budget Priorities (Continued)

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2026 – Budget Priorities (Continued)

Executing 2025 Certificates of Obligation Projects (COs)

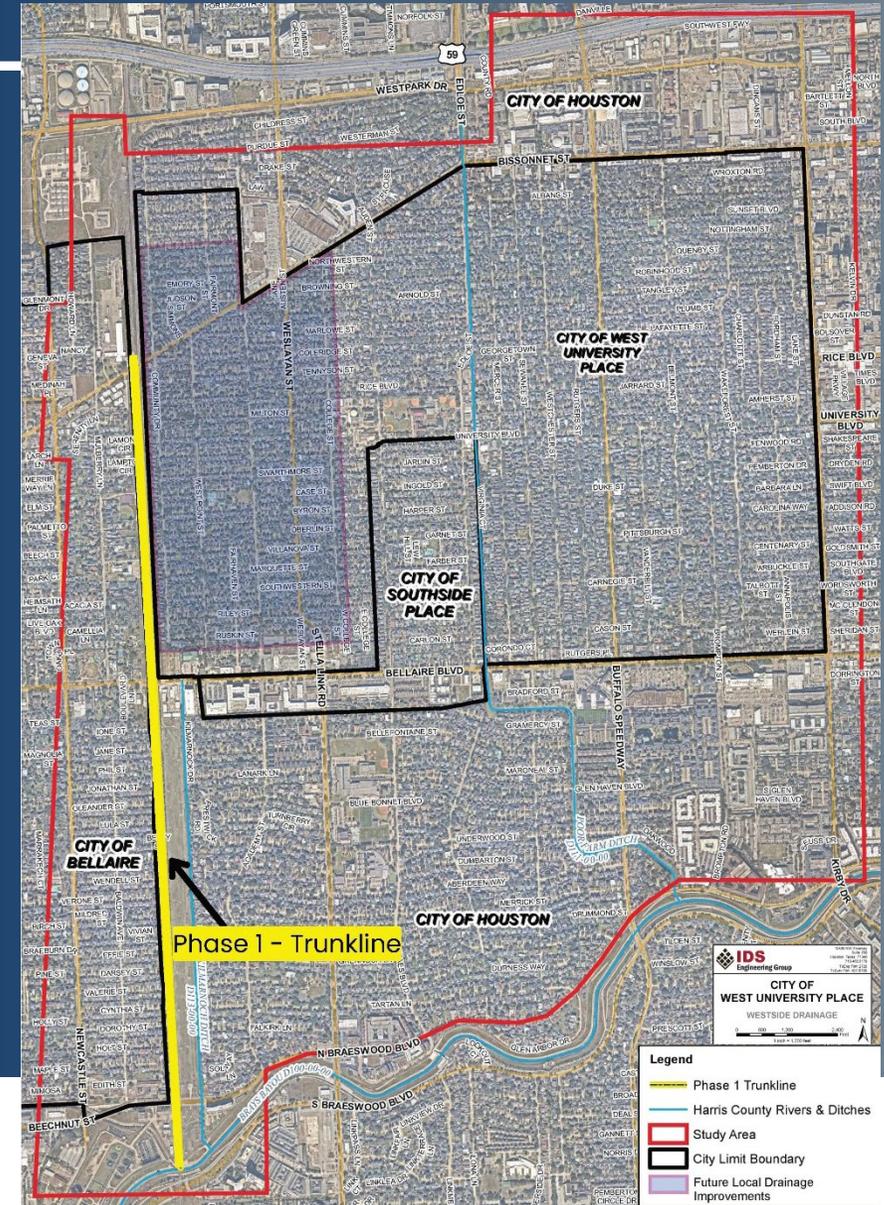
\$10.76 Million In Funding for:

- Waterline Replacements
- Westside Drainage – Regional Modeling
- Wakeforest Distribution Line Construction
- Wakeforest Water Plant Interior Renovations
- Milton Water Plant Replacement Design

2026 – Infrastructure Investments

Westside Drainage Project

- Design underway throughout 2026
- Additional modeling for regional impacts
 - More opportunity for outside funding
 - State-approved flood plan
- Phase 1 installs a new storm sewer trunkline
- Phases 2+ upsizes existing storm sewer lines throughout the west side of the City



2026 – Infrastructure Investments (Continued)

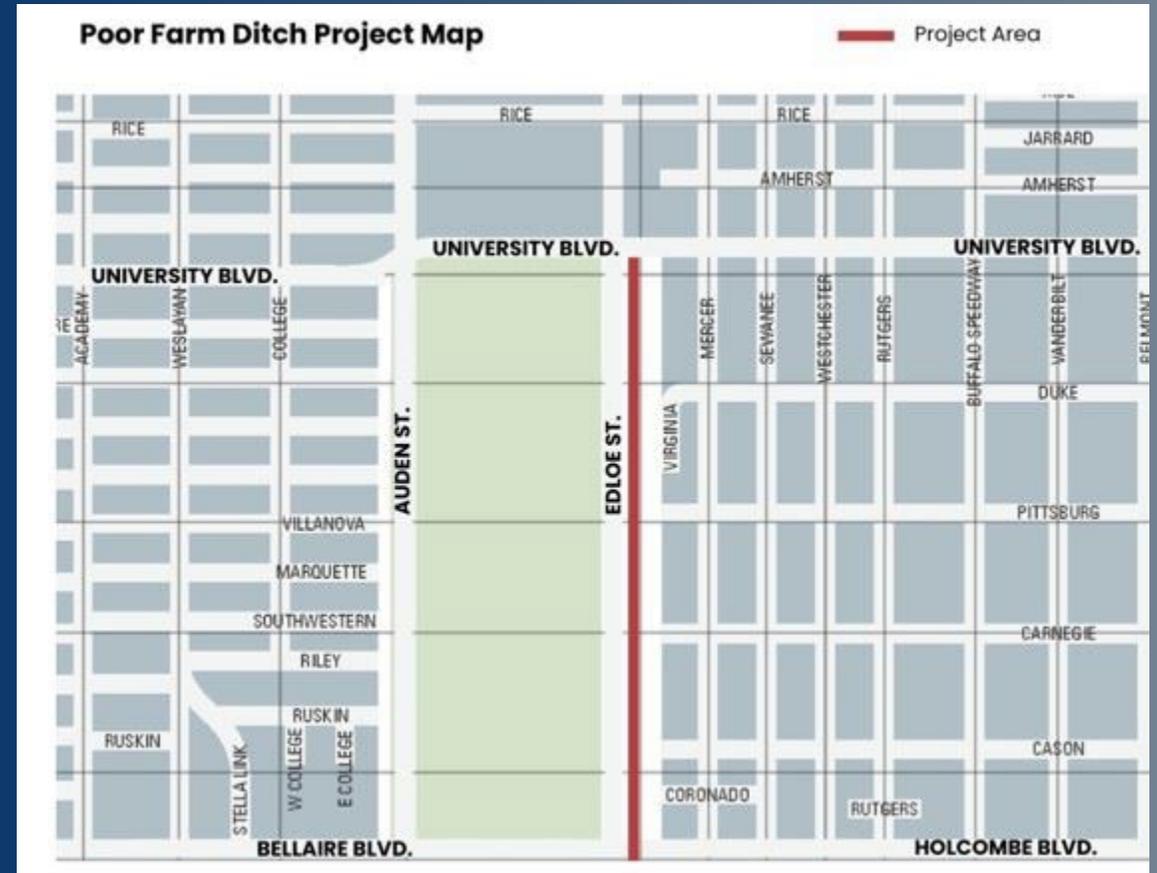
Pedestrian Mobility and Safety Improvements

- Develop a comprehensive Safety Action Plan
 - Improve safety for pedestrians, drivers, and bicyclists
 - Includes wider sidewalks, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety enhancements
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant (\$200,000 federal funding / \$50,000 local match)
- Potential future improvements include:
 - Wesleyan St. Corridor pedestrian and traffic calming improvements
 - Review of pedestrian safety and traffic calming around the Civic Center, Parks, Schools, Churches
- Complete sidewalk repairs throughout the remaining portion of the City

2026 – Infrastructure Investments (Continued)

Harris County Flood Control District's Poor Farm Ditch Project

- Hosted community meeting on Feb. 3
- Continued meetings for impacted lots
- Project currently out to bid
- Construction est. start in Summer 2026



2026 – Infrastructure Investments (Continued)

LED Streetlight Conversion

- Convert streetlights to LEDs
- CenterPoint Energy will begin conversion in Summer 2026
 - Approximately 1–2-month replacement process
 - No anticipated changes to light pole design or aesthetics
 - Improved durability and lighting

2026 – Board & Commission Items

Stay involved with the following citizen advisory boards:

- Zoning and Planning Commission (ZPC)
- Building and Standards Commission (BSC)
- Recycling and Solid Waste Reduction Board (RSWRB)
- Parks and Recreation Board (PRB)
- Senior Services Board (SSB)

- Stay connected to receive updates throughout 2026
 - [Westutx.gov/NotifyMe](https://www.westutx.gov/NotifyMe)
 - Social Media Channels

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