

You Talked...We Listened!

The Alamo RMA is working to bring the US 281 Super Street project to our community as quickly as possible. This interim solution will help provide relief from traffic today, and give us the needed time to complete the Environmental Impact Statement to identify and provide long-term solutions to the congestion on this vital corridor.

How Did We Get Here?

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) withdrew all environmental clearance on 281 North and federal law requires that no new capacity can be added without environmental clearance. A comprehensive environmental study called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is slated to be completed as early as 2012, but drivers need relief now.

Super Street Plan Moving Forward

Solutions can come from anywhere. In the case of the Super Street, this solution came from neighborhoods and local leaders who were presented with a new concept, proposed by Pape-Dawson Engineers, a local engineering firm. What is the Super Street? Simply put, the Super Street is a way to move traffic quicker along US 281, saving everyone time in their daily commutes. The Super Street won't solve all our problems, but it will help provide relief today for this corridor, while we work on long-term solutions.

How Is This Project Being Funded?

Funding for the Super Street is coming from a combination of sources, including The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (\$5.7 Million,) the Advanced Transportation District (\$1.6 Million) and the City of San Antonio – District 9 (\$480,000) for a total of \$7.78 million.

Benefits Of Super Street

- Improves traffic flow by reducing travel times during peak periods by an estimated 50% from Loop 1604 to Marshall Road
- Increases safety by reducing potential accidents by 50%
- Creates dedicated, signalized U-turn lanes to increase safety and traffic flow
- Maintains existing commercial access
- Fits in existing Right-of-Way and meets federal criteria for construction without environmental clearance

How is a Super Street going to work?

Figure 1: Turning onto US 281 by making a left
Instead of waiting through multiple traffic signals to be able to turn left, with the Super Street, you will turn right, enter a new protected U-turn lane, and when the main lane traffic on US 281 is stopped, be able to make your left hand turn to get you moving. While it seems to be longer than what we deal with today, it actually will move traffic quickly!

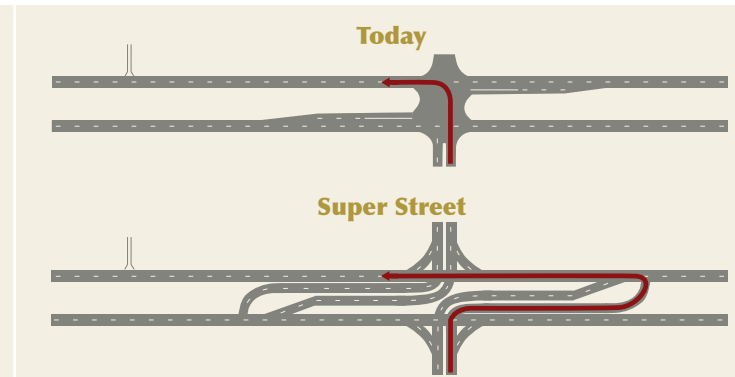


Figure 2: Going across US 281
Instead of waiting through multiple lights to be able to just cross US 281 to get to the other side of the road, with the Super Street, you will turn right, enter a new protected U-turn lane, and when the main lane traffic on US 281 is stopped, be able to turn into a far left hand lane to allow you to make the right turn needed to get you across the street.

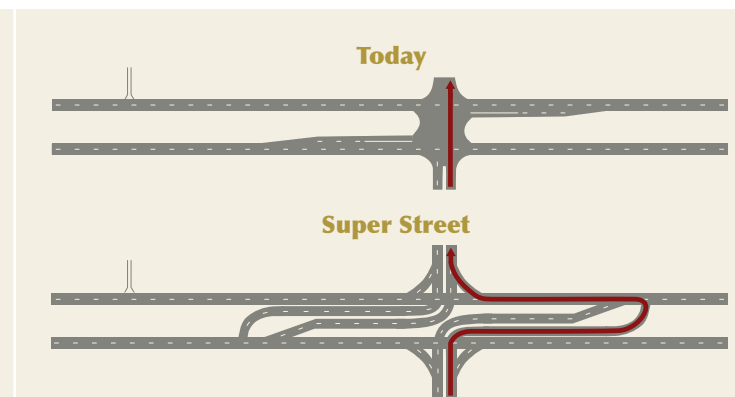
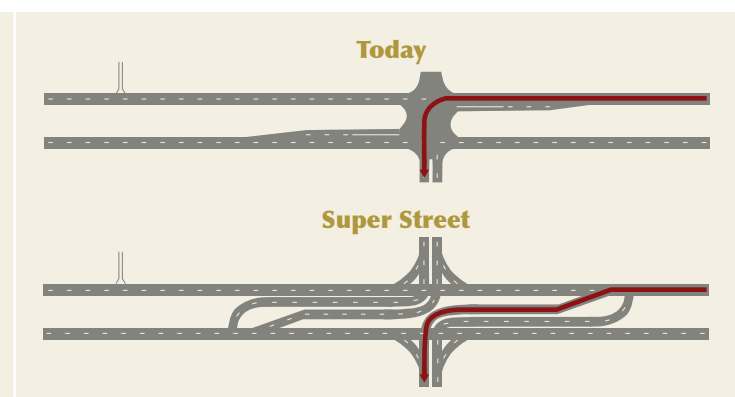
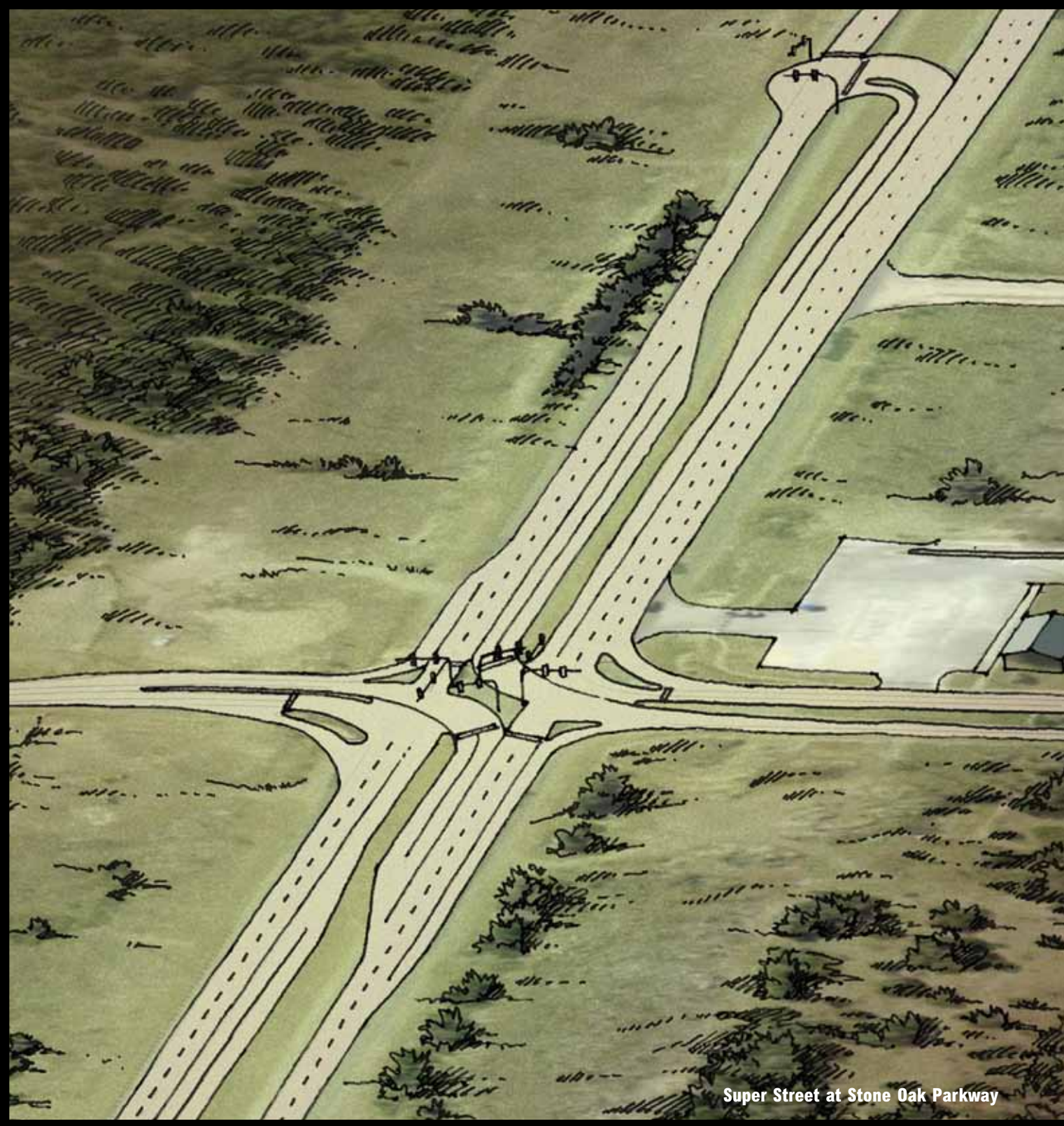


Figure 3: Turning left off US 281
Turning left from US 281 onto another street can be a painful experience. With the Super Street you will be able to have a longer traffic line for left hand turns, which will move quicker than what we face today. The 300 second signal on US 281 will be a thing of the past, and a quicker traffic signal timing, with more green time, means easier turning for everyone!



Want to see what your travel time could be with the Super Street? Visit www.411on281.com for more information – see how long it will take you to go from Stone Oak to Loop 1604, or from Loop 1604 to Marshall Road. Relief is coming!





Super Street at Stone Oak Parkway

The Alamo RMA will oversee design and construction of the Super Street. Construction is estimated to start by Fall 2009.

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