Development Timeline

**2021/2022** Construction begins on converting the Gus Thomasson (GT) Rd overpass to an underpass at I-30.

**2021** Thomasson Square Project is 95% complete. Conservative mid-performance projections show 379 direct and indirect jobs created and a cumulative economic impact of $558 million.

GT Rd Project is 95% complete.

GT Rd Rehab Project is 5% complete.

A GT Corridor logo and branding is created.

**2020** Locke Supply Co. announces they will expand into the Oats Park Shopping Center.

**2019** [Gus Thomasson Rd Rehab Project](#) construction begins.

**2017** The City amends the TIRZ No. 8 boundary to include the IH-30 expansion area.

The City completes renovations at Vanston Park valued at $1.5 million.

**2016** Thomasson Square Project public meeting held at Vanston Middle School with 327 attendees.

Minyard Food Store closes at Oats Park Shopping Center.

**2015** The City creates the 20-year [GT TIRZ No. 8](#) (Ordinance No. 4402).

**2014** City Council (CC) conducts Villas of Vanston Park public hearing and passes Res. No. 31-2014 approving 380 agreement with $1.7 million of incentives.

**2013** Thomasson Square Project construction begins.

**2010** North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) awards the City a $3 million Sustainable Development Grant to fund the $3.95 million [Thomasson Square Project](#). Mesquite’s 4B Corporation funds the remaining $950 thousand. The project is the first major Form-Based Code revitalization initiative to break ground in the City and is estimated to attract over $550 million in development and 350 new jobs over a 20-year period.

Former movie theater at 3635 GT was renovated and Aldi moved in.

**2008** CC adopts GT Corridor Revitalization Code. The Form-Based Code established new development standards for properties along the GT Corridor north of I-30.
2007 CC adopts the Casa View Heights Neighborhood Plan. The Plan outlined the goals and strategies to revitalize the neighborhood and reconnect residents to the GT Corridor.

1960 Broadway Square opens.

1958 The City let contracts for the erection of a 1-million-gallon water storage tank and tower, as well as a $86,677 contract for the construction of Fire Station 2, both at Oates and Sarazen Drives. Construction of Mirabeau B. Lamar Elementary School (Vanston Middle School) began.

1955 Ben Tisinger, for whom an elementary school is named, is credited with building the sewer trunk line to the Casa View/GT area at the developers cost. MISD went on to lease four brick houses near GT and La Prada Dr. for the Centex School that housed 235 students.

1954 Mesquite annexes land up to the Casa View neighborhood and east to the Dallas Athletic Country Club, thus extending GT Rd.