

Heritage Hills- Woodbridge Neighborhood

Bike/Pedestrian Bridge proposed for North Acres Park

History of the Project

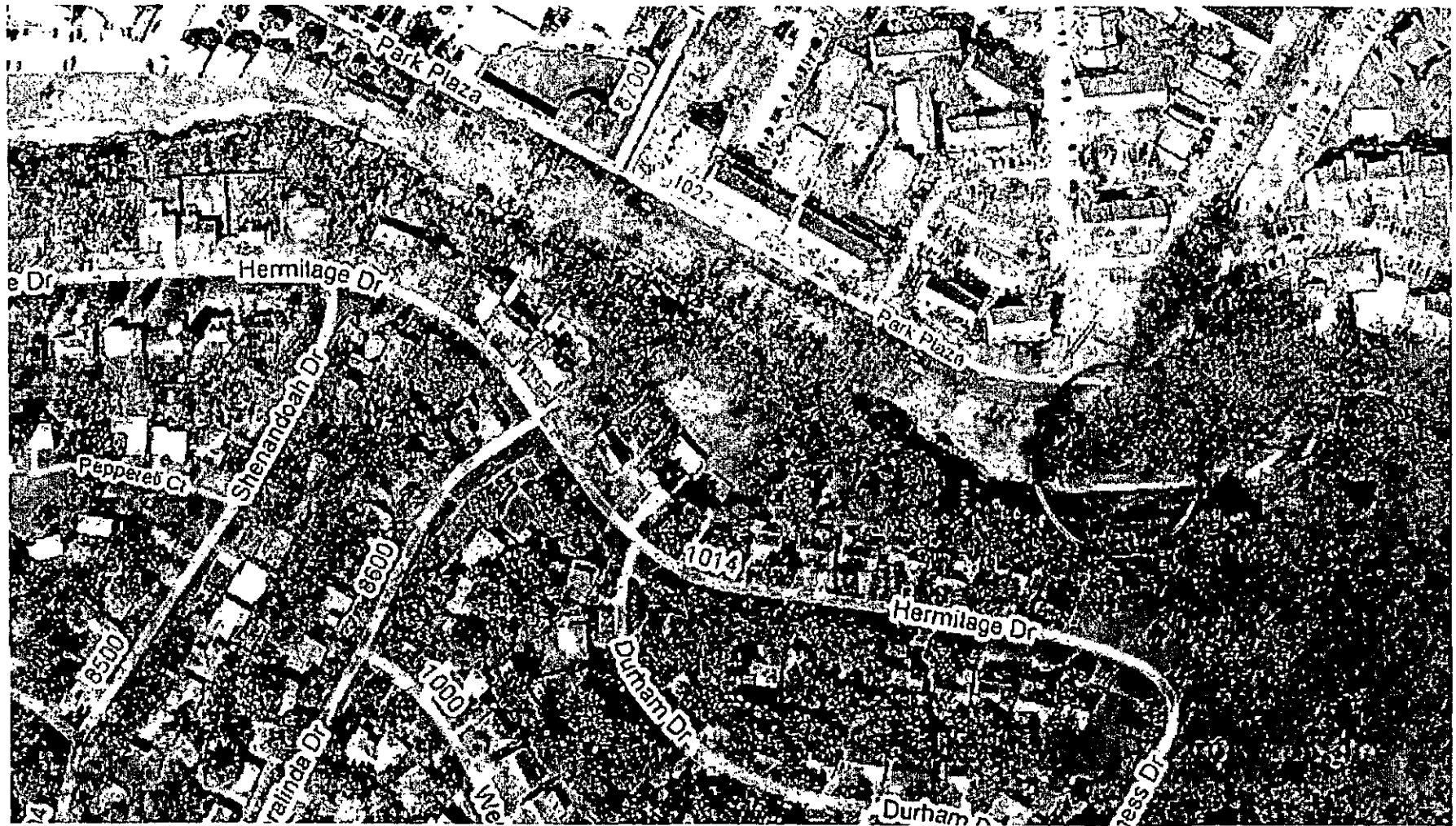
- The project was created in 1993 by a request from District 10 Representative Lloyd Doggett to provide connectivity between the neighborhoods in the N.E.Austin area.
- The project was undertaken without consult nor notice with the neighborhoods
- Once the neighborhoods were notified, opposition was immediate and impassioned
- The debate over the bridge has been consistent for the last 15 years

Neighborhood Profile

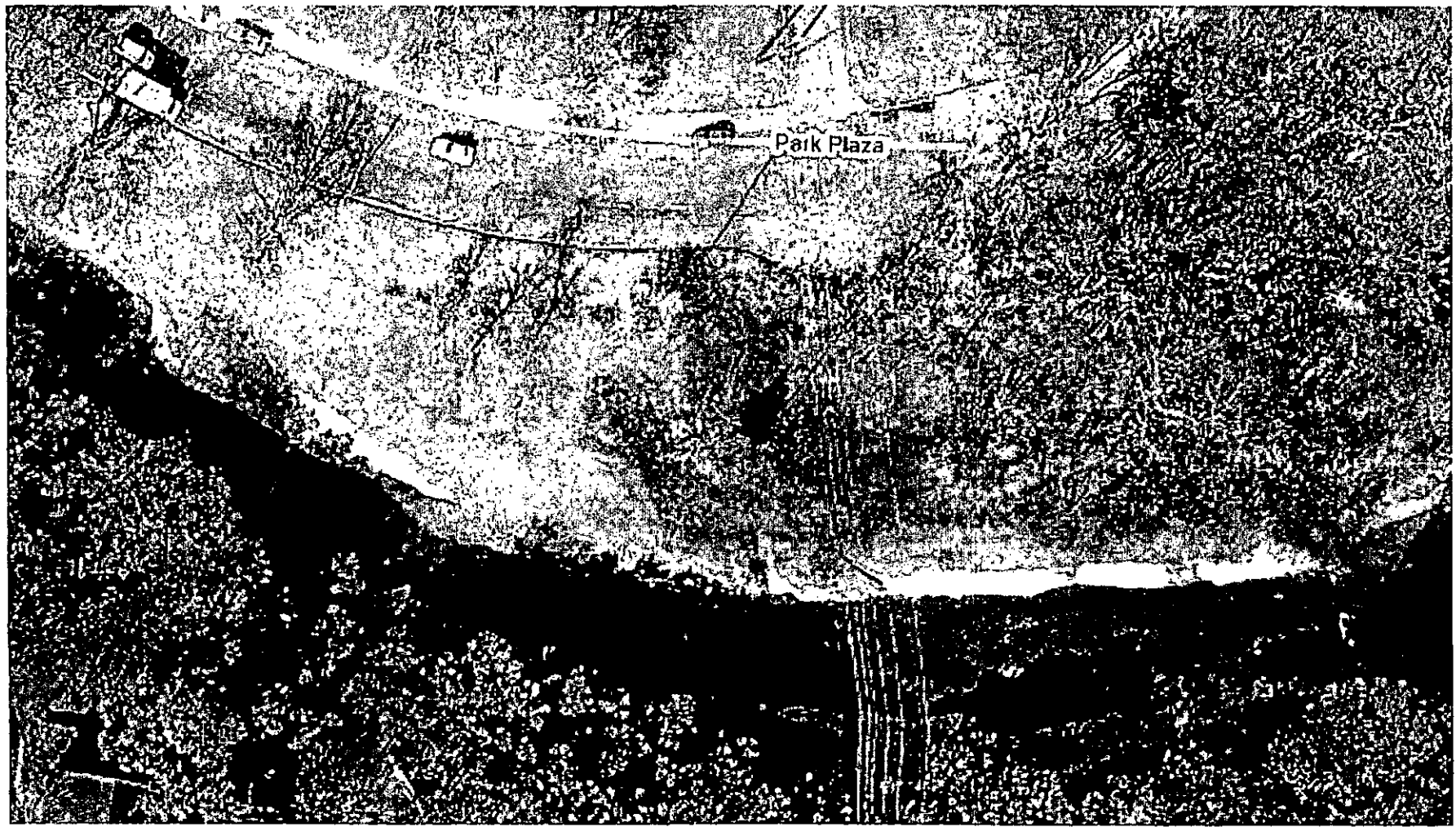
- Nearly 500 established single family dwellings (+20 years old)
- New construction of mutli family homes along the southern creek bank (duplexes and fourplexes with the owner living on the property)
- Extremely diverse demographics
- Close proximity to UT, shopping and downtown
- Safe “pocket” neighborhood
- Actually affordable for families to live

Concerns of the Neighborhood

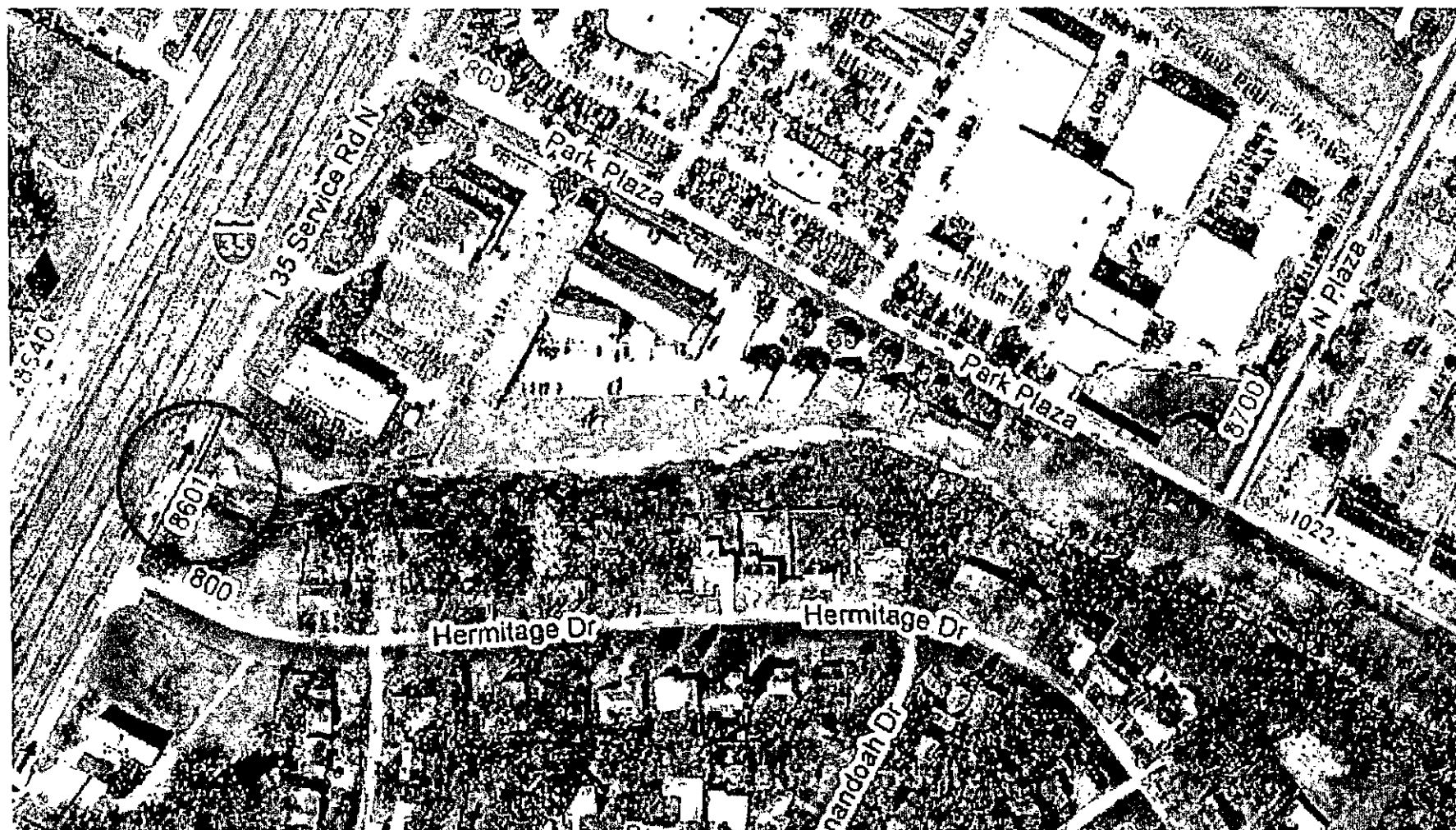
- An increase in crime due to the location of the proposed bridge in an unlit, sparsely used and populated part of both neighborhood areas
- Ease of unobserved access via this location
- Reduction in neighborhood safety due to the inevitable encroachment



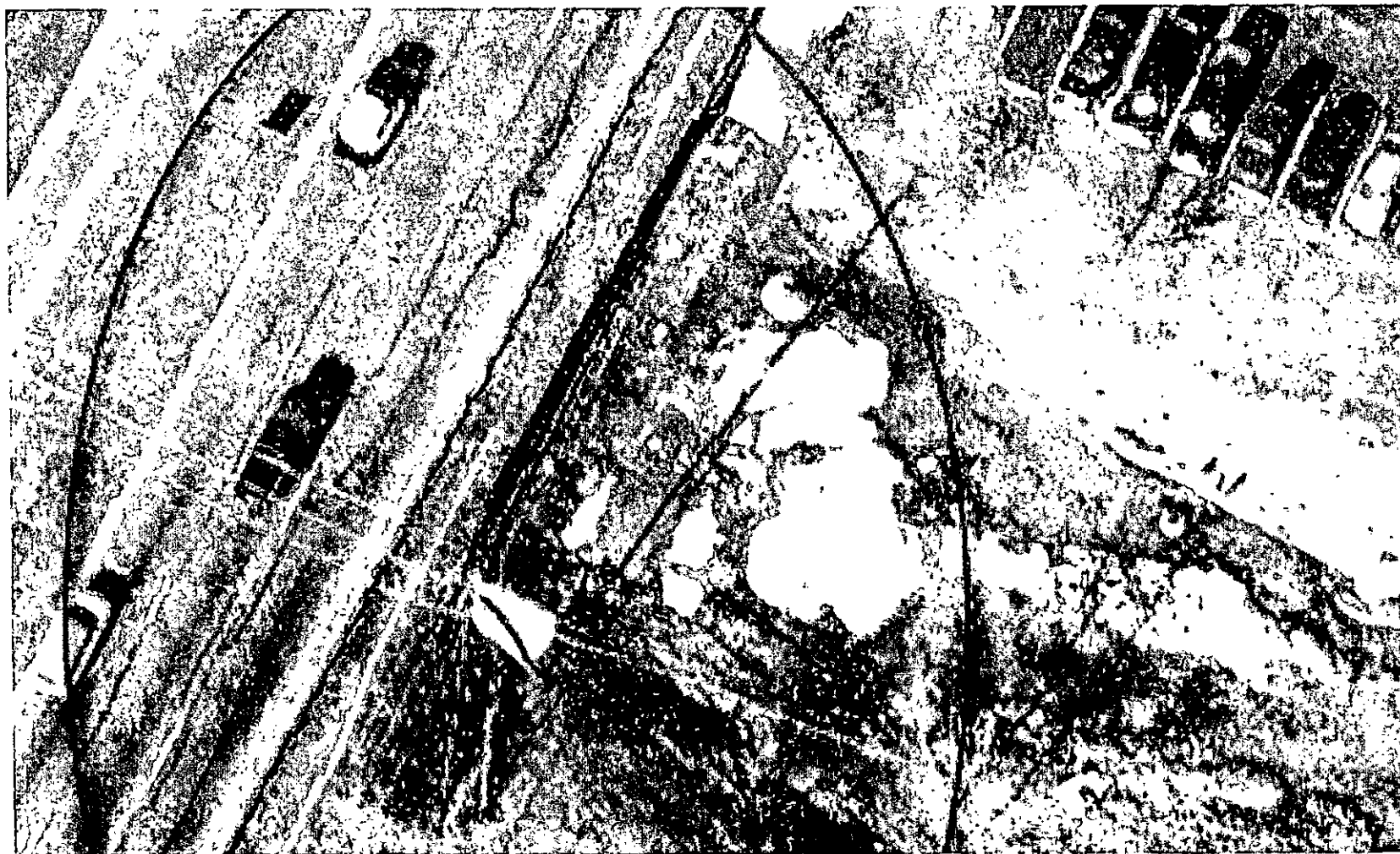
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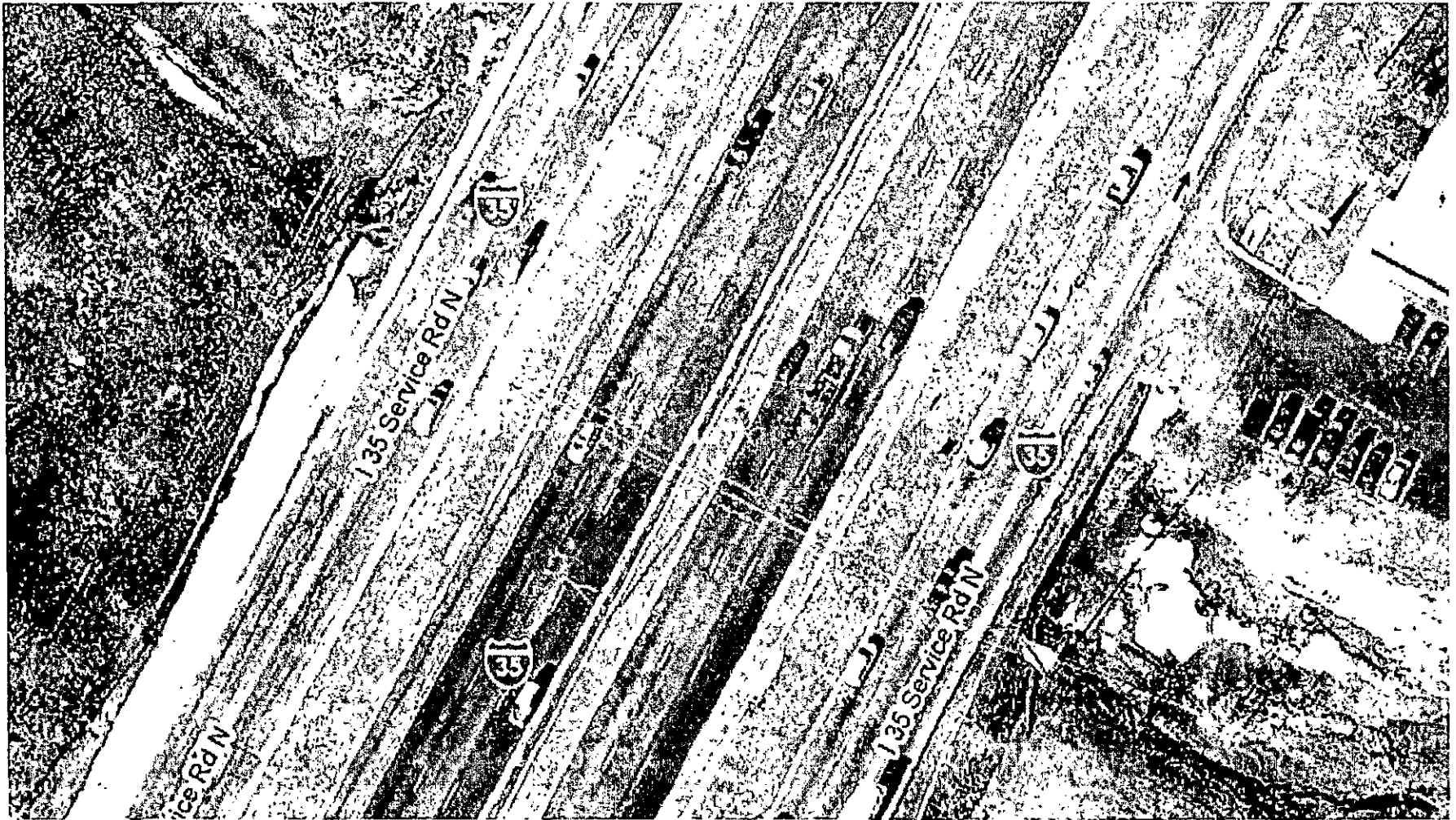
Proposed location of bridge-detail



Proposed relocation of bridge



Detail of I-35 frontage



I-35 Infrastructure



Overview of proposed bike route



Overview of existing bike route

Crime Statistics for both Neighborhoods

The number and severity of crimes between the two areas is marked. The number of violent crimes north of Little Walnut Creek is 8.5 times the number in our neighborhood (696 vs 81) for all crimes. And it is 8 times the number of violent crimes (505 vs 63).

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Why is this still being fought after 15 years

- AISD Bus Service is expensive
- No direct route from North Plaza/Park Plaza to Bernice Hart Elementary
- \$130 has been expended on engineering and design work on the proposed location which would be lost product if the bridge is moved

What is the alternative?

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☒ Overall HHWH Transportation and
Infrastructure Goal: EXCERPT OF
NEIGHBORHOOD DRAFT PLAN

- Develop a multimodal transportation network that residents can use to move safely, efficiently, and effectively within and out of the planning area.

Proposed Bike/Ped Bridge

Objective 1: Build a bike and pedestrian bridge or facility to encourage greater non-automotive transportation in the community.

- Recommendation 1.1: Reject the bridge in its current incarnation.
- Recommendation 1.2: Install a sidewalk and pedestrian and bike bridge along the I-35 frontage road, from Park Plaza to Hermitage Drive, as an alternative to the proposed pedestrian bridge. (Rundberg to 183)
- Recommendation 1.3: Install a new off street multi use shared access path along Cameron Road-Dessau Drive, as an alternative to the proposed pedestrian bridge.

Objective 3: Improve the local bicycle network throughout the area.

- Recommendation 3.1: Examine the feasibility of installing bicycle facilities (routes) at the following locations:
 1. In lieu of a road diet on C/D, modify existing sidewalks on both sides C/D to accommodate ped/bikes
 2. The I-35 frontage road
 3. Rutherford Drive, along the entire length.
 4. Along Little Walnut Creek, from I-35 to Cameron Road (private property ownership of this land may be an issue) and tie to C/D bike route.
 5. Rundberg Lane (I35 to C/D)
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 7. Cameron/Dessau (via a road diet [possibly strike in favor of # 1])

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- Recommendation 3.2: Examine the feasibility of installing bicycle facilities (routes) at the following locations:
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2	0	robbery by assault
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3	1	suicide
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34	9	theft
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3	0	theft of service
0	1	traffic hazard/debris
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1	0	truancy
1	0	UIPP
10	1	unauthorized use of vehicle
8	0	viol state law/other
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