



FOLLOW THE STARS...

We hope these short descriptions of “historic star sites” will help you envision how the Project Stars master plan will celebrate our San Jacinto Texas Historic District.

1. The El Camino Real Star- North Channel Area

Through art and landscaping, this “star” will celebrate the corridor of Interstate 10 that evolved from the historical El Camino Real, also known as the King’s Highway. Civilization was connected across the North American continent from the old Spanish capital in St Augustine, Florida to San Diego, California.

2. The Market Road Star- Jacinto City, and 3. The Federal Road Star- Galena Park & Jacinto City

Market Road and Federal Road, which have served Jacinto City, Galena Park and other north channel travelers for years, will be enhanced under the Master Plan with historic wayfinding art and landscaping improvements marking the path to the “Historic Crossing Star” on the channel.

4. The Historic Crossing Star- Washburn Tunnel

Soldiers crossing bayous to reach the battleground in 1836 is a dramatic component of the Texas independence story. One of today’s crossing points of the ship channel - Washburn Tunnel - will be uniquely enhanced in the Project Stars Master Plan by visionary improvements of Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia. Both north and south entrances will feature historic related artistic elements.

5. The Clinton Drive Star- Galena Park

Buffalo Bayou allowed necessary supplies and products to be moved into the Texas Republic. One of the bayou’s main adjacent corridors - Clinton Drive - has long served this navigational area. The Master Plan’s evolving vision for road and wayfinding artwork on Clinton Drive will benefit quality of life for residents of modern day Galena Park and other north channel travelers.

6. The International Gateway Star- 610 Bridge

This “star”, marking the international trade and diversity of Texas, can be best appreciated from the panoramic view at the top of the Loop 610 bridge. The Port of Houston’s newly constructed and impressive greenbelt now enhances this part of the historic district experience.

7. The Juan Seguin Star- East End

For this star, envision beautiful epic art innovatively displayed on buildings or berms so that the brave Texas independence hero Juan Seguin, a key inspirational leader of the Texians, is more visually memorialized at the Loop 610 and State Highway 225 interchange named in his honor by the Texas Legislature.

8. The Harrisburg Star- East End

This settlement marks the foundation of a territory that grew to be the largest county in Texas -Harris County. At the far west end of Texas Highway 225, the Master Plan calls for aesthetic enhancements featuring art elements and urban landscaping. Travelers will realize they have entered a special place when they see a statuesque star icon created in response to Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia's vision for the historic district corridors.

9. The Gateway Advance Star- Pasadena

Artwork and greenbelts are planned for the western corridor of Highway 225, the unique point in the region where the ragged Texas Army crossed Buffalo Bayou in 1836 to begin advancing to San Jacinto and independence.

10. The Red Bluff Star- Pasadena

The Red Bluff Star is emphasized in the Master Plan with landscaping, artwork and one of the region's new Harris County Precinct 2 annexes. Together, these Master Plan improvements will highlight the way through the Buffalo Bayou refining communities which brought energy not just to Texas and the United States, but also the world.

11. The Gateway Advance Star- Deer Park

The Master Plan calls for the continuation of art and complimentary palm trees and other landscaping elements along Texas Highway 225 for travelers continuing the drive east toward the battleground. Project Stars enhancements will be sustained with complimentary corridor standards adopted by communities along the "star" routes.

12. The Final Approach Star- Deer Park & La Porte

Colorful historic art depicting the emotions of the Texas Army's final approach to the battlefield will draw travelers north on the Texas Highway 134 "star" route to San Jacinto Battlefield, birthplace of Texas. The statuesque star icons are planned to also mark this path.

13. The Independence Parkway Star- Deer Park & La Porte

With no hope for escape and resources for only one battle, the Texians grew impatient to meet their destiny. Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia contributed attractive concepts to this part of the Master Plan addressing Highway 134. Travelers will view art and landscaping elements along this "star road" that weaves around to the San Jacinto Battleground Park.

14. The Battleship Star- Battleship Texas

Little wonder the grand U.S.S. Battleship Texas found its home near San Jacinto Battlefield. For approximately a half a century, the grand ship of World War I and II has been visited by millions in honor of its contribution to freedom in the years that followed the republic's first pivotal struggle.

15. The Lynchburg Star- Lynchburg Ferry Area

This "star" area will be enhanced with murals, berms and educational park facilities near the launching dock of the ferry that daily crosses the river near the same historic point of the "Run Away Scrap." In the vicinity where the ferry now crosses an international shipping commerce lane, in 1836 women and children fled for their lives away from the dangers of battle.

16. The Escape Route Star- From Lynchburg Ferry to I-10

As danger neared, sick, elderly and injured frontiersmen were stationed across the water from the battle to guard women and children frantically crossing the river to safety. Commissioner Garcia's envisioned "star icon" element will mark the area as special, a tribute to forgotten heroes and the sacrifices of Texas frontier women and children.

17. The Follow the Star! Star- I-10 at Lynchburg - Crosby Road

Visitors entering Harris County from the east on Interstate 10 will find their way to our historic district with beautiful statuesque stars strategically marking the road to San Jacinto battlefield.

18. The Veterans Highway Star- Baytown

This "star" – Loop 330 – was designated by the Texas Legislature as the Veteran's Highway, in tribute to brave Texas heroes. Veterans of the 20th century recall how Texas refineries along this and other corridors in our region supplied critical fuel for the Allies in World War II.

19. The David G. Burnet Memorial Park Star- Baytown Area

This "star" marks the home of David G. Burnet, first president of the Republic of Texas who served from 1835 to 1836. The republic would exist until the end of 1845 when the Republic of Texas joined the United States.

20. The Yellow Rose of Texas Star- Morgan's Point

Colonel Morgan, a strategic Texas hero in the fight for independence, is the namesake for this community located on Texas Highway 146. A Morgan family cemetery survives to this day in the community that celebrates the Texas yellow rose.

21. The Waterfront Star- La Porte... The Republic's Coast

This "star" of the historic district - La Porte - served Texas as a strategic access point along the coast for the emerging effort to gain independence for the Republic of Texas. President David G. Burnet and his family spent time in La Porte (also known as "New Washington") with the provisional government in the days before the battle for independence.

22. The Commodore Star- Shoreacres

Water transportation in our region thrived before Texas was formed because of natural waterways and coastline. Little wonder that the charming community of Shoreacres east of Highway 146, is home to Texas' oldest yachting club, The Houston Yacht Club. This "star" salutes our bay resources.

23. The Texas Tall Ships Star- Seabrook

Since the early days of pirate ships before Texas independence until present day, sails have adorned the shoreline of Seabrook, located on Highway 146. Artwork is envisioned to alert the traveler they are entering a "star" of the historic district.

24. The Stephen F. Austin Empresario of Texas Star- Pearland

Famous Texas hero Stephen F. Austin, made his home and was buried in the Pearland region. His body was moved by the State of Texas to the capital city of Austin, named in his honor as a statewide tribute.

Artwork is envisioned to mark Pearland's "star" of the historic district, located south of Beltway 8 and west of Interstate 45. The Plantation of Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnson will also be featured with this historic star site.

25. The Heroes' Star- South Belt- Ellington

Soldiers for the Texas Army left farms and ranches to fight for the cause of independence. This "historic star site" will salute (through artwork) one of these "ordinary citizen heroes" - Dickenson Putnam. He received a land grant of 960 acres in 1838 from the Republic of Texas for his service; however, his ownership lasted a short time – Putnam died in debt the same year. The land changed hands several times before being purchased by a development group over a century later. Today that land is the bulk of the Sagemont subdivision in this community. Dickenson Putnam was not forgotten; a street connecting the Gulf Freeway feeder and South Belt was named "Dickenson" in his honor.

26. The South Houston Star- South Houston

Located west of Interstate 45 and south of Loop 610, this small community grew upon the prairie fields that drew pioneers to our region to build a new home. Artwork is envisioned to celebrate the historic influences of this "star" community. This includes remembering interesting leaders such as Mayor George Christy, who owned a circus in South Houston. His elephants were used to build a key south east Harris County corridor - Spencer Highway. We like to brag that even elephants (at least one) have roamed the plains of our historic district!

