

Making a Mad Dash

The proposal to build a bridge across Westerly Parkway reminds me of a similar project at the Texas Women's University, which was divided by a street with a comparable level of traffic.

The state built an excellent bridge, high enough for buses and trucks to pass beneath it. But in the thousands of times I viewed it while driving or walking, I do not recall ever seeing anyone using the bridge.

Dashing across the street was much easier and faster.

I also recall when Penn State built a tunnel beneath Shortlidge Road -- an underground bridge -- with similar results.

A later and better solution was to close a portion of the road.

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