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The results are in for The Boring Company's Tunnel Vision Challenge. Bids from Baltimore, Dallas, and New Orleans moved forward. The one from the Woodlands didn't.



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THE WOODLANDS, Texas — The results are in for the Tunnel Vision Challenge, and The Woodlands — which was among the finalists — was not selected. The competition invited cities to submit proposals for underground tunnel systems, with winning projects receiving tunnels built free of charge by The Boring Company.

The Boring Company, which was founded by Elon Musk, announced Monday that instead of selecting a single project, it chose three winners from a pool of 487 overall submissions.

*Editor's note: Video above is from before the winning bids were announced.*

The winners, which the company [dubbed in an overnight post on X](#) as the “Thrilling Three” – are:

- New Orleans -- NOLA Loop
- Baltimore -- Ravens Loop
- Dallas -- University Hills Loop

The Woodlands’ proposal, which aimed to connect major destinations with underground electric vehicle tunnels, was one of 16 finalists -- including five in Texas -- but was not selected for the top tier.

The Boring Company said the competition isn’t over for all non-winners.

In its announcement, The Boring Company said it plans to move forward with a “rigorous diligence process” for the three winning projects. That includes meetings with elected officials, regulatory reviews, geotechnical testing and subsurface infrastructure analysis, which will all be funded by the company.

Tunnel Vision Challenge results!

We've been overwhelmed with the amazing submissions...so we are announcing three winners!

The Thrilling Three are:

- NOLA Loop (New Orleans, LA)
- Ravens Loop (Baltimore, MD)
- University Hills Loop (Dallas, TX)

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If all three projects prove to be feasible, the company says it intends to build all of them. If only one meets the requirements, only that project will move forward.

The company also said there may be opportunities beyond the top three, saying it plans to continue working with authors of several proposals. Those include projects in Hendersonville, Tennessee, and San Antonio.

For leaders in The Woodlands, the announcement means the township's hope for a zero-emission tunnel system remains on the outside looking in.

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