

The goal of the Loop 360 Improvement Study is to identify potential short- and long-term mobility and safety improvements along Loop 360. The study team is considering various Build scenarios for anticipated traffic conditions by 2040, as well as a No Build (Do Nothing) option. Build options show various possible outcomes if a certain set of transportation improvements are implemented. Initial scenarios and evaluation criteria are currently being refined based on preliminary analysis and ongoing public and technical input. Study results will be used in future, more detailed analysis and designs for the corridor.

Three new Loop 360 scenarios to be studied

Since announcing completion of preliminary analyses for several Loop 360 corridor scenarios late last year, the Texas Department of Transportation has decided to study three additional improvement options. The new scenarios were developed based on public input and additional technical review by the Loop 360 study team, and will attempt to achieve a more ideal balance between local and regional mobility improvements, preservation of environmental resources and aesthetics, and cost and feasibility. The scenarios include:

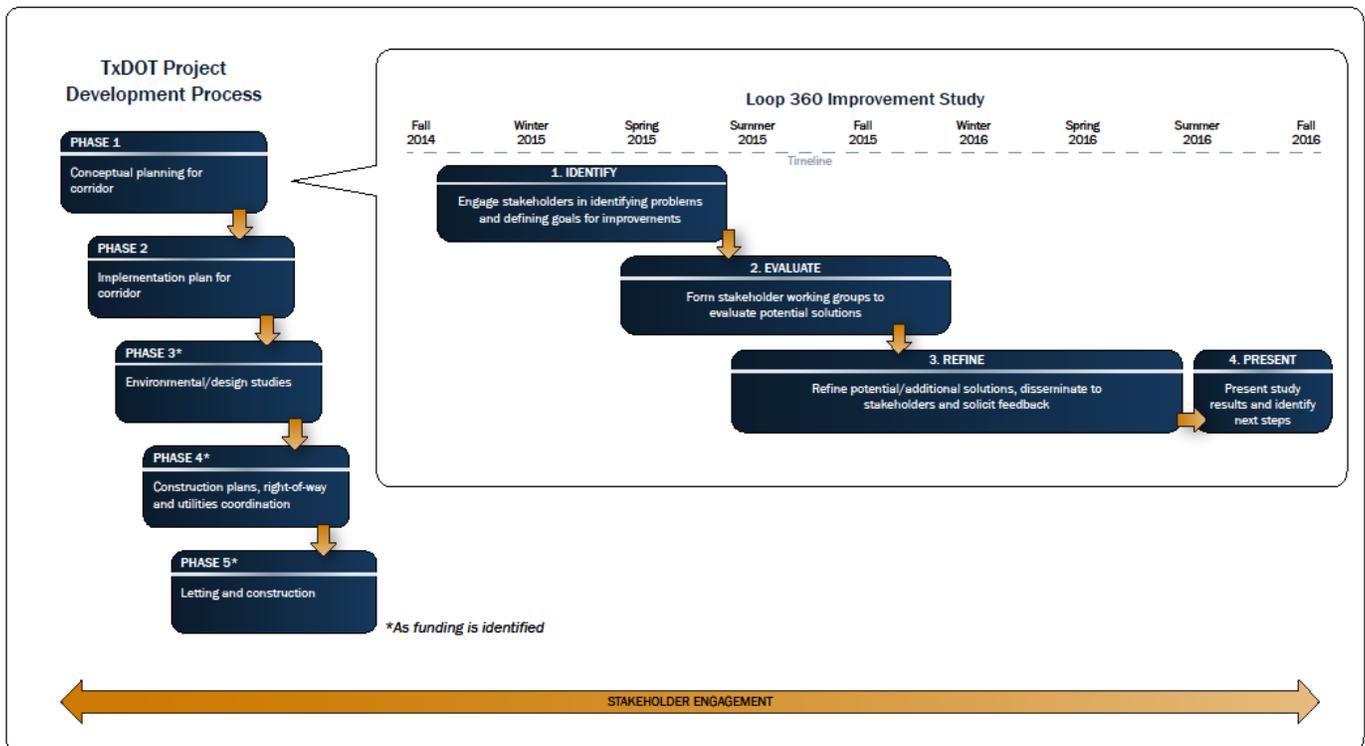
- Grade-separating the existing four lanes and adding flyovers and improved connections at US 183 and South MoPac
- Grade-separating the existing four lanes, adding flyovers at US 183 and South MoPac, and adding one grade-separated tolled/HOV/transit lane in each direction
- Grade-separating the existing four lanes, adding flyovers at US 183 and South MoPac, and adding one grade-separated non-tolled lane in each direction



The three additional scenarios to be studied will include adding flyovers at South MoPac and at US 183.

Project timeline extended

In addition to adding three new scenarios, TxDOT has also decided to conduct further environmental constraints mapping to help provide a clearer picture of potential environmental impacts. As a result, TxDOT has extended the consultant contract and pushed back the project timeline. All analyses should be complete by early summer and will be incorporated into a draft study report for public review and comment. The report will include a description of all scenarios, assumptions, preliminary results and conclusions. Public input will help define additional refinements and contribute to the final study report, which is tentatively scheduled for completion in fall 2016.



Adding three new scenarios has resulted in a refined Loop 360 Improvement Study timeline.

Public involvement vital to study

Ongoing public involvement continues to shape the Loop 360 Improvement Study. Public input has helped the study team identify specific needs along the corridor, develop and analyze additional ideas for improvements, and refine important factors to consider in the evaluation process.

The study team continues to meet with working groups and other stakeholders to discuss specific issues along the corridor and is always accepting public comments via the website. A draft study report for public review and comment should be available this summer.

To request a meeting with the Loop 360 study team or submit questions/comments, please visit www.Loop360Study.com or contact Bruce Byron, Project Manager, at 512-832-7107.