

## OVERVIEW

I-30 provides an important east-west connection for travel and trade. As the interstate system ages and population and trade increase in Texas, it is necessary to assess the current safety and capacity needs to plan for the future. A corridor study is being undertaken with the purpose of identifying rural transportation needs along I-30 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 2642 near the Rockwall/Hunt County line to the Texas/Arkansas State Line. The study area spans approximately 145 miles, traverses six counties and is located within the TxDOT Paris and Atlanta Districts. The TxDOT Dallas District is undertaking separate studies to identify improvements from the Rockwall/Hunt County line into the Dallas Metropolitan Area.



## SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The study will assess current corridor conditions and future transportation needs. Factors to be considered include:

- Existing and future traffic volumes (including trucks)
- Crash statistics
- Economic development opportunities
- Physical characteristics (including horizontal and vertical clearances at overpasses, bridge/structural ratings, pavement condition, median treatments, truck parking, lane and shoulder widths, as well as availability of frontage roads)
- Community needs and
- Environmental features.

Through this assessment, the study will identify opportunities for addressing the needs within the corridor. The end result of the study will be to compile a program of projects describing the improvements needed along I-30 in the near, mid- and long-term time periods.

# I-30 East Texas Corridor Study

PARIS AND ATLANTA DISTRICTS



## I-30 WORKING GROUP

To better incorporate community needs and concerns, local communities and leaders will be involved throughout the study. Similar to previous studies, an I-30 Working Group that is comprised of local stakeholders has been established to assist TxDOT in identifying and assessing transportation needs along the corridor. In addition, the Working Group will provide an avenue to engage the public, inform and gather input, as well as provide recommendations for TxDOT and other local entities. The I-30 Working Group includes individuals representing a cross-section of elected officials and other stakeholders along the corridor.

## WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

- Bowie County
- Dallas County
- Franklin County
- Hopkins County
- Hunt County
- Morris County
- Rockwall County
- Titus County
- City of Greenville
- City of Mount Pleasant
- City of Mount Vernon
- City of Sulphur Springs
- City of Texarkana
- Texarkana MPO
- Ark-Tex COG
- North Central Texas COG
- North East Texas RMA
- Sulphur River RMA
- Luminant Mining
- Red River Army Depot
- TexAmericas Center

## SCHEDULE

The I-30 Corridor Study is expected to have a series of Working Group meetings, either in-person or through virtual means. The overall study is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2016. The Working Group members will also be encouraged to conduct public outreach activities, which can be incorporated into the study analyses and recommendations. A tentative timeline is shown below.

### I-30 EAST TEXAS CORRIDOR STUDY

#### STUDY TIMELINE

	FALL 2015	1 - MAR 2016	2 - MAY 2016	3 - JUN/JUL 2016	4 - AUG/SEPT 2016	5 - FALL 2016
<b>TECHNICAL ANALYSIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collection</li> <li>Coordination efforts</li> <li>Mapping and infographics elaboration</li> </ul>	<b>INITIAL CORRIDOR REVIEW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss current characteristics and improvement plans</li> <li>Develop corridor goals and objectives</li> <li>Discuss Public Outreach</li> <li>Discuss future meetings/locations</li> <li>Preliminary traffic <i>Existing and Forecasted</i></li> <li>Crash investigations <i>Frequencies and Hotspots</i> <i>Crash Rates and Patterns</i></li> <li>Existing infrastructure</li> </ul>	<b>POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential long range improvements <i>Upgrade/Expansion</i> <i>Structure Replacements</i></li> <li>Potential short range improvements <i>Safety</i> <i>Interchange Improvements</i></li> </ul>	<b>EVALUATION AND PRIORITIZATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate and prioritize proposed projects</li> </ul>	<b>REVIEW DRAFT PLAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and refine draft corridor plan</li> </ul>	<b>I-30 FINAL CORRIDOR PLAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Corridor Plan presentation</li> </ul>
<b>WORKING GROUP ROLE</b>		Review Planned Improvements, Define Corridor Goals and Objectives, Identify Needs	Develop Potential Improvements	Prioritize Potential Improvement Projects	Review and Comments on Draft Plan	Final Corridor Plan Release
<b>MEETING LOCATION</b>		Mount Pleasant Civic Center	Texan Theater Greenville	TBD	WebEx	WebEx
<b>MEETING TYPE</b>		In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	WebEx	WebEx
<b>KEY RESULT</b>	Briefing Data for Working Group	Working Group Membership, Corridor Goals and Objectives, Corridor Assessment	Long Range and Localized Improvements	Prioritized List of Projects by District	Concurrence on priorities by District, Changes to Draft Plan	Final Corridor Plan and Presentation