



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why perform this study?

The I-30 East Texas Corridor Study is being undertaken to identify rural transportation needs along I-30 from Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 2642 near the Rockwall-Hunt county line to the Texas-Arkansas border. The study includes six counties and their respective cities. I-30 has been an important connection for travel and trade since it opened in the early 1970's. As the interstate highway system ages while population and trade increase in Texas, it is necessary to assess the current safety and capacity of this highway to ensure this route meets the needs of the region for decades to come.

### Who is responsible for this study?

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting this study with input from a Working Group representing various communities and interest groups along the 145-mile corridor. The Working Group will help TxDOT identify and assess the transportation needs in the corridor, inform and gather input from the public, and recommend priorities and next steps for TxDOT and other local entities.

### Who are the members of this "Working Group"?

The Working Group includes a cross-section of 21-elected officials and other stakeholders along the I-30 corridor, including:

- 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 Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Ark-Tex Council of Governments
- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority
- Sulphur River Regional Mobility Authority
- Luminant Engineering
- Red River Army Depot
- TexAmericas Center

### What is the expected outcome?

This corridor study will identify transportation needs in northeast Texas along I-30 from Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 2642 near the Rockwall/Hunt county line to the Texas/Arkansas state line in Texarkana. Potential improvement projects will be developed and organized into Short (2017 to 2020), Medium (2021-2030) and Long (2031-2040) Range improvements to address the identified needs.



## What sorts of improvements are being contemplated?

TxDOT is considering any improvements necessary to reduce crashes and delay as well as to foster economic activity. A number of strategies have already been suggested by the Working Group as well as the public, including:

- Widening I-30
- Improving or adding frontage roads
- Increasing or reducing speed limits
- Improving entrance and exit ramps
- Giving trucks their own lane
- Adding or improving rest areas
- Raising overpasses

## Where will the money come from for these improvements?

Once improvements are developed and prioritized, cost estimates will be developed, and improvements will be scheduled based on anticipated TxDOT revenue streams – including recently approved funds from oil and gas activities (Proposition 1) and transfers of sales tax (Proposition 7) to the State Highway Fund.

## When will the study be complete?

The study is expected to be completed by January 31, 2017.

## How can I get involved?

Texas Department of Transportation and other officials are encouraging the public to share their opinions and concerns about the future of I-30 in East Texas. TxDOT has created an [online survey](#) where the public can provide its input and feedback on the future of I-30. Comments will be received until July 15, 2016.

Also, you can communicate concerns and interests directly to TxDOT through a specially designed web site (<http://www.txdot.gov/contact-us/form.html?id=i30-corridor-email>). Working Group members will also conduct public outreach activities with local groups throughout the study. This feedback will be incorporated into the study's analyses and recommendations.

## How can I follow the progress of the study?

Monitor progress, including presentations and summaries of Working Group meetings on <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/statewide/i30-east-texas-corridor.html>. A special link ([https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=TXDOT\\_512](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=TXDOT_512)) will allow interested parties to receive e-mail updates.