# **I-30 East Texas Corridor Study**

PARIS AND ATLANTA DISTRICTS

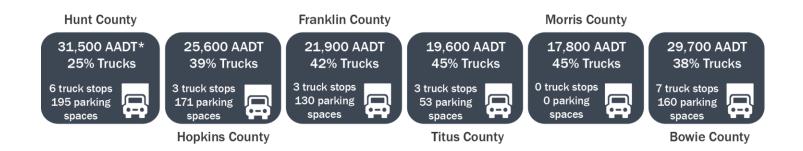


## CORRIDOR OVERVIEW

I-30 provides an important east-west connection for trade, connecting many towns and cities to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. 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 major concern for the thoroughfare is long-term freight traffic increase. Average daily freight traffic along the corridor is expected to almost double by the year 2040.



The map above displays the I-30 corridor stretching from FM 2642 east of Royse City to the Texas-Arkansas state border.



The above infographic depicts truck usage, trucks stop and parking spaces per county.

\*AADT = Annual Average Daily Traffic

#### **SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

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

- Existing and future car and truck traffic volumes
- Truck stops and their capacity
- 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
- 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 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.

#### **SCHEDULE**

While the overall study is expected to be completed in the Winter of 2016, the I-30 Corridor Study has been hosting a series of Working Group meetings to collect input and encourage group members to conduct public outreach activities. Results from all these activities are and will be incorporated into the study analyses and recommendations.

#### **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**