



**US 83/84 Y-Intersection &
US 83 Improvements Projects**

**Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person
Option**

Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021

In-Person Option:
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Jim Ned ISD Administrative Building Board Room
441 Graham St.
Tuscola, TX 79562

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Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation Abilene District's virtual public meeting for the proposed US 83/US 84 Y-Intersection and US 83 Improvements projects.

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Projects Overview



- TxDOT is proposing to improve the US 83/84 Y-Intersection by:
 - Building an overpass for US 84 for north- and southbound lanes
 - Adding U-turns for US 84 at the Y-intersection
 - Building a direct connect overpass from US 83 northbound to US 84 northbound to Abilene
- TxDOT is also proposing to widen US 83 from north of Tuscola to US 84. The proposed roadway would include:
 - Two lanes in each direction with a continuous center left-turn lane
 - Improved drainage



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The US 83/US 84 Y-Intersection project proposes to build an overpass for the US 84 northbound and southbound lanes, add U-turns for US 84 at the intersection, and build a direct connect ramp from US 83 northbound to US 84 northbound towards Abilene. This ramp will improve the travel from Tuscola to Abilene and make the intersection safer.

Due to the rapid growth between Tuscola and the US 83/US 84 intersection, TxDOT is proposing to widen US 83 to two lanes in each direction with a continuous center left-turn lane and improve the drainage along the roadway.

Purpose and Need



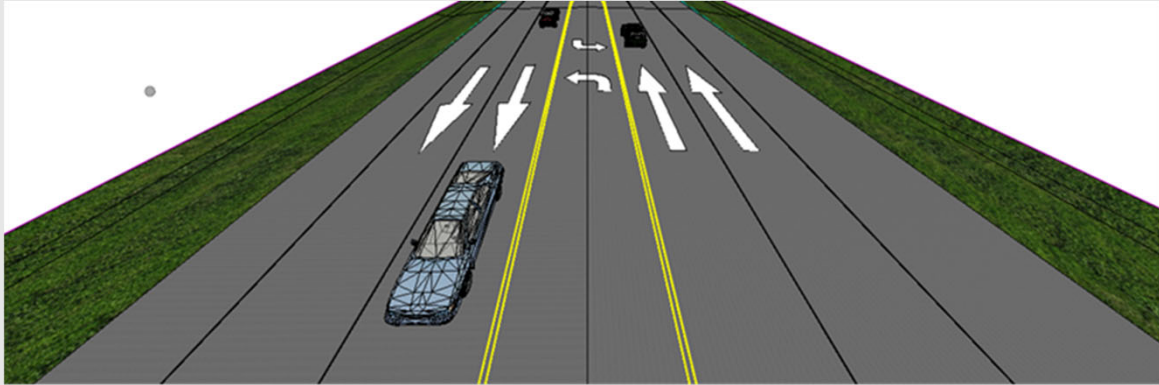
- US 83/84 Y-Intersection and US 83 Improvements Projects
 - Considerable growth in the southern portion of Abilene into Taylor County has impacted the safety and efficiency of US 83/US 84. Growth involves an expanding number of residences and growing neighborhoods, an increasing number of vehicles traveling into and out of Abilene at peak hours, and high projected business and residential growth over the next 20 years. TxDOT is reviewing this corridor for:
 - Safety
 - Rapid growth of nearby residential housing
 - Currently a school bus route for Jim Ned CISD
 - Movement on US 83/84
 - Business access points in vicinity of intersection
 - Improved drainage on US 83

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As mentioned in the previous slide, the growth in Taylor County and around Tuscola is increasing. Both of these projects are needed in order to provide safer travel, improve mobility and accommodate the rapid growth.

US 83 Typical Section



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This is an example of what US 83 would like in the future. It would consist of two lanes in each direction with a continuous center left-turn lane, outside shoulders, and improved drainage from the US 83/US 84 Y-intersection to just north of Tuscola.

Environmental Process



Environmental Documentation will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).



**Air Quality &
Traffic Noise**



**Social &
Community Impacts**



Hazardous Materials



Biological Resources



Water Resources



**Historic &
Archaeological Resources**

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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In addition to evaluating traffic data for this region, TxDOT must also follow all aspects of the National Environmental Policy Act, better known as “NEPA”.

NEPA ensures that agencies, such as TxDOT, consider the environmental impacts of proposed actions and provides a process for informing the public. This is accomplished by identifying, analyzing, and documenting the environmental impacts of proposed improvements to both natural and man-made resources.

During the environmental process, the project team will analyze and document impacts to natural resources including biological and water, cultural resources including archaeological and historic, community resources, air quality, traffic noise, and the presence of hazardous materials and utilities in the proposed project area. These are called “environmental constraints”.

The information gathered during the environmental process about environmental constraints will influence the proposed project’s design with an emphasis on avoiding and minimizing impacts.

Right-of-Way Acquisition Process

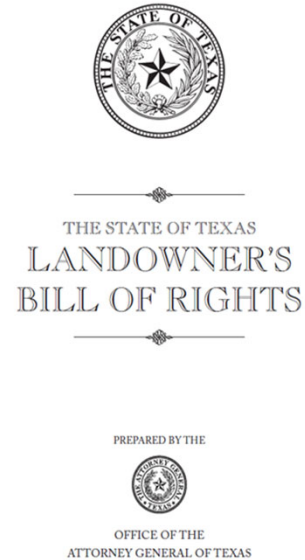


Additional right of way is required.

No displacements are anticipated.



Please visit www.txdot.gov for more information about the Uniform Act, the TxDOT Right-of-Way Acquisition Process, and the State of Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights.



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Additional right of way is required for both the US 83/US 84 Y-Intersection project, as well as the US 83 Improvements project. However, no displacements are anticipated.

For more information about the right-of-way acquisition process and your rights as a landowner, please visit www.TxDOT.gov and search "right of way".

Anticipated Project Timeline



Project Schedule

Funded for Construction starting in calendar year 2025*

Project Funding

\$32 million

Ongoing Public Involvement



* Project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.

The anticipated project timelines for both projects are listed in the slide. We are currently at Public Meeting #3. TxDOT is anticipating to hold a public hearing on these projects in the spring of 2022, with construction starting in the summer of 2025. The cost of both projects combined is \$32 million.

We Request Your Feedback



Please submit your comments regarding the proposed US 83/84 Y-Intersection and US 83 Improvements Projects presented in this Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option by using any of the three methods below. Comments must be received or postmarked by **Friday, Oct. 29, 2021**.



Email Us

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Mail-In Comments

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Comment Online

Attend the Virtual Public Meeting and Click on the Comment Button

For general questions about the presentation or the project, please contact Michael Haithcock, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development, at Michael.Haithcock@txdot.gov or (325) 676-6800.

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- You may email us at: Michael.Haithcock@txdot.gov
- You may mail written comments to:

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- Or you may submit them online on the TxDOT meeting page for this virtual public meeting

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Don't forget to submit your comments by Friday, Oct. 29, 2021. This concludes the pre-recorded presentation. Thank you for attending!