

Fact Sheet



US 83/84 Abilene

Public Involvement

May 2015 to
October 2018

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Overview

The scope of this safety study is a six-mile corridor of US 83/US 84 from CR 707/ Iberis Road South to the US 83/US 84 intersection. Considerable growth in the southern portion of the City of Abilene and into Taylor County has affected the safety and efficiency of US 83/US 84, in particular, the six-plus miles from Iberis Road to the US 83/US 84 split. TxDOT is reviewing this corridor due to:

- A high number of at-grade crossovers (33 total)
- An expanding number of residences and growing neighborhoods
- An increasing number of vehicles traveling into and out of Abilene at peak hours
- The speed limit in relation to the number of crossovers and transition to city limits
- Projected growth over the next 20 years (business and residential)

Roadway enhancements will be a proactive effort to prepare the corridor for future annual average daily traffic increases while working to maintain the safety of the traveling public.

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Three stakeholder workgroup sessions and three open houses were conducted to gather public input. In addition, an open house on a project that is the result of input from earlier public involvement, was conducted in October 2018.

- **Stakeholder workgroup meeting, May 12, 2015:** 41 attended. Traffic projections and crash data, public involvement objectives and timelines were shared, and stakeholders identified issues along the corridor.
- **Open House, June 30, 2015:** 120 attended and 87 filled out written comment forms to help identify the issues. Of those responding, 28 favored grade separations at major interchanges; 43 supported turn lanes; 17 mentioned improving and upgrading signage and signals; 46 supported road realignments; 40 recommended conducting a speed study; 13 were miscellaneous comments.
- **Stakeholder workgroup meeting, August 4, 2015:** 22 attended and stakeholders were presented with results of a corridor safety study conducted by TxDOT's Traffic Operations. They were introduced to FHWA's Context Sensitive Solutions approach to transportation planning to prioritize the issues.
- **Open House, September 29, 2015:** 93 attended and 80 issue prioritization sheets were returned with the following results: Grade separations, 60 (top priority, 15); acceleration/deceleration lanes, 67 (top priority, 10); right turn lanes from US 83/84, 56 (top priority 5); improve or close median openings, 53 (top priority, 1); improve signage, 30 (top priority, 1); reconfigure entrance/exit ramps, 20 (top priority, 2); conduct a speed study, 32 (top priority, 2).
- **Stakeholder workgroup meeting, February 5, 2016:** 17 attended and were presented with project options and timeline.
- **Open House, March 8, 2016:** 85 people attended to offer public input on project options and timeline.
- **Open House, Kirby Lake Frontage Roads, October 25, 2018:** 15 people attended to offer public input on a project that is an outcome of the initial public involvement from 2015.