

I-27 Feasibility Study from Amarillo to Dumas Frequently Asked Questions



What is the I-27 Feasibility Study from Amarillo to Dumas?

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Amarillo District is conducting a feasibility study to evaluate the potential upgrade of US 87/US 287 to interstate standards (I-27) from Amarillo to Dumas, covering US 87/US 287 in Randall, Potter and Moore counties from State Loop (SL) 335 in Amarillo to a logical terminus north of Dumas at US 287. This study builds upon the [Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study](#) conducted in 2020, which was required by the Texas Legislature in [House Bill 1079](#) to evaluate improvements that extend I-27 and upgrade the route to interstate standards. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the feasibility, costs and logistics related to updating the corridor to interstate standards, including extending I-27 from SL 335 to north of Dumas along US 287.

What is the Ports-to-Plains Corridor?

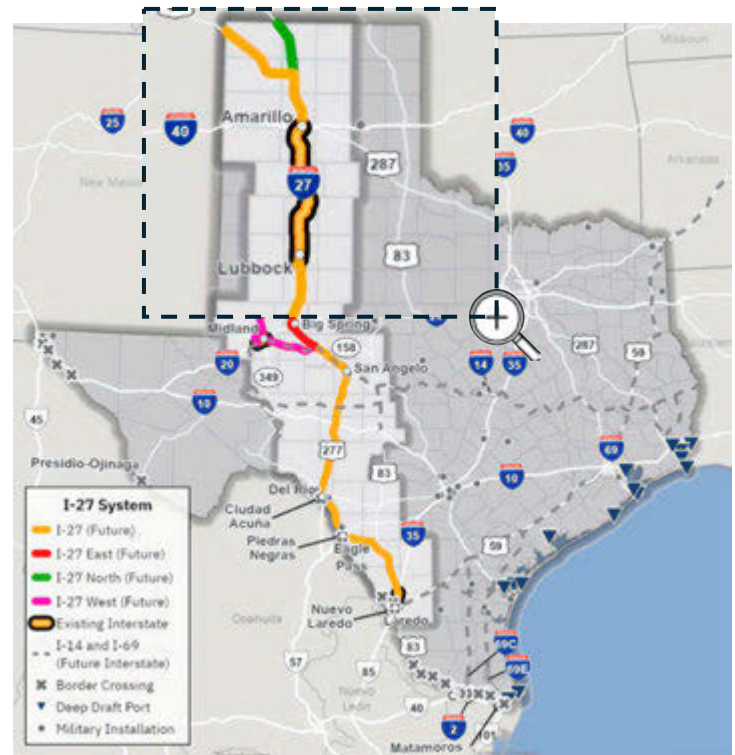
The Ports-to-Plains Corridor in Texas is a proposed 963-mile corridor and will connect four interstates, 24 state highways and 17 U.S. highways to enhance statewide and rural connectivity. The overall corridor will start in Mexico and go through Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, the Pacific Northwest and end in Canada. Regionally, this system intends to support a growing population and economic centers of West and South Texas and facilitate the movement of goods, international trade and key industries supporting national defense along the corridor. I-27 makes up a portion of [Segment 1](#) of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

What is the I-27 Numbering Act of 2023?

The I-27 Numbering Act of 2023 designates the future interstate highway system portions of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor within the states of Texas and New Mexico as Interstate Route I-27. In Texas, from Sterling City to Lamesa, U.S. Route 87 is designated as Interstate Route I-27E and Texas Routes 158 and 349 via I-20 are designated as Interstate Route I-27W. U.S. Route 287 from Dumas, Texas to the border between Texas and Oklahoma is designated as Interstate Route I-27N¹.

Why is this study needed?

This feasibility study is needed to refine and build upon the findings and recommendations from previous studies conducted along or near the US 87/287 corridor. (i.e., Ports-to-Plains, Canyon to Amarillo Study, Amarillo Area in Motion Multimodal Plan, Amarillo Metropolitan Transportation Plan, etc.) These earlier efforts provide valuable data, insights and proposed solutions that guide the I-27 Feasibility Study from Amarillo to Dumas. The study aims to identify the feasibility of implementing improvements through coordination with local communities and jurisdictions, balancing the need for freight movement and local traffic mobility.



¹ Source: U.S. Congress. (2023). S.992 — 118th Congress (2023-2024): A bill to I-27 Numbering Act of 2023. Congress.gov. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/992>. Passed Senate (07/27/2023)

What are the study limits?

This study includes SL 335 around Amarillo and spans north along the 57-mile route from SL 335 in Amarillo along US 87/US 287 to a logical terminus north of the City of Dumas at US 287.

What is the schedule for this study?

The I-27 Feasibility Study from Amarillo to Dumas began in late summer 2024. The feasibility study is expected to be completed in July 2025. Multiple opportunities for stakeholder and public engagement will be provided as part of the study. The first round of public meetings, to be held in both Amarillo and Dumas, are scheduled for early December 2024.

What is the study process?

The study process includes collecting data, identifying goals, conducting traffic and safety studies, as well as preliminary location studies, analyzing environmental data, determining right-of-way requirements and developing preliminary cost estimates. Throughout the feasibility study, there are multiple opportunities for stakeholder and public input. The study will end with the delivery of the final feasibility report.

What is the next step when the study is finished?

The next step, after this feasibility study, is the environmental and schematic design phase. Advancement to the project phase is dependent on the decisions of this study and funding availability.

Is construction happening?

Not as part of this study. Construction is the result of a project. Advancement to the project phase is dependent on the decisions of this study and funding availability. It could take seven to ten years before construction begins.

What is different about this study than the other work being done on I-27?

This is a feasibility study to analyze current and future transportation needs, separate from other work being done on I-27, along the US 87/US 287 route in Randall, Potter and Moore counties to evaluate concepts for upgrading the route to interstate standards.

How will residents and business owners along the study corridor be impacted?

Since this is a feasibility study, not a project, it aims to evaluate the feasibility of upgrading the route to interstate standards. Stakeholders and the public will be solicited for input throughout the development of the feasibility study to ensure the community's voice, including ideas and concerns, are considered in the development of feasible options to upgrade US 87/US 287 to interstate standards.

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