



I-20 Public Meeting FAQs

Meeting Information

What is the purpose of the public meeting?

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information on the project, describe how proposed improvements may potentially impact the community, provide the public an opportunity to view project information and ask questions, and to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

What is the difference between the in-person and virtual meeting?

The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual public meetings. The in-person meeting will be an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. The virtual meeting can be viewed beginning Thursday, February 22, 2022 at 12 p.m. (noon) through Friday, March 9, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Virtual public meeting materials will be posted to the [txdot.gov](https://www.txdot.gov), including a virtual meeting room and interactive map.

How can the public provide comments about the project?

Comment forms will be provided at the in-person public meeting and online at [txdot.gov](https://www.txdot.gov) using the keyword search: I-20 Hallsville to Marshall. The public can also email comments to TxDOT project manager Adrian Walton at Adrian.Walton@txdot.gov or mail comments to:

TxDOT Atlanta District
Attention: Adrian Walton, P.E.
701 E. Main St.
Atlanta, TX 75551

All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 9, 2022 to be part of the official public meeting record.

Who should the public contact with questions or concerns about the project?

The public can contact TxDOT project manager Adrian Walton, P.E. by phone at (903) 799-1309 (Monday – Friday / 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) or by email at Adrian.Walton@txdot.gov.

Project Information

What is the status of this project?

The project is currently in the schematic design and environmental study phase which began in 2018. Since then, TxDOT and its consultant team have been working to develop design schematics for proposed improvements to I-20 from FM 450 to SH 43. This is the first public meeting that TxDOT has held for this project.

What is the purpose of this project?

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase capacity, improve regional mobility, address pavement deficiencies and enhance traffic operations and safety. Improvements to this section of I-20 are being prioritized due to ageing pavement. I-20 is an important corridor between Texas and Louisiana and daily traffic is expected to increase significantly on this segment between 2020 and 2055. Only modest repairs and expansions have occurred since this segment of I-20 was built in the



1960s. Improvements will be needed to accommodate future growth, enhance safety, and improve mobility.

What is the current condition of I-20?

I-20 has two eastbound and two westbound lanes with a depressed grassy median separating the mainlanes. There are discontinuous frontage roads in each direction and the right of way width varies from 320-540 feet. Only modest repairs and expansions have occurred since this segment of I-20 was built approximately 60 years ago.

What are the proposed improvements?

Proposed improvements include widening I-20 to three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with 10-foot inside and outside shoulders. One-way continuous frontage roads would be constructed between FM 450 and FM 3251 to enhance access and improve traffic flow. Ageing bridges would be replaced to provide more vertical clearance for freight traffic and interchanges would be modified to improve safety. Improvements to culverts and ditches is also proposed to improve drainage.

What kind of crash analysis/traffic analysis has been conducted?

A crash analysis was conducted for the project area using crash data from TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS). More than 800 crashes occurred in this segment of I-20 from 2015 to 2020 of which more than 20% involved injuries or were fatal. The data also showed that crash rates on this segment of I-20 were nearly 18% higher in 2019 and 67% higher in 2020 for similar roadways facilities in Texas.

The traffic analysis showed that the average daily traffic in the project area is expected to increase by more than 37,000 vehicles per day by 2055. Average daily traffic in 2020 was approximately 45,000 vehicles per day. Average Daily Traffic in 2055 is expected to be more than 83,000 vehicles per day.

What factors are being considered for the proposed project?

A wide variety of environmental and engineering factors will be studied and considered throughout the project, including traffic data and analysis, safety and crash data, estimated cost, other planning efforts, natural and cultural resources, water resources and flood plains, social and community impacts and stakeholder and public input.

Will additional right of way be needed for this project? How can property owners determine if any proposed improvements will impact their property?

Yes, additional right of way will be needed for proposed improvements. Right of way staff will be available at the in-person public meeting to answer questions from property owners. Schematic designs will be available at the in-person meeting and online at txdot.gov for public review. An interactive map will also be available online where the public can search for their address and view proposed improvements near their property.

Additional right of way resources, such as the Landowner Bill of Rights and information about relocation assistance, are also available at the Right of Way station.

What is the schedule for this project?

Following this public meeting, further environmental analysis will be conducted followed by additional public involvement to present findings and finalize TxDOT's recommendations for proposed improvements. After the public meeting, TxDOT will continue to refine its schematic designs based on feedback received from the public.



Final design, construction plans, right of way acquisition and utility coordination is expected to occur from 2023-2026 with first phase construction beginning in 2026.

However, all dates are tentative and subject to change.

How was information about the meeting/project shared with the public?

Information about the public meeting was published in local publications and online at txdot.gov at least 15-days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT also sent meeting notices to elected officials and key stakeholders (e.g., school district superintendents, emergency officials, etc.) as well as adjacent property owners (e.g., ¼ mile buffer either side of I-20 within the project area).