

Virtual Public Meeting Pre-Recorded Presentation

SL 390/US 59 RELIEF ROUTE (Future I-369)

From 0.7 mile north of US 80
To 1.2 miles south of I-20
Harrison County, Texas

CSJ: 1575-05-016

Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021



Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation Atlanta District's virtual public meeting for the State Loop 390 / US Highway 59 Relief Route, and future Interstate 369 Project from 0.7 mile north of US 80 to 1.2 miles south of Interstate 20. This is a pre-recorded presentation. My name is Deanne Simmons and I am the Director of Transportation Planning & Development for TxDOT's Atlanta District. I would like to welcome you and thank you for participating in this virtual public meeting.

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Virtual Public Meeting Purpose



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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) ASSIGNMENT TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.



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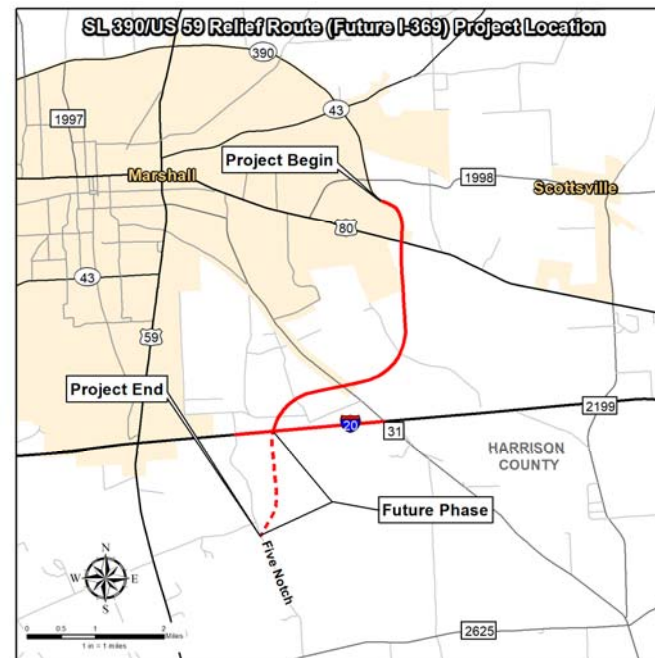
Project Location



PROJECT LIMITS:
From 0.7 mile north of US 80
to
1.2 miles south of I-20

COUNTY:
Harrison

PROJECT LENGTH:
Approximately 6 miles



The proposed State Loop 390/US 59 Relief Route/Future I-369 Project limits are from 0.7 mile north of US Highway 80 to 1.2 miles south of Interstate Highway 20 in Harrison County, Texas. The proposed project length is approximately 6 miles.

Provide a continuous access-controlled roadway that would:

- Meet interstate design standards and be designated as State Loop 390, US 59 Relief Route, and, ultimately, Interstate 369 (I-369)
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Project Need:

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Route Study History and Recommendations



2008, I-69 Advisory Committee:

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- I-69 Segment 1 Committee recommended US 59 Relief Route in Marshall

2014, I-69 System (I-369) Harrison County/Marshall Route Study:

- A local Working Group identified Marshall area goals and provided input and recommendations
- Identified 13 potential Interstate Route options and Preliminary Recommendations
- Conducted public outreach activities to present the Interstate Route options and Preliminary Recommendations to local citizens and gather feedback
- Identified a final Interstate Route option Recommendation to be studied in detail

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The proposed project history dates back to 2008. The Texas Transportation Commission created the I-69 Advisory Committee and five I-69 Segment Committees. The I-69 Segment 1 Committee recommended a US 59 Relief Route in Marshall.

In 2014, TxDOT conducted the I-69 System (I-369) Harrison County/Marshall Route Study using a local Working Group which identified Marshall area goals and provided input and recommendations. The route study identified 13 potential Interstate Route options and Preliminary Recommendations. The working group conducted public outreach activities to present the Interstate Route options and Preliminary Recommendations to local citizens and gather feedback. The study identified a final Interstate Route option Recommendation to be studied in detail. This project is part of that final interstate route option Recommendation.

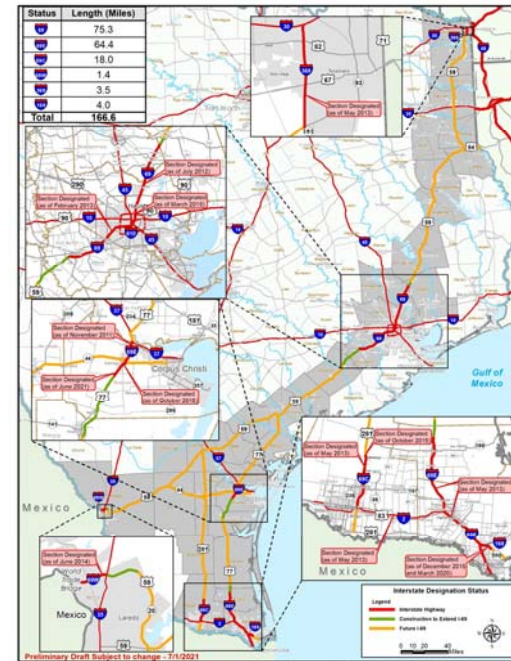
I-69 System in Texas



The I-69 System in Texas includes the following corridors:

- US 59 from Laredo to Texarkana;
- US 77 from the Rio Grande Valley to Victoria;
- US 281 from the Rio Grande Valley to George West;
- US 84 from US 59 to Louisiana border;
- SH 550 from I-69E to SH 48; and
- SH 44 from Freer to Corpus Christi.

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Proposed Project Improvements



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- One-way frontage roads are part of the ultimate design and may be constructed in phases
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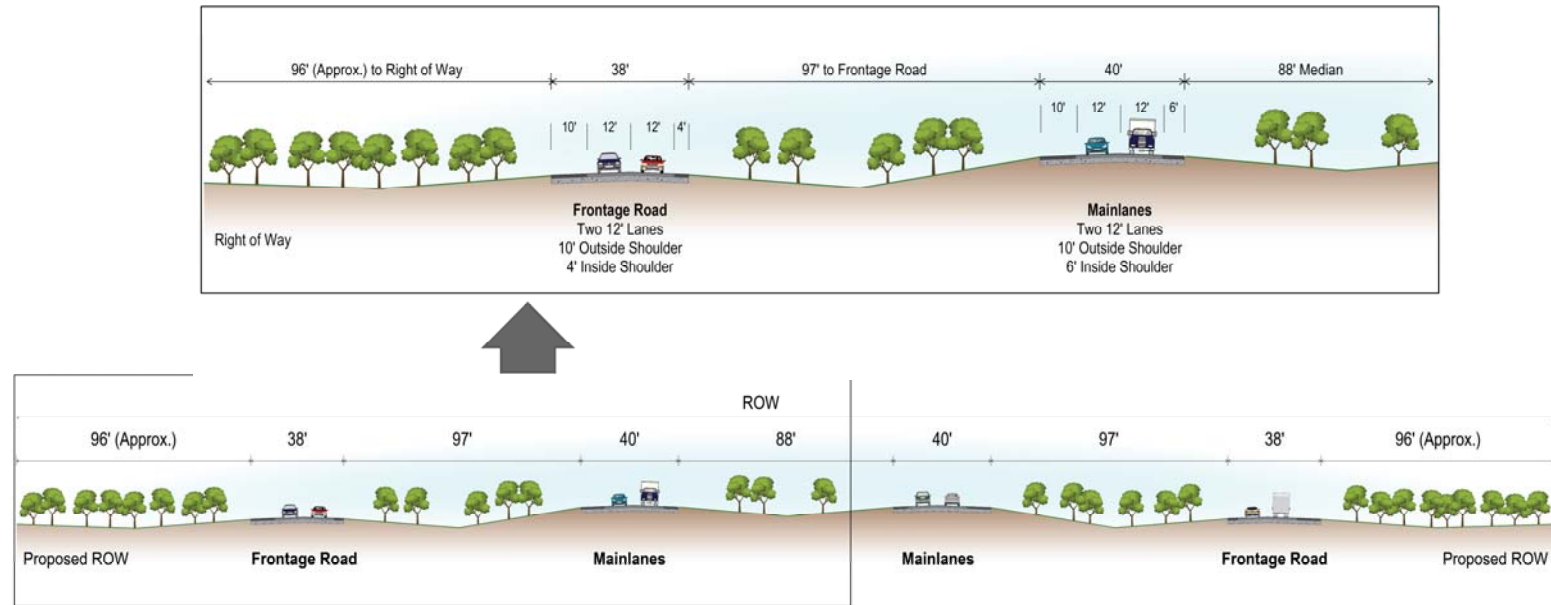
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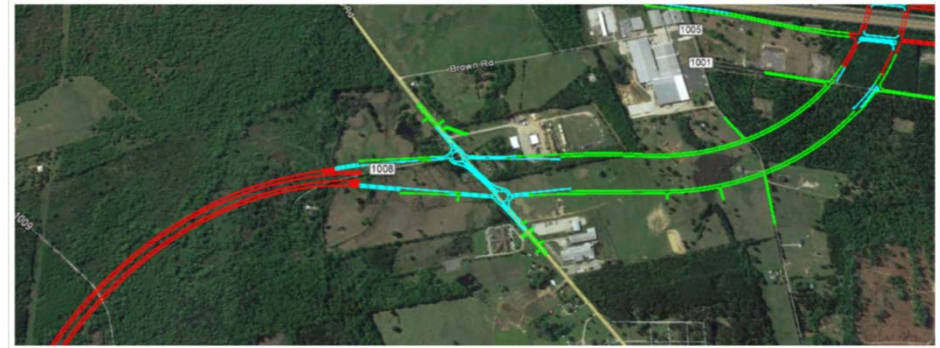
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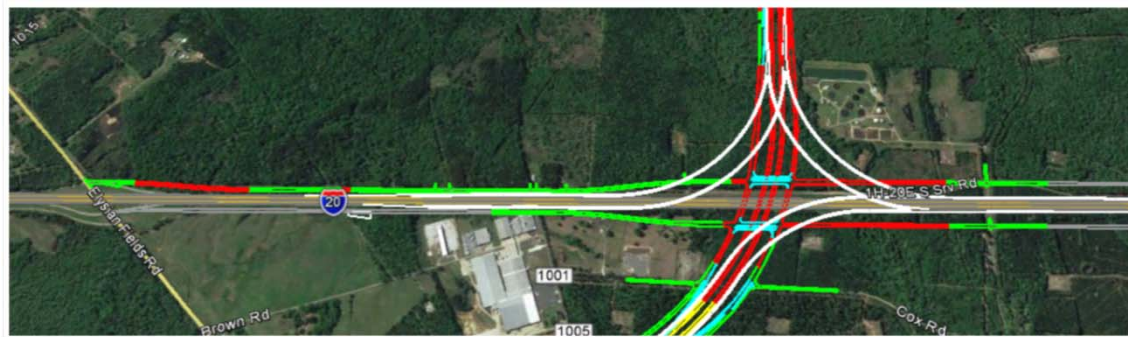


The typical section shown on the slide illustrates the proposed design within various right of way widths. Ultimately, the proposed section of the SL 390/US 59 Relief Route would include two 12-foot mainlanes in each direction separated by a grassy median, with a six-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder in most locations. One-way frontage roads would be constructed on either side of the proposed roadway and would consist of two 12-foot travel lanes offset from the mainlanes by a grassy median, with a four-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder. One-way frontage roads would also be constructed on either side of the existing I-20 roadway. Entrance and exit ramps would be located throughout the length of the project and would include a 14-foot travel lane with a four-foot inside shoulder and a 12-foot outside shoulder.

Bridges would be constructed over Eight Mile Creek and Parker Creek and associated tributaries. Proposed improvements to existing cross streets with the proposed SL 390/US 59 Relief Route include underpasses constructed at US 80 and Buck Sherrod Road, as well as roundabouts constructed at FM 31. Additionally, I-20 direct connectors would be constructed at the interchange with the SL 390/US 59 Relief Route. A westbound I-20 direct connector to southbound US 59 Relief Route, and eastbound I-20 direct connectors to both northbound and southbound US 59 Relief Route, would be constructed. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations are not proposed as part of the proposed project.



Due to funding constraints, the proposed project will be built in phases. This graphic illustrates the proposed Phase I design.



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This graphic illustrates the proposed ultimate design. Both designs will be available for detailed review online at the virtual meeting web page and at the in-person meeting.

Environmental Studies to be Performed



-  Community Impacts
-  Historic-age Resources
-  Archaeological Resources
-  Cemeteries

-  Traffic Noise
-  Threatened and Endangered Species
-  Hazardous Materials
-  Water Resources

-  Section 4(f) Properties



Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the potential socioeconomic and environmental impacts of the proposed project are being considered. These analyses are underway and include community impacts, including impacts to environmental justice and limited English proficiency communities, community cohesion and displacements; Traffic and air quality impacts; cultural resources and cemeteries; threatened and endangered species and their preferred habitats; hazardous materials; water resources including wetlands and other waters of the US, and Section 4(f) properties. The results of these analyses will be available for viewing in the Environmental Assessment document at the Public Hearing, once Approved for Circulation.

- **Continue development of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)**
- **Hold Public Hearing to present findings from the EA (anticipated 2022)***
- **Finalize EA & Preliminary Design**
- **Environmental Clearance anticipated 2022***
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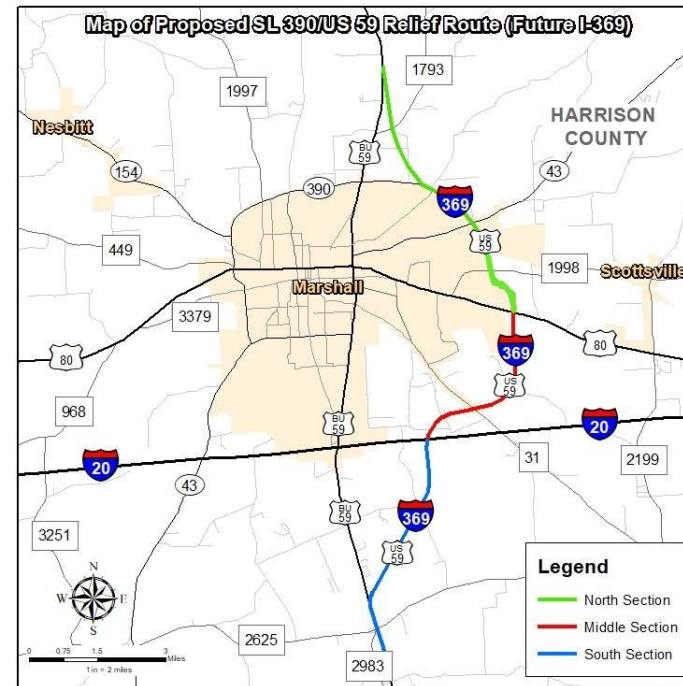
US 59 Relief Route – Future Projects



North Section: 1575-05-019
From US 59 north of Marshall
To US 80

Middle Section: 1575-05-016
From US 80
To I-20

South Section: 1575-05-021
From I-20
To US 59 south of Marshall



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This public meeting has been an opportunity for us to share a project with you that we are referring to as the “Middle Section”. You can see the reason for that in the map on this slide. There are 2 adjacent sections that we will begin working on: The North Section shown in green from US 59 north of Marshall to US 80 and the South Section shown in blue from I-20 to US 59 south of Marshall. Though we haven’t yet begun the design for these two adjacent sections, they were part of the preliminary recommended route in the 2014 Route Study. We plan to begin development of these two sections in the future. Once all three sections are constructed, this roadway would be designated as I-369 as shown on this map.

We Request Your Feedback



Please submit your comments regarding the proposed SL 390/US 59 Relief Route (Future I-369) project presented in this Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option by using any of the four methods below. Comments must be received or post-marked by **Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021**.



Comment via Voicemail

(430) 808-2630



Email Us

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Mail-In Comments

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Project Manager
Adrian Walton, PE
701 E. Main St.
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Comment Online

Attend the Virtual Public Meeting and Click on the Comment Button

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- Comments may be recorded via voice mail by calling: (430) 808-2630
- You may email us at: Adrian.Walton@txdot.gov
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 - TxDOT Atlanta District Office
 - Project Manager
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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!



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This concludes the pre-recorded presentation. Thank you.