

SH 21 from County Road to Old Highway 20

Bastrop Highway

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Project Overview

TxDOT is developing preliminary plans to expand SH 21 approximately seven miles from County Road to Old Highway 20. The proposed project would widen SH 21 to a four-lane divided highway with a grassy median. New right of way would be required for the approximately 230 foot-wide proposed project. Improvements would include 12-foot-wide travel lanes, four foot-wide inside shoulders, 10-foot-wide outside shoulders and a new bridge over US 290. Innovative intersections called Restricted Crossing U-Turns (RCUTs) would be added, modifying turning movements for drivers entering or crossing SH 21. The RCUTs would help improve safety by reducing the number of points where crashes could occur.



Need for Improvements

Bastrop County’s population has grown rapidly (20% from 2010 to 2020), increasing the need to accommodate projected traffic volumes, and improve safety and mobility along SH 21 in eastern Bastrop County. SH 21 functions as both a local thoroughfare and commuter highway. Along SH 21 in the project limits the existing lane configuration varies, but the majority consists of two southbound lanes, one northbound lane, and two-way left- turn lanes periodically, as well as dedicated left-turn lanes at some intersections.

TYPICAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Ongoing Public Involvement

Advancing to the next phase depends on the previous phase outcome, as well as funding availability.

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