

US 281 Blanco County Project



TxDOT is developing preliminary plans to improve 19 miles of US 281 from US 290 to FM 306 in Blanco County, Texas, including the US 281/US 290 interchange. The project limits do not include the existing four-lane segment through the City of Blanco. The US 281 Blanco Relief Route study is also not included in this study.

Need for Improvements

There is a need to improve safety and mobility by providing additional roadway capacity to meet current and future traffic demands.

- Blanco County has grown 124% from 1990 to 2024 with 15% growth anticipated between 2024 and 2060.
- Between 2020 and 2024, crashes have increased 79%, with 329 total crashes, including 38 serious or fatal crashes.
- In 2024, more than 16,000 vehicles per day traveled US 281 in Blanco County south of RM 473 (east). Estimated traffic volumes will increase to 35,000 vehicles per day by 2045, a 120% increase over 20 years.



Note: This excludes any improvements to the existing segment of US 281 through the City of Blanco and the US 281 Blanco Relief Route Study.

Public Involvement

TxDOT is committed to working with the public and there will be several opportunities for public involvement throughout this phase of project development.



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

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