

Project Details

TxDOT is proposing to construct a new interchange at US 281 and SH 71 in Burnet County. The current cloverleaf interchange uses loop ramps to accommodate left-turning movements. The loop ramps concentrate potential conflict points, and the smaller radius curves are not efficient, especially for trucks.

US 281 functions as a local thoroughfare, commuter highway and as a freight corridor. SH 71 is a critical route from Austin into the Hill Country. This interchange is essential to local and regional mobility of freight and commuter traffic. Upgrades to this interchange will help improve safety and mobility on both roadways.

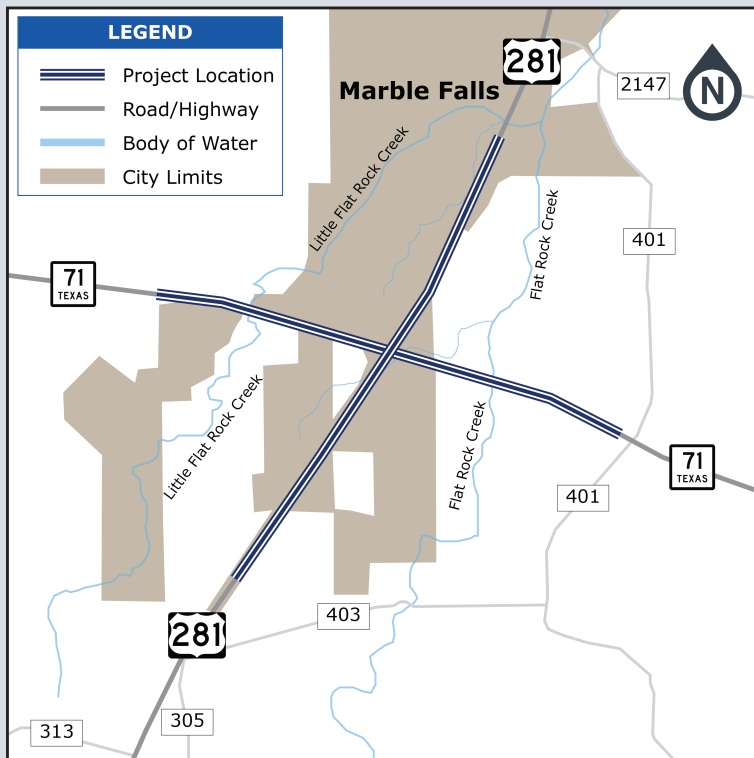
Proposed Project Improvements:

- Replacing the current cloverleaf interchange with a turbine interchange
- Adding elevated structures to improve mobility through the interchange
- Adding frontage roads to separate high-speed through traffic from local traffic
- Adding shared-use paths to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians

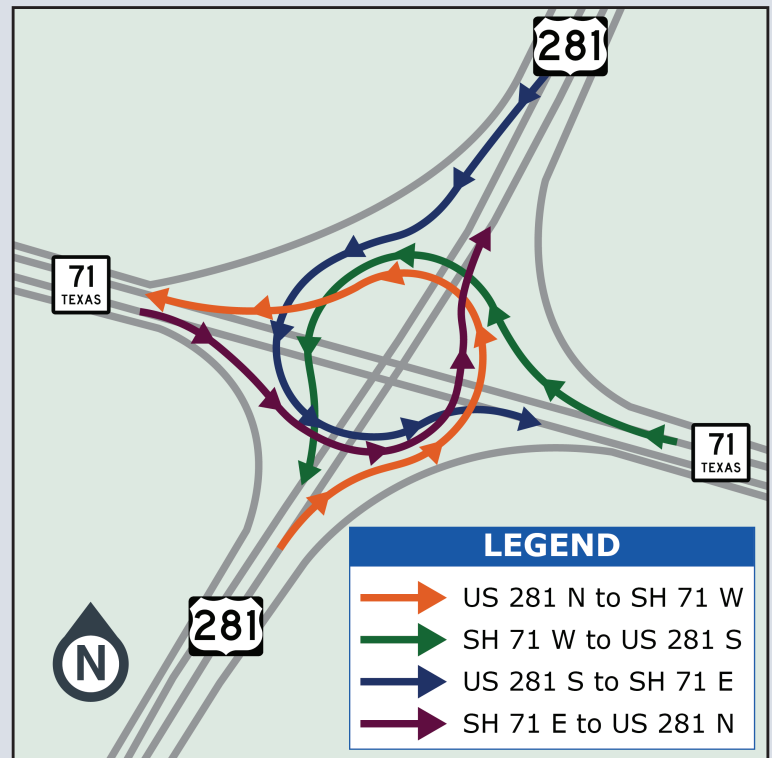
Project Timeline:

The environmental study is anticipated to be complete in 2026.

Project Location Map



Proposed Interchange



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 July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Questions or Comments

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