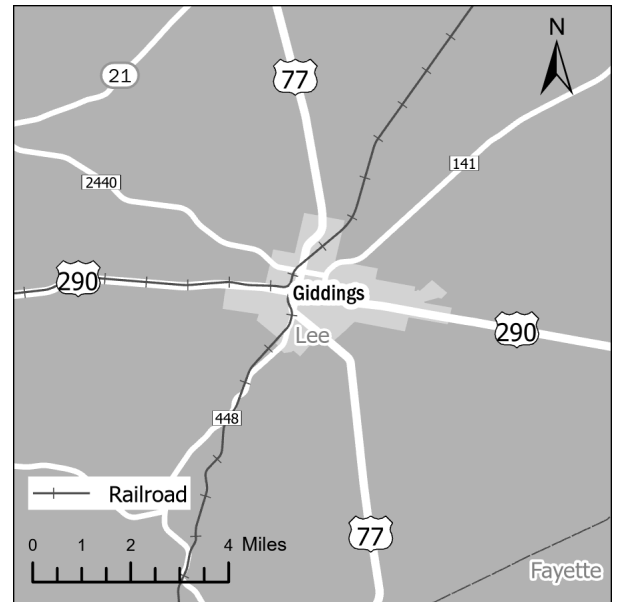


## 1. Why are we doing this study?

At the request of the Giddings City Council and Lee County Commissioners Court, TxDOT is initiating the US 290 Giddings Mobility Study to develop and evaluate preliminary options to improve mobility, safety and emergency response times and to address conflicts with the railroad in the City of Giddings in Lee County. The proposed improvements through this study would address current traffic issues in downtown Giddings and plan for future growth. The purpose of this study, in collaboration with local stakeholders and the public, is to arrive at locally recommended improvement options to address current and future needs. Further project development, including schematic design, environmental review and funding, would depend on the outcome of the mobility study.



## 2. How will stakeholders and the public be involved?

TxDOT plans to host stakeholder workshops and open houses throughout this study. Feedback will be requested to identify problems; goals and objectives for this study; potential improvement options; and evaluation criteria to compare the options.

## 3. What is a task force?

TxDOT will work with the City of Giddings and Lee County to form a task force. The group will meet several times throughout the development of the US 290 Giddings Mobility Study. The task force will identify goals and objectives for the study, known environmental constraints, and potential improvement options. As the study progresses the task force will review the evaluation of these preliminary options and weigh in on the evaluation criteria. The task force, in collaboration with stakeholders and the public, will arrive at locally recommended improvement options to address current and future needs.

## 4. Is this funded?

Construction of improvements are not funded at this time, but the results of this mobility study could be used for further project development.

## 5. How long will this study take?

This study is anticipated to be complete at the end of 2024.

## 6. How will this mobility study consider environmental resources in the identification of improvement options?

Environmental constraints information will be compiled from local, state, and federal agencies, and through feedback from the task force, local stakeholders and the public. This information will be used in the development of improvement options. Environmental constraints information for this study will include

the following topics: land use, flood plains, wetlands, streams, oil and gas wells, threatened and endangered species habitat, wildlife refuges, hazardous material sites, parkland, historic sites, archeological sites, census data, etc.

### **7. Will this study address the Union Pacific rail crossing in downtown Giddings?**

One of the ideas brought forward by the Giddings Economic Development Corporation is a possible underpass at West Houston Street. TxDOT will support the City of Giddings and Lee County in evaluating multiple mobility improvement options, including an underpass, addressing current traffic, safety and emergency response issues in downtown Giddings.

### **8. What relief route options are being considered?**

The relief route options considered will be defined by the City of Giddings, Lee County, local stakeholders and the public. TxDOT will support the City of Giddings and Lee County in evaluating multiple mobility improvement options addressing current traffic issues in downtown Giddings and future growth. In addition, an option to upgrade US 290 and the No Build option will be considered.

### **9. How will locally recommended improvement options be identified?**

TxDOT will support the City of Giddings, Lee County, local stakeholders and the public in developing evaluation criteria weighing and comparing preliminary mobility improvement options with the goal of finding locally recommended options.