



**WELCOME**

Virtual Public Meeting  
with In-Person Option

---

**US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21**


Lee County, Texas  
CSJ: 0211-04-024, 0211-07-045, & 0211-03-038

**National Environmental Policy Act Assignment to TxDOT:** 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 December 9, 2019 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.


Nov. 30, 2023

Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation Austin District pre-recorded public meeting presentation for the proposed US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21 project in Lee County, Texas. We appreciate your interest in this project and thank you for your participation. This is a pre-recorded presentation made available online on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, by 4:30 p.m.

The National Environmental Policy Act review and approval process applies to this project. 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 December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

End the Streak 

**HELP**  
**#EndTheStreakTX**  
 End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

TxDOT.gov (Keyword: #EndTheStreakTX)    #EndTheStreakTX Toolkit 

US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21 Nov. 30, 2023 **2**

Because safety is a priority at TxDOT, we begin each meeting with a safety minute. Today we will highlight TxDOT’s “End The Streak” campaign. The last deathless day on Texas roadways was November 7, 2000. That means for nearly 23 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play in changing that. This is a reminder to End the Streak of deaths on Texas roadways. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Please do your part and share this message with your friends and family.

## Purpose of this public meeting



**Learn about the project.**

**Review the proposed improvements.**

**Provide comments.**

US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023

3

This presentation will provide an overview of the US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21 project, a review of the proposed improvements, and how you can provide input.

This virtual public meeting is being held in conjunction with an in-person option on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion York Post 276, located at 1502 US 77, Giddings, Texas 78942. The same project information, materials and comment opportunities will be available at both the virtual public meeting and in-person option.

At the end of the presentation, there are instructions on how to submit questions and comments. To be included in the official public meeting record, comments must be received on or before Friday, Dec. 15, 2023.

Your comments are an important part of this process, and the project team will consider them for design refinements where feasible. You are encouraged to talk to your neighbors and refer them to TxDOT so they can also make comments and be included in this process.

Let's get started!

**Project details**



**US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21**

- Feasibility study in 2019 identified project goals.
- New roadway design proposed.
- Additional right of way needed.



US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023

4

The proposed project would include widening US 77 from FM 2440 in Giddings to SH 21 in Lee County for a distance of approximately 8 miles.

A feasibility study completed in 2019 identified project goals and recommended a proposed design. The proposed widening will require additional right of way.

## Purpose and need



- The proposed project is needed because the roadway does not meet the current design standard or support the existing and projected traffic volumes, resulting in reduced safety and operational efficiency.
- The purpose of the project is to improve safety and operational efficiency along US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21.

US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023

5

The proposed project is needed because the roadway does not meet the current design standard or support the existing and projected traffic volumes, resulting in reduced safety and operational efficiency.

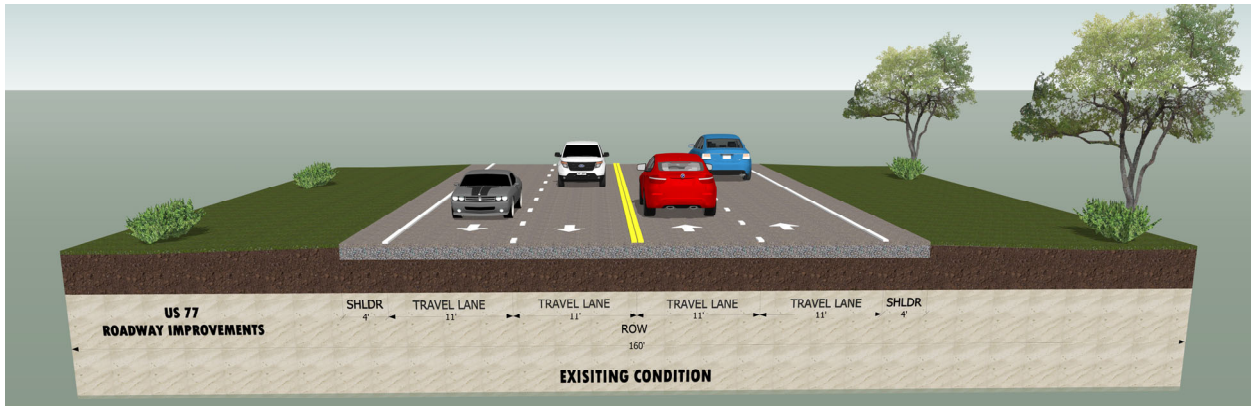
The purpose of the project is to improve safety and operational efficiency along US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21.

Existing conditions



**US 77 today includes:**

- Two 11-foot-wide lanes in each direction.
- No median.



US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023

6

Now let's talk about US 77 as it exists today.

Generally, in Giddings, the four-lane highway has two lanes in each direction with a center-turn lane.

North of the Giddings, US 77 is a four-lane highway with two lanes in each direction with no median. The existing right-of-way width is between 100-160 feet.

## Project details



### What is TxDOT proposing?

- Widen to a four-lane, divided highway with a grassy median.
- Add a 10-foot shared-use path on the west side of US 77 from West Independence Street to Giddings High School.
- Construct/replace twin bridges at Nails Creek, Elm Creek, West Yegua Creek and West Yegua Creek Relief.
- Construct Restricted Crossing U-turn (RCUT) intersection at CR 114.
- Construct acceleration and deceleration lanes at CR 327.

US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023

7

TxDOT proposes the following improvements to US 77:

- Widen to a four-lane, divided highway with a grassy median.
- Add a 10-foot shared-use path on the west side of US 77 from West Independence Street to Giddings High School.
- Construct/replace twin bridges at Nails Creek, Elm Creek, West Yegua Creek and West Yegua Creek Relief.
- Construct Restricted Crossing U-turn (RCUT) intersection at CR 114. And,
- Construct acceleration and deceleration lanes at CR 327.

## Restricted Crossing U-turn (RCUT)



### What is an RCUT?

A **Restricted Crossing U-turn** is an innovative intersection design to improve safety. Turning movements for drivers entering or crossing US 77 are modified to reduce conflict points.

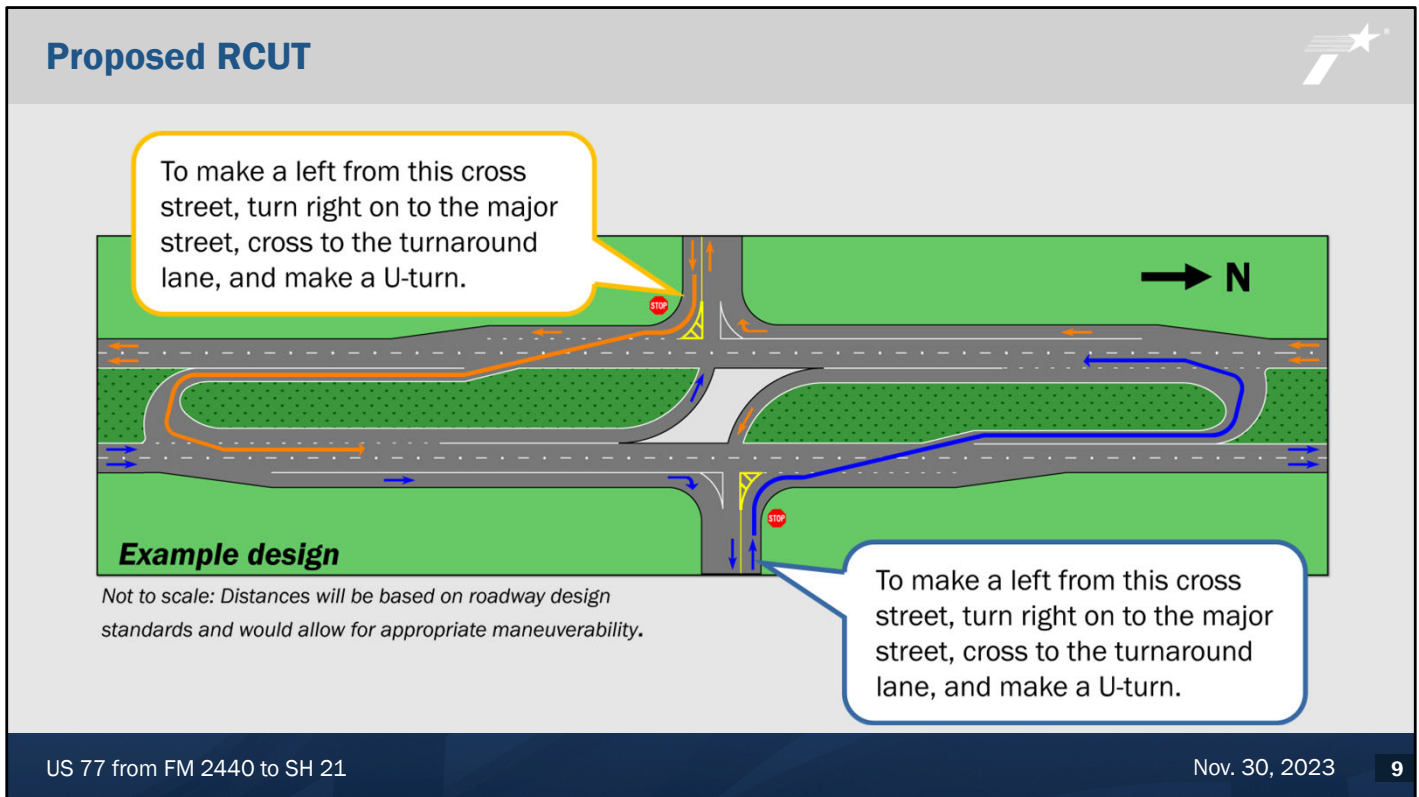
The design simplifies a driver's decision-making as each driver is only required to look at one direction of traffic at a time.

So, what is an RCUT and why is TxDOT proposing one?

A Restricted Crossing U-turn is an innovative intersection design to improve safety. Turning movements for drivers entering or crossing US 77 are modified to reduce conflict points.

The design simplifies a driver's decision-making as each driver is only required to look at one direction of traffic at a time.

Now that we have a basic idea of the RCUT, let's look at a diagram and bring it to life.



TxDOT proposes construction of an RCUT at CR 114. On the screen is an example RCUT design showing turning movements for drivers entering US 77 from cross streets who would travel the opposite direction. To make a left from the cross street, the driver would turn right on to US 77, cross to the turnaround lane, and make a U-turn.

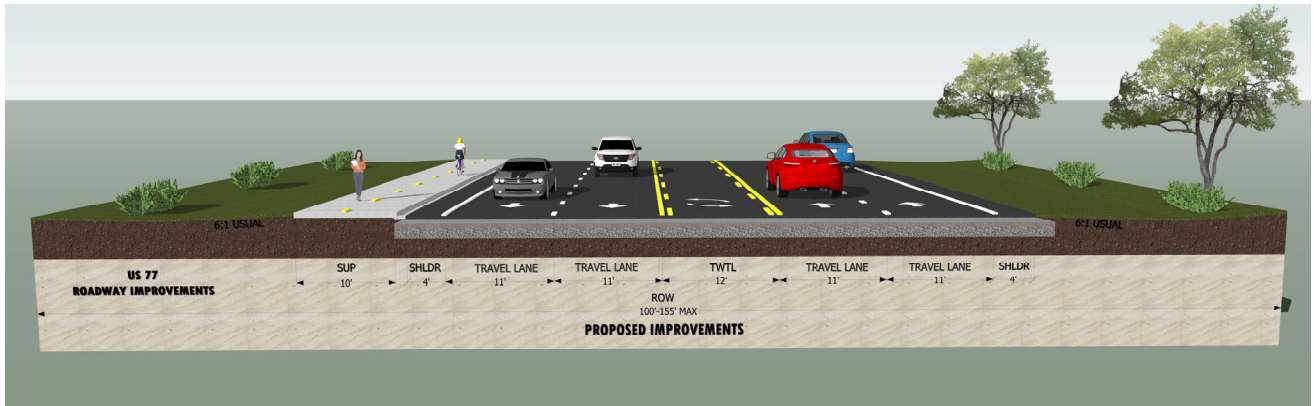
In this RCUT design, deceleration lanes would also be available for drivers to move out of main lane traffic and turn left from US 77 on to cross streets.

**Proposed conditions and improvements**



**Proposed US 77 would include:**

- Two 11-foot-wide lanes in each direction.
- 4-foot-wide outside shoulders.
- 12-foot-wide center turning lane.
- 10-foot-wide shared-use path.



US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023

10

Improvements to US 77 will differ slightly along the corridor. On the screen is the proposed typical section from West Independence Street to Giddings High School which would include the following:

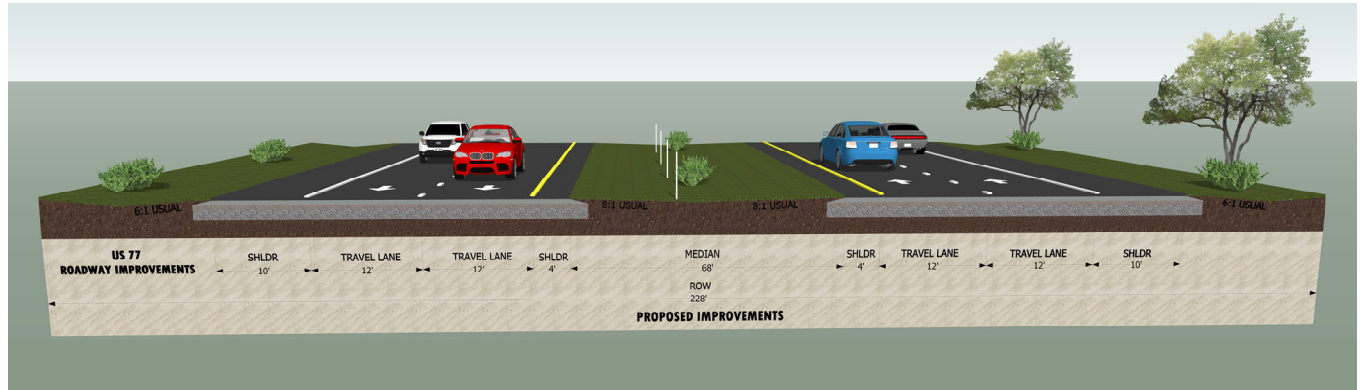
- Two main lanes in each direction,
- 12-foot center turning lane,
- 4-foot-wide outside shoulders, and
- 10-foot-wide shared-use path.

**Proposed conditions and improvements**



**Proposed US 77 would include:**

- Two 12-foot-wide lanes in each direction.
- 10-foot-wide outside shoulders.
- Grassy median with cable barrier.
- 4-foot-wide inside shoulders.



US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023

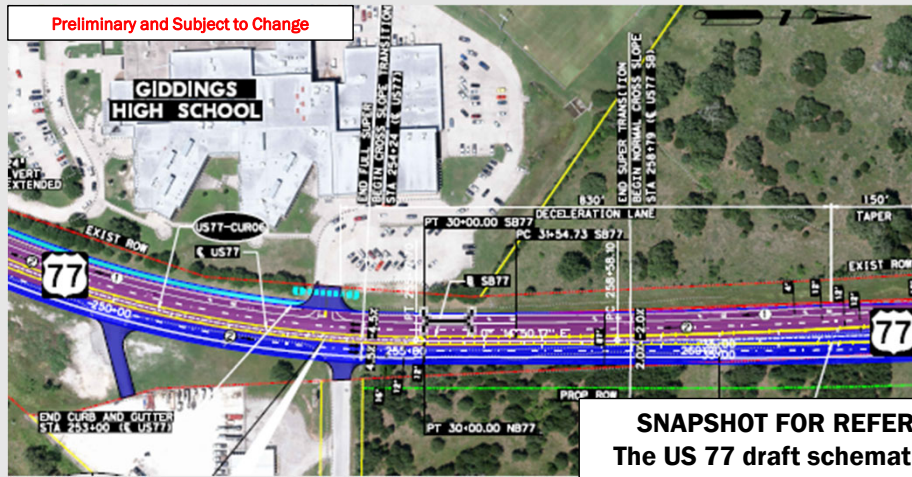
11

North of Giddings, the proposed typical section would include the following:

- Two main lanes in each direction,
- Grassy medians with a cable barrier and ditches for drainage,
- 10-foot outside shoulders, and
- 4-foot inside shoulders.

For other proposed typical sections, please view the proposed schematic drawings online or in-person.

Draft schematic



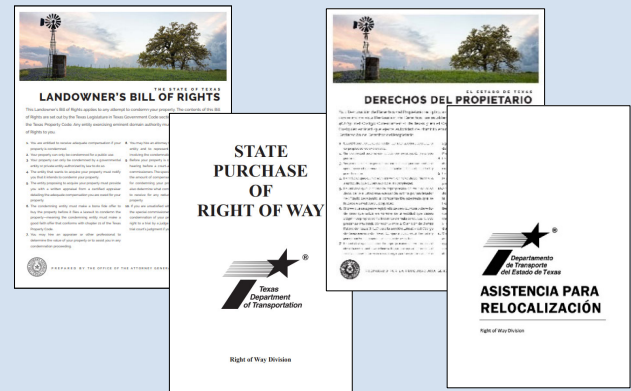
**SNAPSHOT FOR REFERENCE ONLY**  
The US 77 draft schematic is available online for viewing at [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov).

This slide shows a snapshot of the proposed design. For virtual attendees, the draft schematic design is available for download on [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov), as described later in this presentation. We recommend that you download the schematics to zoom in and out and easily see project details. The legend on the schematics will help identify what the various colors and lines represent.

## Right-of-way acquisition

- The proposed project would require 78 acres of new right of way.
- No residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time.
- **No final decisions regarding the proposed design or right-of-way footprint have been made.**

Acquisition and relocation assistance would be in accordance with the **Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970**, as amended.



US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023


13


Subject to final design considerations, the proposed project would require 78 acres of new right of way. This would include the acquisition of approximately 130 feet of right of way along US 77, resulting in a proposed right-of-way footprint that is primarily 228 feet wide.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Acquisition and relocation assistance would be in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970, as amended.





All proposed improvements are draft and subject to change. Final decisions have yet to be made regarding the design or right-of-way footprint.

Access the landowner's bill of rights and other resources by visiting [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and keyword search "Landowner Rights." Materials are available for download in English and Spanish.

Environmental process 

 **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance**

**These are some of the social, economic, and environmental resources that will be studied:**

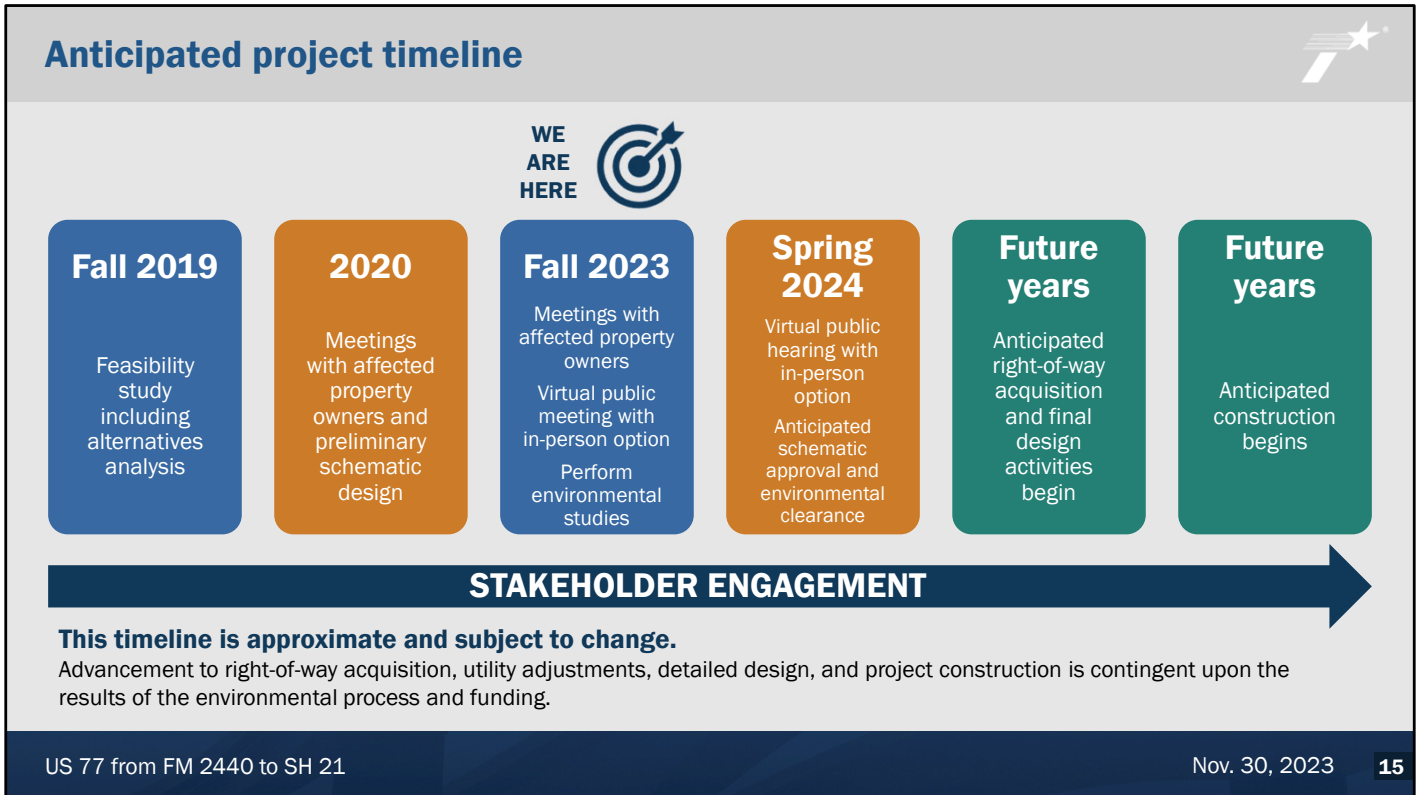
 <p><b>Water Resources</b></p>	 <p><b>Traffic Noise</b></p>	 <p><b>Threatened and Endangered Species</b></p>	 <p><b>Social and Community Resources</b></p>
---	---	--	--

US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21 Nov. 30, 2023 **14**

With any project that will or has the potential to receive federal funds, TxDOT is required to evaluate the potential environmental constraints of that proposed project. Therefore, the project is being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, otherwise known as NEPA. The NEPA process results in documentation that is provided to decision-makers, so they have all the data needed to make an informed decision if the project should proceed.

In accordance with NEPA, the environmental process identifies environmental resources in the project area and assesses potential impacts the project could have on the human and natural environment. This process includes studies of water, traffic noise, threatened and endangered species, and social and community resources, among many other considerations. These studies result in the preparation of multiple environmental technical reports.

TxDOT would avoid or minimize and mitigate impacts to the greatest extent feasible.



This slide provides a brief overview of the project schedule. We began work in 2019 with a feasibility study including an alternatives analysis. Based on social distancing requirements, affected property owners were invited to participate in virtual meetings with TxDOT to learn more about the proposed project. After preparing the preliminary schematic design, we are now holding this virtual public meeting with in-person option to request feedback from the community. Next, we will continue to work on environmental studies and refine the schematic design. A virtual public hearing with an in-person option is planned for Spring 2024. We anticipate receiving schematic approval and environmental clearance in Spring 2024.

Advancement to right-of-way acquisition, utility adjustments, detailed design, and project construction in future years is contingent upon the results of the environmental process and funding.

**Next steps**

**Document, evaluate and address public input.**

**Collect and analyze additional data.**

**Refine proposed roadway design.**

**Encourage and request additional public input in the future.**

US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21

Nov. 30, 2023

16

From here, the project team will take the input received from this public meeting into account. The project team will collect and analyze additional data and refine the proposed roadway design.

We are committed to developing this project in collaboration with the community to meet the project's goals while minimizing community impacts.

## How to access virtual public meeting materials

### Virtual public meeting materials available on the TxDOT website:

- Presentation and script
- Draft schematic
- Online comment form



Visit [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov),  
keyword search

“US 77 FM 2440 to SH 21”



Scan me



If you need technical assistance with the virtual public meeting,  
**contact the project team** at (281) 872-6960.

Let's make sure you know how to access the virtual public meeting materials.

On [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov), keyword search “US 77 FM 2440 to SH 21,” you can find all the materials presented in this virtual public meeting, including this presentation and script, draft schematic, and an online comment form. You may download and review the materials at your convenience.

You may also access the project webpage by scanning this QR code with your electronic device.

If you need technical assistance, please contact the project team at (281) 872-6960.

**How to submit comments**

**Comment Form**

Submit a comment form online or in-person! You can access the online comment form by scanning the QR code or visit [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov) and keyword search "US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21."

**E-mail**

Submit a comment to the US 77 project email address at: [US77@pozcam.com](mailto:US77@pozcam.com).

**Mail**

Submit a comment by mail to:  
 Poznecki-Camarillo, LLC  
 c/o US 77 Project Team  
 4801 Northwest Loop 410, Ste. 108  
 San Antonio, Texas 78229

**To be included in the official public meeting summary, comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 15, 2023.**

**Scan the QR code to the right to access the virtual comment form!**

Visit [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov) and keyword search "US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21."

Online Comment Form

US 77 from FM 2440 to SH 21
Nov. 30, 2023
**18**

Your comments are important to TxDOT and you can submit them in the following ways:

- At the in-person public meeting, please provide written comments on the forms provided.
- Visit [TxDOT.gov](http://TxDOT.gov), keyword search "US 77 FM 2440 to SH 21," to submit your comments on the online comment form.
- You may email your comments to [US77@pozcam.com](mailto:US77@pozcam.com)
- Or, you may mail your comments to the address noted on the screen.

Questions or comments may be submitted to TxDOT and the project team at any time during project development. However, to be included in the official public meeting record, all comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 15, 2023. Documentation of this public meeting will be included in the project record and will be posted on the project’s webpage on [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov), keyword search "US 77 FM 2440 to SH 21."

If you have questions at any point during the project development process, please contact Kari Sutton by phone or email during regular office hours.

Thank you for participating in this virtual public meeting. This concludes our presentation.