



Virtual Public Hearing Pre-Recorded Video Presentation

**US 69 Corridor: Gateway to the Big Thicket
Hardin and Tyler Counties, Texas**

From 0.1 miles south of Black Creek to Hardin County Line
From Tyler County Line to 0.75 miles south of FM 1003

CSJs: 0200-08-049 and 0200-09-069
(Project Numbers)

Posted Online: Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020

Welcome to the TxDOT Beaumont District US Highway 69 Corridor: Gateway to the Big Thicket Virtual Public Hearing pre-recorded video presentation. TxDOT is proposing to widen and improve US Highway 69 from FM 1003 in Kountze to FM 1943 near Warren in Hardin and Tyler counties.

Please note that you can click on the “pause” button anytime to allow more time to review the information.

Safety Moment



Here's what you can do:

- Buckle up: Seat belts are your first line of defense.
- Drive the speed limit, or slower, depending on road or weather conditions.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Plan a sober ride home.
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Your safety is very important to TxDOT and we can all do our part. Help TxDOT end the streak on Texas roadways. 3,622 people lost their lives on Texas roadways in 2019. There's been a death every day on Texas roads for 20 years straight—that's over 70,000 people. And that's a streak we want to break.

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Virtual Public Hearing Agenda



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TxDOT Beaumont District Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Public Hearing Officer Adam Jack, P.E.

On behalf of the TxDOT Beaumont District and Adam Jack, the Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Beaumont District, thank you for watching this virtual public hearing that was shared with the public starting on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020.

We will cover the following areas:

- A project overview
- Environmental overview
- Project schedule and next steps
- The public comment process – and this will be a little different than our in-person public hearings...more information on that later – and then,
- Adjournment – we'll conclude this video presentation

Virtual Public Hearing in Response to Public Health



The virtual public hearing and TxDOT website will provide the same information as an in-person public hearing:

- Project information
- Estimated timeline
- Process for submitting comments
- Key contacts

An in-person option is available by appointment only on Dec. 1 and Dec. 3, 2020, with enhanced safety measures.

Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT 1 Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT 2 Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

FACT 3 Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT 4 You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT 5 There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, going to the bathroom, and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Given the unique circumstance of the COVID-19 outbreak, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, TxDOT is conducting this virtual public hearing to limit in-person contact and large gatherings. At this time, the online format is being conducted in lieu of an in-person public hearing event. The in-person option may be requested and is available by appointment only. The in-person option is Dec. 1 and Dec. 3, 2020, by appointment only with enhanced safety measures.

The presentation will cover the same information the Beaumont District would have presented at an in-person public hearing event. However, the comment process will be different and will be explained shortly. All project information and in-person option appointment instructions can be found at www.txdot.gov and search "US 69 Corridor."

How to Submit Your Verbal Testimony



- Verbal testimony option is available on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, starting at 5 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020
- **Leave your voicemail at: (409) 402-0151**
- Please limit your comments to three minutes



TxDOT is committed to continuing our efforts to gain public feedback about this project. We understand this virtual public hearing format is a bit different, so let's take a few minutes and explain the comment process – the most important part of this video.

Given our current COVID-19 situation, the Beaumont District is asking the public to provide their input through verbal and written comments.

The first way you can share your input is to provide your verbal testimony - similar to an in-person public hearing. The verbal testimony option is available starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, and will be available until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020. Please call (409) 402-0151 and leave a voicemail with your comment during that time. Your comments will be recorded, and a response will be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. Please keep your comments to three minutes, which is similar to the time provided during our standard in-person public hearing event.


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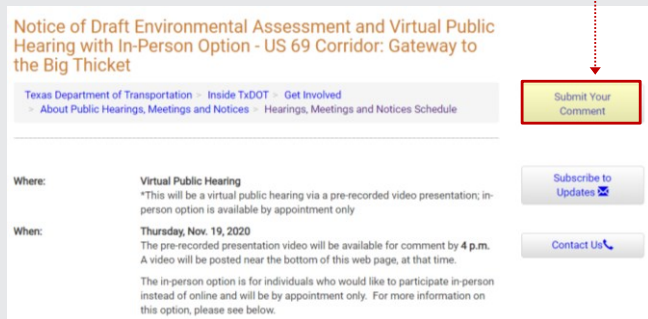
2) **Mail:**
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TxDOT Project Manager
8350 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77708

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- Then click 

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In addition to providing the verbal testimony voicemail option, TxDOT is also encouraging written comments. Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, to be included in the Virtual Public Hearing summary report. You can submit written comments in the following ways:

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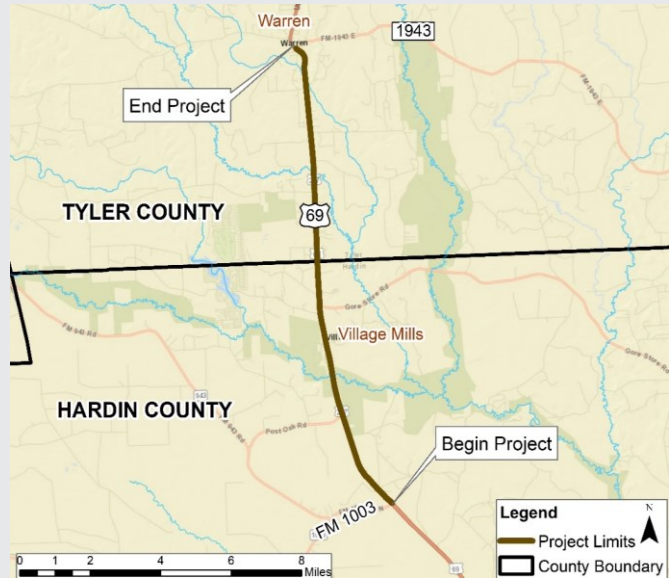
Again - Most importantly: Please be sure to submit your written and verbal comments no later than Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, which is at least 15 days after the notice posted on the website and after the Dec. 3, 2020 in-person option. The responses to your comments submitted during the comment period will be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. This report will be posted to the TxDOT website within the next few months.

Now, let's start talking about the project details.

Proposed Project Overview



- US 69 from FM 1003 (north of Kountze) to FM 1943 (near Warren) in Hardin and Tyler Counties
- Existing 13-mile road is primarily a two-lane, undivided roadway with shoulders and no median
- Primary evacuation route with evaculane on the US 69 northbound shoulder
- Major freight corridor
- Big Thicket National Preserve Parkway



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The project limits are located on US 69 from FM 1003 (north of Kountze) to FM 1943 (near Warren) in Hardin and Tyler Counties. The existing 13-mile road is primarily a two-lane, undivided roadway with shoulders and no median.

TxDOT is proposing to widen and improve US 69 within the project limits from 0.75 miles south of FM 1003 within the Town of Kountze (Hardin County) to 0.1 miles south of Black Creek in Tyler County.

US 69 is a primary evacuation route in East Texas with an evaculane on the US 69 northbound shoulder and a major freight corridor connecting I-10 and the future expansion and improvement of I-14 with the Port of Beaumont.

US 69 is designated by the Texas Transportation Code as the Big Thicket National Preserve Parkway between Beaumont and Lufkin.

Why is the Proposed Project Needed?



- Alleviate the critical bottleneck between Warren to north of Kountze
- Improve safety and mobility along an important emergency evacuation and freight corridor
- Projected growth of the project area and future expansion of I-14



The proposed project is needed to alleviate the critical bottleneck for evacuations that has been identified by TxDOT between Warren to north of Kountze and to improve safety and mobility along this important emergency evacuation and freight corridor.

Furthering the need is the projected growth of the project area and future expansion of Interstate 14.

Public Involvement Process



- Online Survey (Nov. 29, 2017 – June 18, 2018)
- 3rd Annual Environmental Roundtable (July 11, 2018)
- Stakeholder Meeting (Aug. 22, 2018)
- Newsletter Update (Dec. 2018)
- Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Workshop #1 (Dec. 5, 2018)
- Public Meeting (Feb. 19, 2019)
- Online Survey (Feb. 7 – March 8, 2019)
- CSS Workshop #2 (May 7, 2019)
- CSS Workshop #3 (Sept. 25, 2019)
- 2020 Environmental Roundtable Meeting (July 30, 2020)
- Stakeholder Meeting (Sept. 10, 2020)
- Meetings with Affected Property Owners (Sept. 2020)
- Newsletter Update (Nov. 2020)
- Virtual Public Hearing With In-Person Option (Nov. 19, 2020)

TxDOT conducted purposeful and meaningful public outreach for this project to solicit public input on the project and provide information for the decision-making process. Between Fall 2017 and Winter 2019, outreach included an online interactive survey, an environmental roundtable meeting with agencies, a stakeholder meeting, a newsletter, the first Context Sensitive Solutions workshop in a series, and a public meeting including an interactive survey.

Public outreach following the first public meeting continued through 2020 gathering public input on the project and synthesizing information for the decision-making process. Outreach and dates listed above included the online interactive survey continued from the first public meeting, two Context Sensitive Solutions workshops, an environmental roundtable meeting, a meeting with elected officials, meetings with affected property owners, and newsletter update. This presentation is the virtual public hearing with in-person option.

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Workshops



Workshop #1 – Dec. 5, 2018

Workshop #2 – May 7, 2019

Workshop #3 – Sept. 25, 2019

Invited Agencies/Partners:

- Bicycle Sports Beaumont
- Big Thicket Biosphere Reserve
- Big Thicket Natural Heritage Trust
- Big Thicket National Preserve
- Business Owner
- City of Kountze Mayor
- Hardin County Elected Officials
- Jasper County Elected Officials
- Texas A&M Forest Service
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- The Nature Conservancy
- Tyler County Elected Officials
- Tyler County Chamber of Commerce
- Tyler County Historical Commission
- Warren ISD
- Wildwood Property Owner's Association



Context Sensitive Solutions is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility. The CSS vision for this project was a direct result of public input that occurred throughout the project development process. A total of 18 agencies/partners were invited to participate in a series of workshops. Each workshop had a specific purpose and goal.

The CSS vision developed through this process focused on several keys to successfully deliver a highway corridor that rises to the level of a National Parkway, establishes a sense of place, connects to the fabric of the community and meets the transportation needs for US 69.

The keys to success included embracing the natural and historical context, maintaining the forested corridor, prioritizing connectivity of habitat and user groups, and creating landmark features that boldly express the identity of the Big Thicket region.

First Public Meeting – Feb. 19, 2019



- Open House presented three alternatives (A, B, and C)
 - 290 members of the public attended and 6 elected officials
 - 49 written comments received
 - Online survey open from Feb. 7 through March 8, 2019



Immediately following the first CSS workshop, along with additional research and engineering design, the Beaumont District identified three build alternatives that could meet the purpose and need of the proposed project.

These three build alternatives (A, B, and C) were presented to the public at the proposed project's first public meeting which was conducted on February 19, 2019 at the Warren Jr. High School Cafeteria. TxDOT also conducted an online survey which was available through March 8, 2019 to gather input on the proposed project vision, goals, and aesthetic preferences. In total, TxDOT received 263 comments plus data responses as part of the first public meeting outreach effort.

As a result of input from the CSS workshops, the public meeting, the online surveys, and engineering/environmental studies, build alternative C was identified as the preferred alternative with modifications that best met the purpose and need for the proposed project. For more information, please go to www.txdot.gov and search "US 69 Corridor" to review the public meeting summary, the CSS workshop summaries, and the design schematic and environmental documentation for the project.

Existing Roadway



- The first typical section represents the existing roadway from FM 1003 (north of Kountze) to FM 420 near the Big Thicket Visitor's Center.



US 69 is an existing highway with three typical sections within the project limits that include US 69 from FM 1003 (north of Kountze) to FM 1943 (near Warren) in Hardin and Tyler Counties with the 10-foot northbound shoulder serving as the evaculane. Evaculanes are roadway shoulders that may be used as travel lanes during times of significant congestion such as, mandatory evacuations.

The first typical section represents the existing roadway from FM 1003 (north of Kountze) to FM 420 near the Big Thicket Visitor's Center.

This typical section is a four-lane divided highway with outside shoulders varying from 10-12 feet and inside shoulders varying from 4-8 feet with a 10-foot hike-and-bike trail east of US 69 northbound.

Existing Roadway



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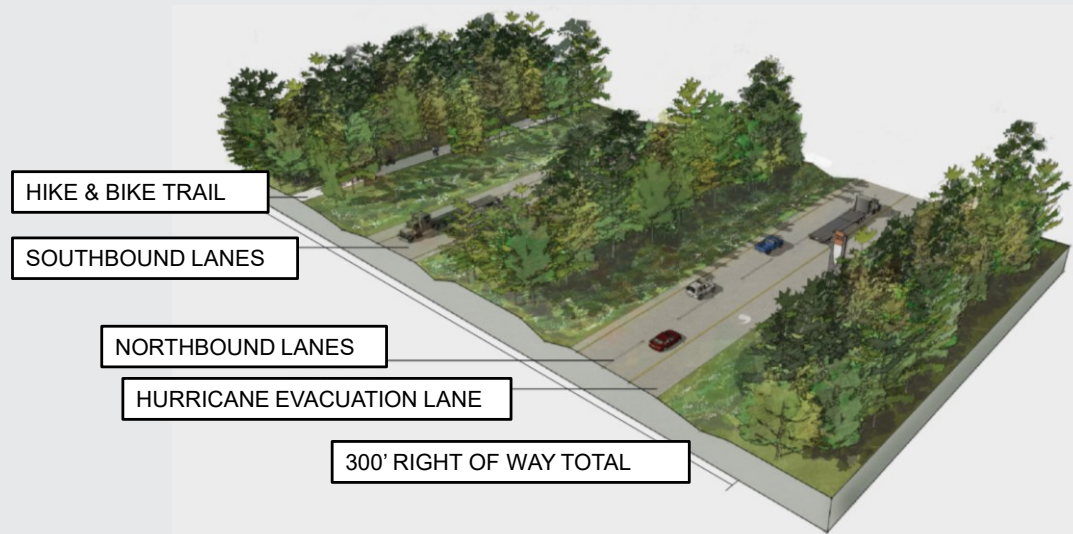
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This typical section is a two-lane undivided highway with 10-foot shoulders.

Proposed Roadway



The proposed roadway on the US 69 main lanes would include:

- Two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with 4-foot inside shoulders and a 10-foot outside shoulder on the southbound lanes while a 12-foot outside shoulder on the northbound lanes would also serve as an “evaculane”. The proposed speed limit would be 75 mph.
- The right-of-way width would be about 300 feet wide, which includes existing TxDOT-owned right-of-way and additional new right-of-way. The project would also include a 100-foot-wide vegetated median to preserve vegetation to the extent possible. This design would create separation for the two travel directions, reduce conflict points per mile, and increase capacity for the traveling public while increasing safety along the corridor.
- Let’s take a look at a three typical sections that would be included within the proposed project limits.

Proposed Roadway



- The first typical section represents the proposed roadway from FM 1003 (north of Kountze) to near Village Creek including a vegetated median.



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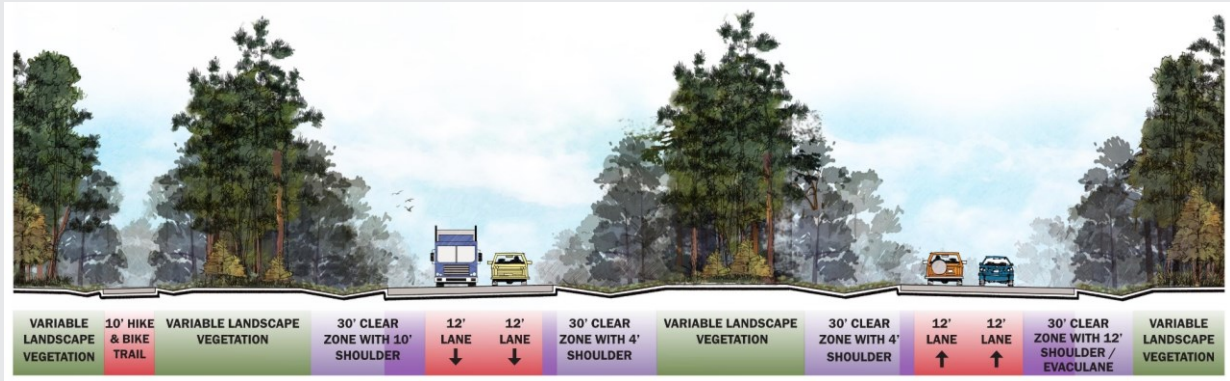
This typical section is a four-lane divided highway. The southbound direction includes two 12-foot lanes, a four-foot inside shoulder, and a 10-foot outside shoulder.

The northbound direction includes two 12-foot lanes, a four-foot inside shoulder, and a 12-foot outside shoulder/evaculane with the 10-foot hike-and-bike trail to the east.

Proposed Roadway



- The second typical section represents the proposed roadway from near Village Creek to south of Warren including a vegetated median.



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You'll notice that the hike and bike trail is now on the west side of the proposed typical section. The hike and bike trail is continuous and crosses underneath a US 69 bridge.

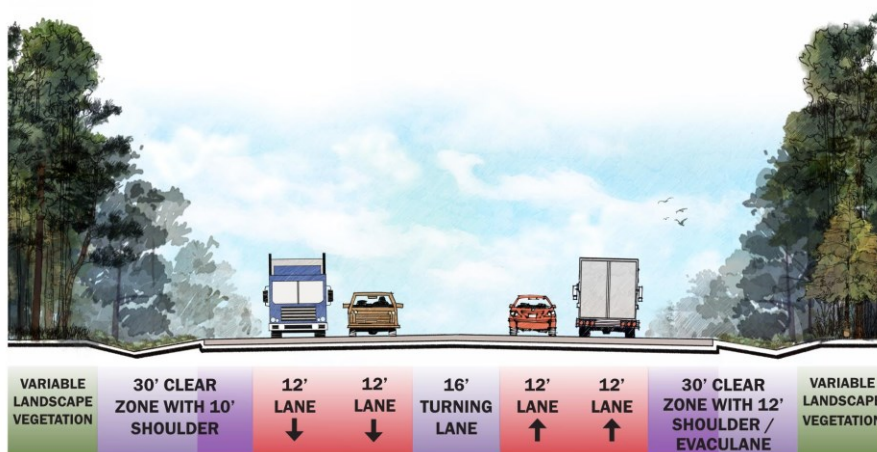
This typical section is a four-lane divided highway. The southbound direction includes two 12-foot lanes, a four-foot inside shoulder, and a 10-foot outside shoulder with the 10-foot hike-and-bike trail to the west.

The northbound direction includes two 12-foot lanes, a four-foot inside shoulder, and a 12-foot outside shoulder/evaculane.

Proposed Roadway



- The third typical section represents the proposed roadway from south of Warren to FM 1943.



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The third typical section represents the proposed roadway from south of Warren to FM 1943.

As the four-lane divided highway transitions into the existing roadway in Warren, the proposed hike-and-bike trail would continue north to Warren under the existing US 69 bridge.

As the proposed US 69 transitions to the existing US 69 main lanes just south of Warren, the four-lane highway would be separated by a continuous two-way left turn lane.

This typical section includes two 12-foot lanes and a 10-foot outside shoulder in the southbound direction, a 16-foot continuous two-way left turn lane, and two 12-foot lanes and a 12-foot outside shoulder in the northbound direction.

Additional Proposed Elements



- Extending the existing 10-foot hike-and-bike trail to Warren
- Constructing three new trailheads with associated parking areas



The proposed project would also extend the existing 10-foot hike-and-bike trail along the entire length of the project limits making it easier to connect to the existing hike-and-bike trails within the Big Thicket National Preserve. Three new trailheads with associated parking areas would also be constructed.

Additional Proposed Elements



- Adding monument signage
- Converting five bridge-class-culverts into small span bridges



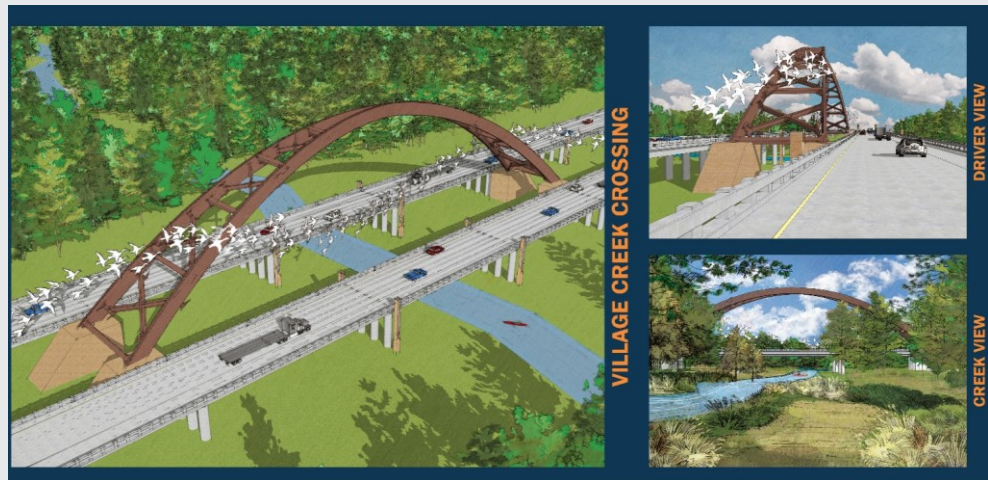
Context Sensitive Solutions identified during the CSS workshops would be incorporated into the project design by improving awareness of the surrounding resources through the use of monument signage to identify local amenities such as the Big Thicket National Preserve, John Henry Kirby State Forest, and named creeks.

Additionally, five bridge-class-culverts would be converted into small span bridges to reduce potential stream impacts, improve hydraulic capacity, and open riparian corridors for habitat connectivity.

Additional Proposed Elements



- Signature structure
- Creek signs
- Parking lot
- Kayak launch
- Hike-and-bike trail access



A signature structure would be constructed at Village Creek. The project would also include a parking area that would connect to a kayak launch and provide access to the hike-and-bike trail.

The signature structure would be designed to highlight the natural area and to bring awareness to the Big Thicket. The structure would not limit vertical or horizontal clearance on the US 69 bridges.

Proposed Project 3-D Animation



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The Beaumont District project team developed a 3-D fly-through video, entitled “US 69 Corridor: Gateway to the Big Thicket Animation Video.” The video is available to view online by visiting www.txdot.gov and search: “US 69 Corridor.”



- Consistent with the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) Metropolitan Planning Organization efforts:
 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045
 - FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Included in the 2019-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Estimated Total Project Cost*: \$140 million
 - *Engineering plus construction cost*
- 100 percent state funded

The proposed project is consistent with the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization efforts. This includes the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045 for the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study Area, and their 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

The proposed project is included in the 2019-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

The estimated total project cost is about 140 million dollars. The proposed project would be 100 percent state funded.

Environmental Overview



- The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) document was prepared to comply with environmental review laws established by TxDOT and is available for review.
- The Draft EA identified and assessed potential impacts by the proposed project to the natural and human environment including:
 - air quality
 - archeological resources
 - non-archeological historic properties
 - community impacts
 - biological resources
 - hazardous materials
 - indirect and cumulative impacts
 - traffic noise
 - water resources

Let's switch gears now and talk about the environmental overview.

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Environmental Overview



- Air Quality Technical Report
- Biological Evaluation Form
- Community Impacts Technical Report
- Cumulative Impacts Analysis Technical Report
- Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment (ISA)
- Indirect Impacts Technical Report
- Historical Studies Survey Report
- Species Analysis Spreadsheet and Form
- Surface Water Analysis Form
- Tier I Assessment Form
- Traffic Noise Technical Report
- Waters of the U.S. Delineation Report

In support of the Draft EA, the technical reports listed on this slide were prepared and a copy of the Draft EA and technical reports are available for public review. These are available on the TxDOT website and will be available in hard copy form at the in-person option appointments.

TxDOT will coordinate the proposed project with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, US Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District, the US Coast Guard, Texas Historical Commission/State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and federally-recognized tribes with interest in TxDOT projects.

The Draft EA analyzed three build alternatives (A, B, and C) that met the purpose and need of the proposed project. Build Alternative C was selected as the Preferred Alternative based on a review of the results of the alternatives analysis matrix, feedback obtained through the community and agency engagement process, and avoidance of the Big Thicket National Preserve.



As proposed, the project would involve the following:

- US Army Corps of Engineers Standard Permit – Section 404 for potential impacts to waters of the US, including wetlands
- US Coast Guard/US Army Corps of Engineers - Section 9 (exemption) and Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act for the crossing at Village Creek
- Texas Parks and Wildlife - Best Management Practices per Memorandum of Understanding
- Additional hazardous materials research
- Additional archeological investigations

As proposed, the project may impact approximately 2.6 acres and 1,984 linear feet of wetlands and streams. These potential impacts would be authorized under a US Army Corps of Engineers Standard Permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act.

In addition, the crossing at Village Creek would require a bridge permit exemption obtained from the US Coast Guard under Section 9 of the River and Harbors Act.

Portions of the project area lie within the 100-year floodplain. Design of this project would be conducted in accordance with the TxDOT's Hydraulic Design Manual. Adherence to the TxDOT Hydraulic Design Manual ensures that the proposed project would not result in a significant encroachment.

Best Management Practices for biological resources would be implemented where practicable to avoid and minimize impacts.

The hazardous material initial site assessment concluded that additional research would be needed for the TxDOT-owned (former) railroad right-of-way and two former fuel stations located along US 69. Asbestos and lead paint inspections would be required for building demolition of abandoned structures prior to construction.

Additional archeological investigations and required consultation would be performed in areas where right of entry was not previously available.

Furthermore, the final environmental documentation will reflect the holding of this virtual public hearing with in-person option and include changes (if any) of the anticipated impacts as a result of the public comments received.

Right-of-Way (ROW)



- Approximately 84.23 acres of new right of way (ROW)
- One potential commercial and five potential residential displacements.
- Please visit www.txdot.gov for more information about the Uniform Act and TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program.



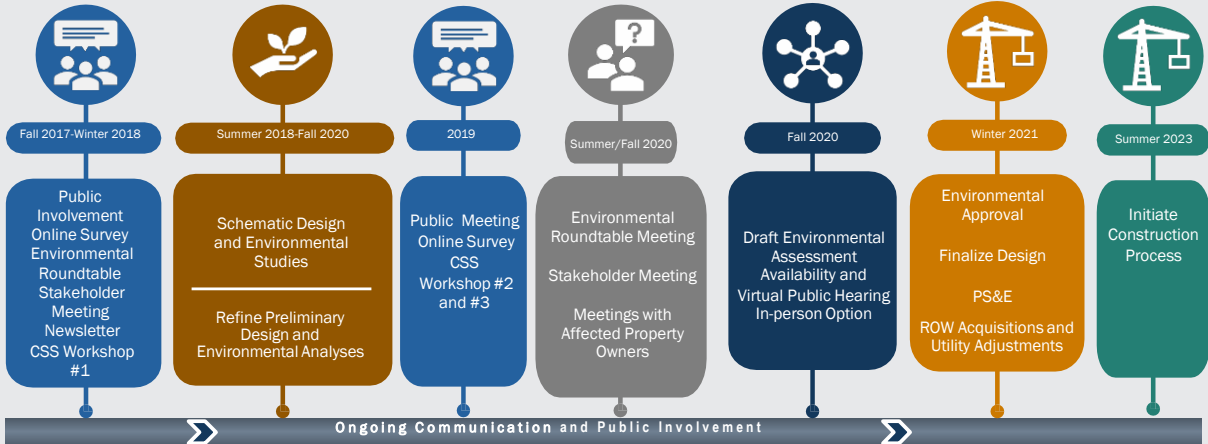
Approximately 84.23 acres of new right of way is anticipated as part of the proposed project including potential easements or right of way for drainage. Acquisition would involve one potential commercial displacement and five potential residential displacements.

We invite you to review more information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program concerning services and benefits for displaced persons and businesses if needed on the TxDOT website on www.txdot.gov.

Estimated Timeline*



WE ARE HERE



* Subject to Change

We wanted to also highlight the estimated project timeline.

The green arrow indicates where we are in the project development process right now. The virtual public hearing and availability of the draft environmental assessment phase is underway. The environmental process would not be complete until the Environmental Assessment receives final approval. This would occur after the public hearing summary report is completed and any updates to the EA are made and the project receives a Finding of No Significant Impact, if appropriate. In the winter of 2021, we would focus on finalizing the design, PS&E, and commence right-of-way acquisitions and utility adjustments, as appropriate.

If the project is approved, the construction process would begin in the Summer of 2023. Construction is anticipated to be completed in approximately 3 years. Continuous construction communication would be provided on the Beaumont District Twitter site.

Because the timeline is an estimate and could change, we'll feature more information about how to stay informed.



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We also invite you to view the various project materials on the TxDOT website like the detailed schematics where you can see the design features up close. The design schematic and environmental documentation for the project may be viewed online at www.txdot.gov by searching "US 69 Corridor." The information presented on this website is the same information being presented in this video.

Quick Contacts – Engage TxDOT Online



- Contact the TxDOT Beaumont District office with any questions about the project at anytime during the project development process, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

(409) 898-5732

- Email bmtprojects@txdot.gov
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Secondly, don't hesitate to contact the TxDOT Beaumont District office with any questions.

You can contact the Beaumont District by calling (409) 898-5732, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email bmtprojects@txdot.gov with any questions or comments at anytime during the project development process. And don't forget to follow us on Twitter for ongoing road closures and construction updates on the Beaumont District Twitter page. You can also keep up with TxDOT news on our Facebook page.

How to Submit Your Verbal Testimony



- Verbal testimony option is available on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, starting at 5 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020
- **Leave your voicemail at: (409) 402-0151**
- Please limit your comments to three minutes



Let's recap how you can provide input about this project.

The first way you can share your input is to provide your verbal testimony – similar to an in-person public hearing. The verbal testimony option is available starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, and will be available until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020. Please call (409) 402-0151 and leave a voicemail with your comment during that time; your comments will be recorded, and a response will be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. Please keep your comments to three minutes, which is similar to the time provided during our standard in-person public hearing event.

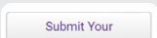
How to Submit Your Written Comments



1) **Email:**
bmtprojects@txdot.gov

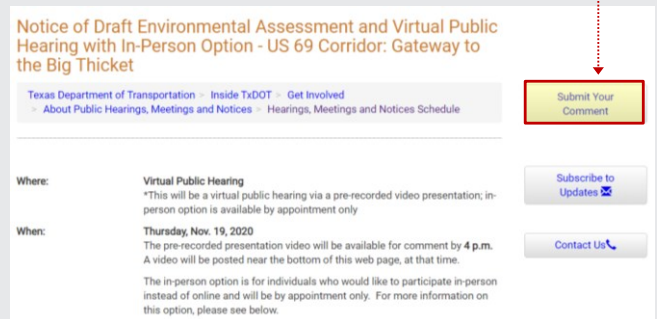
2) **Mail:**
TxDOT Beaumont District
TxDOT Project Manager
8350 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77708

3) **Submit Online:**

- Visit www.txdot.gov
- In the “Search TxDOT” box in the upper-right hand corner, enter: US 69 Corridor
- Then click 

Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, to be included in the Virtual Public Hearing summary report

Submit Your Comments Button



In addition to providing the verbal testimony voicemail option, TxDOT is also encouraging written comments. Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, to be included in the Virtual Public Hearing summary report. You can submit written comments in the following ways:

1. Email your comments to: bmtprojects@txdot.gov
2. Mail your comments to:
TxDOT Beaumont District
TxDOT Project Manager
8350 Eastex Freeway,
Beaumont, Texas 77708
3. Submit your comments online:
 - Visit www.txdot.gov
 - In the “Search TxDOT” box in the upper-right hand corner, enter: US 69 Corridor
 - Click on the “Submit Your Comments” button at the top right of the page, or click on the email link at the bottom of the page.

Again - Most importantly: Please be sure to submit your written comments no later than Friday, December 18, 2020, which is 15 days after the Dec. 3, 2020 in-person option public hearing. The responses to your comments submitted during the comment period will be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. This report will be posted to the TxDOT website within the next few months.



Thank you for watching!

**Please submit your written
and verbal testimony comments by
Friday, Dec. 18, 2020.**



Thank you for watching! Don't forget to submit your written and verbal testimony comments by Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, and to view the project information available online.

Thank you again and please, stay safe.

This concludes our video presentation, and this virtual hearing is adjourned.