



## Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

US Highway 190 Improvements

From FM 2808 to Coryell County Line, Lampasas County, Texas



June 11, 2024

### SCRIPT:

Hello, and welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation's virtual public meeting with in-person option for the US Highway 190 Improvements project from FM 2808 to the Coryell County Line in Lampasas County, Texas. This is a follow-up public meeting held for this project. The first public meeting was held in June 2023. The project design underwent modifications based on public feedback and TxDOT is now proposing three design alternatives.

This presentation has been pre-recorded. Thank you for participating in this virtual public meeting. Public participation is important in the transportation planning process, and TxDOT appreciates your input on the proposed project.

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

TxDOT.gov (Keyword: #EndTheStreakTX)



#EndTheStreakTX Toolkit



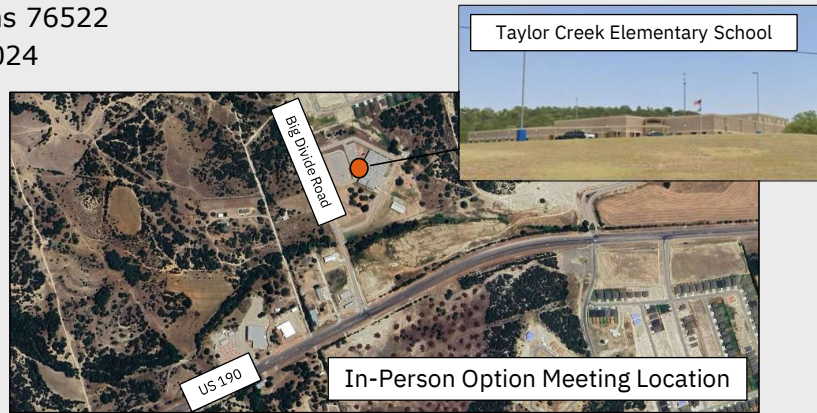
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November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for nearly 24 years, at least one person has died every single day on Texas roadways. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to make more responsible choices and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. 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. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family.

## Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

Taylor Creek Elementary School  
2096 Big Divide Road  
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
5:30–7:00 p.m.



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### SCRIPT:

This virtual public meeting is being held in conjunction with an in-person public meeting option. Shown here is a map of the location of the in-person public meeting. The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Taylor Creek Elementary School, 2096 Big Divide Road, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522. The information presented in the virtual public meeting and the in-person option is identical, and both allow opportunities to provide comments.

## **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 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.

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The proposed project is anticipated to be programmed with both state and federal funds. Because of this, TxDOT is required to assess the potential environmental effects of the proposed project in accordance with federal standards. The process that is followed is called the National Environmental Policy Act process, otherwise known as NEPA. The NEPA process provides for analyses of the potential impacts to the natural and human environment and helps the decision maker to make an informed decision on a preferred alternative. On December 9, 2019, TxDOT received a signed Memorandum of Understanding from the Federal Highway Administration that permits TxDOT to assume responsibility from the Federal Highway Administration for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA projects. This review and approval process applies to this project.

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This virtual public meeting will include the following topics of discussion: the purpose of this public meeting, the proposed project and design alternatives overview, the need for and purpose of the proposed project, the existing and proposed typical sections and project roadway descriptions, a description of the environmental studies being prepared, a description of the right-of-way acquisition process, the anticipated next steps in project development, and how to provide comments.

## Public Meeting Purpose

- Encourage and maintain effective communication with the public
- Present three project design alternatives
- Provide information on the US Highway 190 Improvements Project
- Receive public input and comments

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### SCRIPT:

The purpose of this virtual public meeting is to encourage and maintain effective communication with the public, present three project design alternatives, provide project-specific information as it relates to the US Highway 190 Improvements project, and receive public input and comments.

This meeting is being held in response to feedback gathered from the first public meeting held June 2023. Your continued participation throughout the planning and development is an important part of this process, and we encourage you to provide comments on the proposed design alternatives. 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.

## General Project Overview

Two new design alternatives would extend from approximately FM 2808 to the Coryell County line, with the previous design alternative extending from approximately CR 4807 to the Coryell County line.

- Total length: 2.3 to 3.8 miles; to be determined after final design.
- Estimated construction cost: \$78.5 to \$170 million; to be determined after final design.
- Detailed schematics for all three alternatives can be seen at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide."



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This map shows the general vicinity of the proposed project in Lampasas County, Texas. The final length and estimated construction cost of the project depends on the final design selected. The design alternative presented in June 2023 would extend from approximately CR 4807 to the Coryell County line and two new design alternatives would extend from approximately FM 2808 to the Coryell County line. Next, we will discuss the original design alternative and the two new design alternatives. Detailed schematics for all three alternatives can be seen online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide."

## Original Design (Alternative 1)

The original design (Alternative 1) presented at the June 2023 public meeting would extend from approximately 0.5 miles west of Big Divide Road to the Coryell County line.

- Approximately 2.3 miles in length.
- Construction cost estimate is approximately \$78.5 million.
- Right-of-way acquisition needed would be located primarily south of US 190.
- Detailed schematics can be seen at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide."



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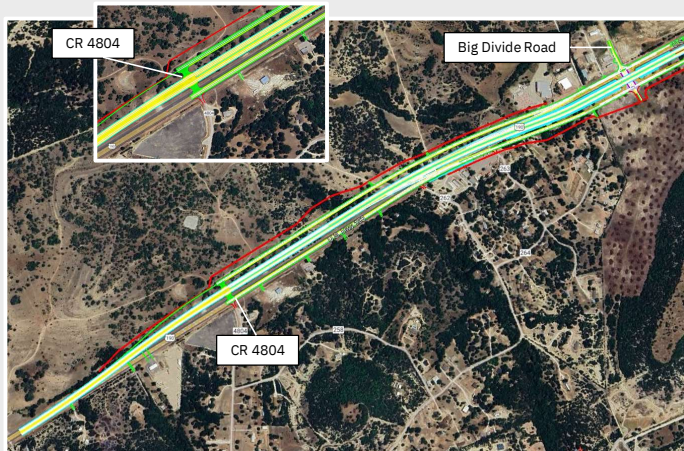
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The original design (Alternative 1) presented at the June 2023 public meeting would extend from approximately 0.5 miles west of Big Divide Road to the Coryell County line, a distance of approximately 2.3 miles in length. The estimated construction cost for this design alternative is approximately \$78.5 million. Right-of-way acquisition needed would be located primarily south of US 190. The proposed right of way needed for this design is shown in yellow on your screen. Detailed schematics of all design alternatives can be seen at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide."

## Alternative Design (Alternative 2)

One new design alternative (Alternative 2) would extend from approximately 0.5 miles east of FM 2808 to the Coryell County line.

- Approximately 3.3 miles in length.
- Construction cost estimate is approximately \$140 million.
- An at-grade (street level) crossover would be located at CR 4804; the portion of the design east of Big Divide Road remains unchanged.
- West of Launch Point Church, right-of-way acquisition needed would be located primarily north of US 190.
- Detailed schematics can be seen at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide."



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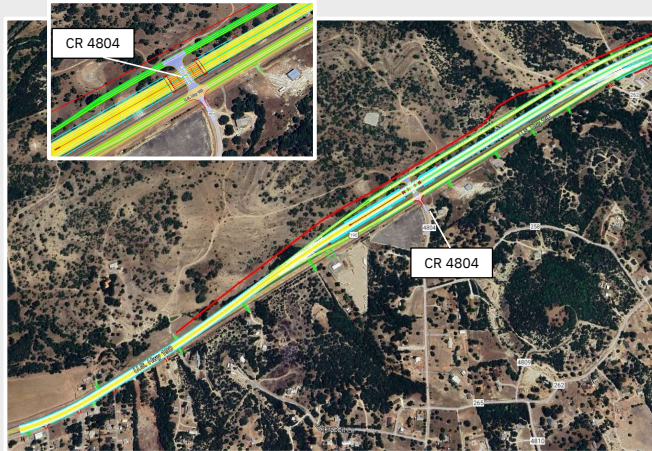
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One new design alternative (Alternative 2) would extend from approximately 0.5 miles east of FM 2808 to the Coryell County line, a distance of approximately 3.3 miles. The estimated construction cost for this design alternative is approximately \$140 million. An at-grade, or street level, crossover would be located at CR 4804. The portion of the design east of Big Divide Road remains unchanged from Alternative 1. West of Launch Point Church, right-of-way acquisition needed would be located primarily north of US 190. The proposed right of way is shown in red on your screen. Detailed schematics of all design alternatives can be seen at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide."

## Alternative Design (Alternative 3)

The other new design alternative (Alternative 3) would extend from approximately 0.1 mile east of FM 2808 to the Coryell County line.

- Approximately 3.8 miles in length.
- Construction cost estimate is approximately \$170 million.
- A grade-separated bridge would be located at CR 4804; the portion of the design east of Big Divide Road remains unchanged.
- West of Launch Point Church, right-of-way acquisition needed would be located primarily north of US 190.
- Detailed schematics can be seen at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide."



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The other new design alternative (Alternative 3) would extend from approximately 0.1 mile east of FM 2808 to the Coryell County line, a distance of approximately 3.8 miles. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$170 million. A grade-separated bridge would be located at CR 4804. The portion of the design east of Big Divide Road remains unchanged from Alternative 1. West of Launch Point Church, right-of-way acquisition needed would be located primarily north of US 190. The proposed right of way is shown in red on your screen. Detailed schematics of all design alternatives can be seen at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide."

**Need:**

- Increased traffic and limited sight distance has increased the crash risk and operational inefficiency along this stretch of US 190.
- Residential development in the area has increased congestion along US 190

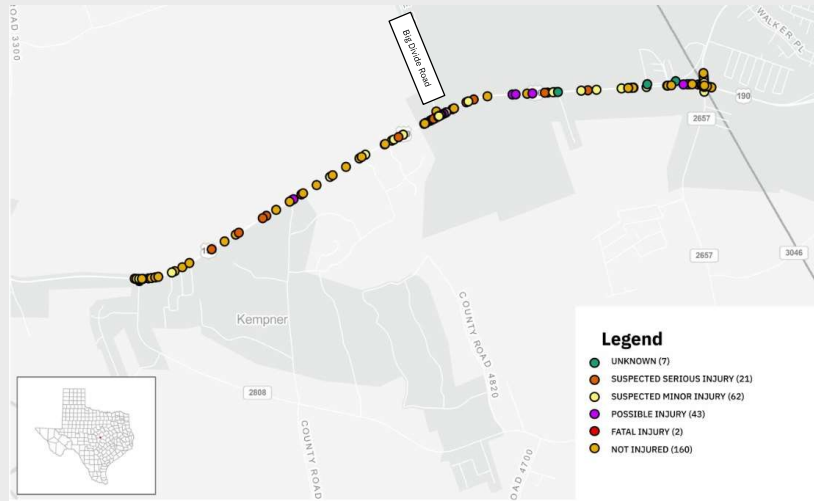
**Purpose:**

- Improve safety and mobility for current and future traffic volumes.

**SCRIPT:**

The proposed project is needed due to increased traffic volume, including increased congestion due to the development of nearby residential neighborhoods. Limited sight distance has increased the crash risk and operational inefficiency along this stretch of US 190. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and mobility for current and future traffic volumes.

## US 190 Crash Data



US 190 crashes east of Lampasas from 2013-2023.

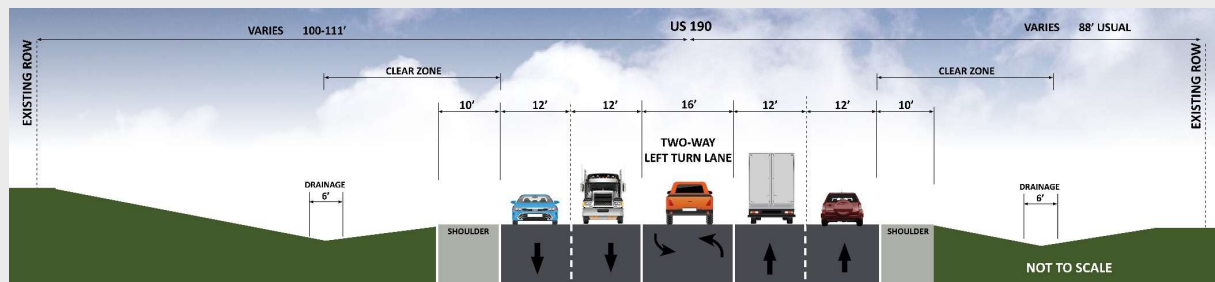
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The graphic on your screen depicts the crash data collected along the US 190 corridor from FM 2808 to the Coryell County line from the years 2013 to 2023. Larger intersections involve higher clusters of vehicular crashes such as at FM 2808 and US 190, Big Divide Road and US 190, and FM 2657 and US 190. In this ten-year period, a total of 295 vehicular crashes resulted in over 80 minor to serious injuries and two fatal injuries.

## Existing Typical Section & Roadway Description

The existing US 190 roadway includes:

- A four-lane divided highway with flush median and signalized intersections at Big Divide Road and FM 2657
- Continuous center median turn lane
- No pedestrian accommodations within the corridor
- Drainage provided in open ditches



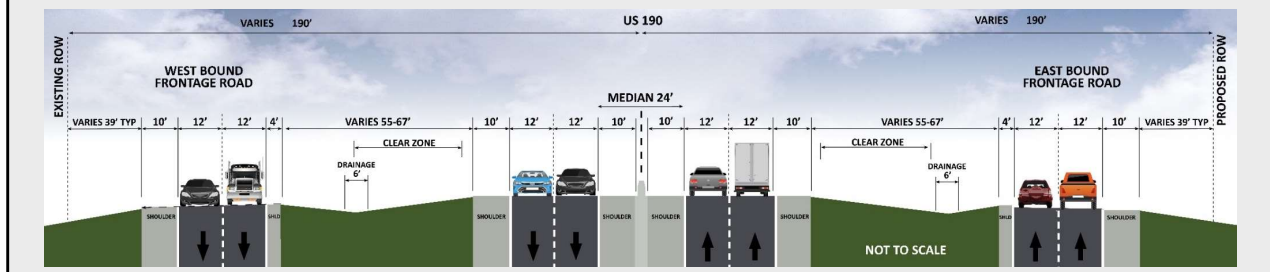
### SCRIPT:

An illustration of an existing typical section of US 190 is shown here. This typical section is a cross-section of the road how it looks today. The existing four-lane divided facility includes two 12-foot lanes eastbound and westbound, a 16-foot center turn lane, 10-foot outside shoulders, and open ditch drainage within an existing right of way of approximately 200 feet. There is a right-turn-only lane westbound at Big Divide Road along with left-turn and right-turn bays eastbound at FM 2657. From FM 2657 southbound, there is a dedicated right-turn lane onto US 190 westbound. There is a two-way access road north of US 190 and west of FM 2657 to allow adjacent property access to both facilities, otherwise access along US 190 within the project limits is non-controlled. Connecting street access is all at-grade. The existing roadway does not have pedestrian accommodations.

## Proposed Typical Section & Roadway Description

All proposed design alternatives would include the following:

- A controlled access freeway with two 12-foot main lanes in each direction, eastbound and westbound, 10-foot inside and outside shoulders
- A 24-foot median with a concrete traffic barrier
- Eastbound and westbound one-way frontage roads with two 12-foot lanes
- Eastbound off-ramps at Big Divide Road and FM 2657 and a westbound off-ramp at Big Divide Road
- New grade-separated concrete overpass bridges at Big Divide Road and Great Hills Drive
- Drainage would remain in open ditches



### SCRIPT:

A proposed typical section, or a cross-section of what the road would look like with the proposed design modifications, is shown here. All three proposed design alternatives would include the construction of a controlled access freeway with two 12-foot main lanes in each direction, eastbound and westbound, divided by a 24-foot median with a concrete traffic barrier. US 190 eastbound traffic would include off-ramps for Big Divide Road and FM 2657. US 190 westbound traffic would include an off ramp for Big Divide Road. The eastbound frontage road would provide an on-ramp after Great Hills Drive, and the westbound frontage road would provide on-ramps after Great Hills Drive and Big Divide Road. New grade-separated concrete overpass bridges would be constructed at Big Divide Road and Great Hills Drive. The two new design alternatives would include either an overpass or crossover at CR 4804. Drainage would remain in open ditches. Improvements would be constructed within a variable proposed right of way typically 380 feet in width and would require at least 40 acres of new right of way.

## Environmental Documentation

Environmental technical reports will be prepared for the proposed project which will assess potential impacts to the following resource categories:

- Biological resources, including threatened and endangered species and their habitats
- Water resources, including waters of the U.S. and wetlands
- Cultural resources, including historic and archeological resources
- Hazardous materials
- Traffic noise
- Community resources
- Air quality



Existing US 190 Improvements project area

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Since the proposed project would utilize state and federal funds, it is required to adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act. NEPA requires analysis of potential impacts to the human and natural environment as a result of the proposed project. As part of the environmental process, technical analyses are being completed to document the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The resource categories under study include:

- Biological resources, including threatened and endangered species and their habitats;
- Water resources, including waters of the U.S. and wetlands;
- Cultural resources, including historic and archeological resources;
- Hazardous materials;
- Traffic noise;
- Community resources; and
- Air quality

The results of these studies will be available once the analyses are completed. All environmental documentation will be developed in accordance with NEPA, TxDOT, and FHWA standards.

## Public Outreach

To inform the public about this public meeting:

- Notices were mailed and/or emailed to elected officials, community facilities, adjacent property owners, and interested parties
- Approximately 3,500 postcards were mailed to nearby residents in adjacent neighborhoods
- Posted on the TxDOT.gov website
- Notices were published in the Copperas Cove Herald, Copperas Cove Leader Press, Copperas Cove Banner, Killeen Daily Herald, and Lampasas Dispatch Record

**YOU'RE INVITED**  
**US HIGHWAY 190 IMPROVEMENTS**  
**VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING WITH IN-PERSON OPTION**

The TxDOT Brownwood District is holding a virtual public meeting with an in-person option to receive input on proposed design alternatives along US Highway 190 from approximately FM 2938 to the Coyvelt County line.

**We heard your feedback!**  
 The proposed design alternatives are a result of stakeholder and community input received from the US Highway 190 Improvements public meeting held June 2023.

Proposed improvements include the construction of:  
 - Controlled access freeway  
 - One-way frontage roads  
 - On- and off-ramps  
 - Overpass bridges

**The public is encouraged to submit comments through the following ways:**  
 - Visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search: "US 190 at Big Divide"  
 - Download a comment form and return it by mail or email address:  
 - Mail:  
 TxDOT Brownwood District  
 Attn: Jodie Kelly  
 2495 Highway 153 North  
 Brownwood, TX 76802  
 - Email: [jodie.kelly@txdot.gov](mailto:jodie.kelly@txdot.gov)  
 - At the in-person open house option  
**Request special communication or accommodation needs:**  
 If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, contact Lisa Tipton at (325) 643-0413 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Tuesday, June 4, 2024, to request assistance.

**IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE**  
 Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Taylor Creek Elementary School  
 2096 Big Divide Road  
 Copperas Cove, Texas 76822

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**  
 Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at noon, until Friday, June 28, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.  
[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide"

**Written comments must be received on or before Friday, June 28, 2024, to be included in the public meeting records.**

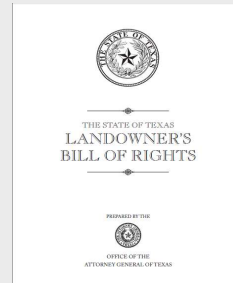
The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 8, 2023, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

### SCRIPT:

To inform the public about this virtual public meeting with in-person option, notice packets were mailed to elected officials, community facilities, and adjacent property owners as identified by the Central Appraisal District for Lampasas County in May 2024. Additionally, approximately 3,500 postcards were mailed to nearby neighborhood residents and businesses in late May 2024. A notice was also posted on TxDOT's website and published in the following newspapers: The Copperas Cove Herald, the Copperas Cove Leader Press, the Copperas Cove Banner, the Killeen Daily Herald, and the Lampasas Dispatch Record.

## Proposed Right of Way

- At least 40 acres of new right of way would be required to construct the proposed improvements
- Potential displacements will be dependent on the final design selection
- TxDOT may pursue advanced acquisition where possible



Right-of-Way Brochures are available on the TxDOT Website:

<https://www.txdot.gov/business/right-of-way/landowner-bill-of-rights.html>

or on the virtual public meeting website at

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide"

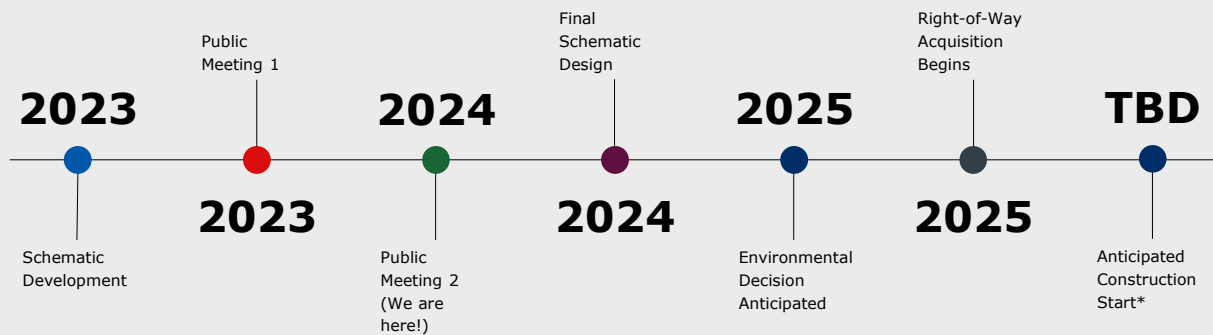
Information about the benefits, services, and right-of-way acquisition schedule can be obtained by calling the TxDOT District Office at (325) 643-0416.

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The proposed project would require at least 40 acres of new right of way to construct the proposed improvements. The total right of way required, and potential displacements included, would be dependent on the final design selection. Typically, once environmental clearance has been obtained and the project has been fully authorized, TxDOT would begin the right of way acquisition process, however advanced acquisition may be possible for some properties. All right of way acquisition would be done in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, commonly referred to as the Uniform Act. Brochures, including three booklets titled "The Purchase of Right of Way," "Relocation Assistance," and the "Landowner's Bill of Rights," are available for you on the public meeting website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide," or at the web address shown on your screen. These documents contain detailed information on the process and requirements for appraisal and negotiations, as well as detailed information to inform you of your rights as a property owner. In all cases, the property owner would be reimbursed for fair market value of their property and any reasonable, incidental expenses necessarily incurred in transferring title of the acquired property to the State. Information about the benefits, services and Right of Way Acquisition schedule can be obtained by calling the TxDOT District Office at (325) 643-0416.

## Timeline



All estimated dates are subject to change

\*Construction start is contingent on right of way and utility relocations

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We want to review the current estimated project timeline. Please note that all dates are subject to change. The schematic development began in Spring 2023. The first public meeting took place in June 2023. Based on community and stakeholder feedback from that meeting, the project team has made design changes. This second meeting is taking place in June 2024 with another opportunity for the public to comment. After the comment period for this public meeting closes, the project team will review the comments received, make appropriate design changes if applicable, and prepare official public meeting documentation. Public meeting documentation will be posted to the project meeting webpage as soon as it is prepared. The final schematic design chosen from the alternatives presented at this meeting should be selected by Fall 2024. The next steps include receiving an environmental decision in Spring 2025, with right-of-way acquisition also beginning in Spring 2025. Please note that advanced acquisition may be possible for some properties. The current anticipated construction date is unknown but is contingent on right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation.

## How to Submit Comments

- Complete a comment form at the in-person open house
- Submit comments directly online at [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov), keyword search "US 190 at Big Divide" or scan the QR code
- Complete the comment form and mail to:  
TxDOT Brownwood District  
Attn: Jodie Kelly  
2495 Highway 183 North  
Brownwood, Texas 76802
- Or email: [Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov](mailto:Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov)



Submit comments directly online at [TxDOT.gov](http://TxDOT.gov) or scan the QR code.

While comments are always welcome, they must be received on or before Friday, June 28, 2024, to be included in the official meeting documentation. You may call Jodie Kelly at (325) 643-0416 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or email [Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov](mailto:Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov) at any time in the project development process.

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Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted at the in-person open house. Comments can also be submitted directly online or by filling out a comment card available on the project website and sending it to the TxDOT Brownwood District Office, attention: Jodie Kelly, 2495 Highway 183 North, Brownwood, TX 76802. You can also return a comment card via email to [Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov](mailto:Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov). The meeting documentation and responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search: "US 190 at Big Divide" once they have been prepared. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting with in-person option, please contact Jodie Kelly, planner, at [Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov](mailto:Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov) or at (325) 643-0416. Comments are welcome at anytime, however, comments must be received on or before Friday, June 28, 2024, to be included in the public meeting official records.

## Conclusion of Virtual Public Meeting

Thank you for your participation in the US Highway 190 Improvements project Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option. Please remember to submit your comments by Friday, June 28, 2024.

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Thank you for your participation in the US Highway 190 Improvements project Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option. Please remember to submit your comments by Friday, June 28, 2024.