

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT

US 281 Lampasas to Evant Project

The US 281 Lampasas to Evant project is approximately 28 miles long and is located within Lampasas and Coryell counties. The project is located along US 281 between US 183 in the city of Lampasas and continues northward to US 84 in the city of Evant. The project will conclude at the south end of the town of Evant, approximately 0.4 miles south of US 84.

Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety and improve mobility while addressing the long-term needs of the corridor and the demands of a growing population.

In 2020, the population of Texas was estimated to be 29.1 million. By 2050, the population is expected to surpass 42 million residents if migration continues at the same rate seen from 2010 to 2020 – an increase of over 44 percent.

US 281 was originally constructed between 1934 and 1935 and was last upgraded to provide periodic passing lanes in 2012. Improvements are needed to keep pace with the growing population and the resulting need for safe and reliable (passenger and freight) transportation options.

US 281 is part of the Texas Trunk System. The Trunk System is a network of roadways connecting cities with a population of more than 20,000 people and major ports and ports of entry. US 281 also provides an alternate route to I-35 through Texas. Its Trunk System designation and its location in relation to I-35, makes US 281 a critical facility to address the mobility needs of Texas' growing population. Improvements to US 281 are needed to satisfy Trunk System requirements and facilitate mobility.

Crash History

The number of crashes from 2013 to 2022 is highest within the project limits at the intersections of US 183, CR 3500 and FM 581. Fatality and serious injury crashes have occurred at numerous locations along the corridor between 2013 and 2022. Over this period of time, there were 308 total crashes. Eleven fatalities occurred in eleven different crashes; and thirty-three serious injuries occurred in twenty-four different crashes.

Project Process

There are several steps in the US 281 Lampasas to Evant Project process. **Step 1** has already been completed and included data collection and development of the alternative concepts. **Step 2** presents the current US 281 widening concepts and explores alternative alignments alongside the public for review and comment during an Open House. **Step 3** initiates the US 281 draft preliminary design schematics and NEPA document and environmental assessment. **Step 4** presents the draft recommended design schematic at a US 281 Lampasas to Evant Open House. **Step 5** presents the final design schematic and NEPA document.

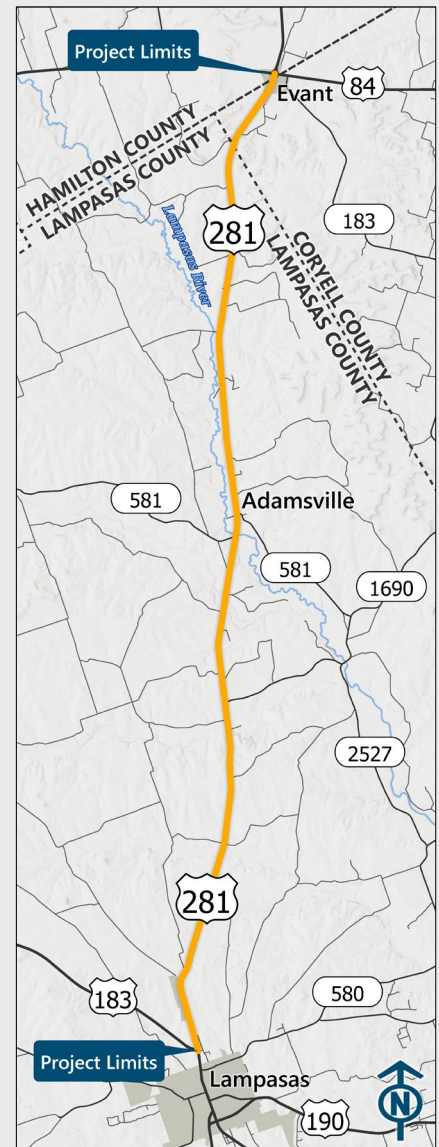
Schedule

The project team anticipates holding a second open house in summer 2023 followed by a third open house in winter 2023, if necessary. The option for a public hearing to be determined at a later date with an environmental decision expected in fall 2024. These dates are subject to change.

Your Input is Requested

Stakeholder input is welcome and will be carefully considered throughout the project. Please visit the project webpage at www.txdot.gov and search: US 281 Lampasas to Evant or use your phone or tablet to scan the QR code below.

Project Area Map



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