Texas Department of Transportation

State Highway 44 Robstown Route Study

STUDY PURPOSE

State Highway (SH) 44 has been identified to become part of the I-69 System in Texas. To meet interstate standards, a highway typically has a minimum of four lanes, continuous median, overpasses, and interchanges with no connecting driveways or intersections. Frontage roads may be included for local access. TxDOT is undertaking a SH 44 Robstown Route Study for upgrading SH 44 to meet interstate standards in the Robstown area between FM 1694 and CR 81. The route study is intended to establish the need and purpose for the project, characterize the environmental setting, and develop and screen route options to determine which ones should be advanced for detailed environmental study. The study is scheduled to be complete by Spring 2017, and at that time TxDOT will determine the next steps in the project development.

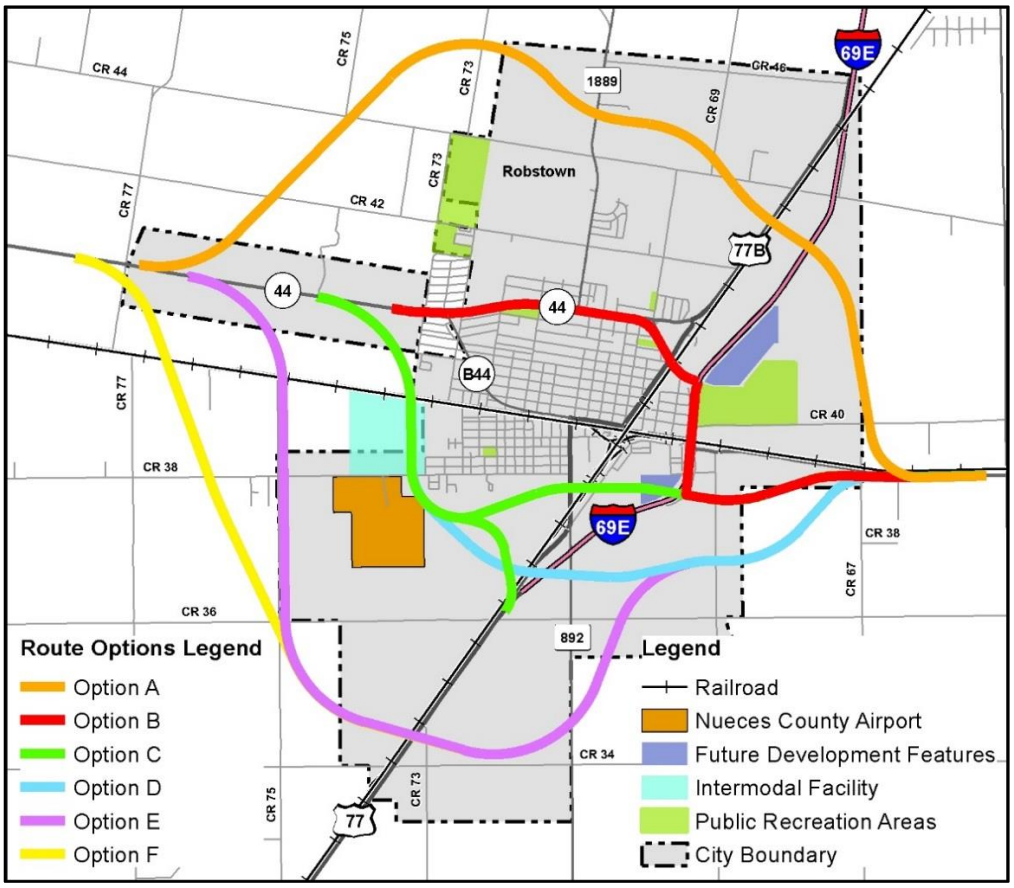
NEED FOR THE SH 44 PROJECT

- The federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act that was signed into law on December 4, 2015, added SH 44 from Freer to Corpus Christi to the I-69 System in Texas. The limits of SH 44 through Robstown being studied do not meet interstate standards.
- SH 44 is a primary connecting route for traffic travelling between the inland Port of Laredo and the seaport of Corpus Christi. The operational conditions of SH 44 through Robstown impede the mobility of freight between these two port destinations.

ROUTE OPTIONS STUDIED

In collaboration with local stakeholders, five new location route options north and south of Robstown and a route option to upgrade SH 44 through town were developed to meet interstate standards. These route options were evaluated, and the results were presented to the stakeholders during two meetings on November 28, 2016 and January 5, 2017.

The route study results are being presented to the public at an open house on February 9, 2017.



The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project is being, or has been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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