

# US 77 Woodsboro – Refugio Project Update



Corpus Christi District

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## Project Background

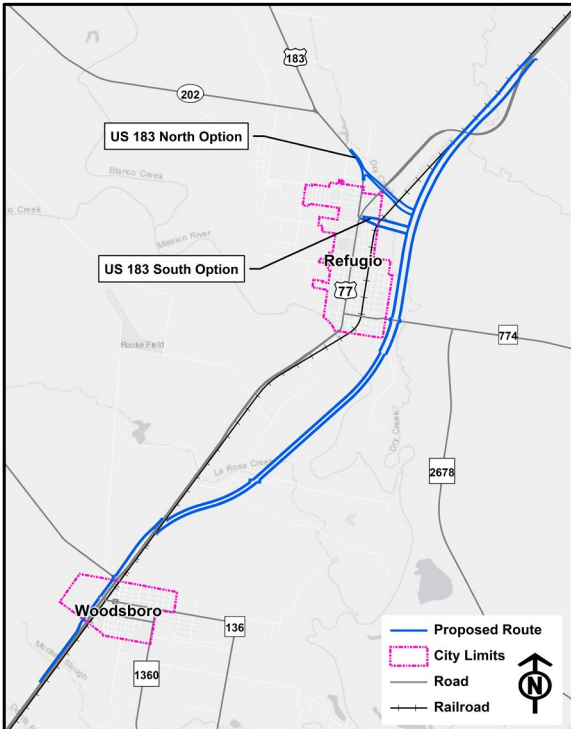
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Corpus Christi District, in coordination with Refugio County, is continuing the project development process for the US 77 improvements in the Woodsboro and Refugio areas. The project includes upgrading existing US 77 to interstate standards along the existing route near the town of Woodsboro and developing a new US 77 roadway to interstate standards located within a new corridor east of the City of Refugio.

A route study was completed in 2018. Public engagement was a critical component of the study and included a stakeholder working group and public meetings. The study concluded with the recommendation to further study and refine options around Refugio to the east side of existing US 77.

## Project Development Update

The TxDOT project development process is detailed below. The schematic and environmental phase of the project was initiated in April 2020. This phase provides a more in-depth evaluation of the project’s potential impacts within the study area. Michael Baker, Inc. has been contracted to assist with the schematic/environmental phase of the project.

Open Houses in April 2023 provided feedback on the preliminary alignment alternatives. In consideration of the public input and environmental and engineering factors, one build alternative is currently proposed and connectivity to US 183 is being considered. \* See Preliminary (Subject to Revision) map on back.



Project Location Map

## Next Steps and Public Engagement

**Public Engagement:** Multiple opportunities for public engagement will be provided throughout the project development process, including both virtual and in-person public and stakeholder meetings, and a public hearing.

**Upcoming Public Meetings:** Current updates will be provided and TxDOT is seeking public input.

### Virtual Open House

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023 – Friday, Nov. 10, 2023  
[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search for  
 “US 77 Woodsboro Refugio”

### Refugio Open House

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Refugio County Expo Center  
 245 Fairgrounds Road, Refugio, TX 78377

### Woodsboro Open House

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Woodsboro High School Multi-Purpose Center  
 904 Locke Street, Woodsboro, TX 78393

**Environmental Decision:** An environmental decision is expected Summer 2024.

## Project Development Process

Planning/Feasibility Study	Environmental Study	Right-of-Way Acquisition, Utility Relocations, and Final Design	Construction
<b>1+ years</b>	<b>1 to 3 years</b>	<b>1 to 3 years</b>	<b>2+ years</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purpose &amp; need</li> <li>Environmental setting</li> <li>Route options development, evaluation &amp; screening</li> <li>Identification of route option(s) to be advanced</li> <li>Stakeholder/public involvement throughout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build &amp; no-build alternative analysis</li> <li>Schematic development</li> <li>Environmental effects</li> <li>Public input throughout</li> <li>Environmental decision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer &amp; negotiations with property owners</li> <li>Right-of-way acquisition</li> <li>Utility relocations</li> <li>Detailed design</li> <li>Plans, specifications, &amp; estimates</li> <li>Bid ready</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract award</li> <li>Construct facility</li> <li>Open to operations</li> </ul>

**Questions or Comments**  
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*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.*

*\*The timeframe to complete all phases of work are estimates and spans approximately 8-12 years. Project advancement is contingent upon the results of the environmental process and funding availability.*

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