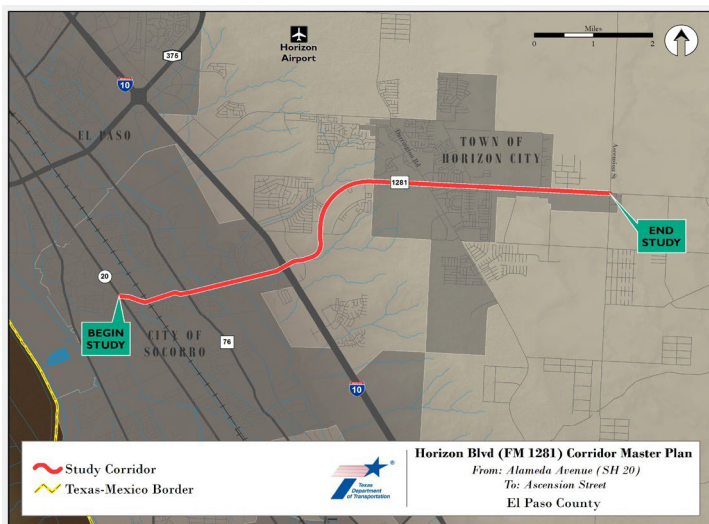


Horizon Boulevard (FM 1281) Corridor Master Plan Fact Sheet

Overview

The Horizon Boulevard (FM 1281) corridor extends 9.4 miles from Alameda Avenue (SH 20) to Ascension Street. Horizon Boulevard connects the communities of the City of Socorro, Sparks, and the Town of Horizon City, as well as parks, schools, neighborhoods, and various businesses. The corridor is expected to experience increased growth in the future, with many new developments currently in the planning or construction phases. To better prepare for this growth, TxDOT is developing a Corridor Master Plan to identify current and future transportation needs along Horizon Boulevard.



What is a Corridor Master Plan?

A Corridor Master Plan:

- Defines existing transportation challenges and opportunities and evaluates possible solutions.
- Documents and evaluates the community's future vision regarding transportation and develops a set of recommendations to enhance safety and mobility.
- Includes data collection, public outreach, analysis of current and future transportation needs, and identification of potential projects.
- The study is also considering the drainage implications of potential improvements and is working in conjunction with other drainage studies in the area.

Why is TxDOT Doing This Study?

TxDOT wants to maintain and enhance safety and efficiency along the corridor.

- The Horizon Boulevard corridor will experience increased future population and employment growth with new developments.
- This will result in more people and vehicles using the corridor including cars, freight trucks, buses, pedestrians, and cyclists. If we don't plan for tomorrow, this new traffic will strain the efficiency, safety, and mobility of the corridor.
- The Horizon Boulevard Corridor Master Plan is identifying current and future traffic needs along Horizon Boulevard and is providing a set of recommended projects and strategies for short-, mid-, and long-term implementation.

How Can I Participate?

TxDOT is continuing to seek public comment on the Corridor Master Plan. The agency has received numerous comments and ideas on potential improvements to the corridor. TxDOT has held public meetings and business open houses, coordinated with local community leaders and government agencies, developed a project website and an online survey, and issues information through social media blasts and announcements in local newspapers. Community input will help TxDOT understand transportation issues along the corridor and shape potential improvement strategies.

Stakeholder and Public Engagement

- The first Agency Working Group (AWG) meeting was held in January 2018, and the second AWG meeting was held in November 2018. The existing conditions and proposed alternatives were presented to the AWG members, and the AWG members were asked to develop goals for the plan.
- The first series of public meetings (two meetings per series) was held in February 2018 and second series of public meetings was held in January 2019. Existing conditions and proposed alternatives were presented to the public, and the public was asked to prioritize goals for the corridor and provide input on recommendations.
- The third and final series of public meetings and the second business open house are scheduled for Spring 2020. Please visit the project website at www.HorizonFM1281.com for the latest on dates and locations.



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