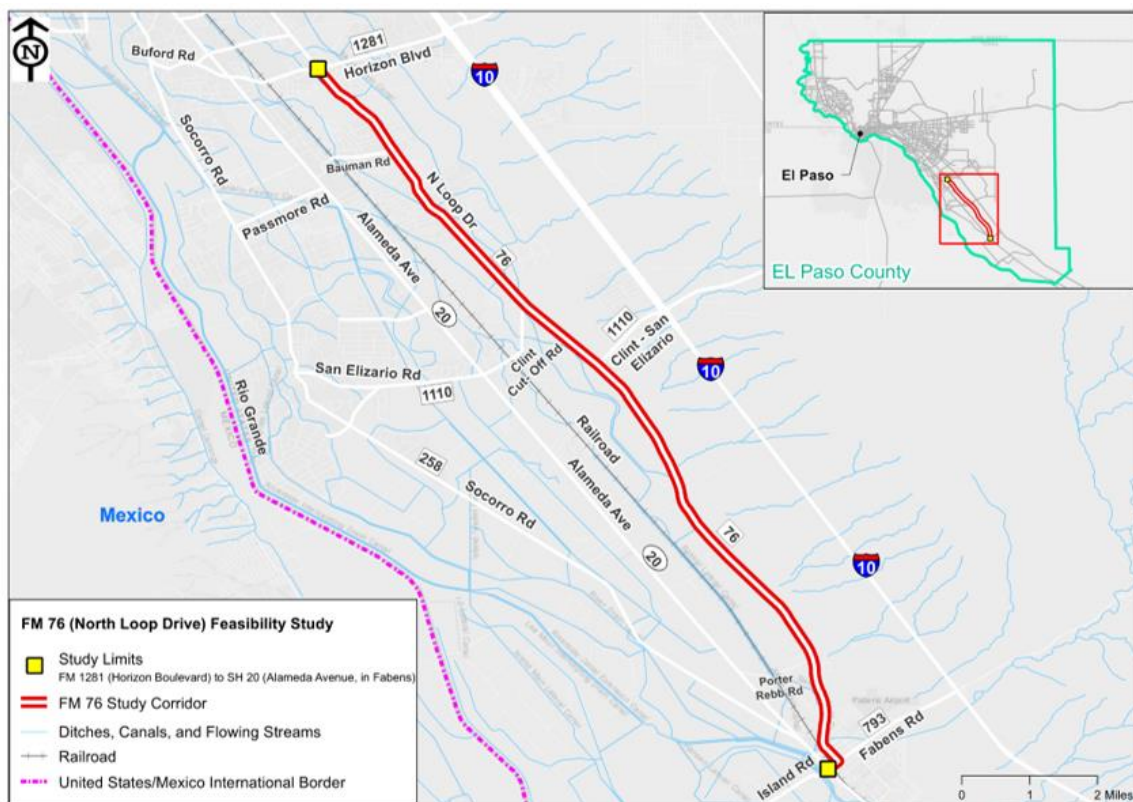


## FM 76 (North Loop Drive) Feasibility Study Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q.s)

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is in the process of conducting the FM 76 (North Loop Drive) Feasibility Study to plan and to address current and future transportation needs along this corridor. The study limits are from FM 1281 (Horizon Boulevard) in Socorro, Texas, to SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) in Fabens, Texas. TxDOT has assembled a list of frequently asked questions in order to provide further information about the study.



### Q1: What are the FM 76 (North Loop Drive) feasibility study limits?

The feasibility study limits cover a 12.5-mile-long corridor along FM 76 (North Loop Drive), between FM 1281 (Horizon Boulevard) in Socorro, Texas, and SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) in Fabens, Texas.

### Q2: What is a Feasibility Study?

A feasibility study evaluates possible corridor transportation improvement alternatives. Such studies can establish design concepts, general right of way requirements, and general project impacts. The usual components of a Feasibility Study<sup>1</sup> are summarized as follows:

- Determine feasibility
- Examine potential environmental constraints
- Study alternatives

<sup>1</sup> Source: [http://onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/txdotmanuals/pdp/study\\_requirements\\_determination.htm](http://onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/txdotmanuals/pdp/study_requirements_determination.htm)

- Analyze present and future traffic
- Prepare a preliminary concept
- Develop cost estimates
- Conduct public involvement for the study

The feasibility study may show that a particular set of improvement alternatives are not economically justifiable or that it has so many environmental impacts that it is not viable. Early determination of these issues would avoid unnecessary expenditure of funds on preliminary engineering and related costs.

**Q3: Is there funding available for recommended transportation improvements from this study?**

At the moment, there is no funding associated with any recommended transportation improvements at this time.

**Q4: Why is TxDOT doing this study?**

The FM 76 (North Loop Drive) corridor is expected to see increased population and job growth in the future. TxDOT is conducting this study to better prepare for this growth and identify necessary transportation improvements.

**Q5: What types of projects will TxDOT be considering in the study?**

The recommended improvement projects will address the study corridor's short-, mid-, and long-term needs, while considering the needs of all corridor users, including automobile traffic, bicyclists, pedestrians, freight, and transit service.

**Q6: Will any projects require the acquisition of right of way?**

Detailed analysis of right of way requirements are usually determined during the preliminary engineering stage of a project.

**Q7: Will the study address drainage issues on FM 76 (North Loop Drive)?**

The study will consider high-level drainage implications of any potential improvements. However, a detailed drainage impact analysis would be performed at a future stage, during the project development process, if the transportation improvement alternatives are found to be feasible and have secured funding.

**Q8: How can the public participate in the study?**

TxDOT is conducting ongoing stakeholder outreach with local community leaders and government agencies and will be seeking public comment on the FM 76 (North Loop Drive) Feasibility Study through a series of public meetings and open houses. The first virtual public meeting with in-person option will take place on February 28, 2023 and the second public meeting will take place in the Summer of 2023. TxDOT will share public outreach events information through social media informational posts and announcements in local newspapers. Community input will help TxDOT understand transportation issues along the corridor and shape potential improvement strategies.

To view the FM 76 North Loop Drive Feasibility Study website, scan the QR code or visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search "FM 76 North Loop Drive Feasibility Study"

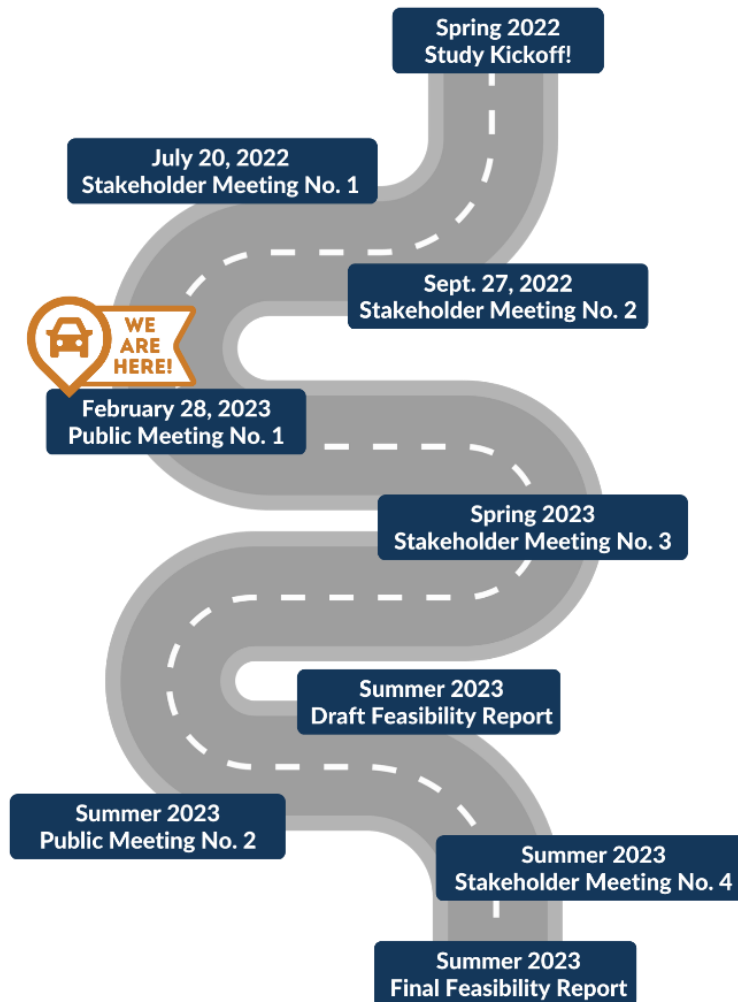


**Q9: When will the study be complete?**

The feasibility study is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2023.

## Next Steps

TxDOT will share the initial findings of the feasibility study at the Virtual Public Meeting #1 with In-Person Option on February 28, 2023. The final Feasibility Study Report is anticipated in Summer 2023. The Feasibility Study Report will provide short-, mid-, and long-term recommendations. Advancing the recommendations into the next development phase is contingent upon funding availability.



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