



Hello and welcome to the public meeting for the FM 835 Bridge Replacement Project in Lubbock County, Texas.

This meeting is being presented by the Texas Department of Transportation. The presentation is being held for the community to seek information about the project plans and allow TxDOT to address concerns for proposed construction detours and timelines.

This is a pre-recorded presentation made available on Thursday, January 22, 2026, beginning at 5 p.m. Central Time.

The Lubbock District appreciates your interest and involvement in this project and thanks you for your participation. If you have any technical difficulties accessing the public meeting information, need special accommodations, or speak a language other than English or Spanish and have interpretation needs please leave a message at LBB_projects@txdot.gov or by voicemail at 806-748-4450. Details on how to submit comments will be provided further in the presentation.

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The Lubbock District wants to start this presentation with a safety minute.

As Texans, we look out for one another, especially on the roads we share.

Drive like a Texan, TxDOT's newest safety initiative, is about upholding the famous Texan values we take pride in — treating every person with kindness, courtesy, and respect. It's about the small, simple actions and safe habits that keep you safe and save lives.

So, drive like a Texan.

Project Overview and Goals

Reconstruction of the Bridge on FM 835 just east of the South Loop 289 in Lubbock County, Texas.


- The purpose of this project is to replace a bridge that has exceeded its lifespan while also removing debris from the waterway beneath.
- The project goals include improving drainage conditions with debris removal, reconstructing the roadway approaches to include wider shoulders, replace the approach of the intersection at Olive Street and FM 835 to meet new elevations, and replace the pavement surface for a smoother ride.

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The proposed project would reconstruct the FM 835 Bridge and its approaches from SL 289 to just east of the existing bridge.





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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

These are some of the social, economic, and environmental resources being studied:

-  Floodplain Management
-  Traffic Generators
-  Farmlands
-  Social and Community Resources

 **Environmental constraints are key areas that we need to assess and avoid, if possible, when building roadway improvements.**
TxDOT would avoid or minimize and mitigate impacts to the greatest extent feasible.

The FM 835 Bridge Replacement Project does not require new right-of-way, displacements or relocations.

The National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, review and approval process applies to this project. The environmental studies being conducted for this project comply with NEPA.

The environmental evaluation of potential impacts by the proposed project to the natural and human environment include:

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Historical Resources
- Traffic Noise
- Community Impacts

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 July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

TxDOT has completed a stakeholder engagement events for this project. For those unfamiliar, a stakeholder may be identified as a member of a local government, federal agency, school district, business owner or affected property owner. Stakeholder engagement events are dependent and identified per project type and will vary per planned work. TxDOT has addressed various stakeholders at both the city and county level to ensure consideration into the project timeline for local events, emergency management access/egress, and planned road maintenance activities.

Additional stakeholders such as property owners with direct effects are also being contacted in the near future once TxDOT has finalized design plans. Contractors will be contacting each affected property owner that may experience temporary driveway closures once time approaches, as well as notifying affected neighborhoods.

Construction Expectations

Drainage Improvements

Debris removal from waterway

Replacing drainage riprap along FM 835

Bridge Replacement

Constructing the new bridge in pieces off-site

Raising the bridge elevation and widening bridge

Olive Street

Widening approach to FM 835

Replacing drainage structure

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Prior to initiating construction activities, the contractor and TxDOT inform the public of the FM 835 roadway closure from SL 289 to FM 1729.

Construction will be performed in the order of removing the structure, replacing the structure, enhancing drainage channels by replacing riprap, removing debris in the channel, and enhancing the roadway surfaces. This project will be an Accelerated Bridge Construction, also known as ABC. The purpose of an accelerated construction project is to allow a contractor the opportunity to construct the bridge off site and place into the area in pieces. Due to the environmental conditions and construction constraints, such as consistent water flow, local traffic generators, and access to residential areas for emergency management the project was selected for this type of construction. An accelerated bridge construction allows the reduction of affected time to be from years to months. The proposal does require the closure to thru traffic for 7 months, TxDOT is placing in Milestones to this project which will enforce incentives or disincentives for contractor time management.

The replacement of this bridge will require elevation changes to the structure. With the slight rise in the structure, the pavement will be widened to increase the shoulder widths slightly. With the pavement widening, there will be rehabilitation of the roadway pavement approaching either side of the bridge structure. The project will require rehabilitating a portion of Olive Street at the intersection of FM 835. The closure will be in place as the bridge will be demolished and access eliminated – temporarily. Local residents to the neighborhood of Olive Street will need to access 58th Street from the SL 289 service road. Those accessing West Texas Veterans Cemetery, one Eighty Ranch and private residences will need to access FM 835 through FM 1729.



The existing FM 835 roadway approaching the bridge has 12-foot travel lanes, 8-foot shoulders and concrete riprap for drainage.



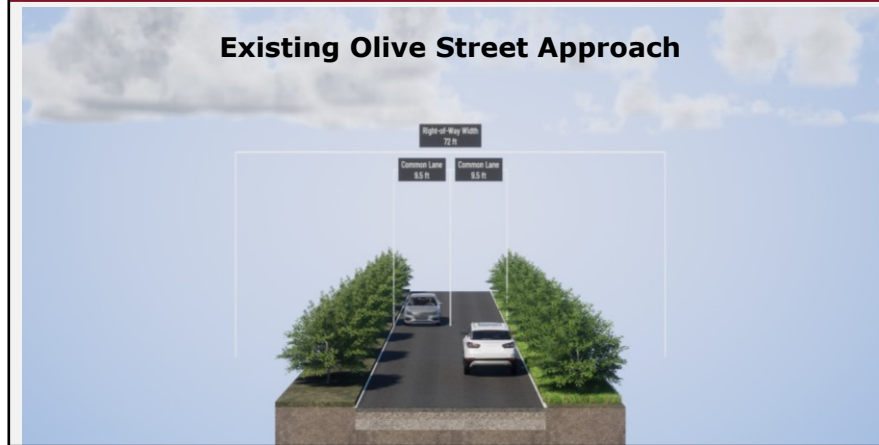
The proposed FM 835 roadway approaching the bridge will have 12-foot travel lanes, a 10-foot shoulder on the westbound travel lane and varying 10 to 16-foot shoulder for the eastbound travel lane. Drainage riprap channels will be replaced.



The existing bridge structure has 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders.



The proposed bridge structure has 12-foot travel lanes, a 10-foot westbound shoulder and a 16-foot eastbound shoulder.

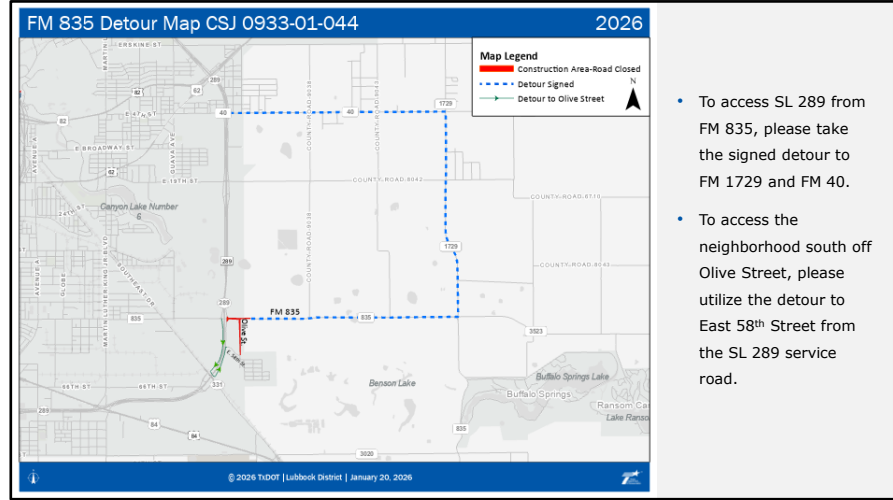


The existing Olive Street approach to FM 835 has a 19-foot-wide pavement surface, with 9-and-a-half-foot travel lanes. No new right-of-way or easements are proposed with this project.

Proposed Olive Street Approach



The proposed Olive Street approach will have 12-foot travel lanes and a 24-foot wide pavement surface.



The proposed detour will be in place for the lifespan of the project, at which time those attempting to access South Loop 289 or the east side of the bridge will need to find an alternative route. TxDOT has a proposed 16-mile signed detour through state-maintained roadways. The community may access this detour by traveling to FM 40 and then FM 1729 to reach FM 835.

Prior to the closure, TxDOT and the contractor will publicize the upcoming access changes to inform the traveling public.

Residents and the public attempting to access the neighborhood off Olive Street and East 58th Street will need to travel to the SL 289 service road to enter through East 58th Street. Contractors will notify neighborhood residents of this change prior to closing access to FM 835.

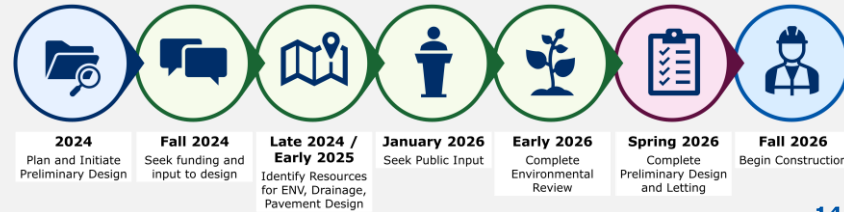
Both County and City emergency management representatives and administrative services have taken part in coordinating timelines and closures to ensure access and egress considerations.

Anticipated Project Timeline

This timeline is approximate and subject to change

Advancement to utility adjustments, final design, and construction is contingent upon the results of the environmental process and funding availability.

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Next, we want to highlight the estimated project timeline.

The project presented today has surpassed three milestones that include allocation of preliminary engineering funds, performing preliminary design and identifying environmental constraints.


After the comment period closes in February 2026, the project team will review the comments received, make appropriate design changes and prepare revisions for final design.

TxDOT has an expected letting of Spring 2026. For those not aware, letting of a project is when contractors can submit bid packages to compete for the award of the project construction. This milestone is dependent on construction funding availability and completion of the previous milestones. Once letting and award of a contract has been issued by TxDOT, the contractor and Area Office may begin coordinating the initiation of construction activities.


The construction of the project is anticipated to begin in fall of 2026 after Labor Day. Construction completion is expected in spring of 2027.


The establishment of construction milestones with the contractor are being evaluated for implementation in this project. To remind you, we are still in the milestone of finalizing design, made possible with your feedback.


All dates mentioned are subject to change and are dependent on funding availability and environmental constraints during construction such as weather delays.


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How to Comment


 **Comment Form**
Submit a comment form online or in-person. You can access the online comment form by scanning the QR code or visit www.txdot.gov and keyword search "FM 835 Project."

 **Mail**
Submit a comment by mail to:
TxDOT Lubbock District Office
c/o ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE
135 Slaton Rd.
Lubbock, TX 79404

 **E-mail**
Submit a comment to:
LBB_PROJECTS@txdot.gov

 **Voicemail**
Call 806-748-4450 and leave a voicemail with your comments.

Please submit or postmark comments by:
FRIDAY, FEB. 6, 2026



VISIT www.TxDOT.gov, keyword search "FM 835 Project" for more information and to submit a comment.

SCAN the QR code to the left to access the online comment form!

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Thank you for your interest and participation in this virtual public meeting. Your input is a critical part of the project process.

Comments can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- You may leave up to a 3-minute voicemail at 806-748-4450.
- You can email your comments to LBB_Projects@txdot.gov - please include FM 835 Bridge in the subject line.
- You can also visit txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 835 Bridge Replacement" to submit your comments by downloading and mailing the comment form or submitting the online comment form.
- Or, you can mail your comments to the TxDOT Lubbock District Office, in care of the Environmental Office, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas, 79404.

Questions or comments may be submitted to TxDOT and the project team at any time during the project

development and construction. However, to be included in the official public meeting record, all comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, February 6, 2026. Documentation of the virtual public meeting will be included in the project record and will be posted on the project's webpage on txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 835 Bridge Replacement."



Thank you for your interest in the FM 835 Bridge Replacement Project.

This concludes our presentation.

We now provide the opportunity for you to walk around review meeting materials, view maps and ask project staff questions.