

Pecos Relief Route

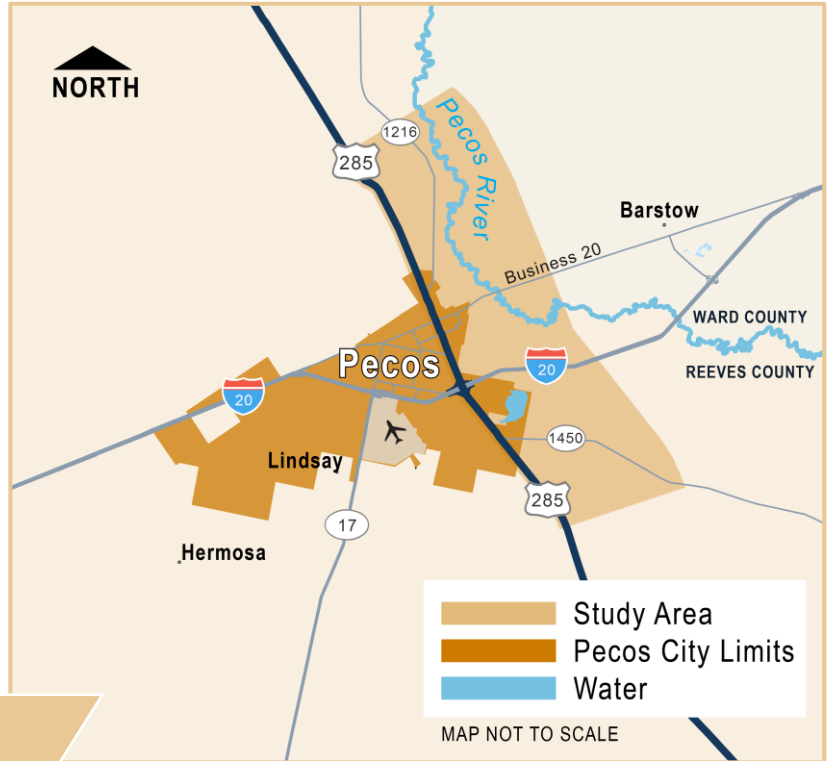
From US 285 north of Pecos to US 285 south of Pecos
Reeves County ★ CSJ: 0906-18-016

Project Fact Sheet Spring 2021

Following the 2019 Pecos Truck Route study prepared by Reeves County, **TxDOT will advance and further refine a relief route for US 285 around the east side of Pecos.** TxDOT is currently reviewing a study area (pictured at right) for considerations that may impact proposed route locations.

The project is still in the early phases of a multi-phased process and refinements to the route will occur. No decisions have been made about the route's final location.

TxDOT's proposed relief route would help long-term mobility, connectivity and safety needs on US 285 for local and through traffic.



Proposed Project Purpose

The project's purpose is to improve mobility and connectivity, reduce congestion, and increase safety on US 285.

As the roadway design and route location are developed, TxDOT will consider the following:

- **Capacity within city:** The capacity of US 285 through Pecos is inadequate to meet current and future traffic volumes, resulting in congestion, reduced mobility, and a reduced Level of Service.
- **Traffic:** In 2019, travel time on US 285 through Pecos could take up to 20 minutes during peak hour. If TxDOT does not build a relief route, drivers could spend an additional 20 minutes by 2044.
- **Population Growth:** Between 2010 and 2020, Reeves County's population grew by approximately 14%; growth in the area will continue to impact the existing transportation network with increasing traffic volumes.
- **Oil and Gas Activity:** Truck traffic varies from 20-40% along US 285 in the study area. Much of the commercial vehicle traffic is associated with the growing energy sector.
- **Safety:** Between 2015 and 2019 on US 285 within the study area, 52% of crashes were intersection related, 46% of crashes occurred during peak hours, and 32% of crashes involved trucks/buses.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We plan to identify a relief route for US 285 around the east side of Pecos in Reeves County. The relief route could be two lanes in each direction with access points at key intersecting roadways.

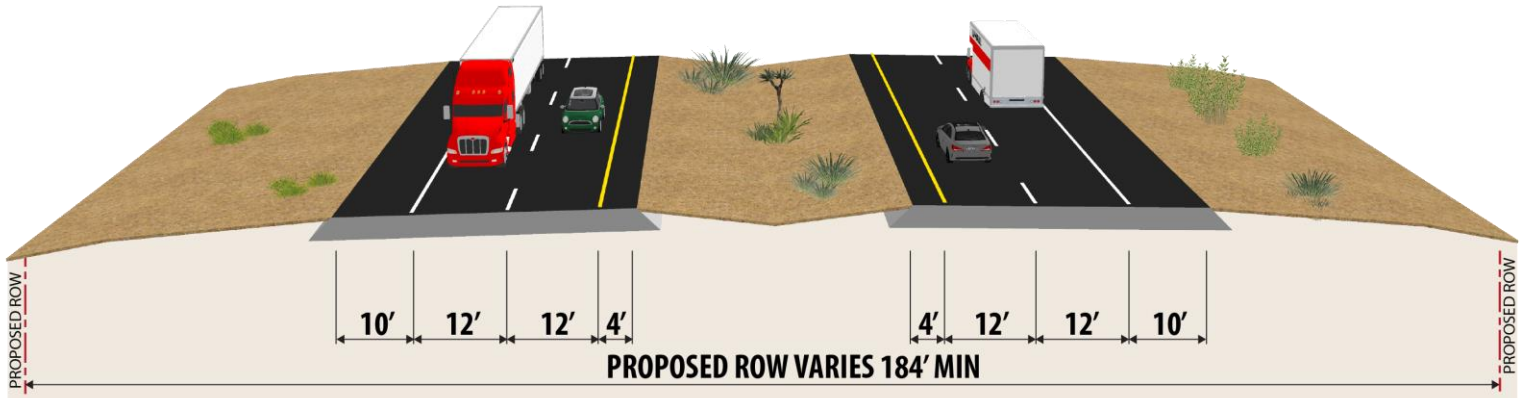
PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Identify a long-term solution that:
 - ✓ Improves mobility and connectivity
 - ✓ Reduces congestion
 - ✓ Increases safety
 - ✓ Minimizes impacts to the community and the natural environment
- Receive and consider public input
- Determine possible route around Pecos
- Propose a concept for schematic design
- Develop a recommended right-of-way footprint

PROPOSED DESIGN CONCEPT

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

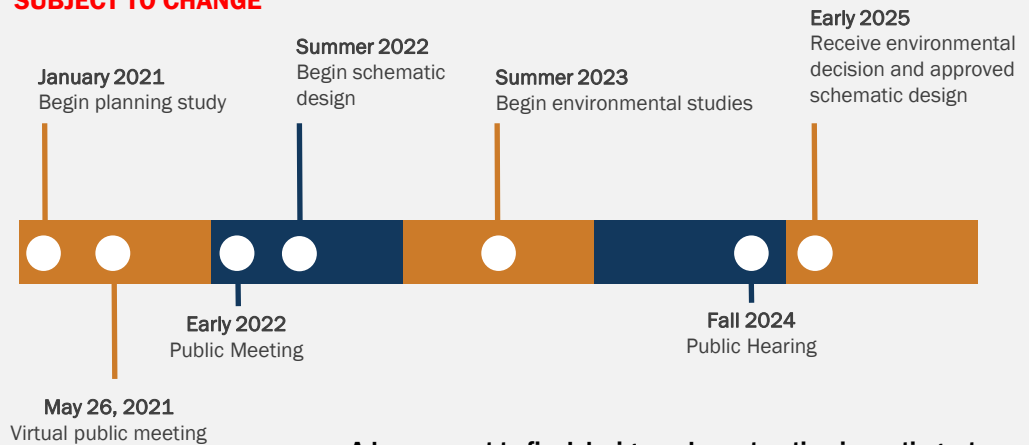
This is the proposed design concept, or typical section, that TxDOT is currently considering. It features two lanes in each direction with a proposed right-of-way (ROW) width of approximately 200 feet.



No final decisions have been made regarding the route's location, design or right-of-way footprint.

PROJECT MILESTONES

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Advancement to final design and construction is contingent on the outcome of the environmental study and funding availability.

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.

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