

SH 18 South

From FM 1776 to West 53rd Lane
in Ward and Pecos Counties, Texas
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Project Fact Sheet

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing improvements to SH 18 from FM 1776 south of Monahans to West 53rd Lane north of Fort Stockton in Ward and Pecos counties, Texas.

SH 18 is a main connector between the cities of Fort Stockton and Monahans. The proposed improvements to this 37-mile segment of SH 18 would include:

- » Widening from two lanes to four lanes with inside and outside shoulders.
- » A center median consisting of an open ditch to separate traffic.
- » Intersection improvements such as turn lanes and possible grade separations.
- » No improvements are proposed through Royalty or Grandfalls.

Project Goals

The goal of this project is to increase the overall safety of the corridor and improve mobility.

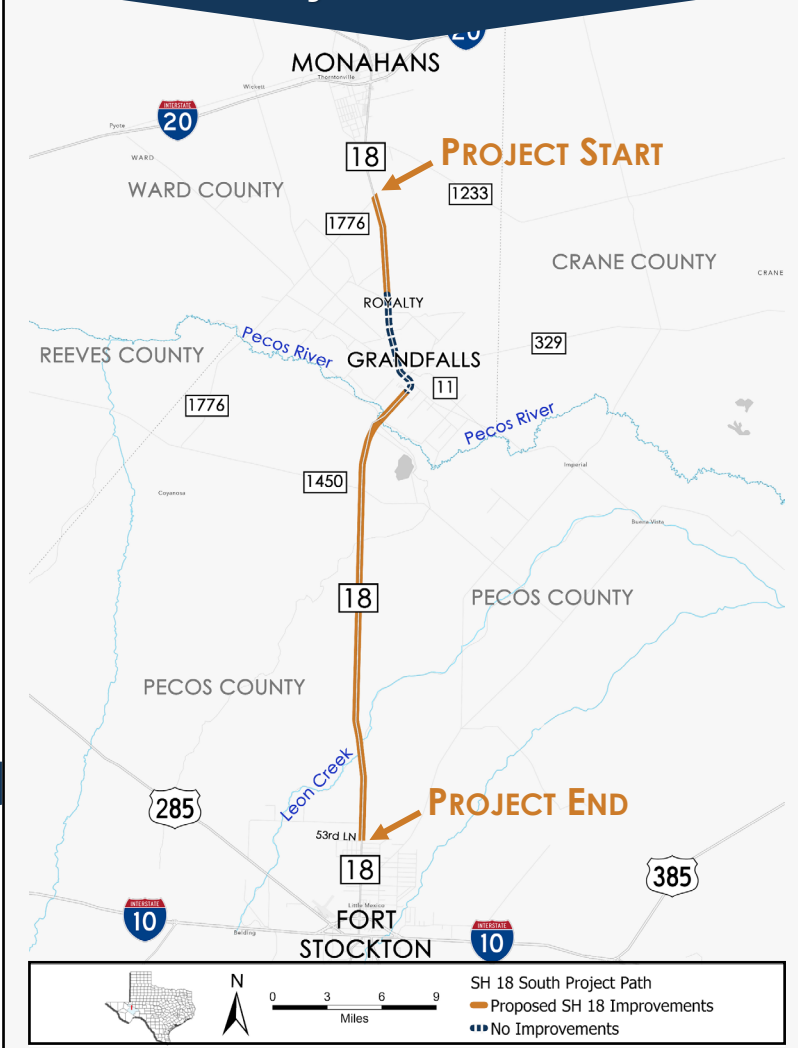
TRAFFIC SAFETY

From 2015 to 2019, there was a 21% average increase of truck traffic, and up to an 88% increase in traffic volume across the corridor. There is a 20% traffic volume increase expected from 2019 to 2039.¹

From 2017 to 2021, there were 190 crashes recorded along the corridor with a 4% fatality rate. 37% of the crashes were truck related, and 49% were intersection or driveway related. 34% of the crashes occurred between 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.²

NOTES: 1 TxDOT Transportation Planning & Programming Division
2 TxDOT Crash Records Information System (C.R.I.S) , 2021
3 Texas Demographic Center, 2022

Project Location



OIL & GAS ACTIVITY

The corridor sees a considerable amount of truck and freight traffic resulting from oil, gas, and energy-related development. SH 18 is an important Energy Sector highway with 23.4% truck traffic.¹

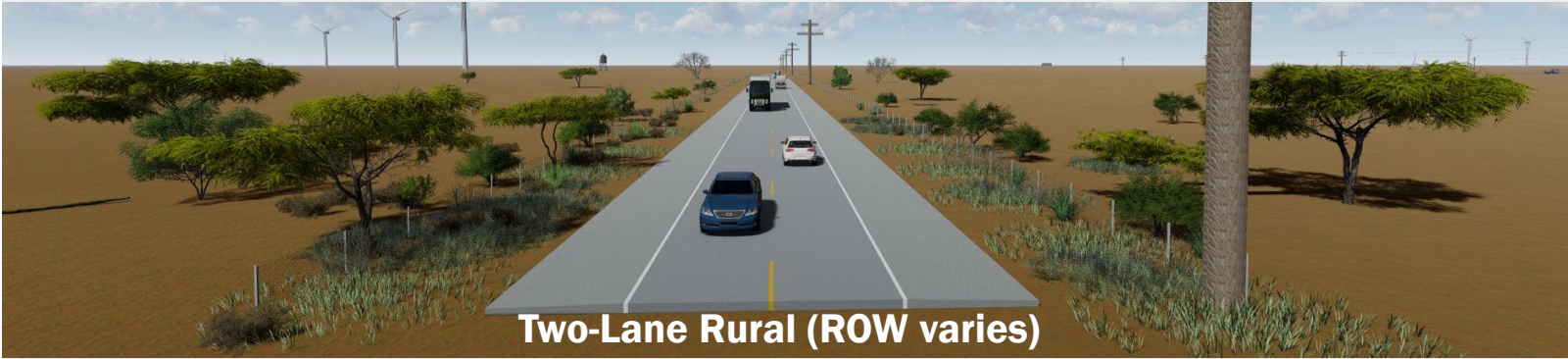
GROWTH

The population of Ward County grew 9.3% from 2010-2020, while Pecos County showed no growth in the same time period. Ward County is anticipated to increase 26% in population by 2040.³



Proposed Project Layout

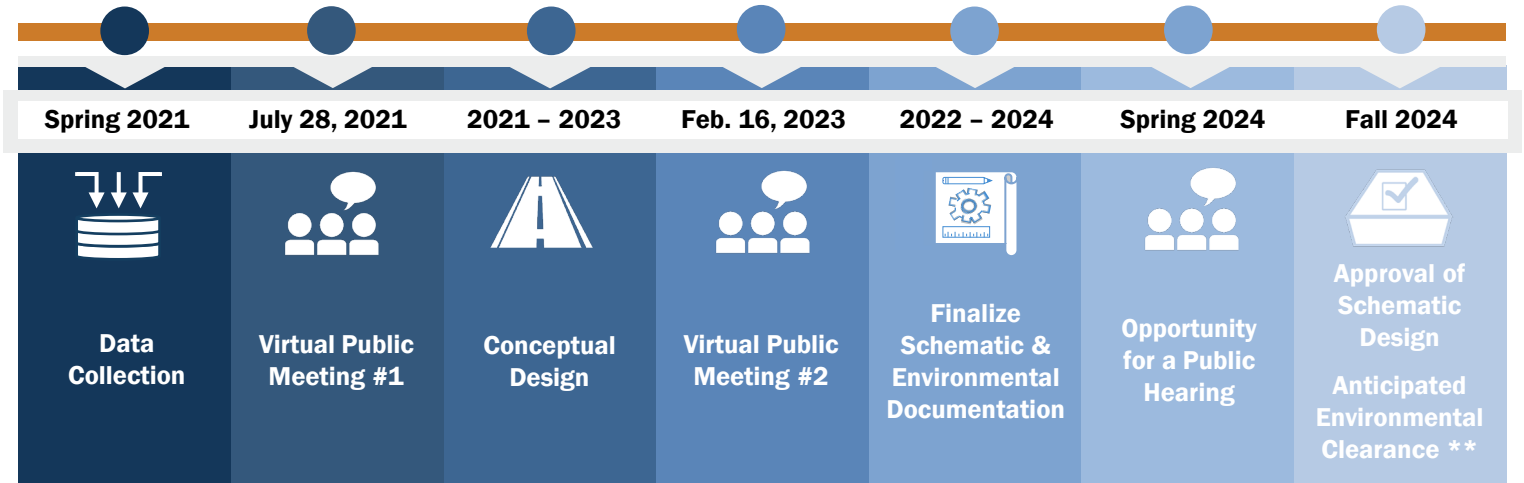
Existing Rural Typical Section



Proposed Rural Typical Section



Project Timeline *



* Timeline subject to change
** Depending on project funding

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