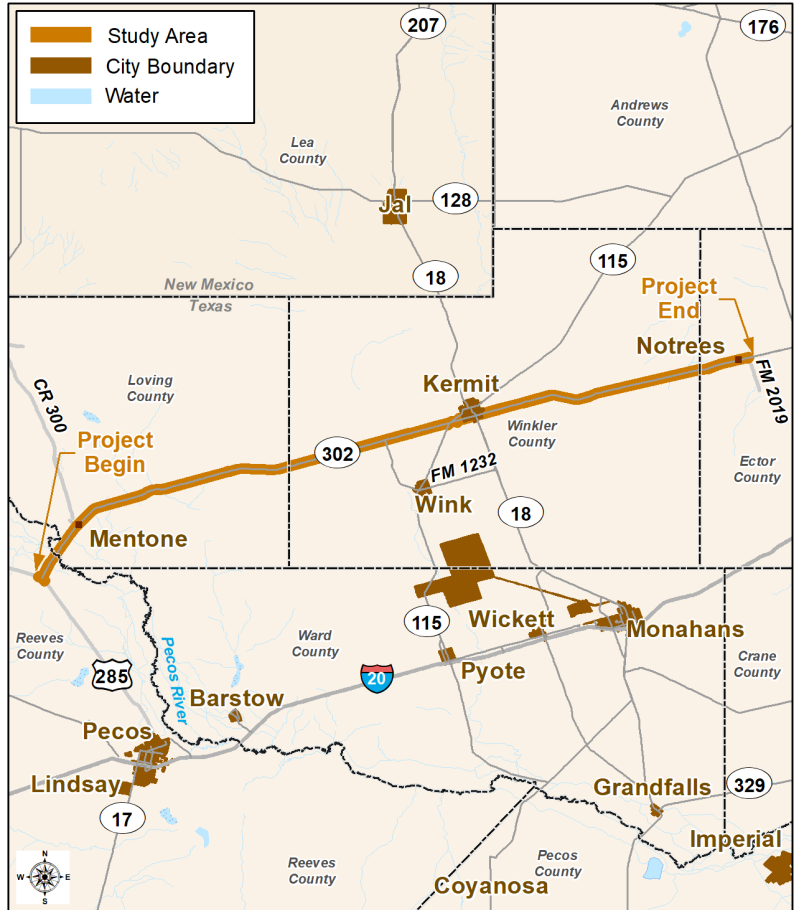


## Project Fact Sheet

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Odessa District is proposing improvements along SH 302 from US 285 to FM 2019 located in Reeves, Loving, Winkler, and Ector counties, Texas.

SH 302 is a key energy and freight corridor. Increased population growth and growing oil and gas production have resulted in an increase in traffic volumes, as well as development of oil and gas infrastructure. The increases in traffic volumes, including truck traffic, has contributed to safety concerns along roadways within the Permian Basin.

SH 302 provides connectivity for the oil and gas extraction industry in the Permian Basin. Annual freight moved into, within, out of, and through the corridor by trucks total 50 million tons valued at \$2.8 billion<sup>1</sup>.



### Project Goals

The project's goals are to improve mobility and safety while providing a roadway that will meet the demands of the Permian Basin.

### SH 302 Project Information:

- **Safety:** The SH 302 corridor was shown to have a substantially higher crash rate than the rural state highway average in 2018 and 2019<sup>2</sup>.
- **Oil and Gas Activity:** The top 5 commodities by truck tonnage are: sand (50%), brine (33%), nonmetallic minerals (12%), waste or scrap materials (2%), and water (1%). More than 2,500 freight-intensive businesses are located along the SH 302 corridor employing approximately 56,000 people annually<sup>1</sup>.
- **Traffic:** From 2015 to 2019, traffic volumes along SH 302 tripled. Projected yearly growth rates are anticipated to increase 21 - 28% between 2020 and 2025 with a 2% increase per year up to 2045<sup>3</sup>.
- **Population Growth:** Between 2010 and 2020 population grew by approximately 20%. Growth in the area will continue to impact the existing transportation network with increasing traffic volumes<sup>4</sup>.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

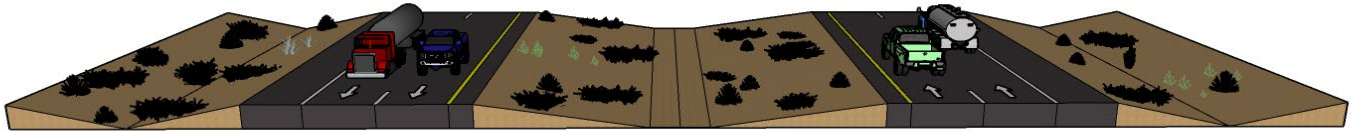
The proposed project consists of widening SH 302 from west of Mentone at US 285 to east of Notrees at FM 2019 from a two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided highway with two travel lanes in each direction, a center median, inside and outside shoulders and median openings, as needed. The proposed project is approximately 59-miles long. At this time, there are no proposed improvements within Mentone or Kermit.

Notes:  
 1. TxDOT, 2021. *The Economic Role of the SH 302 Corridor in Texas.*  
 2. TxDOT, 2021. *Crash Records Information System (CRIS)*  
 3. LJA, 2021.  
 4. Texas Demographics Center. 2020

# PROPOSED LAYOUT

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The proposed layout features two lanes in each direction, a center median or barrier, inside and outside shoulders and median openings, as needed. The proposed right of way (ROW) width would vary with a 220-foot usual width. No improvements are proposed within Mentone or Kermit.



**No final decisions have been made regarding the design or ROW footprint.**

## Anticipated Schedule

**\*All dates are subject to change.**

Project will proceed to environmental assessment document once funding has been identified

Aug. 31, 2021  
Virtual Public Meeting #1

Early 2023  
Virtual Public Meeting #2

Late 2021  
Begin Schematic Development &  
Environmental Documentation

Early 2024\*  
Finalize Schematic Development  
& Environmental Reports



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