



## Project Fact Sheet

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is considering improvements to US 285. The US 285 North project stretches from the New Mexico state line to BI-20 in Pecos, Texas.

The proposed improvements to this 52-mile segment of US 285 would include:

- Widening to a four-lane divided highway with two lanes in each direction as well as both inside and outside shoulders;
- A wide center median and/or barrier; and
- Providing median openings as needed. Median openings will include left turn/ deceleration lanes.

## Project Location



## Project Goals

**The purpose of the project is to improve safety, connectivity, access and enhance mobility on and near US 285.**

TxDOT will consider a number of items as the preliminary design for the roadway is developed and refined including:

**Safety:** From 2016 to 2020, there were more than 750 recorded crashes and 24 deaths from crashes on US 285. The most common crashes involved one motor vehicle (25%) or being rear ended (22%).<sup>1</sup>

**Oil and Gas Activity:** The corridor sees a significant amount of commercial vehicle traffic, much of this is associated with the energy sector. Truck traffic varies from 35–50%.<sup>2</sup>

**Traffic:** Between 2010 and 2020, traffic along the corridor increased by 500%. The existing highway system may not be able to meet the future travel demand.

**Growth:** Between 2010 and 2020, Reeves County's population grew by 14%; growth in the area will continue to impact the existing transportation network with increasing traffic volumes.<sup>3</sup>

## US 285 North Project

Much of US 285 North corridor has been or is under construction with the addition of a passing lane. The US 285 North project is proposing additional improvements to the corridor including reconfiguring the roadway to a four-lane divided highway.

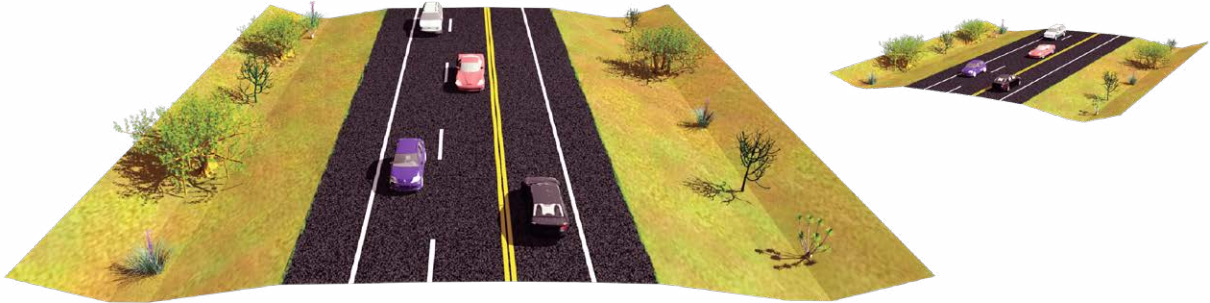


## Proposed Project Layout

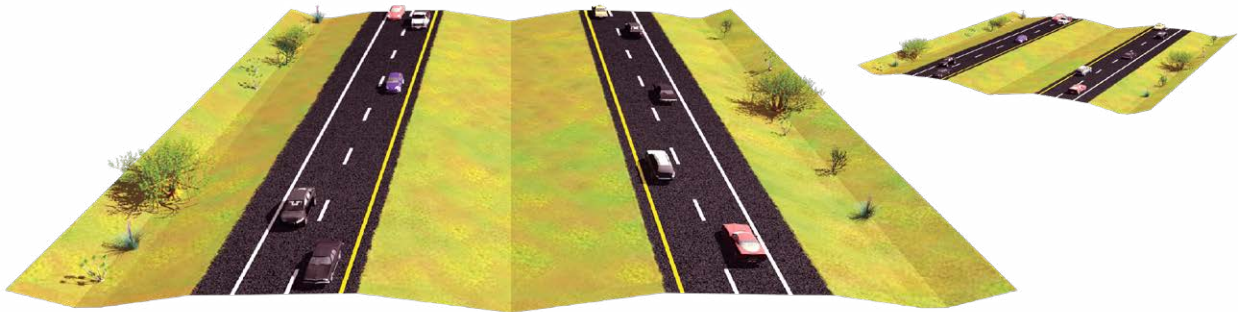
Portions of the corridor are under construction. When completed in 2021, most of the corridor will include a passing lane alternating between north and southbound.

The proposed project would reconfigure the roadway into a four-lane divided highway.

### Existing Roadway Section



### Proposed Roadway Section, Four-Lane Divided



## Schedule



Schedule subject to change.

#### Notes

- 1 TxDOT, 2021. Crash Records Information System (C.R.I.S)
- 2 TxDOT Roadway Inventory - On System 2019, 2021.
- 3 Texas Demographic Center. 2020.

## For More Information

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