



**VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING #2**  
**Pre-Recorded Presentation**  
**Paris District**

**US 82 Improvement Project**  
From Fannin County Line to Loop 286 West of  
Paris, Texas  
Lamar County  
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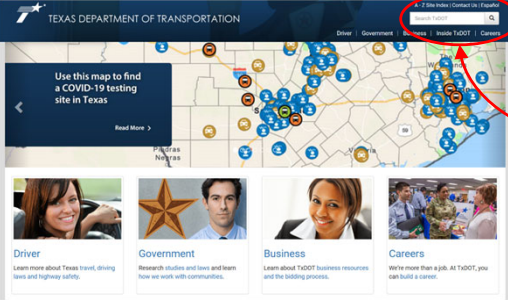
April 29, 2021

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I would like to welcome you to the US 82 Improvement project second virtual public meeting, which has been pre-recorded, for the proposed project from Fannin County Line to Loop 286 West of Paris, Texas.

Welcome

**Welcome by Dan Perry, P.E.**

**Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Paris District, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)**



Virtual Public Meeting documents available online at the website [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).

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Thank you for joining us. My name is Dan Perry and I serve as the Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Paris District of the Texas Department of Transportation, better known as TxDOT.

This virtual public meeting, presented by TxDOT, is being provided to share information and to encourage comments from the public regarding the proposed US 82 Improvement Project in Lamar County. The following Virtual Public Meeting documents are made available online at the website [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Type "US 82 Lamar County" in the keyword search box.

## Virtual Public Meeting in Response to Public Health

### TxDOT changed the in-person public meeting to a virtual format in response to the COVID-19 outbreak:

The pre-recorded virtual public meeting and TxDOT website provide the same information as the in-person meeting:

- Project information
- Estimated timeline
- Process for submitting comments
- Key contacts

### Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

**FACT 1** Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

**FACT 4** You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

**FACT 2** Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

**FACT 5** There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

**FACT 3** Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

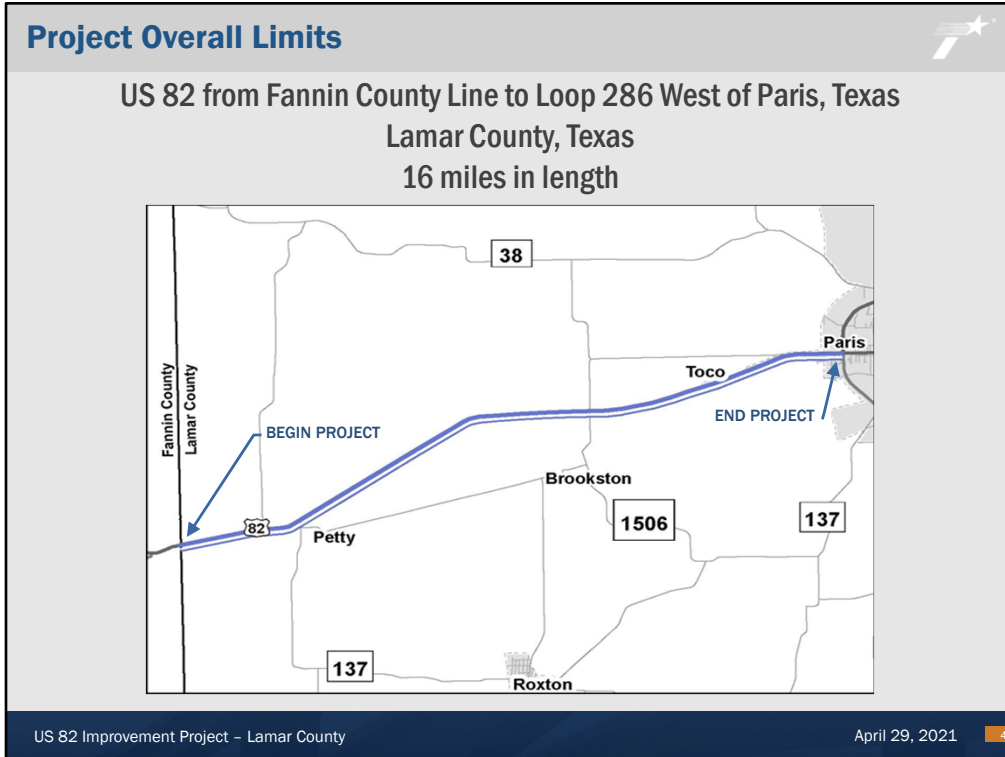
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My name is Daisy Orona and I am both a part of and representing the Cox McLain Environmental Consulting team that is working on this project on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation. I would like to welcome you and thank you for participating in this virtual public meeting.

Given the unique circumstance of the COVID-19 outbreak, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, TxDOT is conducting this virtual public meeting to avoid in-person contact. At this time, the virtual format will be in lieu of an in-person public meeting.

The presentation will cover the same information the Paris District would have shared at the in-person public meeting. However, the comment process for this virtual public meeting will be different from what we normally conduct at an in-person public meeting and will be explained shortly. All project information can be found on the TxDOT webpage.



The proposed project limits extend approximately 16 miles along US 82 from the Fannin County Line to Loop 286 West of Paris, Texas.

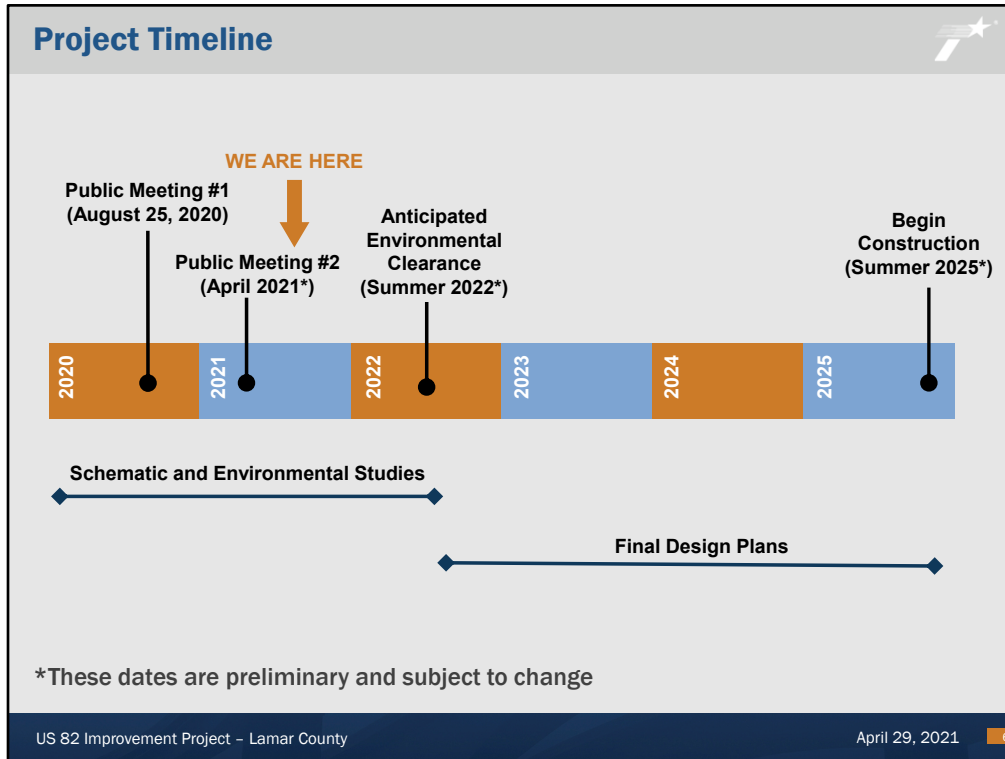
## Project Purpose



The purpose of this project is to:

- Improve safety
- Improve mobility and regional connectivity
- Manage congestion
- Upgrade to current design standards

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety, improve mobility and regional connectivity, manage congestion, and upgrade to current design standards.



The anticipated project schedule for the proposed project includes today’s April 29, 2021 Virtual Public Meeting. Once public comments and environmental reviews have been completed, they will be submitted for anticipated environmental clearance in the Summer of 2022. After final design is complete, the construction is anticipated to begin in Summer of 2025. Please note that these dates are preliminary and subject to change.

## Public Involvement Goals



- Provide public involvement opportunities for stakeholders, roadway users, and the general community to engage with the project team and share feedback
- Update those interested on the project process and timeline

The public involvement goals for the proposed project include providing public involvement opportunities for stakeholders, roadway users, and the general community to engage with the project team and share feedback and to update those interested on the project process and timeline.

## Project Considerations

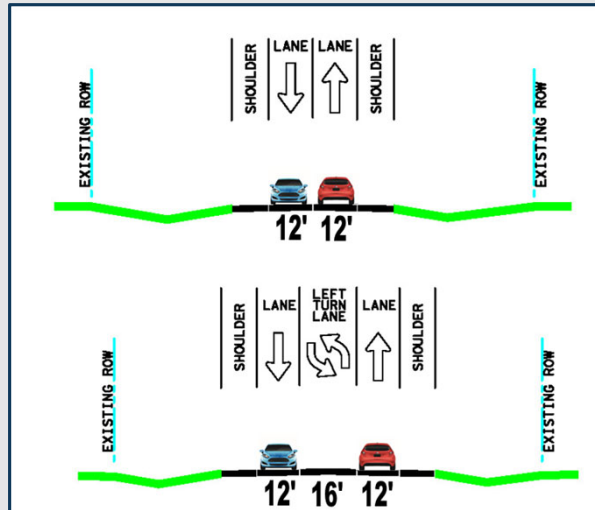


- Upgrade highway to current safety standards
- Improve regional mobility and connectivity
- Add highway capacity for increasing traffic volumes, including trucks
- Minimize right-of-way and environmental impacts
- Minimize utility impacts where feasible
- Utilize recently constructed pavement where feasible

Important considerations for the proposed project include upgrading the highway to current safety standards, improving regional mobility and connectivity, adding highway capacity for increasing traffic volumes (including trucks), minimizing right-of-way impacts, and minimizing utility impacts where feasible while utilizing recently constructed pavement where feasible.



## Existing Conditions



**Existing Typical Sections**

Two-lane undivided highway with one 12-foot-wide travel lane in each direction and 10-foot-wide shoulders with passing lanes in various locations and a 16-foot-wide two-way left turn lane within the City of Paris.

The existing US 82 includes a two-lane undivided highway with one 12-foot-wide travel lane in each direction and 10-foot-wide shoulders with passing lanes in various locations and a 16-foot-wide two-way left turn lane within the City of Paris limits.

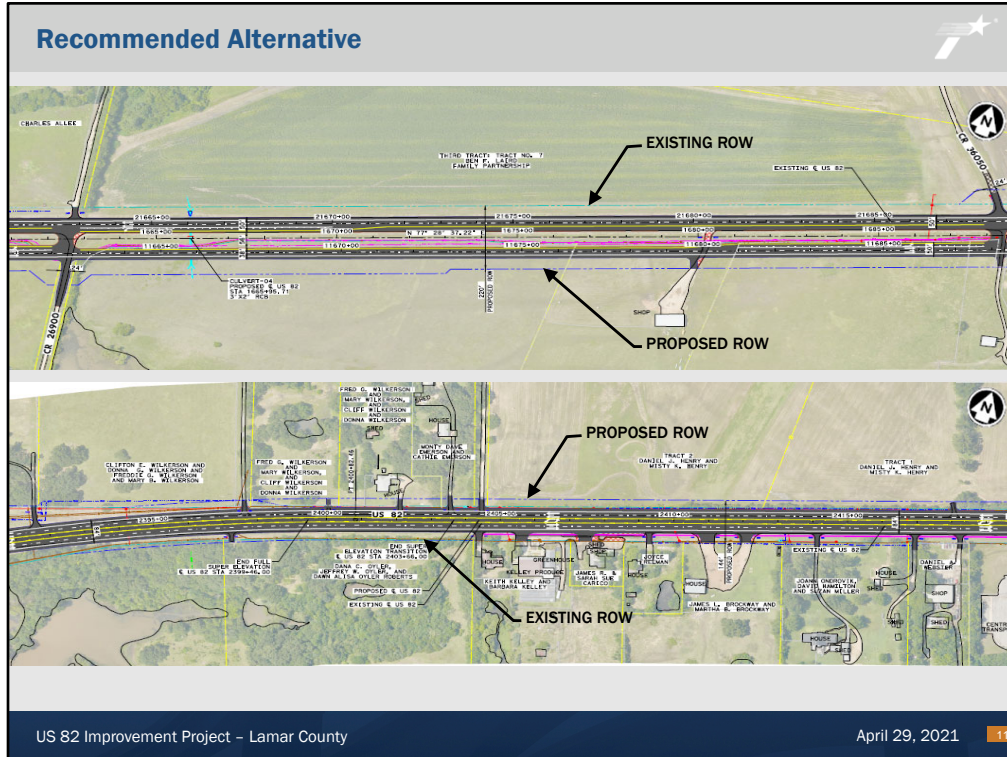
## Proposed Improvements



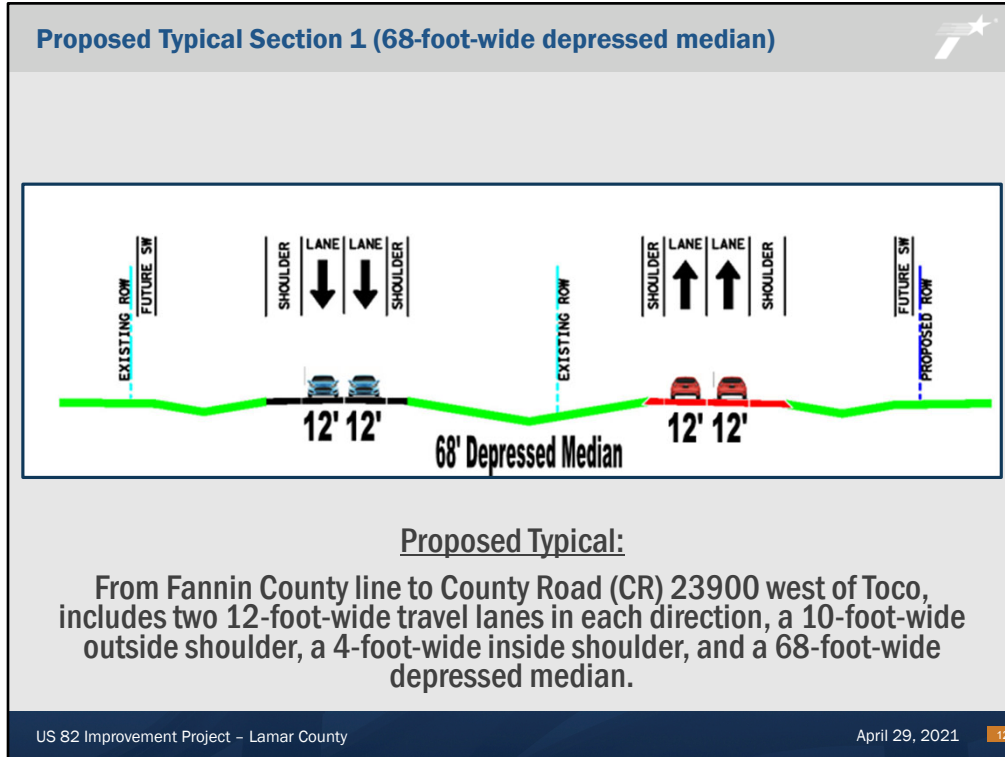
Following Virtual Public Meeting #1, TxDOT has chosen a combination of widening either to the north or south in order to minimize displacements and environmental impacts.

- Widen US 82 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway for a distance of approximately 16 miles.
- The proposed roadway from the Fannin County line to County Road (CR) 23900 west of Toco includes two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, a 10-foot-wide outside shoulder, and a 68-foot-wide depressed median.
- From CR 23900 to Loop 286, the roadway includes two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, a 10-foot-wide outside shoulder and a 16-foot-wide continuous left turn lane.
- Within the City of Paris limits, a 5-foot-wide sidewalk would be provided on the south side of US 82.

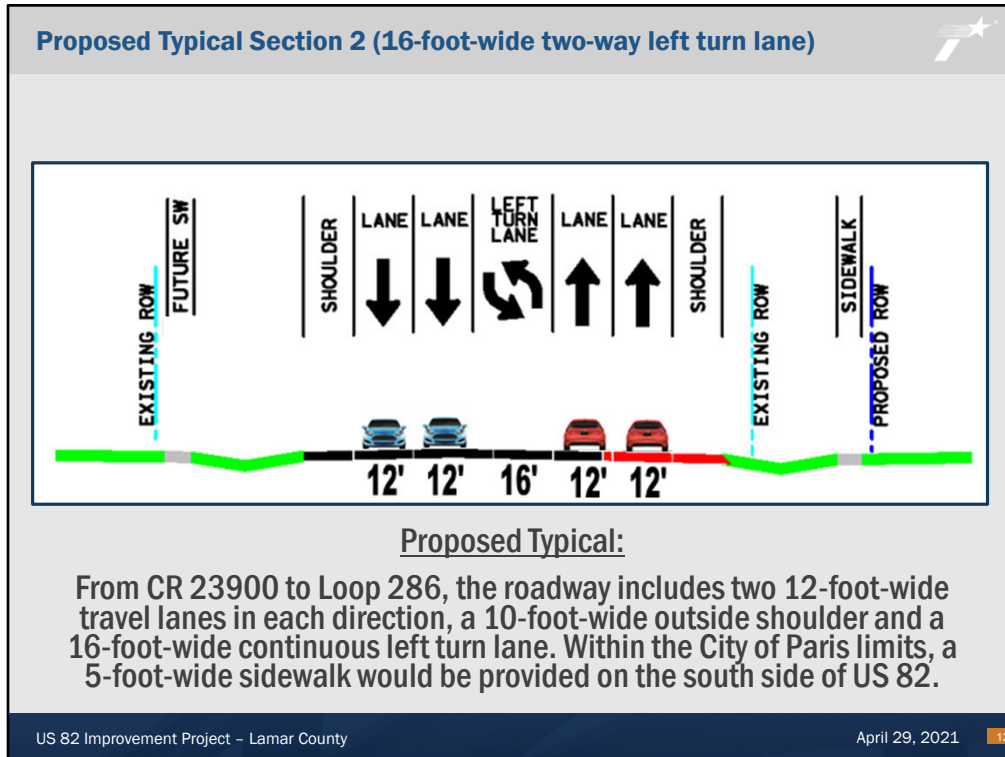
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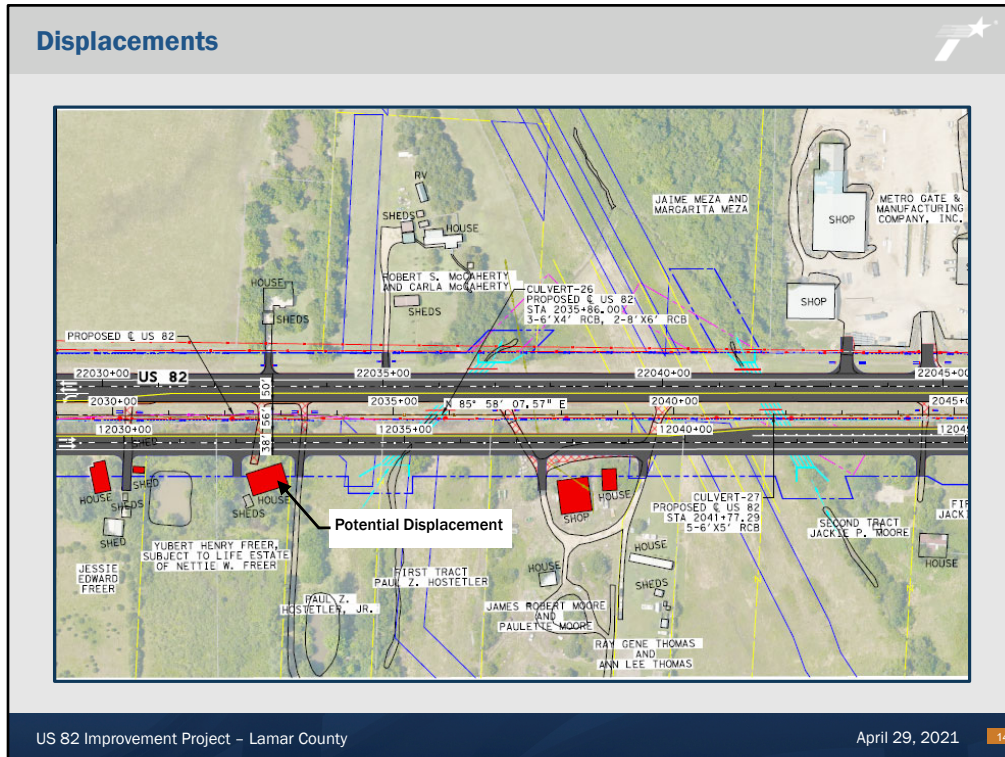
The Recommended Alternative provides improvements to existing pavement, widening to either side of US 82 to accommodate two additional travel lanes. This is a small sample of the project. A downloadable copy is available at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), Search “US 82 Lamar County”.



From Fannin County Line to County Road (CR) 23900 west of Toco, the proposed typical section would include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, a 10-foot-wide outside shoulder, a 4-foot-wide inside shoulder, and a 68-foot-wide depressed median.



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The Recommended Alternative minimizes impacts and displacements as compared to Alternatives 1 and 2 presented in the previous public meeting. Alternatives 1 and 2 had a total of 29 and 34 potential displacements, respectively. The Recommended Alternative has 11 potential displacements. The picture shown here is an example of a potential displacement that is located west of CR 34050.

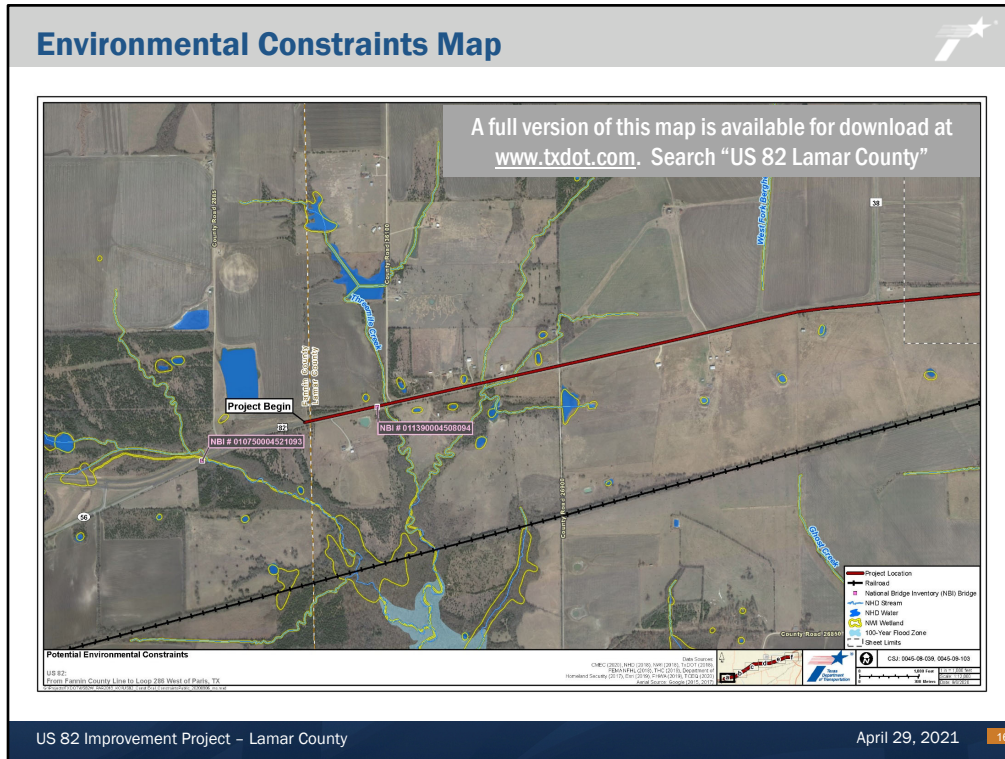
## Environmental Process



**Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, otherwise known as FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from the FHWA for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This memorandum of understanding was renewed on December 9, 2019. This review and approval process apply to this proposed project.**

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This is a visual representation of the potential environmental constraints anticipated for the proposed project and is available for viewing and download on the project webpage.

This slides shows the environmental constraints along US 82 at the Fannin County Line. Environmental constraints typically include community facilities, hazardous materials sites, historic markers and bridges, parkland, streams, wetlands, and floodplains. Environmental constraints were gathered from readily available data sources to evaluate potential constraints along the project corridor.

Detailed environmental field studies and technical reports will be completed for the proposed project in order to obtain environmental clearance prior to construction.



## Environmental Analysis Resource Areas



Currently it is anticipated that the document will be an Environmental Assessment, meaning the project is not anticipated to have a significant effect on the human or natural environment.

In addition to impacts to property owners, studies will be conducted on potential impacts to environmental issues such as:

- Archeological Resources
- Non-Archeological Historic Properties
- Community Impacts and Environmental Justice
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources including Threatened and Endangered Species and Habitat
- Waters of the United States, including wetlands
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- Hazardous Materials
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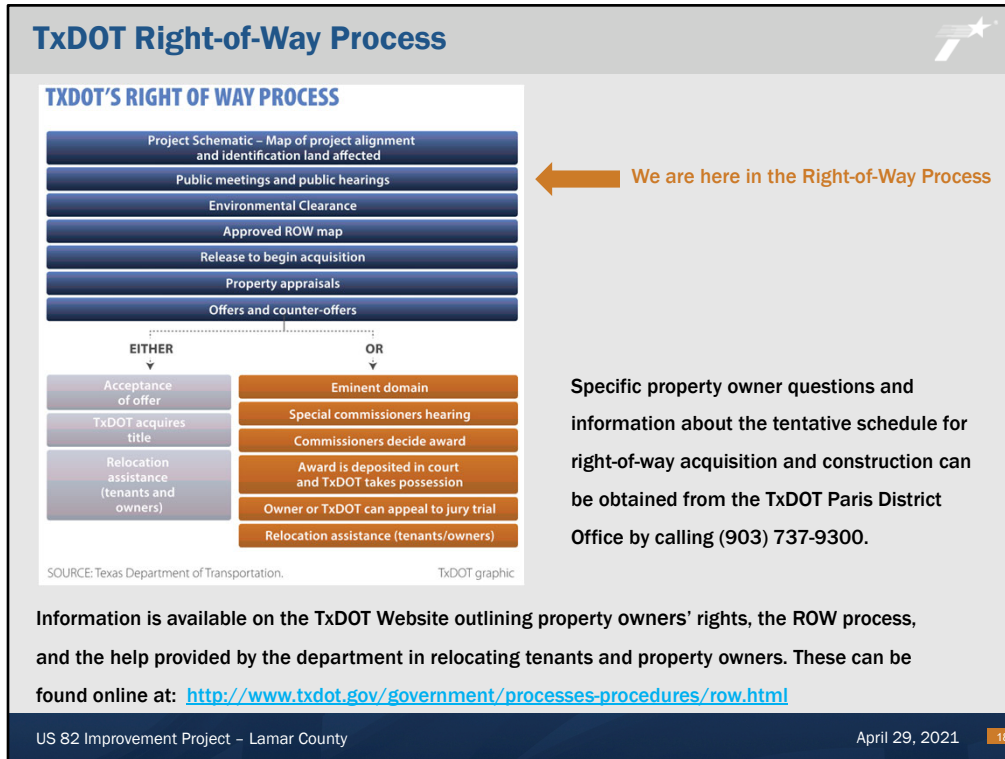
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Traffic Noise

The project would be designed to avoid or minimize impacts to the greatest amount practicable. Technical reports documenting the analysis and conclusions of these studies will be available for review once completed.



This is a graphic of TxDOT’s right of way process. We are currently in the second step of the process identified as “Public meetings and public hearings”. Information is available on the TxDOT Website outlining property owners’ rights, the ROW process, and the help provided by the department in relocating tenants and property owners.

These can be found on the project webpage or additionally at: <http://www.txdot.gov/government/processes-procedures/row.html>

Additionally, specific property owner questions and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT Paris District office by calling (903) 737-9300.

# Public Meeting Information and Downloads

Public Meeting information available for download at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)  
Keyword search “US 82 Lamar County”

**FACT SHEET**  
**US 82**  
From Fannin County Line to Loop 280 West of Paris, Texas

**Location:** From Fannin County Line to Loop 280 West of Paris, Texas in Lamar County

**Project Length:** 16 miles

**Schedule and funding for construction** have been identified for this project.

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS** for proposed improvements to US 82 include the following:

- Widen US 82 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway for a distance of approximately 10 miles.
- The proposed roadway from the Fannin County line to County Road 101 (CR 101) will consist of 2-foot shoulders, two 12-foot wide travel lanes in each direction, a 10-foot wide median, a 10-foot wide shoulder, and a 10-foot wide depressed median.
- From CR 23500 to Loop 280, the roadway will consist of 14-foot wide travel lanes in each direction, a 10-foot wide median, a 10-foot wide shoulder, and a 10-foot wide depressed median.
- Widened City of Paris roads, 5-foot wide sidewalks would be provided on the south side of US 82.

**PROJECT PURPOSE**  
The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety, mobility and regional connectivity, manage congestion and upgrade to current design standards.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
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1360 N. Main St.  
Paris, TX 75460

For more information, visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Keyword Search "US 82 Lamar County"

The environmental study, consultation and other actions required by applicable laws and regulations for this project are being carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 301.022, 301.027 and a combination of other regulatory codes per 301.015, as authorized by Title 301, § 301.001.

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Use this map to find a COVID-19 testing site in Texas

Driver Government Business Inside TxDOT Careers

Driver: Learn more about Texas travel, driving laws and highway safety.

Government: Research studies and laws and learn how we work with communities.

Business: Learn about TxDOT business resources and the bidding process.

Careers: Write more than a job. At TxDOT, you can build a career.

The Virtual Public Meeting presentation and additional project information is available for viewing and download at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). To visit the project webpage, type in “US 82 Lamar County” in the keyword search at the top right of the TxDOT homepage.

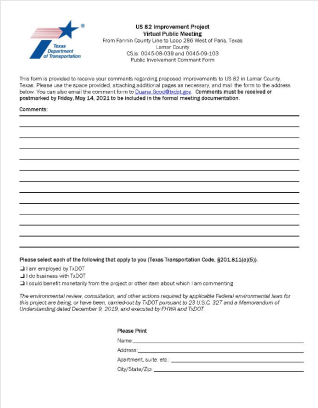
**Share Your Input**

Submit **e-mail** or **mail-in** comments by:

- **Emailing:** [Duane.Good@txdot.gov](mailto:Duane.Good@txdot.gov)
- **Filling out a comment card and mail to:**  
**Texas Department of Transportation**  
**ATTN: Duane Good**  
**1365 North Main Street**  
**Paris, TX 75460**

**While comments are always welcome, they must be received on or before Friday, May 14, 2021 to be included in the official meeting documentation.**

**The public may call project staff at (903) 737-9282 during regular office hours or email project staff at any time in the project development process.**



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TxDOT is committed to continuing our efforts to gain public feedback about this project. We understand this virtual public meeting format is a bit different, so let’s take a few minutes and explain the comment process – which is the most important part of this video.

Given our current COVID-19 situation, the Paris District is asking the public to provide their comments in the following ways:

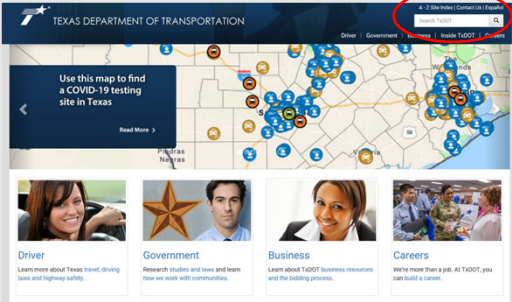
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## Share Your Input

Submit **online** comments by:

- Visiting the website [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Then type “US 82 Lamar County” in the keyword search box
- Then click the “Submit Your Comment” link on the project webpage



The screenshot shows the Texas Department of Transportation website. At the top right, there is a search bar with the text "A-Z Site Index | Contact Us | Feedback" above it. A red arrow points from the text "keyword search box" in the instructions to this search bar. Below the search bar is a map of Texas with several blue circular markers indicating COVID-19 testing sites. Below the map are four featured sections: "Driver", "Government", "Business", and "Careers", each with a small image and a brief description.

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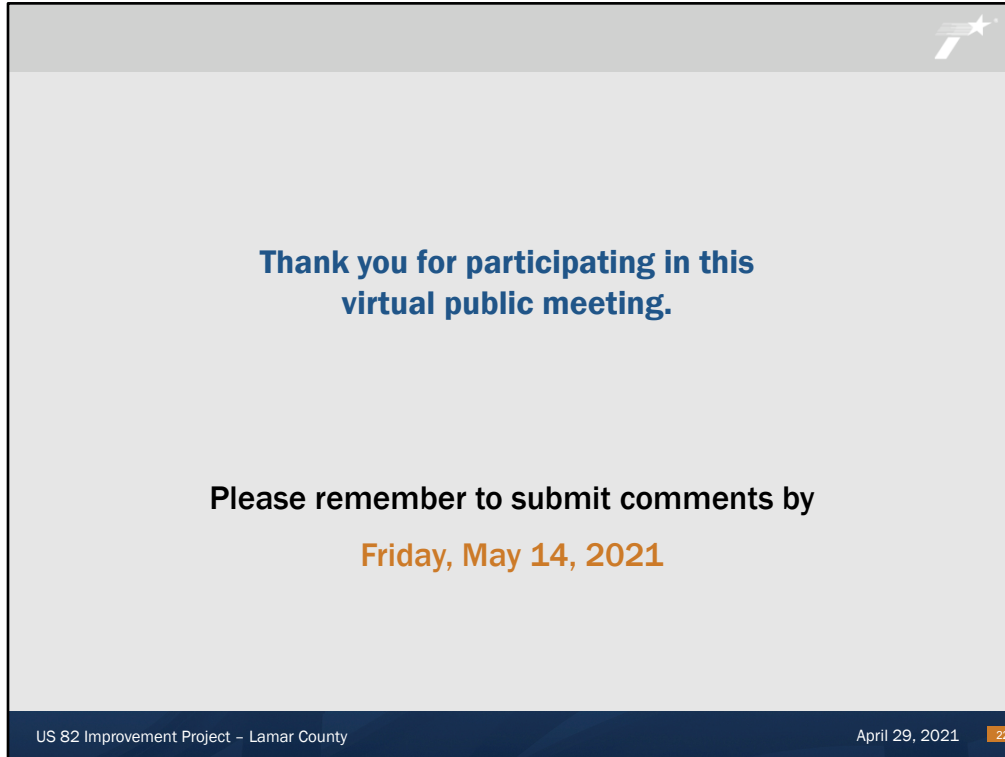
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Additionally, you may submit your comments online by visiting the website [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Search “US 82 Lamar County”. Then click on the “Submit Your Comment” button.

The public comment period closes on May 14, 2021 which is 15 days from this virtual public meeting. Please ensure your comment is received or postmarked by this date. The public may call project staff at (903) 737-9282 during regular office hours or email project staff at any time in the project development process.

Thank you for attending the US 82 Improvement Project Virtual Public Meeting.



We sincerely appreciate your attendance and interest concerning the proposed design of the US 82 Improvement Project. Please remember to submit your questions, comments, and concerns by Friday, May 14, 2021.

Thank you, this concludes the virtual public meeting presentation for the US 82 Improvement Project.