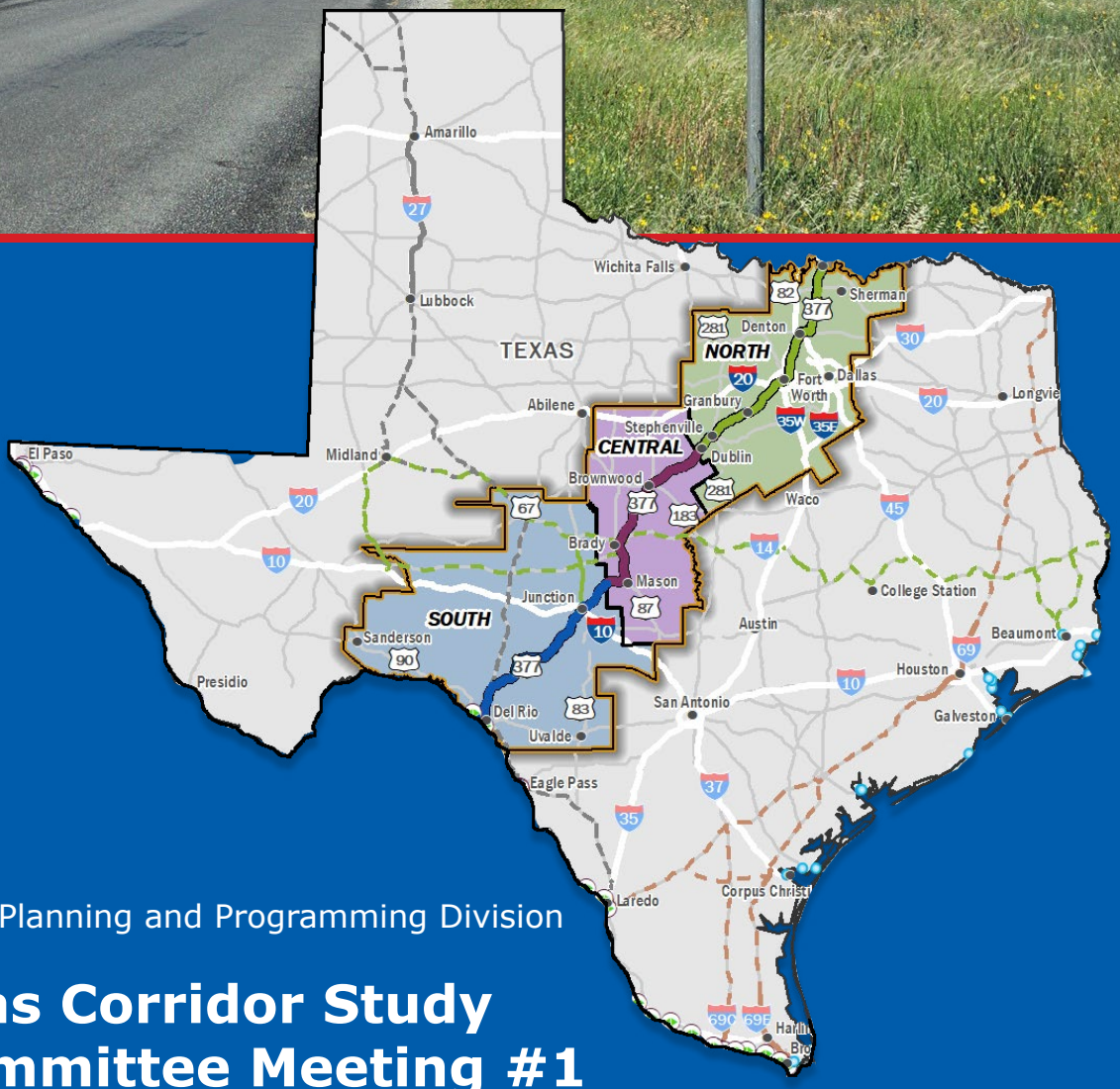

TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division

US 377 Texas Corridor Study
Steering Committee Meeting #1

Virtual Meeting Agenda | September 30, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. (CT) – 11:30 a.m. (CT)

US 377 Texas Corridor Study Steering Committee Members

County Representative

- **Judge Andy Eads**
  Denton County*
- **Judge Brandon Corbin**
  Menard County
- **Judge Brandon Huckabee**
  Erath County
- **Judge Frank Trull**
  McCulloch County
- **Judge Hal A. Rose**
  Kimble County
- **Commissioner Precinct 1 Kevin Andrews**
  Hood County
- **Judge Pat Deen**
  Parker County
- **Judge Souli Asa Shanklin**
  Edwards County
- **Judge Stephanie Davis**
  Comanche County
- **Judge Tim O'Hare**
  Tarrant County
- **Judge Shane Britton**
  Brown County

City Representative

- **Jennifer VanderLaan**
  Johnson County Public Works
- **Jorge Ramon**
  Del Rio Economic Development Corporation
- **Mayor Doug Svien**
  Stephenville
- **Scott Hall**
  Tarrant County Department of Transportation
- **Andy Nguyen**
  Tarrant County
- **Mayor Jim Jarratt**
  City of Granbury

Planning Organizations

- **Clay Barnett**
  Grayson County Metropolitan Planning Organization
- **Eric Bridges**
  Texoma Council of Governments
- **Joe Rogers**
  West Central Council of Governments
- **John Austin Stokes**
  Concho Valley Council of Governments
- **Michael Morris**
  North Central Texas Council of Governments

Private Sector

- **David Dean**
  Dean International Inc.
- **Lindsay Mullins**
  BNSF Railway Company

Advocacy

- **Allen E. Hunter**
  TX Transit Association
- **Andrea Ball**
  Oklahoma Transit Association
- **Christy Lewis**
  Texas Agriculture Cooperative Council
- **Clint Rutledge**
  Texas Farm Bureau
- **Gary Fickes**
  TEX-21
- **Judd Messer**
  Advanced Power Alliance
- **Peter LeCody**
  Texas Rail Advocates
- **Rob Hughes**
  Texas Agriculture Council
- **Robin Stallings**
  BikeTexas

*Chair

US 377 Texas Corridor Study TxDOT Division and District Members

District Representative

- ☐ **Tucker Ferguson, P.E. |** *District Engineer, Austin District*
- ☐ **Heather Ashley Nguyen, P.E. |** *Director of TP&D, Austin District*
- ☐ **Antonio Lujan |** *Public Information Officer, Austin District*
- ☐ **Brad Wheelis |** *Public Information Officer, Austin District*
- ☐ **Greg Cedillo, P.E. |** *District Engineer, Brownwood District*
- ☐ **Jason Scantling, P.E. |** *Director of TP&D, Brownwood District*
- ☐ **Lisa Tipton |** *Public Information Officer, Brownwood District*
- ☐ **Ceason Clemens, P.E. |** *District Engineer, Dallas District*
- ☐ **John Hudspeth, P.E. |** *Deputy District Engineer, Dallas District*
- ☐ **Travis Campbell, P.E. |** *Director of TP&D, Dallas District*
- ☐ **Tony Hartzel |** *Public Information Officer, Dallas District*
- ☐ **David Salazar Jr., P.E. |** *District Engineer, Fort Worth District*
- ☐ **Ricardo Gonzalez, P.E. |** *Director of TP&D, Fort Worth District*
- ☐ **Bethany Kurtz |** *Public Information Officer, Fort Worth District*
- ☐ **Shawna Russell |** *Public Information Officer, Fort Worth District*
- ☐ **Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E. |** *District Engineer, Laredo District*
- ☐ **Roberto Rodriguez III, P.E. |** *Director of TP&D, Laredo District*
- ☐ **Raul Leal |** *Public Information Officer, Laredo District*
- ☐ **Noel Paramanantham, P.E. |** *District Engineer, Paris District*
- ☐ **Dan Perry, P.E. |** *Director of TP&D, Paris District*
- ☐ **Tim McAlavy** | *Public Information Officer, Paris District*
- ☐ **Christopher Cowen, P.E. |** *District Engineer, San Angelo District*
- ☐ **John DeWitt Jr., P.E. |** *Director of TP&D, San Angelo District*
- ☐ **Karen Threlkeld, |** *Public Information Officer, San Angelo District*

Division Representative

- ☐ **Dan Harmon |** *Aviation Division Director*
- ☐ **Graham Bettis, P.E. |** *Bridge Division Director*
- ☐ **Alejandro Garcia |** *Communications Division Director*
- ☐ **Jason Pike, P.E. |** *Design Division Director*
- ☐ **Trent Thomas |** *Government Affairs Director*
- ☐ **Michael Chacon, P.E. |** *Traffic Safety Division Director*
- ☐ **Erika Kemp |** *Strategic Initiatives and Innovation Division Director*
- ☐ **Eric Gleason |** *Public Transportation Division Director*
- ☐ **Jeffrey Davis |** *Rail Division Director*

PURPOSE

To identify multimodal transportation needs and prioritize improvements to enhance safety, mobility, connectivity, and system continuity along the study corridor and to support economic opportunity in the region.

TxDOT and Steering Committee Chair

Andy Eads

Steering Committee Chair

Andy Eads has served on the Denton County Commissioners Court as County Commissioner for Precinct 4 since 2007. Throughout his tenure, his leadership has been instrumental in the effort to rebuild nearly every state highway in Precinct 4, significantly enhancing the county's infrastructure. In recognition of his dedication to transportation improvements, he was appointed to the Denton County Transportation Authority Board of Directors in 2022.

TxDOT Leadership

Humberto Gonzalez

TxDOT Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

Humberto Gonzalez Jr., P.E., started his TxDOT career in 1999 as summer intern and joined full-time in 2003 as a construction project engineer in Laredo. In 2006, he became a design engineer in the District Transportation Planning & Development Section, earning his Professional Engineer License in 2007. Gonzalez held leadership roles, including Laredo District design engineer and deputy district engineer. In 2022, he was appointed director of the Transportation Planning and Programming Division, overseeing operations and development projects.

Andrew Canon

Section Director, Freight, International Trade and Connectivity

Andrew co-founded TRIAD Consulting Group where he provided translation services to the oil and gas industry. He then went on to work for TxDOT as a Transportation Planner in the Transportation Planning and Programming Division. From 2004 to 2023, he served as Executive Director of the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization, and then the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization. In his current role, Andrew directs and manages a wide range of projects from the Statewide Freight Mobility Plan, Corridor Planning Projects, and International Trade and Transportation Planning Studies.

US 377 Texas Corridor Study Team

Lorena Echeverria de Misi

Corridor Planning Branch Manager

Lorena has over 25 years of combined experience in the private and public sector. Her experience includes planning, design, management, and construction of urban and rural transportation projects. Before being names Manager of the TPP Division Corridor Planning Branch, she held different positions at Austin District and PEPS Division.

Cary Karnstadt

Corridor Project Manager

Cary has worked for TxDOT for over 25 years in various roles before joining the TPP Division as a Corridor Planning Project Manager. His experience includes corridor planning, crash analysis, and management of transportation projects.

Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

ITEM	TIME	WHAT TO EXPECT
Welcome/Introductions	9:00 a.m.	Steering Committee members get acquainted with each other
Interactive Tool/Icebreaker	9:10 a.m.	Introduction to the US 377 Interactive meeting tools
Safety Minute	9:15 a.m.	
Overview and Background • Study Purpose, Components, and Process • Stakeholder Structure and Expectations of Engagement • Study Schedule • Study Considerations	9:20 a.m.	Description of the scope of work, the role of the Steering Committee and what members can expect through the process
Context and Socio-Economics Forecasts and Input	9:40 a.m.	Discussion of corridor, its connections, and the current socio-economic trends in communities along the interstate
Break	10:10 am	10-minute comfort break
Corridor Conditions	10:20 a.m.	Provide a summary of current conditions for each roadway element, early findings of safety analysis, and current traffic levels and implications.
Corridor Visioning	11:00 a.m.	Interactive exercise to craft and refine vision and mission of the study
Three Month Look Ahead & Next Steps	11:25 a.m.	Summary of upcoming activities
Closing Remarks	11:30 a.m.	Closing remarks from Honorable Eads