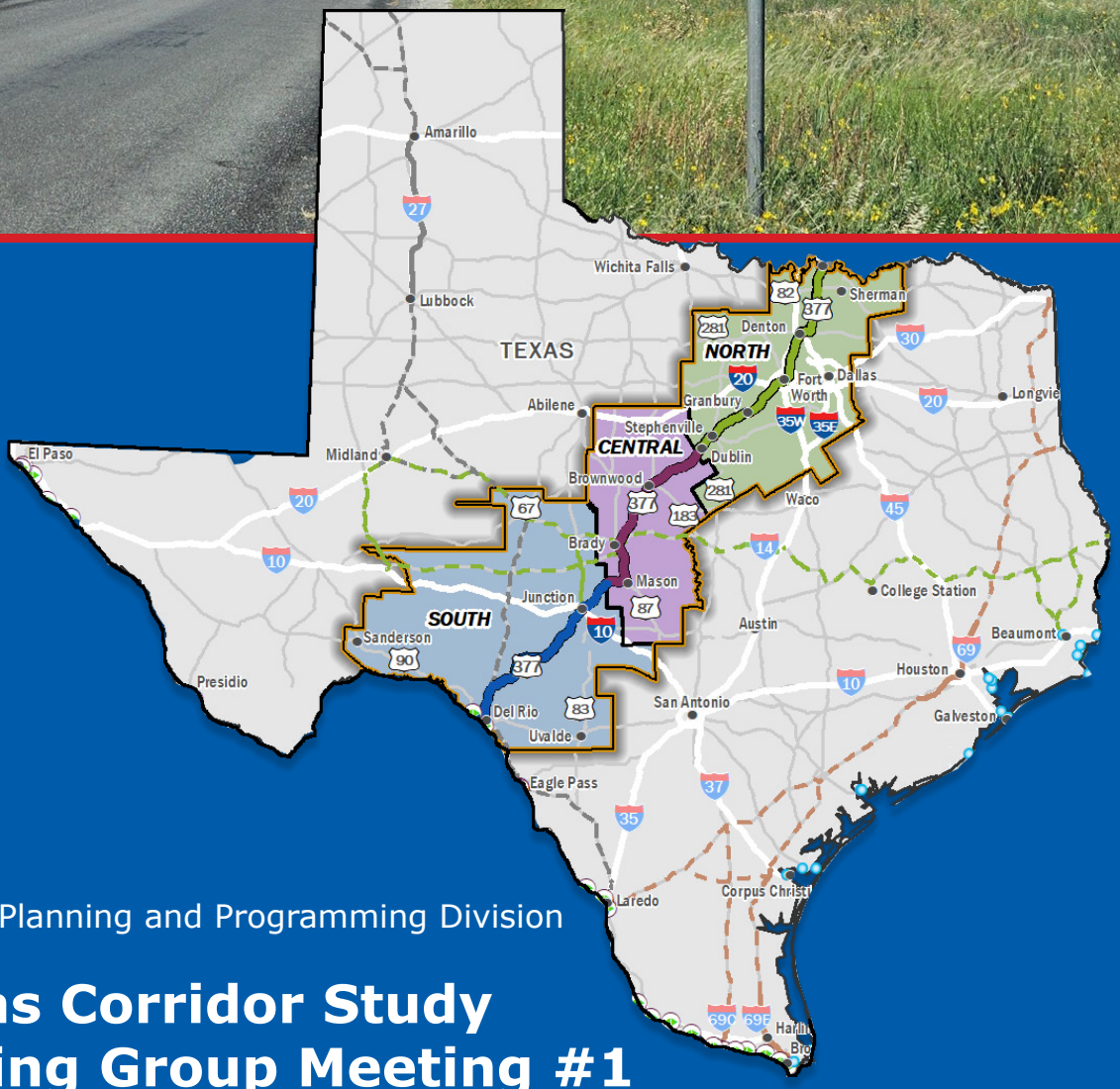

TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division

US 377 Texas Corridor Study
South Working Group Meeting #1

Virtual Meeting Agenda | October 29, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. (CT) – 3:30 p.m. (CT)

US 377 Texas Corridor Study South Working Group Invitees

County Judges and Commissioners

- [ ] **Judge Brandon Corbin**
  Menard County
- [ ] **Judge Lewis Owens**
  Val Verde County
- [ ] **Judge Hal A. Rose**
  Kimble County
- [ ] **Judge Souli Asa Shanklin***
  Edwards County

Mayors and City Council Members

- [ ] **Mayor Alvaro Arreola**
  City of Del Rio

Other State, County and City Representatives

- [ ] **Michelle Garcia**
  Middle Rio Grande Development Council
- [ ] **Eric Martinez**
  Middle Rio Grande Development Council
- [ ] **Jorge Ramon**
  Del Rio Economic Development Corporation
- [ ] **Edward Terry**
  South Llano River State Park

MPO, COGs, & Other Transportation Agencies

- [ ] **Mark Arrazola**
  Kimble County Chamber of Commerce
- [ ] **Liliana Flores**
  US Customs and Border Protection
- [ ] **Bethany Gonzalez**
  Del Rio Chamber of Commerce
- [ ] **Sarah Hidalgo-Cook**
  Southwest Area Regional Transit District
- [ ] **Julian De Hoyos**
  U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- [ ] **Robin Stallings**
  BikeTexas
- [ ] **John Austin Stokes**
  Concho Valley Council of Governments

Private Sector

- [ ] **Jose Garcia**
  UPS
- [ ] **Brad Hodsden**
  Walmart
- [ ] **John N. King**
  Southwest International Border Broker
- [ ] **Carson Landsgard**
  HEB
- [ ] **Rick Powers**
  Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association
- [ ] **Gerardo Sanchez**
  Gerardo Sanchez Customs Broker
- [ ] **John Stricklin**
  Old Dominion Freight Line
- [ ] **Brenda Torres**
  Gerardo Sanchez Customs Broker

* South Working Group Chair

US 377 Texas Corridor Study TxDOT Division and District Members

District Representative

- ☐ **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*
- ☐ **John DeWitt Jr., P.E. |** *Director of TP&D, San Angelo District*
- ☐ **Karen Threlkeld |** *Public Information Officer, San Angelo District*
- ☐ **Chris Cowen |** *District Engineer, 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*

Study 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.

US 377 Texas Corridor Study South Working Group Chair

Souli Asa Shanklin

South Working Group Chair

The Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin has served as the County Judge for Edwards County since 2011. Judge Shanklin has distinguished himself through his outstanding work as presiding officer of the commissioner's court and through his astute leadership of the county government operations. Judge Shanklin is a member of the I-27 Advisory Committee.

TxDOT Leadership

Humberto Gonzalez, P.E., M.B.A.

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, P.E.

Corridor Planning Branch Manager, TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division

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, TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division

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.

US 377 Texas Corridor Study South Working Group Meeting Agenda

ITEM	TIME	WHAT TO EXPECT
Welcome/Introductions	1:00 p.m.	Working Group members get acquainted with each other
Interactive Tool/Icebreaker	1:10 p.m.	Introduction to the US 377 Interactive meeting tools
Safety Minute	1:15 p.m.	
Overview and Background • Study Purpose, Components, and Process • Stakeholder Structure and Expectations of Engagement • Study Schedule • Study Considerations	1:20 p.m.	Description of the scope of work, the role of the Working Group and what members can expect through the process
Segment Context and Socio-Economic Profile	1:40 p.m.	Discussion of corridor and segment, its connections, and the current socio-economic trends in communities along the interstate
Break	2:10 p.m.	10-minute comfort break
Segment Conditions	2:20 p.m.	Provide a summary of current conditions for each roadway element, early findings of safety analysis, and current traffic levels and implications
Corridor Visioning	3:00 p.m.	Interactive exercise to craft and refine vision and mission of the study
Look Ahead & Next Steps	3:25 p.m.	Summary of upcoming activities
Closing Remarks	3:30 p.m.	Closing remarks from Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin