

US 83 REGIONAL CORRIDOR STUDY



LAREDO AND PHARR DISTRICTS/TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

FACT SHEET

From I-2 terminus west of Palmview to US Highway 59/State Loop 20 junction in Laredo

Study Overview

The Texas-Mexico border is North America's busiest gateway for the movement of people and goods. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting a planning study along US Highway 83 (US 83) from the Interstate 2 (I-2) terminus west of Palmview to the vicinity of Mangana-Hein Road in south Laredo. The study corridor then continues generally north along State Loop 20 to its intersection with US 59 in east Laredo. The study is being conducted to identify multimodal transportation needs related to safety, mobility (including freight), traffic flow, hurricane evacuation, and connectivity. The study will also evaluate the feasibility of upgrading this corridor to interstate design standards. The study will culminate with a plan that includes a list of recommendations such as detailed planning studies and specific transportation improvements.

Key Considerations

The US 83 Regional Corridor Study will consider a number of, needs, issues, and improvements, including, but not limited to the following:



Schedule (Subject to Change)

Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Fall 2022 and Winter 2023	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Study Begins ● Collect Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct a public survey ● Identify needs ● Analyze data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop and Recommend Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Host public open houses ● Finalize recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepare a Corridor Development Plan ● Study concludes



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Importance of the US 83 Study Corridor

- Is a vital element of border infrastructure connecting communities, government and industries along the international border.
- Serves as a critical transportation facility within and between urban and rural communities along the corridor.
- Connects to Interstate 2 which leads into major maritime ports and waterways.
- Connects to US 59, which is planned to be upgraded to interstate standards as part of the I-69 System in Texas.
- Is in proximity to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, which extends from Laredo and South Texas, across West Texas and into New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado.
- Provides connectivity to numerous South Texas US Ports of Entry.
- Functions as a hurricane evacuation route and is part of the Texas Highway Freight Network.

Stakeholder Engagement and Public Involvement

For the US 83 Regional Corridor Study, the public, businesses, government entities and other interested parties will have a variety of opportunities to provide input and feedback. A survey in the summer of 2022 will kick off the outreach efforts. As warranted, TxDOT will engage stakeholders to discuss specific issues related to the study. Public open houses are planned in the spring of 2023, where recommendations will be presented and the opportunity to receive feedback provided.

Input and data collected from the public throughout the process of this study will help identify and prioritize improvement needs to be reviewed and recommended during the study planning process. For further information or to comment on this study, please visit www.txdot.gov (keyword: US 83 Regional Corridor).

CORRIDOR CHARACTERISTICS

Approximately 130 miles

Located in four counties: Webb, Zapata, Starr and Hidalgo

Within the Rio Grande Valley and Laredo and Webb County MPOs, and TxDOT Pharr and Laredo Districts

Serves as the “Main Street” for goods and services in many towns and communities

Predominantly a two-lane roadway along rural areas north of Roma with a section of freeway in Laredo

Four-lane undivided roadway with a center turn lane south of Roma

Numerous schools and school zones along the roadway

Provides access to recreational resources including Falcon State Park and Lower Rio Grande Valley Wildlife Refuge