



# TxDOT Tyler District Annual Bicycle Meeting

December 14, 2021

Video Script

<p>A</p> <p>TxDOT Intro</p>	<p>The Texas Department of Transportation, commonly called TxDOT, welcomes you to this virtual public meeting on December 14, 2021 for the Tyler Districts' Annual Bicycle Meeting.</p> <p>Given the broad geographical relevance for the entire 8-county district, TxDOT is conducting a virtual public meeting that is available online to be viewed at your convenience. Details on how to submit a comment and how to have your questions addressed will be covered later in this presentation. All project information can be found on the project website page at <a href="http://www.txdot.gov">www.txdot.gov</a> keyword search: Tyler District Annual Bicycle Meeting.</p> <p>Please note, during this virtual public meeting you can pause the presentation at any point to allow more time to view the slides or view other documents on the website.</p>
<p>B</p> <p>Safety Minute</p>	<p>November 7, 2000 was the last day that no fatalities occurred on Texas Roadways. For the past several years, an average of ten people die each day on Texas roadways. Please practice safe, distraction free driving to protect yourself and everyone around you. The 2020 statistics had a total of 3,896 Deaths; with 717 pedestrians, 79 cyclists, and 482 motorcyclists comprising a significant portion of the total.</p>
<p>C</p> <p>Purpose of Public Meeting</p>	<p>The purpose of this public meeting is to provide information on transportation projects that might affect bicycle use, plans, policies, and programs for the TxDOT Tyler District and to receive public comments on those projects.</p>
<p>D</p> <p>Tyler District Location</p>	<p>The Tyler District is in the northeast corner of Texas, and primarily within the piney woods Region of East Texas. The city of Tyler provides the namesake of the district. Tyler is the largest city within the district, centrally located, and houses the district headquarters.</p>
<p>E</p> <p>Tyler District Counties</p>	<p>The Tyler District is comprised of 8 counties: Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk, Smith, Van Zandt, and Wood. Some of the prominent cities within the district and these counties include Palestine, Jacksonville, Athens, Henderson, Longview, Kilgore, Canton, Mineola, Lindale, and Tyler.</p>
<p>F</p> <p>Bicycle Facilities Map</p>	<p>This map shows TxDOT roadways within the Tyler District, but differentiates with blue symbol the roadways that have shoulders with 4 feet and greater width. While bicycles can utilize all roadways, the greater width in shoulders allow for a safer and less stressful ride for cyclists and motorists.</p>
<p>G</p> <p>Projects – Anderson Co.</p>	<p>The projects listed for Anderson County will be released to contractors for bidding in the let year date listed in the column on the right side of the slide. Construction tentatively will begin within 3-4 months after the let date. These projects fall within the 2022 Fiscal year, which is from September 2021 to August 2022. The project list also extends to December 2022, a full year from the time of this meeting.</p>
<p>H</p> <p>Projects – Cherokee Co.</p>	<p>The listed projects on this slide will be let for bidding within Cherokee County from September 2021 through December 2022.</p>
<p>I</p> <p>Projects – Gregg Co.</p>	<p>The listed projects on this slide will be let for bidding within Gregg County from December 2021 through December 2022.</p>

K Projects – Henderson Co.	The listed projects on this slide will be let for bidding within Henderson County from December 2021 through December 2022.
L Projects – Rusk Co.	The listed projects on this slide will be let for bidding within Rusk County from September 2021 through December 2022.
M Projects – Smith Co.	The listed projects on this slide will be let for bidding within Smith County from September 2021 through December 2022.
N Projects – Van Zandt Co.	The listed projects on this slide will be let for bidding within Van Zandt County from December 2021 through December 2022.
O Projects – Wood Co.	The listed projects on this slide will be let for bidding within Wood County from December 2021 through December 2022.
Q Project Type and Duration	The projects listed on the previous slides have types of work that fall broadly into three main categories: minor, rehabilitation, and multimodal. The minor projects include seal coat, overlay, chevrons, traffic control devices, bridge maintenance, hazard elimination, and various locations. These projects have durations, per location, of approximately one week to six months. The rehabilitation category contains widening, bridge replacement, and super two projects that have a potential duration of three months to two years. The multimodal projects consist of sidewalks and curb ramps, road diet, and intersection improvement. The pedestrian and cyclist focused project have a large variance in scope of work and have a potential duration of one month to two years.
R TxDOT Partners	TxDOT, Metropolitan Planning Organizations or MPOs, and local partners are working collaboratively on a common goal to connect the multimodal network within the region.
S Tyler MPO	The Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization covers the majority of Smith County. The Tyler Area MPO works with TxDOT, the city of Tyler, and the surrounding municipalities within its boundary to prioritize projects and develop a plan for transportation projects of all modes.
T Longview MPO	The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization covers the city of Longview within Gregg County, extends to Gladewater and Upshur County, as well as Harrison county, which are within the Atlanta District. The Longview MPO works with TxDOT, the city of Longview, and the surrounding municipalities within its boundary to prioritize projects and develop a plan for transportation projects of all modes.
U TA Program	TxDOT administers the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside or TA Program funds for locally sponsored bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects in communities less than 200,000 in population. For the Tyler District, that means all entities are eligible to apply for the reimbursement program.
V TA Projects - Construction	Current TA projects that are under construction include the Guthrie Creek shared use path in Longview, a bike stripe project in Tyler, and sidewalk improvements in Winnsboro.
W TA Projects - Planning	Current TA projects that are being planned include a sidewalk project on SH 31 in Athens, another sidewalk project on FM 849 in Lindale, and the Legacy trail shared-use path extension in Tyler.

X TA Projects - Initiation	Current TA projects that have been recently funded include a sidewalk project on SH 19 in Athens and the Mobberly Avenue Complete Street in Longview.
Y Comments and Questions	<p>We appreciate your interest in this project and thank you for your participation.</p> <p>If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please mail a comment to: Texas Department of Transportation Tyler District Attn: Bobby Burke 2709 West Front Street Tyler, TX 75702</p> <p>Or E-mail a comment to: <a href="mailto:bobby.burke@txdot.gov">bobby.burke@txdot.gov</a>.</p> <p>Remember to submit or postmark your comments on or before Tuesday, January 4, 2022, to be included in the official summary of this meeting.</p> <p>Again, thank you for your time and remember to drive without distractions. This concludes our presentation. TxDOT Tyler District thanks you for your participation in this virtual public meeting, and for your interest in bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility. Together we can build a better future.</p>