

US 69 Feasibility Study



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the US 69 Feasibility Study?

The City of Tyler, the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have partnered to conduct a study that explores improvements, including innovative intersections, on US 69 (South Broadway Avenue) from Amherst Street to FM 2813.

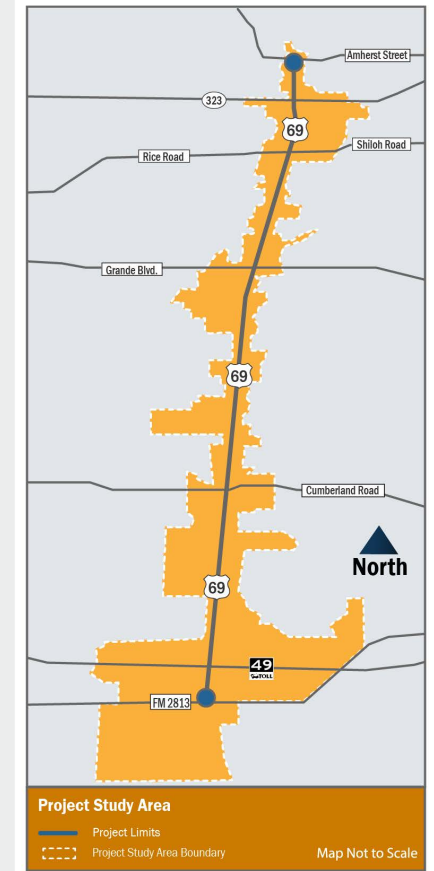
The feasibility study will identify a recommended option that will address current and future traffic-related delays along the existing corridor. The recommended option identified in this study will serve as the starting point for future phases of the project development process, should the project advance beyond the current feasibility study.

Why is the US Feasibility Study being conducted?

- Traffic along the corridor is expected to nearly double within the next 25 years.
- South Broadway Avenue, from Loop 323 to Toll 49, is the most congested roadway in Smith County. It was also ranked as Texas' 67th Most Congested Roadway in 2017 by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.
- Addressing the traffic related problems between Loop 323 and Toll 49 was identified as the highest ranked project for the TxDOT Tyler District (TxDOT, 2017).

What are the goals and objectives of the study?

1. Accommodate Future Growth
 - Identify potential right of way (ROW) needed in the future
2. Improve Mobility
 - Reduce delays
 - Improve sidewalks for pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity
 - Add transit bus pullouts
 - Increase throughput (enables more vehicles to travel the roadway)
3. Minimize Impacts to Adjacent Property Owners and Businesses
 - Maintain access
 - Minimize ROW acquisition
 - Minimize physical barriers (i.e. medians) that could reduce accessibility to businesses
4. Enhance Safety
 - Add pedestrian islands (medians and right turns) at intersections
 - Separate vehicle traffic from bicyclists and pedestrians
 - Consolidate driveways



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit txdot.gov and search "US 69 Feasibility Study" or visit the Tyler Area MPO website at www.TylerAreaMPO.org and select the US 69 Feasibility Study link.

You can also contact the project team at 903-600-6402 or us69feasibilitystudy@gmail.com.

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How is the study being conducted?

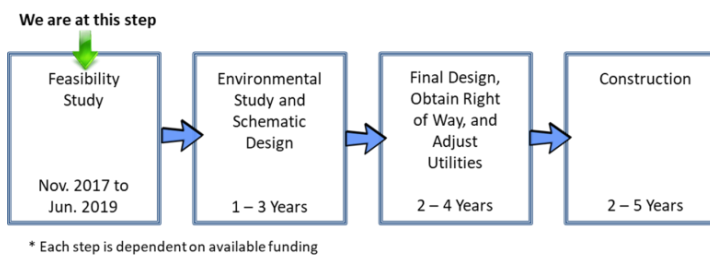
A working group of local city, agency, and business representatives, chaired by Mayor Martin Heines, is collaborating with TxDOT to identify local issues of concern, develop study goals and objectives, and participate in the evaluation of potential improvements. Using the support and technical expertise of TxDOT's consultants, the team is reviewing a variety of sources, including traffic studies and environmental constraints information. That data, along with community feedback, will provide the information needed to develop conceptual improvement options, and ultimately, a recommended option, which will serve as the starting point for future phases of the project development, should the project advance beyond the current feasibility study.

Have TxDOT, the City of Tyler and the Tyler Area MPO identified a recommended option?

No. TxDOT, the City, and the Tyler Area MPO have not identified a recommended option. Traffic-related data and community feedback will be used to identify a recommended option for the corridor.

What are the next steps after the feasibility study?

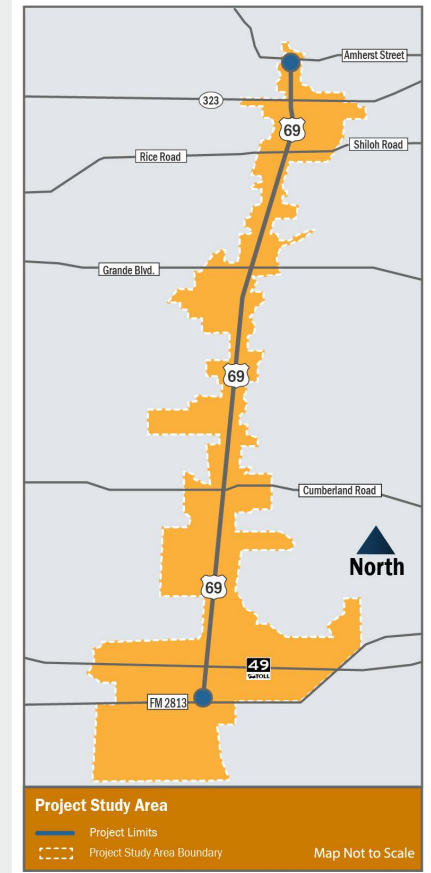
The feasibility study is the first step in the project development process. Advancement from step to step is contingent upon the outcome of the previous step and the availability of funding. Should funding be identified, future studies would be conducted and designs would be developed prior to the start of any construction. The graphic below describes the project development process:



How can the public stay involved?

The community will have multiple opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the study. A second open house is anticipated in winter 2018/2019.

An online community survey is available from July 17, 2018, until August 1, 2018. The link to the survey can be found on TxDOT's web page by visiting www.txdot.gov, searching "US 69 Feasibility Study" and following the online link to the survey. Comment forms are available on the Tyler Area MPO and TxDOT project websites.



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