



FM 2271 Extension Regional Feasibility Study Summary of Alternatives Analysis

- TxDOT's Waco district is undertaking this feasibility study to increase connectivity in the region by offering additional travel options to residents and visitors
- The outcome of this study are recommendations for three conceptual alternatives that may be further developed and modified in future environmental studies depending on the availability of funding
- Through input from the public and stakeholders the study had established needs of enhancing
 - Mobility
 - Connectivity
 - Safety
- Through input from the public, stakeholders, and the study technical team, 91 alternatives were developed in an effort to meet the needs of the region and accomplish the study goals. The study's goals were:
 - Improving safety
 - Improving connectivity for all modes
 - Reducing congestion/improving mobility and system efficiency
 - Supporting future growth
 - Protecting environmental, cultural, and recreational assets
 - Maximizing cost-effectiveness
 - Preserving critical infrastructure (i.e., Belton Lake and Stillhouse Hollow Dams)
- The 91 alternatives were consolidated and screened into six Preliminary Alternatives presented at the Nov. 15 Public Meeting. Based on public input one additional alternative was added bringing the number of Preliminary Alternatives to seven.
- The seven preliminary alternatives were evaluated to determine if they met the study goals with consideration of public and stakeholder input. A critical element of a successful feasibility study is public and stakeholder engagement.
- The three recommended conceptual alternatives are the routes that performed best in meeting the study's goals and public acceptance.
- The outcome of this study does not restrict local governments from advancing any of the alternatives through a locally-driven process.