Texas Department of Transportation

TxDOT/WACO

US 281 Hamilton Truck/Relief Route Project

FACT SHEET

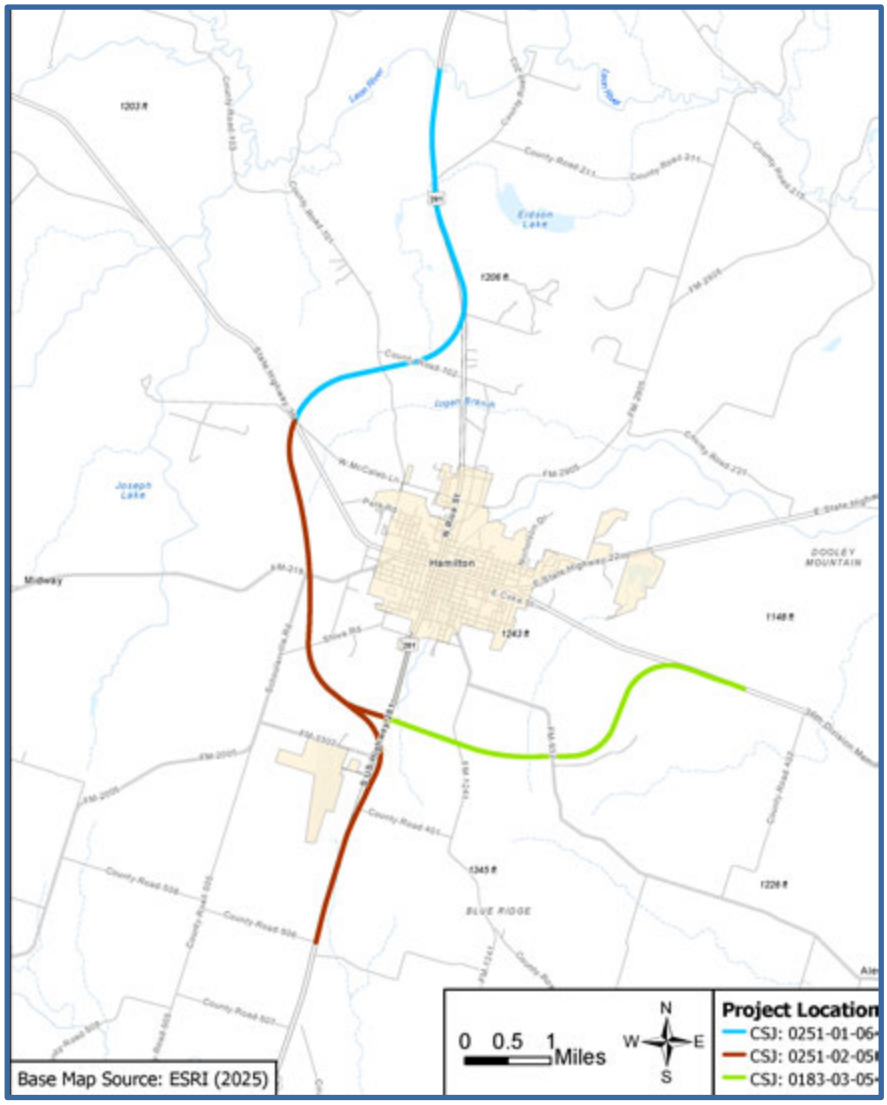
Project Overview

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing the installation of a new location roadway US 281 Hamilton Truck / Relief Route (CSJs 0251-01-064, 0251-02-050, and 0183-03-054) spanning from 1.25 miles north of CR 203 (Leon River) to SH 36, US 281 from SH 36 to CR 506, and SH 36 from US 281 to SH 36 in Hamilton County, Texas.

Project Details

- Approximately 16.7 miles
- A prior TxDOT US 281 Hamilton Truck/Relief Route Feasibility Study produced a study- recommended alignment
- Schematic design and environmental analysis phases are ongoing
- The Truck/Relief Route is proposed to be a four-lane divided roadway with 12-foot-wide lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders, non-continuous two-lane frontage roads, and access ramps
- Construction estimated to begin in 2029

Project Location Map



What is the project purpose?

The US 281 Hamilton Truck/Relief Route project will alleviate US 281, SH 36 and SH 22-related traffic congestion with a solution which accounts for:

- Mobility
- Safety, including hazardous truck cargo
- Traffic Operations
- Natural and Human Environments

Questions or Comments

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What is the current phase of the Truck/Relief Route?

The project's Schematic Design and Environmental Analysis phase is ongoing. A prior US 281 Truck/Relief Route Feasibility Study phase explored multiple route alignment options and produced a study-recommended Truck/Relief Route alignment. The Design process explores optimal locations for access ramps, bridges, and livestock passes beneath elevated segments of the Truck/Relief Route.

How are the environmental aspects being considered?

The project is identifying environmental features that could potentially be impacted by the proposed T/RR alignment. An environmental constraints map has been prepared as one tool to avoid sensitive environmental sites or minimize impacts to the sites which include businesses and residences, cemeteries, floodplains and streams, historic structures, houses of worship, public facilities, and species-specific vegetation.

What helpful info can the public provide TxDOT during this phase of the project?

Comments from landowners, business owners and residents are welcome. Their unique perspective can provide valuable insight on designing the Truck/Relief Route project.

What are the next steps?

TxDOT will refine the schematic design based on comments received at the public meeting. After a subsequent public hearing is conducted by TxDOT and after the supporting environmental documents have been approved, TxDOT will determine post-schematic Truck/Relief Route construction plans.

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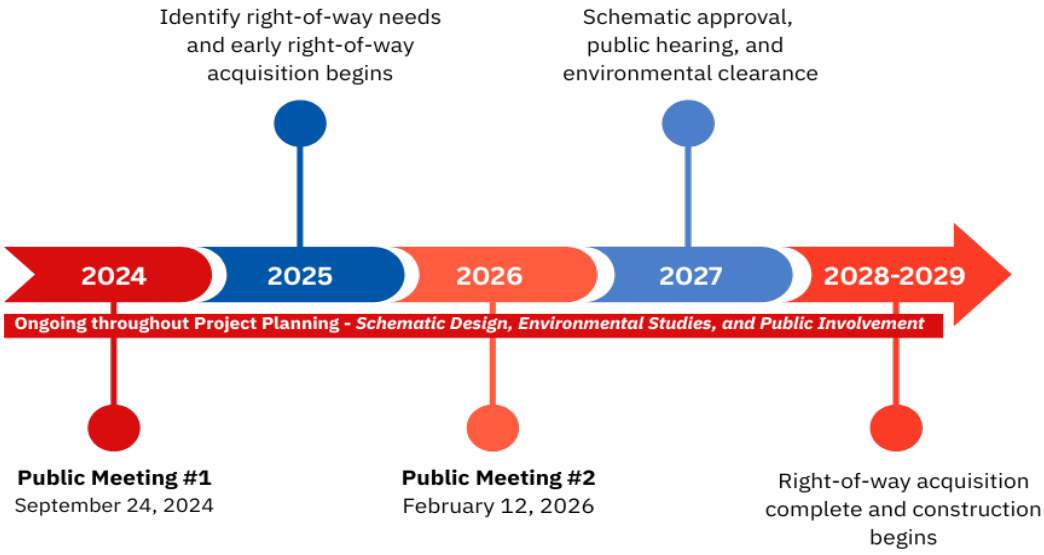
Project Milestones



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