TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FACT SHEET

United States Highway (US) 281 Relief Route Feasibility Study
From North of Hamilton to South Hamilton in Hamilton County, Texas
CSJ: 0251-01-067
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What is the Relief Route Feasibility Study?
A Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Study to explore design solutions to alleviate congestion along US 281, a heavily traveled north-south facility and freight route which is also being utilized by daily travelers as an alternate to traveling I-35. Both truck traffic and ordinary daily traffic has led to increasing US 281 congestion within the City of Hamilton, but space in Hamilton's constrained downtown square district is insufficient to add US 281 travel lanes. Therefore, this Study will consider an array of alignment options for a new location Relief Route roadway which can alleviate US 281. All options will be evaluated alongside the public to produce an optimum US 281 traffic relief solution based on the Study's primary transportation goals and objectives:

- Safety
- Mobility & Congestion Relief
- Reliability

Who is involved in the Study?
Coordination includes the general public, property owners, corridor stakeholders, community leaders, the City of Hamilton, and Hamilton County offices.

What will the study recommendations involve?

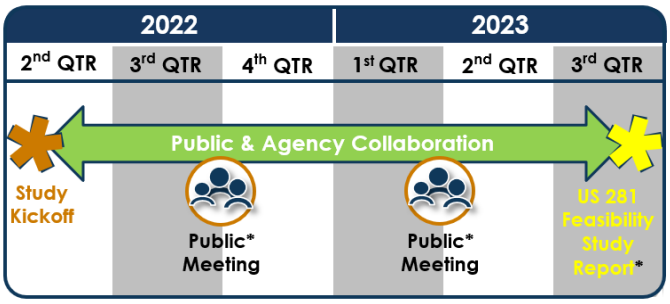
- Crash history locations
- Safety
- Signalization & signage
- Bicycle & Pedestrian accommodation
- Forecast travel demand through year 2045
- Alignment Alternatives exploration
- Roadway Access management

Where in the Hamilton area will the alignment options for the potential Relief Route be located?
Please view the **Study Area** on the **Study Location Map** located on the opposite side of this Fact Sheet.

Will the Study recommendations be accessible?
View all the ongoing Study updates and postings, including the Final Study Report, at **www.txdot.gov** (search "US 281 Relief Route").

What post-Study US 281 phases occur?
TxDOT production of Roadway Design Schematics and an Environmental Assessment alongside public meeting and public hearing input opportunities.

How can the public get involved?
All of the Study's recommended solutions will reflect the input and feedback received from the public, stakeholders, and elected officials. Outreach to each party is continual throughout the Study development process which will include public meetings conducted during various forecast study milestones:



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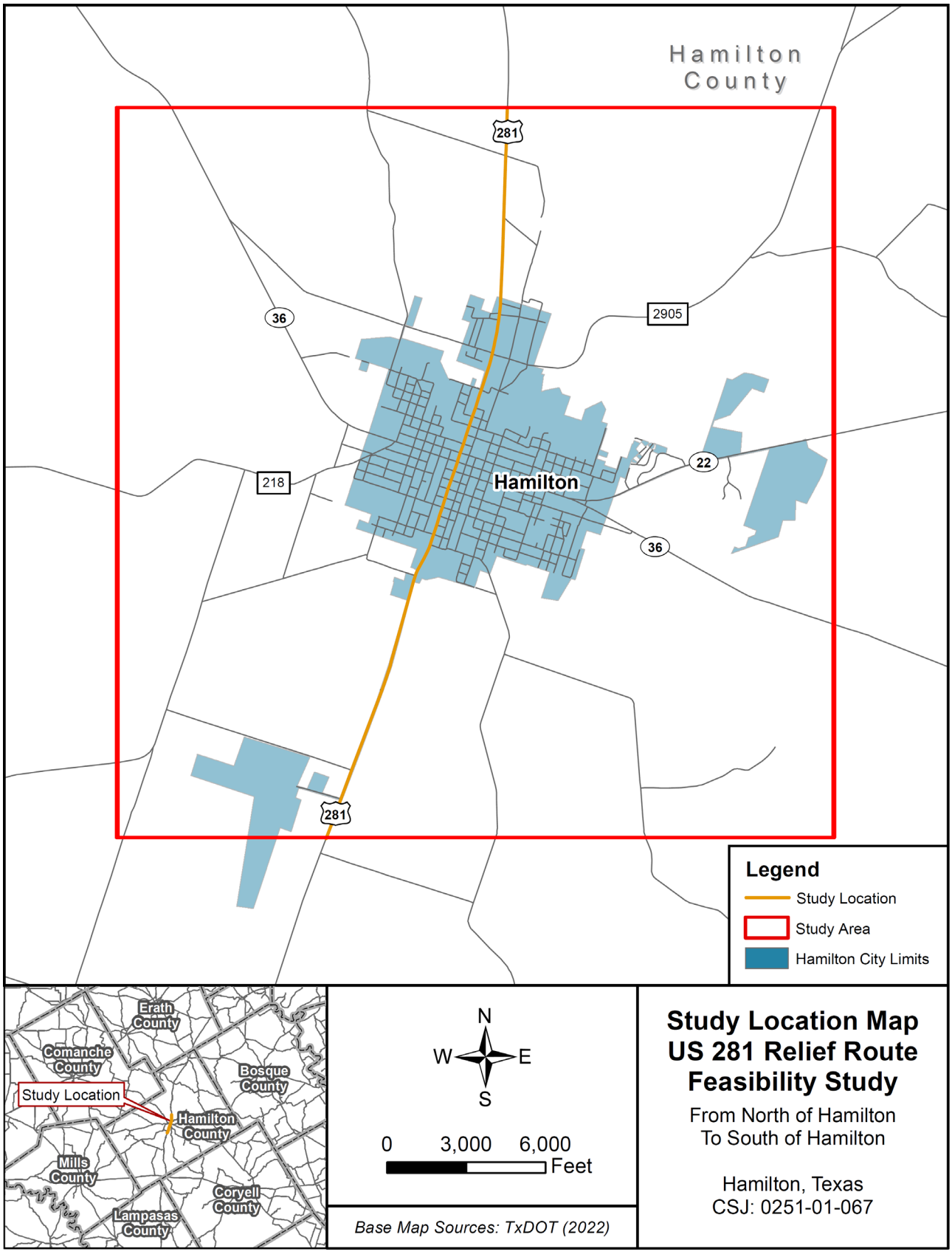
The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



Base Map Sources: TxDOT (2022)

Study Location Map
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