



Notice of Public Meeting
US 281 Hamilton Relief Route Feasibility Study
and Widening Project
From US 84 (Evant, TX) to SH 6 (Hico, TX)
CSJ: 0251-01-067
Hamilton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen US 281 from US 84 (Evant, TX) to SH 6 (Hico, TX) in Hamilton County, Texas. TxDOT is also conducting a Feasibility Study to evaluate Alternative Alignments for a new location facility (Relief Route) around the City of Hamilton in Hamilton County. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an in-person and online virtual public meeting addressing the widening project and the study. **The same information will be available at the in-person and virtual meeting.**

In-Person Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Hamilton Junior HS Cafeteria
400 S. College Street
Hamilton, TX 76457



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Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022 at 6 p.m. through
Wednesday, Nov 2, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.
Project Website:
www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/waco/us281.html

The in-person meeting will occur on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the Hamilton Junior High School Cafeteria at 6 p.m. and will be an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. Staff will be available to answer questions and accept comments. The virtual meeting can be viewed Tuesday, October 18, 2022 starting at 6 p.m. through Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website listed above. You can also access the project website by scanning the QR code. Website materials will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation that includes both audio and video components, and other meeting exhibits. The virtual public meeting is not a live event and the materials can be viewed at your convenience. If you do not have internet access, you may call (254) 867-2700 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials. **Please note the materials will not be available for review until October 18, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

The purpose of the Widening Project is to evaluate potential future capacity improvements to the US 281 corridor. The project is approximately 37 miles long from Evant, TX to Hico, TX. The widening concepts being explored would widen US 281 to a 4-lane divided roadway with bicyclist accommodation. The Feasibility Study is evaluating Alternative Alignment concepts for a new location relief route located around the City of Hamilton to alleviate US 281 traffic congestion in downtown Hamilton. New alignment and widening options would require additional right-of-way to accommodate the potential US 281 improvements and traffic congestion alleviation being explored by the project and the study. Further environmental studies would be needed to determine environmental impacts.

Any maps and drawings presenting the project and study location and alternatives, along with other information regarding the project and study are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Waco District Office, 100 S. Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704. Project and study materials are also available online at the project website.

The in-person and virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at 254-867-2836

no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, October 13, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the project and study are requested and may be submitted by mail to the US 281 Study Team, C/O Civil Associates, Inc. 9330 LBJ Frwy, Suite 1150, Dallas, TX 75243. Written comments may also be submitted by email to US281.Hamilton@civilassociates.com. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/waco/us281.html once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the project and study, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Abram VanElswyk, P.E., at (254) 867-2700.

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.