



## US 82 Reliever Route Study - Gainesville, Texas Frequently Asked Questions

Please Note: Any questions received through the comment forms will be addressed in the Open House Summary Report that will be available for review at the TxDOT District office and on the website.

### **1. Why is the proposed project being considered and what are the benefits (What is the purpose for the proposed project)?**

This project is a continuation of previous study efforts that identified strategies to improve mobility in the US 82 / I-35 corridor. The purpose and anticipated benefits are to meet local and regional future travel demands by adding a reliever route between US 82 and I-35 around Gainesville.

### **2. Will the project require additional right-of-way (ROW)?**

Yes. The amount of required ROW is unknown at this time because a preferred alignment has not been identified. When ROW is acquired, TxDOT proposes to acquire 300 feet of right-of-way for the ultimate roadway, which is a 4-Lane controlled access highway.

### **3. Will the project require any displacements of businesses or residences?**

It is likely that some displacements may occur after a final alignment is determined. All proposed routes under consideration currently include some displacements of businesses or residences.

### **4. Who is included in the Stakeholder Workgroup?**

The stakeholder workgroup is comprised of County and City leaders as well as various business leaders in the area.

### **5. Where did the alignments under consideration originate from?**

The alignments being presented at the Public Meeting on May 16, 2017, are based on comments received from the Public Meeting on October 4, 2016, and also from the online survey, which was available from November 10 through December 7, 2016.

### **6. How long will the study last?**

The study has been underway for 1 year and is expected to last another year.



### **7. What is the construction cost of the project?**

At this stage of project development, the preferred alignment has not been decided therefore no construction cost estimate is available. The cost effectiveness of each alignment that is being presented is being assumed based on the alternative length.

### **8. When will the construction begin and how long will it take?**

At this time funding is available only for planning and study development. Construction is not funded at this time.

### **9. How can we stay informed about the project?**

You can sign up for our mailing list at this public meeting and look for updates on the project website. Go to [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search 'US 82 Reliever Route'.

### **10. Why not just use FM 3092?**

Alternatives H and I that are currently under consideration use a portion of FM 3092. However, there are a couple of existing curves on FM 3092 that do not meet the design speed of the proposed Reliever Route. In the area of these curves, the proposed design has been shifted to the east to try to minimize impact to existing buildings.

### **11. Why are you considering one-way frontage roads?**

It has been determined that the preferred operation for frontage roads is one-way since one-way frontage roads are considered to be significantly safer than two-way frontage roads. With traffic forecasts projecting to increase over time, the recommendation is to use one-way frontage roads. The benefits expected from one-way frontage roads are:

- Smoother traffic flow
- Improved safety at entrance ramps and exit ramps
- Improved intersection safety & efficiency
- Helps make frontage roads uniform statewide
- Meets driver expectations by bringing consistency statewide to local frontage roads

### **12. What other improvement efforts are planned for US 82?**

Other than a project currently under construction along US 82, there are no other projects planned for the time being to make operational improvements to US 82.



**13. Will the public have input in the planning and decision-making process? If so, how will you keep the public informed?**

The public is being given the opportunity to comment during the public involvement process. Persons wishing to submit written comments are encouraged to fill out comment forms provided at the sign-in table. Comment forms may be turned in at this meeting, mailed to the address listed on the comment form, or emailed to [MyProjectsWichitaFalls@txdot.gov](mailto:MyProjectsWichitaFalls@txdot.gov). For the comments to be included in the meeting summary for this meeting, the comments need to be postmarked or received on or prior to **May 31, 2017**. All comments received from the public will be documented, reviewed, and responded to in an open house summary report that will be available to the public after the summary report is approved.

**14. What other improvement efforts are planned for I-35?**

There are efforts underway to widen I-35 to three lanes in each direction and consultants are working to revise the schematic based on feedback we received from the public. We also have consultants working on an environmental study along the corridor. Additionally, survey firms are starting to develop property descriptions and plats for the ROW that will be acquired.

**15. What is the latest with the I-35 Environmental Assessment?**

We anticipate the project to be environmentally clear by spring of 2018.

**16. What is the funding source for this project?**

At this time, the project does not have funding for construction. Should the project be funded for construction, it is anticipated state and federal funds would be used.