



# I-20 East Texas Corridor Study

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## Fact Sheet



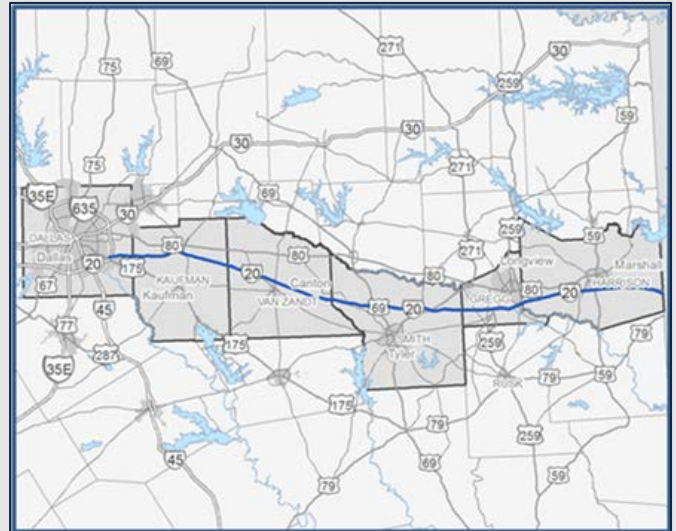
### Overview

IH 20 provides an important east-west connection for travel and trade in Texas. As the interstate system ages and population and trade increases, it is necessary to assess the current safety and capacity needs and plan for the future. A Corridor Assessment study will be undertaken to identify rural transportation needs along IH 20 from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolitan Area to the Texas/Louisiana State Line.

### Scope of Study

The study will:

- Assess current corridor conditions and identify short, intermediate and long-term needs. The needs assessment will focus on addressing safety, congestion, and system preservation concerns.
- Identify opportunities for addressing needs related to vehicular, freight and alternative transportation modes.
- Consider funding requirements for implementation of potential improvements, including alternative/non-traditional funding strategies.
- Outline next steps for TxDOT and other transportation stakeholders to consider advancing project development activities for the corridor.





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### Advisory Committee

An integral component of this study will be working with public and private stakeholders through an Advisory Committee. The charge of the Committee will be to assist TxDOT in assessing the rural transportation needs along I-20 by providing locally focused input and recommendations. The Committee will provide a valuable avenue for public outreach and input on issues that include:

- Rural transportation needs along the I-20 corridor
- Local planning issues (development activities, planning/environmental features)
- Opportunities for short, intermediate and long-term transportation improvements
- Recommendations for addressing freight and alternative transportation modes
- Input on the feasibility of potential alternative/non-traditional funding strategies
- Recommendations on priorities and next steps for TxDOT and other local stakeholders to consider in advancing project development activities for the corridor

The Advisory Committee will be comprised of individuals representing a cross-section of elected officials and other stakeholders along the corridor. Committee members will include representation from the following:

- Counties (Dallas, Kaufman, Van Zandt, Smith, Gregg, Harrison)
- Cities (Balch Springs, Mesquite, Forney, Terrell, Canton, Lindale, Tyler, Longview, Marshall)
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NCTCOG, Tyler, Longview)
- North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- Other entities could include economic development organizations, business interests and Native American Tribes.

It is anticipated that the Advisory Committee will meet every two months.

### Schedule

Expected study duration is about 18 months.

