

Lubbock Outer Route Study

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Fact Sheet

Overview

The Lubbock Outer Route Study builds upon the recommendations from a 2010 Feasibility Study that a proposed route around Lubbock could support current and future growth and is feasible as a 4-lane divided road by 2030 (while preserving right-of-way needed for a future freeway). The area under consideration is from US 84 northwest of Lubbock to US 84 southeast of Lubbock. The Route Study culminates in a Preferred Route that reflects detailed evaluations of traffic, socio-economic, environmental and engineering criteria, plus extensive public involvement. The next steps include: Environmental Study (2-5 years) Engineering and Design (2-4 years) and Right-of-Way Acquisition and Utility Adjustments (1-3 years) and Construction (2-4 years). Funding must be identified and secured before each step of the process. Opportunities for public engagement and input will be offered throughout the process.

Phase 1–Feasibility Study (completed in 2010):

- Analyzed three potential corridors and recommended two corridors that should be studied in greater detail in a route study.
- Concluded that a proposed Lubbock Outer Route is feasible as a 4-lane divided in 2030 while preserving right-of-way needed for a future freeway.



Phase 2–Lubbock Outer Route Study

- After detailed evaluations of traffic, socio-economic, environmental, and engineering criteria to determine specific routes, and extensive stakeholder and public involvement (two open houses/public meetings), a proposed Preferred Route will be presented to the public on August 21.
- **Preferred Route reflects adjustments to Recommended Routes presented at the June 17 Open House/Public Meeting as the result of public and stakeholder input.**

PUBLIC
MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 2014

5:30-7 p.m.

Presentation at 6 p.m.

Lubbock-Cooper High School
Performing Arts Center

16302 Loop 493

Lubbock, TX 79423



Public and Stakeholder Involvement

An integral component of this study is involvement of public and private stakeholders through the Stakeholder Group. Through six meetings conducted in tandem with the Open Houses/Public Meetings, the Group provided valuable public outreach and input on issues, which include:

- Identification of issues and concerns within the study area
- Identification of strategies for public involvement
- Review of technical information, alternative routes, public input summaries, route study report, etc.

The Stakeholder Group comprises individuals representing a cross-section of elected officials and other stakeholders along the corridor.

Two Open Houses/Public Meetings have been conducted (Feb. 25 and June 17, 2014), and a third is scheduled for Aug. 21. At each of the meetings, more than 150 members of the public attended, providing TxDOT staff valuable input that has informed decisions for Recommended Routes and the proposed Preferred Route. A number of emails and letters have been received by the Lubbock District Office of TxDOT.

Public input is an important piece in the identification of a route that is safe, efficient, environmentally sound, cost effective and responsive to local and regional needs.

Next step

Environmental Study

