



## IH 35 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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### Fact Sheet

TxDOT is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed widening of Interstate 35 (IH 35) from FM 3002 in Cooke County, Texas to Mile Marker 3 in Love County, Oklahoma and the realignment of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad. The proposed updates to the roadway are expected to provide congestion relief for expected future traffic increases.

An EA is a report that documents existing social, economic and environmental conditions, assesses effects of the proposed alternative and identifies potential mitigation. The EA also will evaluate the effects of doing nothing.

#### Project Information

The 24-mile project extends from FM 3002 to Mile Marker 3 in Oklahoma and includes:

- Two additional lanes in each direction (Final configuration)
- Realignment of portions of the roadway
- Two new bridges over the Red River
- Removal of the northbound Red River bridge
- Conversion of the southbound Red River bridge to a frontage road
- Realignment of a rail corridor for approximately 6.5 miles
- Conversion of two-way frontage roads to one-way
- New right of way (within Oklahoma, right of way acquisition is anticipated in 2023)

#### Get Involved

Opportunities for public involvement last occurred with an open house on February 5, 2015. Attendees were invited to review the purpose and need for the project, review evaluation and screening of alternatives, review a preliminary schematic of the Preferred Build Alternative and provide input. Additional public involvement opportunities will be provided throughout the study process.

Funding is now available for planning and study development. Once the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approves the Draft EA, a public hearing will occur to solicit comments from the public. A Final EA will be prepared addressing all comments with an expected Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This process is expected to be complete by mid-2016. Construction is not funded at this time.

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