

US 82 Reliever Route Study

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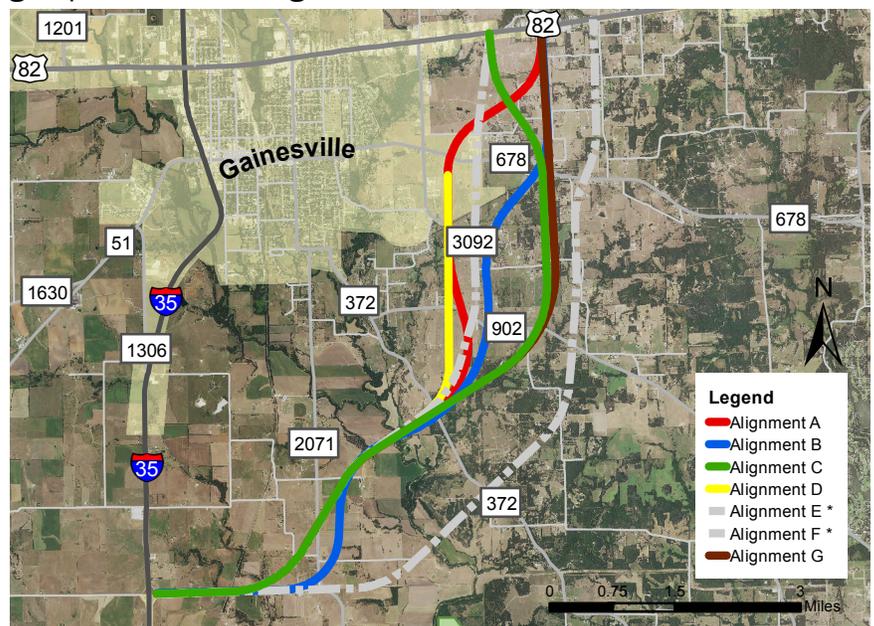
Overview

US 82 is a major thoroughfare for motorists and trucks in Gainesville, Texas. As population and commercial activity continue to grow in the area, it has become necessary to move forward with the planning and design of a reliever route that can more adequately meet the capacity and safety needs of the corridor. The US 82 Reliever Route Study is currently underway to identify a recommended alignment that can be carried forward into future phases of project development.

Project Purpose

The US 82 Reliever Route Study focuses on an area southeast of Gainesville in Cooke County, Texas that is generally bound by I-35 to the west and FM 678 to the east.

The study builds upon the previous US 82 Feasibility Study, finalized in December 2012. The current study evaluates different types of roadway configurations after a needs assessment, analysis of existing and future traffic data, stakeholder engagement and input from the public. The study team continues to refine alignment options in consultation with the stakeholder group; the current alignment alternatives are shown below.



* Alignment not preferred for future study



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Corridor Needs

TxDOT will consider a number of items as the alignment and preliminary design for the roadway is developed and refined.

Safety: The design and alignment for the route will support a safer and more accessible roadway that will limit points of conflict, provide adequate sight distance and include safety features.

Growth: Between 2010 and 2040, the population of Cooke County is estimated to increase by more than 10%; the alignment will consider how and where growth in population, commercial activity, and overall traffic volumes will impact the route.

Access and Right-of-Way: This study will determine the ultimate Right-of-Way (ROW) needs for the corridor and identify likely access points.

System Continuity: The study and preliminary design will include appropriate design features with cross streets that support mobility and connectivity. The study team will review traffic on cross streets along with potential commercial and residential needs.

Environmental Impacts: The study will evaluate environmental constraints along the corridor to design a roadway that avoids or mitigates impacts to sensitive areas.

We Want Your Feedback

To better understand and address all user needs, we want your feedback. Please provide input at the Public Meeting or online at the project website. There will be other opportunities during project development to provide additional input. Sign up for our mailing list today!