



Documentation of Public Hearing

Project Location

Nolan County, Texas

I-20 at US 84 Interchange

CSJ: 0006-02-114

Project Limits

I-20 from east of Main Street (CR 608) to west of Loop 170
and along US 84 from south of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to I-20

Hearing Location

Roscoe Collegiate High School Cafeteria, 700 Elm Street, Roscoe, TX 79545

Meeting Date and Time

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Presenters

Tracy Jones, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation Public Hearing Officer

Brad Hernandez, P.E., AECOM Project Manager

Reggie Herman, AICP, AECOM Environmental Task Lead

Elected Officials in Attendance

Billy Joe Jay, City of Roscoe Council Member

Robert McBride, City of Roscoe Council Member

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

17

Total Number of Commenters

3

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A. COMMENT/RESPONSE MATRIX

COMMENT MATRIX
I-20 at US 84 Interchange Improvement Project
CSJ: 0006-02-114

Commenter Number	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic	Response	For or Against Project (Checked on Comment Form)
1	Robert McBride	10/24/2019	Written Comment	Once this project begins there will be increased traffic on County Road 214 (the old Bank. Highway) between Roscoe and Sweetwater. This is already happening by the additional traffic pushed on to it by the ongoing I-20 ongoing bridge project over the railroad in Sweetwater. Anyone that commutes from Roscoe to Sweetwater or vice versa for work or school will be contributing to the extra burden the narrow county road will be traveling on. The state needs to do something to help out Nolan County with that road during and after this project.	Comment noted. Based on the purpose and need of the project, TxDOT's goal is to provide a desirable design to provide a long-term solution for improving safety and operations for the interchange to accommodate current and future traffic demands. As part of the schematic design, TxDOT has prepared a preliminary construction phasing plan that would maintain east and west bound traffic within the proposed I-20 right-of-way during construction of the proposed project. The frontage roads would be reconstructed first to allow for continuous movement throughout the construction limits followed by the construction of the main lanes. At the time of construction, proper signage (including portable message boards) would be provided to inform the traveling public of traffic pattern changes.	YES
2	Terry Willman	10/24/2019	Written Comment	I know TxDOT does their best to try and keep interstate traffic off of county roads when there is a big project like this taking place. Sometimes people don't follow signage. I have had one county road (CR104) severely damaged in the past. Nolan County roads were not built for heavy truck and car traffic. I feel confident that TxDOT will do all they can to minimize traffic on such roads. Thank you for all you do.	See previous comment response.	YES
3	Robert McBride	10/24/2019	Public Hearing	Councilman Robert R. McBride, Roscoe, Texas, Post Office Box 893, or 910 Bois D Arc, whichever one you want to use. TxDOT, I thank y'all for coming tonight. I appreciate it. This is a well-deserved project that's way overdue. Of course, y'all don't have anything to do with that. That's us wrestling with the legislature. Thousands and thousands of -- millions of dollars of equipment lost there, and lives. Glad y'all are doing it; it's about time. I do have some concerns on it once we get into the demolition phase on this and the construction phase on this is there's going to be a lot of traffic put off on our city streets. We saw this back when the bridge was destroyed there coming into 84 -- off 84 onto the highway there when the semi finally took that bridge out and it was redesigned. We had plenty of traffic coming into the city. It would get bottlenecked up there by our four-way stop, which was the old way they had to go through here anyway, and it would pile up on what's called Front Street, and then sometimes it would come straight down Cypress. We got a lot of maneuver damage -- is what we call that in the Army -- from that, and the City had to suck that up. So I'd like to see a better plan on how you're going to route that traffic there. And also Commissioner Terry Willman asked me to bring this up tonight, too: Some of his county roads during that process were damaged, especially County Road 104 over there by the American Legion because, as you can see out here, it's pretty flat. So traffic would see that bottleneck, and they would also see where they could go, so they'd just take off and go that way. So we got a little relief on that, kind of some backdoor stuff, but anyway, we're going to need some relief on that whenever it all gets down to nut-cutting because I do believe we'll see the same thing there both in the county roads and the city streets getting a little bit of heavier traffic than they would normally get. And the last thing I want to talk about: I know y'all have got it in your environmental plan about that 100-year flood; we do flood here. You're standing in a flood zone right now, okay? We can't handle any more water. We already have problems getting water out of Roscoe as it is. It's like pouring water on a tabletop. We don't got a lot of fall out here, so when you get out there and start shooting grades, you might want to look at doing some retention ponds somewhere to take some of that water, and please don't send any more of it into the City of Roscoe proper. Thank y'all very much.	Concerns noted regarding the increase of traffic on secondary city streets. Based on the purpose and need of the project, TxDOT's goal is to provide a desirable design to provide a long-term solution for improving safety and operations for the interchange to accommodate current and future traffic demands. As part of the schematic design, TxDOT has prepared a preliminary construction phasing plan that would maintain east and west bound traffic within the proposed I-20 right-of-way during construction of the proposed project. The frontage roads would be reconstructed first to allow for continuous movement throughout the construction limits followed by the construction of the main lanes. As stated in the public hearing, design and additional right-of-way have been proposed to best accommodate the current and future drainage of the project area. During final design of the proposed project, TxDOT will determine if detention ponds would be required to accommodate storm water runoff associated with the roadway facility. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.	Verbal Comment
4	Bo	10/24/2019	Public Hearing	Hello, nice to meet y'all. My name is Bo. I do business as A-1 Auto Parts. I live on Interstate 20 Frontage Road. I'm in between mile marker 239 and 240 on the south side frontage road. I originally purchased that property in 1986 to install a business, and just like any property purchase: Location, location, location. I am on the south side frontage road of Interstate 20. I am in between mile marker 239 and 240, Exit 239 to get off to come to me from Highway 84 and Exit 240 to get back on the interstate. I am directly located in between an exit and an entrance. When they add this new intersection, it's going to eliminate the easy access from Highway 84 to the frontage road prior to my business and also Burnett's business, Lati's, right west of me. And if there is any possible way that they could get an exit from something off of 84 before or shortly after it connect to I-20, it would not devour all the business that people are going to lose when they have to go past me and then try to find a way to come back to me. Most of the customers I'm seeing off of Highway 84 are car problems. We do repairs and sell parts. And due to the fact they're having car problems, they're not wanting to travel a whole bunch of distance to locate any help. And with the Exit 239 coming off of Highway 84, I'm actually the second exit -- there's, I believe, two exits prior to me -- and it will eliminate both of those exits. I'm very proud that TxDOT has finally decided to create a better interchange where less people will be killed. It is so imperative. It's one of the most dangerous places in the country, and I'm proud to see that, but I would like to see if there is any way possible to get Highway 84 to connect to that southside frontage road before it goes too far. I feel that if they do that that they are not only going to infringe upon my business but also Lati's, which is Burnett. And in addition to that, it would also curtail any type of industrial development on the south side of the frontage road on the west side of Sweetwater. That was the only concern I had. I'm proud that they're actually going to do it finally. Thank you.	Comment noted. Based on the purpose and need of the project, TxDOT's goal is to provide a desirable design to provide a long-term solution for improving safety and operations for the interchange to accommodate current and future traffic demands. During preliminary engineering (schematic design), TxDOT evaluated multiple alternatives that would meet current standards for highway design to potentially provide an exit ramp to the subject properties per the comment. In developing these alternatives, TxDOT determined that an exit ramp at this location would not be feasible to provide proper merging and weaving distances with the new US 84 to I-20 eastbound direct connector ramp. In addition, if the exit ramp is moved further east, it would deny access to either County Road (CR) 256 and/or portions of adjacent properties along the eastbound frontage road. Therefore, TxDOT would not be able to accommodate an exit ramp that is compatible with the proposed project.	Verbal Comment

PUBLIC HEARING RESPONSE LETTERS



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Limits: I-20 from East of Main Street (CR 608) to West of Loop 170 and US 84 from East of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to I-20.

Robert McBride

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Roscoe



Dear Mr. McBride:

Thank you for attending the Public Hearing for the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) at United States Highway (US) 84 Interchange Improvement Project. We especially appreciate your taking the time to submit comments on this project.

TxDOT has carefully considered and responded to each comment submitted at the Public Hearing. TxDOT's response to your comment, as documented in the Documentation of Public Hearing, is as follows:

Response to Comment 1: "Comment noted. Based on the purpose and need of the project, TxDOT's goal is to provide a desirable design to provide a long-term solution for improving safety and operations for the interchange to accommodate current and future traffic demands. As part of the schematic design, TxDOT has prepared a preliminary construction phasing plan that would maintain east and west bound traffic within the proposed I-20 right-of-way (ROW) during construction of the proposed project. The frontage roads would be reconstructed first to allow for continuous movement throughout the construction limits followed by the construction of the main lanes.

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Response to Comment 2: "Concerns noted regarding the increase of traffic on secondary city streets. Based on the purpose and need of the project, TxDOT's goal is to provide a desirable design to provide a long-term solution for improving safety and operations for the interchange to accommodate current and future traffic demands. As part of the schematic design, TxDOT has prepared a preliminary construction phasing plan that would maintain east and west bound traffic within the proposed I-20 right-of-way during construction of the proposed project. The frontage roads would be reconstructed first to allow for continuous movement throughout the construction limits followed by the construction of the main lanes.

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These responses and the responses to all submitted comments are included in Section A of the Documentation of Public Hearing and can be found on our website at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/abilene/102419.html>.

If you are unable to view the document using the website address, a hardcopy of the document is available for viewing at the TxDOT Abilene District Office located at 4520 North Clack Street, Abilene, TX 79601. Please let me know if you would like to visit our office to look at the hardcopy of the Public Hearing documentation. I can be reached by email at tracy.jones@txdot.gov or by phone at (325) 676-6825.

Thank you again for submitting comments on the I-20 at US 84 Interchange Improvement Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen T. Jones, P.E." in a cursive style.

Tracy Jones, P.E.
TxDOT Project Manager
Abilene District Office

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Murry (Bo) Oleson



Dear Mr. Oleson:

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Terry Willman

Nolan County Commissioner, Precinct 1



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B. PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER CERTIFICATION



Public Hearing Certification

Project Name: I-20 at US 84 Interchange

County Name: Nolan County, Texas

Control Section Job Numbers (CSJ): 0006-02-114

Project Limits From: I-20 east of Main St. (CR 608) to west of Loop 170

Project Limits To: Along US 83 from south of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to I-20

I certify that the following statements are true and apply to the project identified above.

- A. A public hearing was held on October 24, 2019 at Roscoe Collegiate High School in Roscoe, Texas.
 - B. The economic and social effects of the project location and design and its impacts on the environment have been considered.
 - C. In determining economic, social, and environmental effects, the statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been considered.
 - D. The project involves a community that does not have a known plan of development.
 - E. Requirements of Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, Section 2.107 have been met.
- Select if assigned under NEPA Assignment MOU.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Stephen T. Jones, P.E.

TxDOT Representative Name

February 4, 2020

Date

C. NOTICES PROVIDED

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
I-20 at US 84 Interchange
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Nolan County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve Interstate 20 (I-20) at United States (US) Highway 84 in Roscoe, Nolan County, Texas. The interchange limits are approximately three miles along I-20 are from east of Main Street (CR 608) to west of Loop 170 and along US 84 from south of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to I-20.

This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. **The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2019 at Roscoe Collegiate High School Cafeteria, 700 Elm Street, Roscoe, TX 79545.** An Open House will be held at 5:30 p.m. for viewing of project displays with the formal hearing beginning at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the planned improvements and receive public comments.

The proposed project would realign a portion of I-20 main lanes and frontage roads, provide direct connections between I-20 and US 84 mainlanes, and update ramp configurations along I-20. The proposed I-20 roadway facility, within the project limits would include two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with a 12-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulders. The inside shoulder has been designed to accommodate a future third travel lane. The frontage roads would remain two-way with 12-foot lanes and four-foot shoulders. The proposed US 84 portion of the interchange would include two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with 8- to 10-foot outside shoulders, four-foot inside shoulders, and two-way frontage roads.

The interchange direct connectors would be reconstructed to flatten the curves and accommodate the east and westbound movement to and from I-20 and US 84. In addition, an east to westbound direct connector from I-20 to US 84 would be constructed, resulting in a fully directional interchange connecting the two highway facilities.

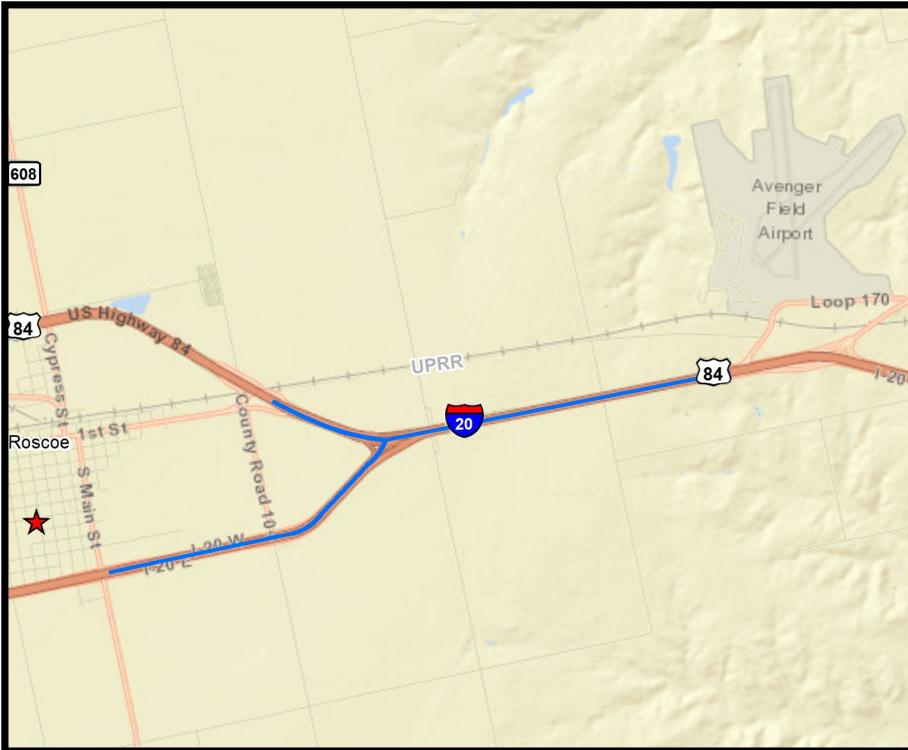
The existing roadway right-of-way width varies from approximately 260 to 470 feet. For I-20 and for US 84 it is approximately 194 feet. The proposed roadway right-of-way would increase to a typical width varying from approximately 260 to 570 feet for I-20 and 194 to 405 feet for US 84. The proposed project would require approximately 77 acres of new right-of-way and possibly one commercial displacement to construct the proposed improvements.

The environmental documents, maps showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Abilene District Office at 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601. This information also will be available for inspection at the public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the public hearing or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Abilene District Office. Comments must be received on or before November 8, 2019 to be part of the official public hearing record.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the public hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, are encouraged to contact Tracy Jones, P.E., District Design/Bridge Engineer, Advanced Project Development, Transportation Planning & Programming (325) 676-6825; tracy.jones@txdot.gov. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact TxDOT's project manager, Tracy Jones, P.E., District Design/Bridge Engineer, Advanced Project Development, Transportation Planning & Programming (325) 676-6825; tracy.jones@txdot.gov or visit the project website at www.txdot.gov (Key word: I-20 at US 84).

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



I-20 at US 84

Proposed Interchange Improvements

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Public Hearing

Thursday, October 24, 2019

5:30 PM

Roscoe Collegiate High School Cafeteria
700 Elm St
Roscoe, TX 79545



Legend

- ★ Public Hearing Location
- Project Area



From I-20 and US 84 Interchange: Take I-20 W approximately 2 miles and exit 236 for FM 608 toward Roscoe. Take a right onto Main Street and then after approximately a third of a mile take a left onto 7th St. It will be on your left after about a third of a mile

Mailing List
Property Owners

Name	Name2	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Abel Jr. and Pamela Alvarez				TX	79512		
Amy Lujan				TX	79545		
Barba Gene Kingston				TX	79545		
Benny W. and Nancy R. Harris				TX	79545		
Bobby Doyle Edmiston				TX	79545		
Brent T. Burnett				TX	79556		
Britt A Jolley				TX	76804		
BW GAS & CONVENIENCE REAL EST LLC	A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY CO			MA	1915		
CARACHI PROPERTY LLC	A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY			TX	76012		
Catalina Herrera				TX	79545		
CB and Vivian Charlene Kilgore				TX	79535		
CENTRAL ROLLING PLAINS CO-OP				TX	79545		
Crystal Richburg Ajoie				TX	79545		
Curtis Carr c/o Wanda Fay Carr				TX	76704		
Don R Borton				TX	79602		
Eddie Strain				TX	79512		
Edith Joyce Benton				TX	78155		
Elnor Freeman Life Estate				TX	79545		
Eloy and Jennifer Herrera				TX	79556		
ESTES EXPRESS LINES				VA	23230		
F & R FARMS LTD	% FRY GLENDA NELL RIGGS			TX	76049		
Frances L Hughes				TX	79545		
Frank and Cathy Kubacak				TX	79423		
G Walt May				TX	79556		
Gina Lee Fraser	C/O Gina Strain			TX	79556		
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J L Kerby Testamentary Trust	% Mary Kerby, Trustee			TX	79545		
Jack Turner May				TX	79545		
James Dossie Boston				TX	79545		
Jamie Nicole Taylor	KENNEDY COURTNEY DIANE			TX	75006		
Janelle Faust Orman				TX	79545		
Janice S Tiemann Trust	C/o Delmon Pieper, Trustee			TX	79545		
Jason William and Tarrah Stewart				TX	79545		
Jennie G. McCoy Wann				TX	79556		
Johan and Mary Dyck				TX	75486		
John Pich	ROS DYNA			TX	79556		
Jonathan and Karan Bergstrom				TX	79556		
Kevin W. and Melissa Gillespie				TX	79545		
Kim D and Marsha K Alexander				TX	79545		
Mary Katherine Kerby	C/o Mary Williams			TX	79545		
Michael H Mullins				TX	79545		
N & S REAL ESTATE LLC				TX	79545		
Republic Industrial and Energy Solutions LLC				TX	77064		
Robert C Echols				TX	75608		
Ronald and Lillian Shelan				CA	95403		
ROSCOE CHURCH OF CHRIST				TX	79545		
Sharon Kay London				TX	76002		
Stanley Craig Cleckler				TX	79545		
Susan Gayle Massey				TX	75056		
The Swenson Management Trust	c/o Louis E. Swensen, Trustee			TX	78660		
The Wilburn G. Hughes Living Trust	The Modena Hughes Living Trust			TX	79545		
Timothy Kerby				TX	79545		
TITAN TOWERS L P				TX	79608		
Tyson Gaines Price				TX	79545		
Wilford R Petty				TX	79545		
Willis Hughes				TX	79545		

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October 2, 2019

«Salutation_1» «Individual»
«Agency»
«DepartmentTitle»
«Mailing_Address_1»
«Address_2»
«City_», «State» «Zip_Code»

Regarding: Public Hearing on October 24, 2019

Highway: I-20 and US 84
Limits: From east of CR 608 to west of Loop 170 and south of UPRR to I-20
CSJ: 0006-02-114
County: Nolan

Dear «Salutation_2»,

The Texas Department of Transportation has scheduled a public hearing to provide information and gather public comment about the proposed project at I-20 and US 84 from east of Main Street (CR 608) to west of Loop 170 and along US 84 from south of UPRR to I-20 in Nolan County, Texas. For details about the project and the public hearing, please see the attached public notice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tracy Jones, Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District Office, 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601, by telephone at (325)676-6825 or email tracy.jones@txdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael Haithcock
Director of Transportation Planning and Development
Abilene District

Enclosure: Notice of Public Hearing

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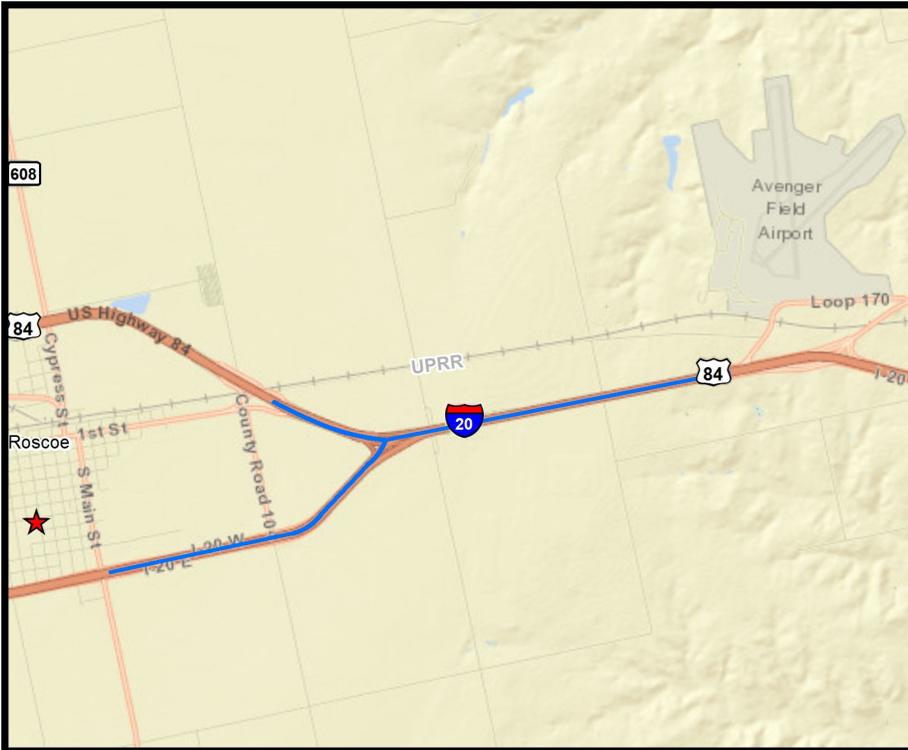
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Public Hearing

Thursday, October 24, 2019

5:30 PM

Roscoe Collegiate High School Cafeteria
700 Elm St
Roscoe, TX 79545



Legend

- ★ Public Hearing Location
- Project Area



From I-20 and US 84 Interchange: Take I-20 W approximately 2 miles and exit 236 for FM 608 toward Roscoe. Take a right onto Main Street and then after approximately a third of a mile take a left onto 7th St. It will be on your left after about a third of a mile



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October 4, 2019

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Subject: Proposed Improvements to I-20 at US 84 Interchange

Limits: I-20 from East of Main Street (CR 608) to West of Loop 170 and US 84 from East of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to I-20.

Dear «Salutation_2»:

Thank you for your continuing interest and participation in the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) proposed improvements to the Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) and United States Highway (US) 84 interchange east of the City of Roscoe, Texas. The proposed project is being considered to improve safety and movement of traffic through the interchange. The project would potentially re-align a portion of I-20 main lanes and frontage roads, provide direct connections between the I-20 and US 84 mainlanes, and modify ramp configurations along I-20.

TxDOT held public meetings on March 16, 2018 and April 18, 2019 to provide information and receive input from the public. As you may recall, TxDOT met with you on December 4, 2018 to share the latest project information including the recommended alternative based on previous public involvement and design criteria. You had an opportunity to review the design schematic and project schedule. Since that time, the recommended alternative has been refined. These refinements included the following:

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Sincerely,

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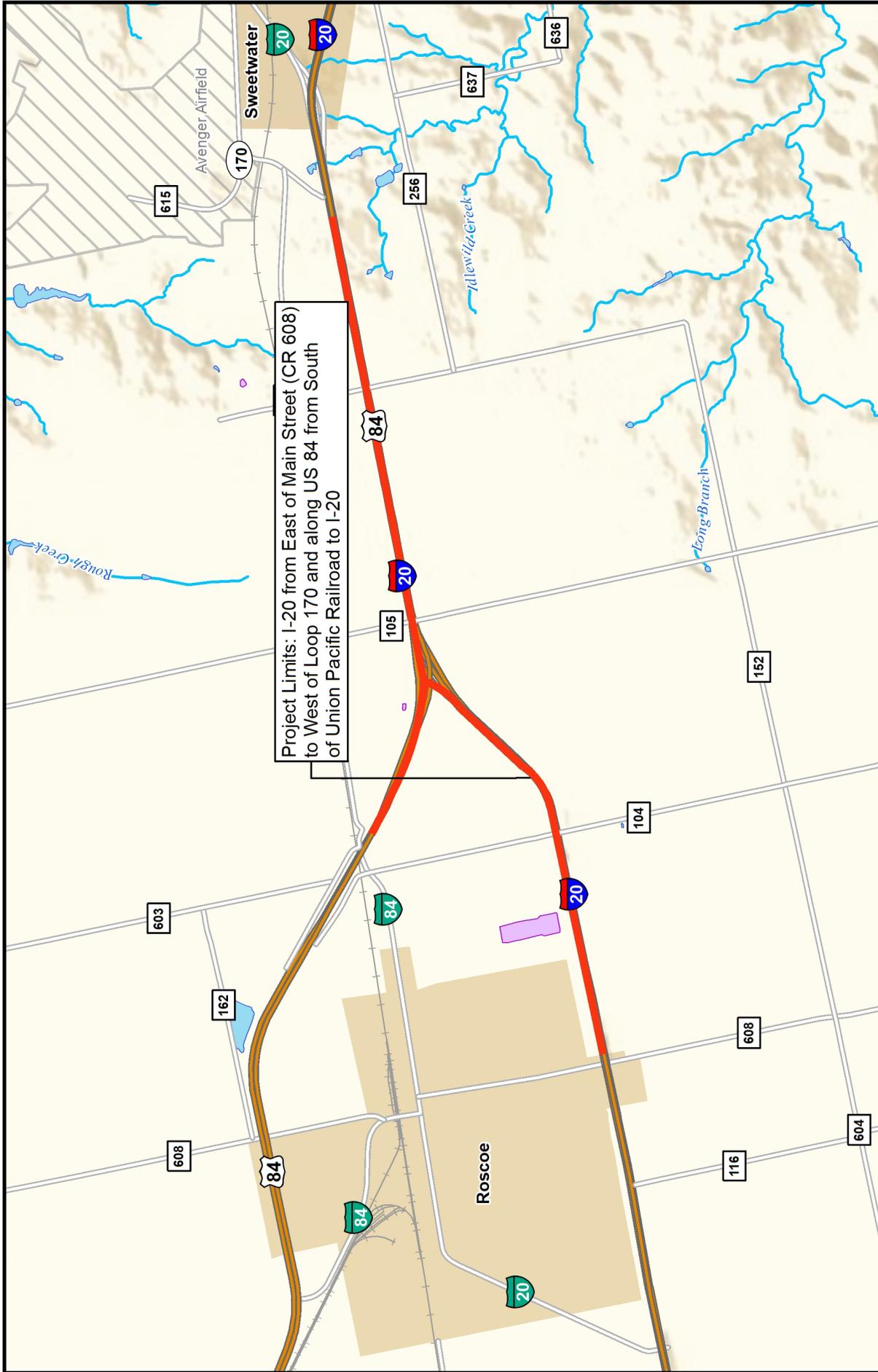
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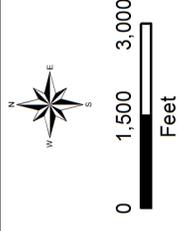
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- Project Area
- Road
- Interstate/Highway
- City Boundary
- Airfield Boundary
- Stream/River
- Lake/Pond
- Reservoir

Location Map
 I-20 at US 84 - Roscoe, TX
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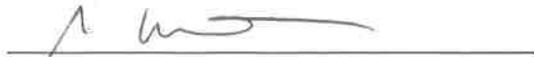
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Calif. renewable energy firm adding Western wind projects

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A California-based renewable energy developer plans to increase by seven-fold its investments as it prepares to build more wind farms in New Mexico over the next several years.

A recent analysis commissioned by Pattern Development shows a \$1.2 billion economic impact from its wind farms in eastern New Mexico and West Texas. That's hundreds of millions of dollars more than what was initially projected in 2015 before development began and bodes well for what the state can expect in benefits from future construction, company officials said.

"I think New Mexico really has a chance to be a leader here in what's going to come nationally, which is a growing renewable energy penetration as part of our energy mix," said Cary Kottler, vice president of North American development for Pattern Development.

The aim is investing in renewable energy to serve the demands of the sparsely populated state and export the electricity to bigger markets in the West, Kottler said.

Some of the wind projects have been planned for years, but regulatory pressure is mounting as New Mexico and other states adopt tougher renewable energy mandates in an effort to phase out coal- and natural gas-fired power plants and reduce pollution.

New Mexico has set its emissions-free deadline for public utilities at 2045. Public Service Co. of New Mexico, the state's largest utility, vowed to beat that by five years, saying it will shutter its coal and natural gas plants and replace the lost power with a mix of solar, wind and battery technology.

Xcel Energy, which provides electricity to customers in parts of New Mexico and Texas, also is investing millions of dollars in wind farms, substations and transmission lines.

Texas leads the U.S. in installed wind capacity, and New Mexico is on pace to double its current capacity with projects under construction or in the stages of advanced development.

According to the American Wind Energy Association, New Mexico in 2017 added wind power capacity at a faster rate than any other state. A market report released by the industry group earlier



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this year suggested the state has tapped only a fraction of its potential.

The lack of transmission lines often is cited as an impediment to the growth of renewable energy in states like New Mexico, where resources are abundant but demand is limited.

A key driver for Pattern Development's upcoming investments is a recent decision by the state Public Regulation Commission to allow Public Service Co. of New Mexico to acquire a 165-mile transmission line that will be built through a partnership between Pattern and the state's Renewable Energy Transmission Authority. It will connect wind farms in rural central New Mexico to other points on the grid.

"That allows us to build more than a \$1 billion of new wind projects in New Mexico that the line will serve," Kottler said.

Local officials and landowners in Socorro County south of Albuquerque have come out against the transmission project, citing potential environmental impacts that include compromis-

ing pristine landscapes and disrupting migratory bird paths along the Rio Grande.

There are also concerns that the wind projects will fall short of creating enough permanent jobs to replace those lost as the state pushes out fossil fuel electricity generation.

At Pattern's Broadview Wind Energy facility, there are about 40 full-time technicians operating and maintaining the turbines that span the New Mexico-Texas border. The facility has been producing electricity for customers of Southern California Edison since 2017.

The nearby Grady Wind project recently came online, and company officials say work to erect turbines in central New Mexico capable of generating another 800 to 900 megawatts is scheduled to start in 2020.

Close to 1,000 construction jobs are projected for Pattern's upcoming projects, and the company estimates that 150 wind technicians will be needed once the planned facilities are operational.

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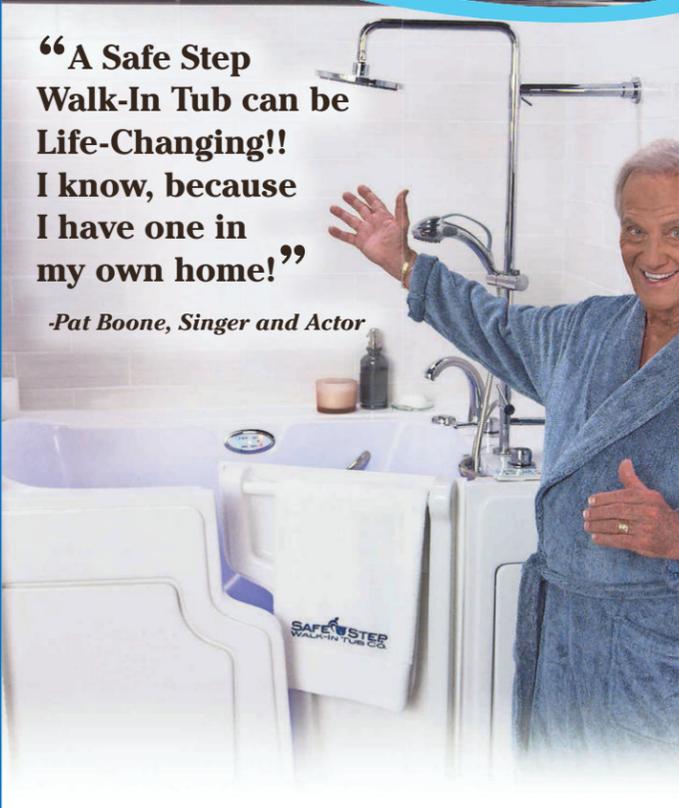
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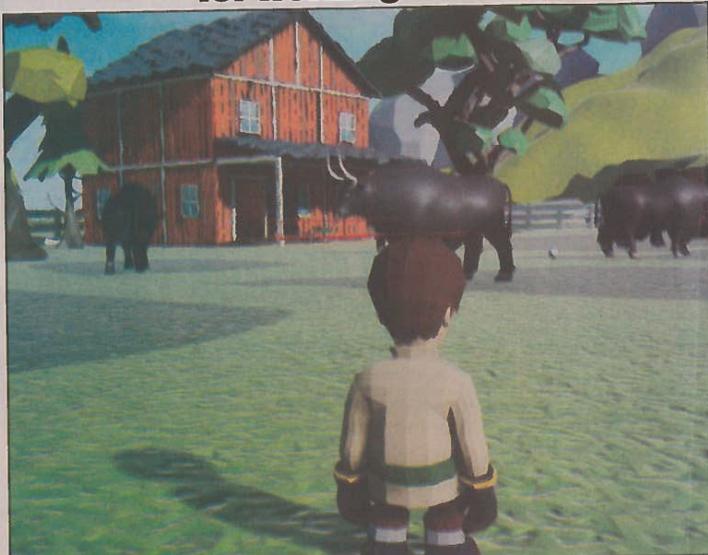
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Texas A&M student creates video game for working cattle



A shot of gameplay in Free's cattle working video game.

Photo provided to the Texas Farm Bureau

By Julie Tomascik
TFB Editor

One Texas A&M University student developed an interactive game to introduce concepts of working with cattle.

Nicholas Free, an animal science senior at Texas A&M, created a simulation game that may help others build and expand their cattle-working skills.

Although Free didn't grow up handling cattle, he used the information he learned in his animal sciences courses and from hearing Dr. Ron Gill, Texas A&M professor and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist, discuss proper cattle handling methods and techniques.

"I didn't have much experience with livestock, but I understood the concepts immediately," Free said. "I began thinking about how I could help people visualize the concepts without having hands-on experience."

Free researched how to create video games in augmented reality.

His research and brainstorming with Dr. Luis Tedschi, associate professor for animal nutrition and Texas A&M AgriLife Research Faculty Fellow, led to developing CowSim.

The game simulation is separated into three parts.

The first section teaches the player how to behave in an open environment with cattle, and players learn the proper techniques for driving cattle in a production facility in the second section.

The final section of CowSim has players leading cattle through a facility with additional obstacles. This allows players to apply their knowledge learned from the previous sections.

"Overall, I feel very comfortable saying that if a person—who has never had any interaction with livestock—were to play this game, they would have sufficient knowledge on how to handle them by the end of the game," Free said. "I hope we can start the process of interactive learning through simulation and games as a model to be used in the education system."

Free created the interactive simulation game to focus on the best techniques to use when handling cattle. He said it benefits the students to learn how to remain calm when working with cattle. And, in turn, that benefits the cattle.

You can play the game online at <https://freenicholas.wixsite.com/cowsim>.

For more information about CowSim, email Free at free.nicholas@tamu.edu.



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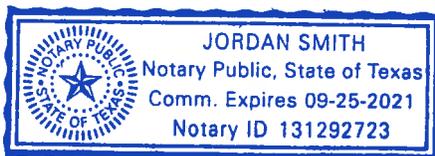
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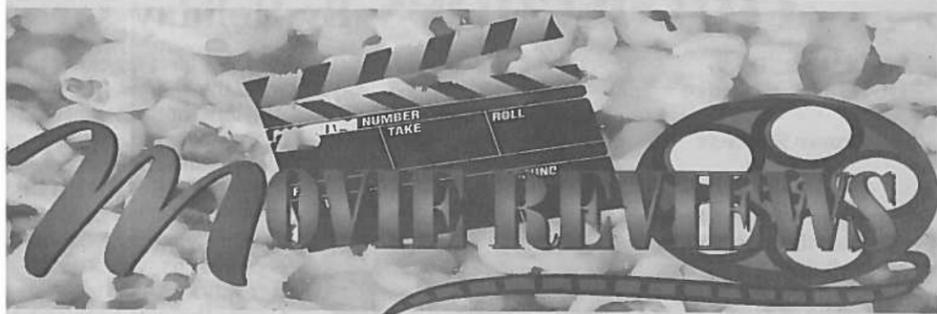
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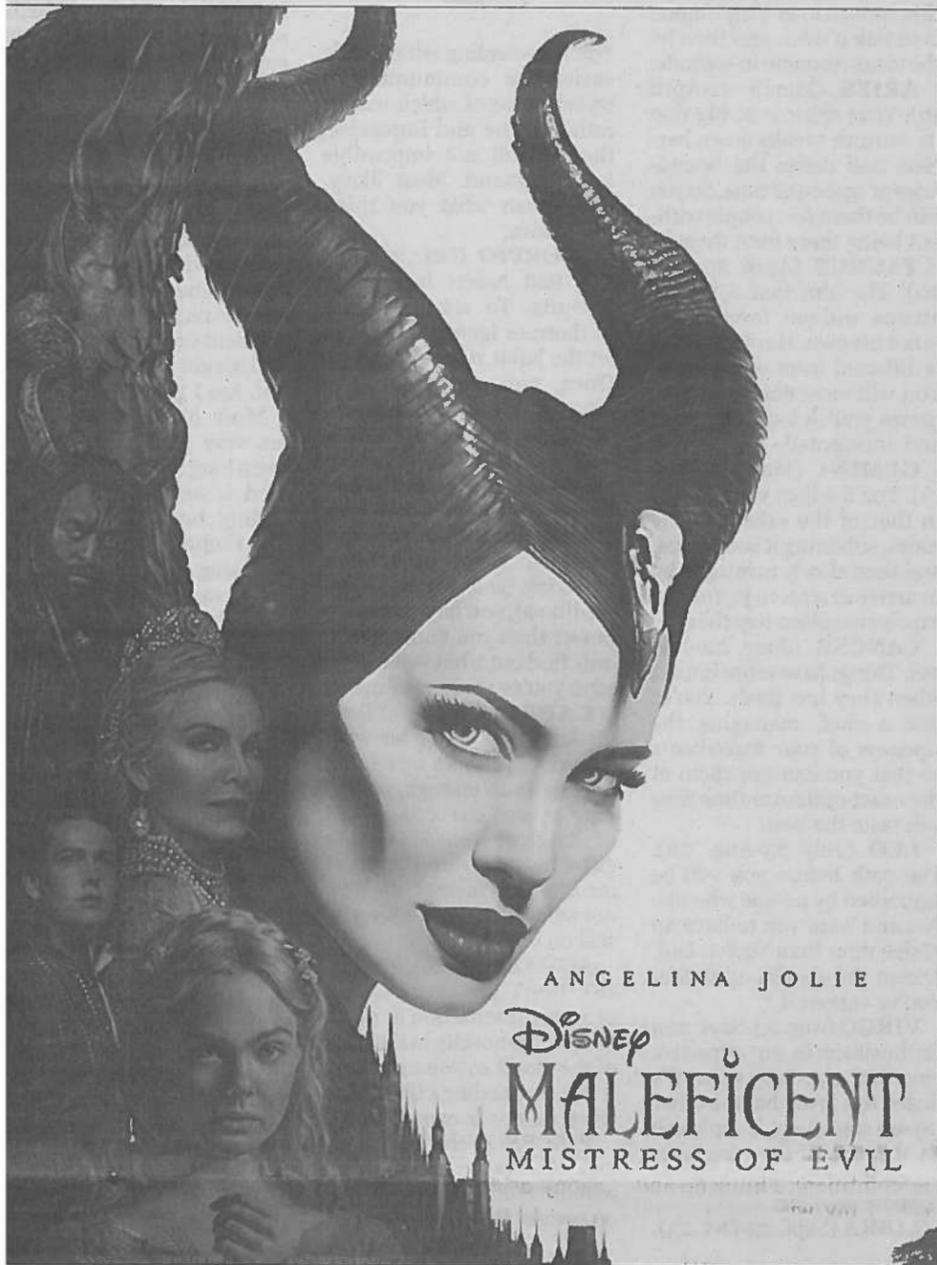
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By Bob Garver

“Maleficent: Mistress of Evil”



As promised, “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil” delivers the most vile, repugnant, terrifying creatures known to man. I’m speaking of course, about the three fairy godmothers (Imelda Staunton, Lesley Manville, and Juno Temple) who have watched over Princess Aurora (Elle Fanning) since she was a baby. The actresses’ faces on CGI fairy bodies is the stuff of nightmares. You may have heard of the Uncanny Valley, this is the Uncanny Bottomless Crevasse.

Also Angelina Jolie is back as Maleficent, the imposing fairy who served as the villain for the 1959 animated film “Sleeping Beauty.” Maleficent got an origin movie back in 2014 that didn’t so much recontextualize the animated film as it did completely change the narrative so that Maleficent was the protagonist who saved Princess Aurora from her evil father and the incompetent fairies. Reviews

missing in the fairies’ forest, but really I think she just saw those fairy godmothers and wants to scrub them from the earth.

During a not-so-passive aggressive dinner argument, Maleficent is framed for an attack on the king. While fleeing, she discovers more fairies of her own race, known as Dark Feys. The leader Conall (Chiwetel Ejiofor, here used well in a small role, as opposed to “The Lion King,” where he was used poorly in a major role) wants to make peace with the humans, but the uppity Borra (Ed Skrein) wants to go to war before the humans can attack first. Maleficent is conflicted, since she knows the human race contains both Aurora and Ingrith.

The climactic action sequence is more “Game of Thrones” than Disney. There is a body count in these scenes, especially a segment where Ingrith’s servant

and Aurora and Phillip are pretty much the leads in the second half of the film, with Maleficent hardly appearing at all. Fanning and Dickinson do an admirable job, but there’s got to be a healthy middle ground between “uninspired” and “forgetting which character is selling the tickets.”

As a whole, “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil” doesn’t work. The CGI effects aren’t as impressive as the film thinks they are, decisions and motivations exist simply to move the plot along, quick cuts and pacing mean that nothing really gets the chance to sink in, and the ending is laughably rushed and forced. But honestly, I halfway want to recommend the movie based on the over-the-top dinner and organ scenes alone. Sorry, the answer is no. It comes close, but too much of this movie is the wrong kind of silly.

Grade: C

Texas House Republican caucus condemns GOP speaker

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“killing us” in pivotal state races.

The caucus released a statement Friday following a meeting in Austin saying it “condemns in the strongest possible terms” comments made during a June 12 meeting between Bonnen, Burrows and Empower Texans CEO Michael Quinn Sullivan, who released the

recording Tuesday.

Bonnen previously denied offering media credentials to Sullivan’s website for helping defeat the GOP lawmakers in the primaries, then later apologized for “embarrassing” and “hurtful” comments. Tuesday he released a statement saying no laws were broken during what he called “a political discussion.”



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2	Ryan Syles	TxDOT		
3	BRAD HERNANDEZ	AECOM		
4	MICHAEL HATHCOCK	TxDOT		4
5	Nancy Gates	AECOM		
6	REGGIE HEKMAN	AECOM		
7	Neil Welch	TxDOT		
8	Robert Burke	TxDOT		55
9	Lisa Tipton	TxDOT		
10	Tommy Jones	TxDOT-ROW		
11	Amber Heckmann	AECOM		
12	Alexius Castilleja	AECOM		

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PUBLIC HEARING
October 24, 2019
Roscoe Collegiate High School
700 Elm Street
Roscoe, TX 79545

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. JONES: Good evening, ladies and
3 gentlemen. It's now 6:30 p.m. If you would, please be
4 seated and we will begin tonight's public hearing. At
5 this time, please turn off or otherwise silence any
6 personal electronic devices for the remainder of this
7 hearing.

8 I'm Tracy Jones, the Project Manager for
9 the Abilene District of the Texas Department of
10 Transportation. We appreciate your interest in the I-20
11 at US-84 Interchange Improvement Project and welcome
12 each of you. We want to express appreciation to the
13 Roscoe ISD for the use of this facility. They were very
14 nice to us.

15 We would also like to thank those of you
16 who attended the open house earlier this evening. As
17 you arrived, you were given the opportunity to register
18 your attendance for this hearing at the front sign-in
19 table, which allows us to record tonight's
20 participation. You were also given the opportunity to
21 indicate your interest in making a verbal statement
22 during the "Opportunity for Public Comments" portion of
23 this hearing. Our verbal comment registration forms are
24 the eight-and-a-half by eleven-inch sheets at the
25 registration table. In the event you did not complete a

1 verbal comment registration form and would like to make
2 a statement during the "Opportunity for Public
3 Comments," please obtain, complete, and return the form
4 at the sign-in table.

5 Before proceeding further, I would like to
6 introduce and recognize any elected and public officials
7 who are in attendance tonight or who were able to stop
8 by during the open house. Billy Joe Jay and Robert
9 McBride, both of the Roscoe City Council, we appreciate
10 y'all coming by.

11 Yeah, why don't you do that? Just raise
12 your hand and let people know who you are. All right.
13 Before -- let's see, have I overlooked anybody? Okay.
14 We appreciate your attendance, and we thank you for your
15 interest in this project.

16 I also want to introduce the people who
17 have official responsibilities during tonight's hearing.
18 TxDOT Staff and Consultant team, would you please stand?
19 Okay. You may be seated.

20 I would especially like to recognize Brad
21 Hernandez. He's the Consultant Project Manager with
22 AECOM. Once we adjourn, please feel free to visit with
23 myself, Brad, or the project team members. They will be
24 available following the presentation to answer your
25 questions regarding the proposed I-20 at US-84

1 Interchange Improvement Project.

2 This hearing has been convened by the Texas
3 Department of Transportation and is being held to
4 receive and consider comments from the public regarding
5 the proposed I-20 at US-84 Interchange Improvement
6 Project.

7 You may have attended previous public
8 hearings conducted by the Texas Department of
9 Transportation. However, for the benefit of those who
10 have never attended one, I would like to explain why and
11 how the Department conducts a public hearing. A public
12 hearing has four essential purposes: One is to inform
13 the public on the planning status of the project and
14 present the recommendations based on studies performed
15 to date. The second is to describe the project so those
16 attending can determine the project's potential to
17 affect their lives and property. Third, provide the
18 public an opportunity to see information and express
19 their views at a stage in the planning process when
20 flexibility to respond to comments still exists and
21 before location and design decisions are finalized. And
22 finally, to develop a record of public views and
23 participation to accompany recommendations for
24 subsequent decisions.

25 This public hearing is being held in

1 compliance with both federal and state laws. A
2 transcript of this hearing will be made available for
3 the official record. For this reason, we ask that all
4 verbal comments be made from the floor microphone.

5 Following this hearing, the Department will
6 proceed with the preparation of the final environmental
7 documentation. Your statements and comments will be
8 addressed in this document and will be given full
9 consideration in the preparation of the final
10 recommendation and design for the proposed project.

11 After my initial comments, Mr. Brad
12 Hernandez with AECOM will give a detailed presentation
13 concerning the location and design features for the
14 proposed project, and Mr. Reggie Herman from AECOM will
15 discuss the environmental effects related to the
16 project.

17 At the conclusion of the formal
18 presentation, we will ask those persons who indicated on
19 the verbal comment registration form they would like to
20 make a statement to come forward to our floor
21 microphone, state their name and address for the record,
22 and provide comments, what they like or don't like,
23 positive or negative, concerning the project. Following
24 the registered speakers, anyone who did not register
25 will also be given an opportunity to comment.

1 Please note if you wish to make a verbal
2 statement but would rather not do so from the floor, you
3 are invited to make your statement to the court reporter
4 at the conclusion of all verbal comments.

5 At this time, Mr. Brad Hernandez will
6 provide an overview of the proposed design features for
7 the I-20 at US-84 Interchange Improvement Project.
8 Thank you.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Jones. The
10 design schematic and environmental documentation for the
11 proposed I-20 at US-84 Interchange Improvement Project
12 are available for inspection and reproduction at the
13 Texas Department of Transportation Abilene District
14 Office located at 4250 North Clack Street, Abilene,
15 Texas. In addition, the design schematic may be viewed
16 on the project website at TxDOT.gov (search I-20 at
17 US-84).

18 TxDOT is proposing improvements to the
19 interchange of I-20 at US-84, the Roscoe interchange, in
20 Nolan County along I-20 from east of Main Street to west
21 of Loop 170 and for US-84 from south of Union Pacific
22 Railroad to I-20.

23 The purpose and need for the proposed
24 project was originally identified in the Vision 20/20
25 Corridor Study of I-20 in the Abilene District. Since

1 the release of the study in 2016, there have been two
2 public meetings where public input has been received and
3 used to further refine the purpose and need.

4 Ultimately, the purpose and need, along with the
5 alternative analysis, guided the selection of a
6 recommended alternative that was carried forward for
7 further evaluation, which we will discuss tonight.

8 The purpose and need of the proposed
9 project provides the "why" and the "what" for a proposed
10 project. The need provides the "why" or the information
11 supporting the problem statement, also known as the
12 purpose. The following items outline the need for the
13 proposed project:

14 The I-20 at US-84 Interchange experiences a
15 higher rate of crashes than other interchanges in the
16 District.

17 Insufficient spacing of ramp entrances and
18 exits for current and future traffic volumes.

19 The interchange does not meet current
20 design standards.

21 The purpose of the project is to:

22 Improve safety for the traveling public
23 within and approaching the interchange.

24 Meet current TxDOT design standards for
25 this type of roadway facility and to provide flexibility

1 -- flexible design to accommodate future expansion of
2 the roadway, if needed.

3 The existing roadway right-of-way width for
4 the I-20 at US-84 interchange varies from approximately
5 260 to 470 feet. I-20 is a four-lane divided
6 interstate. There are two 12-foot travel lanes for
7 east- and for westbound traffic which are divided by a
8 40-foot median. Moreover, the shoulders associated with
9 the travel lanes include four-foot inside and ten-foot
10 outside. Finally, there are two-way frontage roads on
11 either side of the interstate with two 10-foot travel
12 lanes and no shoulders.

13 US-84 is a four-lane divided highway
14 extending through the interchange. There are two
15 12-foot travel lanes for east- and westbound traffic
16 which is divided by a median width that varies from 48
17 to 76 feet. Moreover, along the travel lanes there are
18 four-foot inside and ten-foot outside shoulders.
19 Finally, there are two-way frontage roads on either side
20 of the highway with two 10-foot travel lanes and no
21 shoulders.

22 The proposed project would realign a
23 portion of I-20 travel lanes and frontage roads and
24 provide direct connections between I-20 and US-84 and
25 update ramp configurations along I-20. The proposed

1 I-20 roadway facility, within the project limits, would
2 include two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with
3 a 12-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulders which is
4 divided by a median that varies from 40 to 76 feet. The
5 inside shoulder and wider median has been designed to
6 accommodate a future third travel lane. The frontage
7 roads would remain two-way with 12-foot travel lanes and
8 four-foot inside and outside shoulders.

9 In addition to modifications to I-20 US-84,
10 there are other proposed modifications within the
11 project limits. These include the following:

12 Reconstruction of the Cemetery Road Bridge
13 to allow for adequate vertical clearance of 18 1/2 feet.

14 Removal of the existing Blackland Road
15 Bridge.

16 The addition of a direct connector
17 providing east to west movements from I-20 to US-84,
18 thus creating a fully directional interchange.

19 New ramp configuration allowing appropriate
20 weaving distances for traffic entering and exiting the
21 interchange.

22 Finally, additional right-of-way would be
23 acquired to accommodate the necessary proposed drainage
24 structures.

25 Utilities within the corridor that require

1 relocating would be adjusted prior to construction to
2 accommodate the proposed improvements.

3 The proposed project is anticipated to be
4 Ready to Let by August of 2021 and will take
5 approximately three years to construct. "Letting" is
6 when TxDOT notifies the construction community that a
7 project is ready to be bid on. Construction on a
8 project begins after the letting process is complete.
9 The total estimated cost for the project is
10 approximately \$60 million.

11 This concludes the project information and
12 design portion of the presentation. I will now turn the
13 hearing over to Mr. Reggie Herman who will provide an
14 overview of the environmental document for the I-20 at
15 US-84 Interchange Improvement Project.

16 MR. HERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Hernandez.
17 Prior to December 16th, 2014, the Federal Highway
18 Administration, or FHWA, reviewed and approved documents
19 prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act,
20 known as NEPA; however, on December 16th, 2014, the
21 Texas Department of Transportation assumed the
22 responsibility from FHWA to review and approve certain
23 assigned NEPA environmental documents.

24 Environmental studies were conducted for
25 the proposed I-20 at US-84 Interchange Improvement

1 Project to support environmental clearance in accordance
2 with NEPA. These environmental analyses are necessary
3 to identify, avoid, and minimize effects to the human
4 and natural environments.

5 Technical environmental documentation was
6 approved for further processing by TxDOT and coordinated
7 with other public agencies. Notices for this public
8 hearing were advertised in the Abilene Reporter-News,
9 the Sweetwater Reporter, and on TxDOT's website at
10 TxDOT.gov, keyword search I-20 at US-84. The TxDOT
11 Public Information Office also prepared news media
12 releases to advertise the public hearing. TxDOT
13 technical reports are available tonight for your review
14 and at the environmental table, and are also available
15 at the TxDOT Abilene District Office.

16 The technical documentation for this
17 project addresses the potential environmental impacts
18 identified during the preliminary engineering of the
19 proposed project. These areas of potential impacts
20 include natural, social, and cultural resources. This
21 slide shows a list of all resources that were evaluated
22 during the environmental analyses. The following slides
23 include a summary of those findings.

24 A total of approximately 77 acres of new
25 right-of-way would be required. In addition, temporary

1 construction easements would be acquired around the
2 Cemetery Road intersection in order to complete the
3 proposed improvements.

4 No churches, schools, or cemeteries would
5 be displaced as a result of the construction of the
6 proposed project. One commercial property may be
7 displaced; however, this property appears to be
8 currently vacant. Thus, no active business would be
9 impacted in a manner that would prevent them from
10 continuing to operate.

11 All right-of-way acquisition would be
12 completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation
13 Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of
14 1970, as amended. There are representatives at the
15 right-of-way table to assist with information on the
16 process that TxDOT will follow for right-of-way
17 acquisition. Brochures, including two booklets titled
18 "The Purchase of Right of Way" and "Relocation
19 Assistance," are also available for you at the
20 right-of-way table here tonight. These booklets contain
21 detailed information to inform you of your rights and
22 provide information about the TxDOT right-of-way
23 acquisition process.

24 A Traffic Noise Analysis was conducted in
25 accordance with TxDOT's (and FHWA approved) Guidelines

1 for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise.
2 Based on the analysis, no noise barriers were determined
3 to be both reasonable and feasible; therefore, no
4 barriers are proposed for incorporation into the
5 proposed project.

6 The project corridor intersects a FEMA
7 designated 100-year flood hazard area at the western
8 portion of the proposed project. The hydraulic design
9 for this project would be in accordance with current
10 TxDOT policies and would not increase the base flood
11 elevation to a level that would violate applicable
12 floodplain regulations or ordinances.

13 The current roadway facilities do not cross
14 any streams or water bodies, and neither do the proposed
15 roadway improvements detailed earlier during the
16 presentation. In addition, no existing wetlands were
17 identified within the project area. Finally, no impacts
18 to waters of the U.S. are anticipated with the
19 construction of the proposed project. As a result, no
20 impacts to water resources subject to Section 404 of the
21 Clean Water Act are anticipated; thus no Section 404
22 permits are required.

23 As part of the analysis to determine
24 community impacts, U.S. Census data and preliminary
25 engineering drawings were reviewed along with site

1 visits within and adjacent to the roadway right-of-way.
2 The analysis revealed the following: One commercial
3 displacement; no residential displacements; no
4 disproportional impacts to environmental justice
5 populations; and no impacts to community facilities.

6 In conclusion, the studies, analyses, and
7 the evaluations performed indicate the proposed project
8 would cause no significant environmental impacts.

9 The public comment period for the proposed
10 project ends on Friday, November 8th, 2019. Following
11 this hearing, documentation of this public hearing will
12 be reviewed by TxDOT for final environmental clearance
13 and design approval. If there are no major issues
14 arising from this hearing that cannot be addressed in a
15 reasonable time frame, final environmental clearance is
16 expected in the fall or early winter. The proposed
17 project has an anticipated Ready to Let date of
18 August 2021, with construction to follow in early 2022.

19 This concludes the environmental evaluation
20 portion of the presentation. I will now return the
21 hearing to Mr. Jones.

22 MR. JONES: Thank you, Mr. Herman.

23 For the benefit of those who may have
24 arrived late, I would ask the members of the department
25 and our consultant team to stand. I would like to

1 mention that -- you can be seated.

2 I would like to mention that due to the
3 format of this public hearing, we will not attempt to
4 answer your questions while you have the floor during
5 the "Opportunity for Public Comment." This procedure is
6 necessary so that everyone is given an opportunity to
7 speak and because your comments will be given due
8 consideration.

9 All substantive comments and questions will
10 be fully considered and responded to in the project
11 record and made part of the final environmental document
12 for this proposed project. This document will then be
13 made available for public review and copying at the
14 TxDOT Abilene District Office located at 4250 North
15 Clack Street, Abilene, Texas, and online at TxDOT.gov
16 (keyword search "I-20 at US-84").

17 Some of you may not want to make a
18 statement from the microphone. In that event, your
19 written statements will be equally accepted both tonight
20 and for the next 15 calendar days following this
21 hearing. For those of you who wish to submit a written
22 comment tonight, comment boxes are located on the
23 comment tables. Questions and comments may also be
24 mailed to Mr. Tracy Jones at TxDOT Abilene District
25 Office, 4250 North Clack Street, Abilene, Texas, or

1 e-mailed to Tracy.Jones@TxDOT.gov.

2 All of your statements, comments, and
3 questions will be given careful consideration before
4 final design features are determined. Additionally, all
5 information developed for the proposed design is
6 available for public inspection and copying at TxDOT.gov
7 (keyword search "I-20 at US-84"). As a reminder,
8 written and emailed comments must be received or
9 postmarked by Friday, November the 8th, 2019.

10 We have a listing of two people, I believe,
11 who have registered who would like to make statements.
12 Please limit your speaking time to three minutes. For
13 the official transcript, please clearly state your name
14 and address as you take the floor before proceeding with
15 your statements.

16 The names of speakers will be called in the
17 order they were received. The hearing will adjourn
18 after all who have registered to make verbal comments
19 have been heard. Please use the microphone in the front
20 of the room, and please face our court reporter so that
21 we can have an accurate record of your comments.

22 We will begin with Robert McBride.

23 MR. MCBRIDE: Councilman Robert R. McBride,
24 Roscoe, Texas, Post Office Box 893, or 910 Bois D Arc,
25 whichever one you want to use. TxDOT, I thank y'all for

1 coming tonight. I appreciate it. This is a
2 well-deserved project that's way overdue. Of course,
3 y'all don't have anything to do with that. That's us
4 wrestling with the legislature.

5 Thousands and thousands of -- millions of
6 dollars of equipment lost there, and lives. Glad y'all
7 are doing it; it's about time. I do have some concerns
8 on it once we get into the demolition phase on this and
9 the construction phase on this is there's going to be a
10 lot of traffic put off on our city streets. We saw this
11 back when the bridge was destroyed there coming into
12 84 -- off 84 onto the highway there when the semi
13 finally took that bridge out and it was redesigned. We
14 had plenty of traffic coming into the city. It would
15 get bottlenecked up there by our four-way stop, which
16 was the old way they had to go through here anyway, and
17 it would pile up on what's called Front Street, and then
18 sometimes it would come straight down Cypress. We got a
19 lot of maneuver damage -- is what we call that in the
20 Army -- from that, and the City had to suck that up. So
21 I'd like to see a better plan on how you're going to
22 route that traffic there.

23 And also Commissioner Terry Willman asked
24 me to bring this up tonight, too: Some of his county
25 roads during that process were damaged, especially

1 County Road 104 over there by the American Legion
2 because, as you can see out here, it's pretty flat. So
3 traffic would see that bottleneck, and they would also
4 see where they could go, so they'd just take off and go
5 that way.

6 So we got a little relief on that, kind of
7 some backdoor stuff, but anyway, we're going to need
8 some relief on that whenever it all gets down to
9 nut-cutting because I do believe we'll see the same
10 thing there both in the county roads and the city
11 streets getting a little bit of heavier traffic than
12 they would normally get.

13 And the last thing I want to talk about: I
14 know y'all have got it in your environmental plan about
15 that 100-year flood; we do flood here. You're standing
16 in a flood zone right now, okay? We can't handle any
17 more water. We already have problems getting water out
18 of Roscoe as it is. It's like pouring water on a
19 tabletop. We don't got a lot of fall out here, so when
20 you get out there and start shooting grades, you might
21 want to look at doing some retention ponds somewhere to
22 take some of that water, and please don't send any more
23 of it into the City of Roscoe proper. Thank y'all very
24 much.

25 MR. JONES: He will be followed by Bo.

1 BO: Hello, nice to meet y'all. My name is
2 Bo. I do business as A-1 Auto Parts. I live on
3 Interstate 20 Frontage Road. I'm in between mile marker
4 239 and 240 on the south side frontage road.

5 I originally purchased that property in
6 1986 to install a business, and just like any property
7 purchase: Location, location, location.

8 I am on the south side frontage road of
9 Interstate 20. I am in between mile marker 239 and 240,
10 Exit 239 to get off to come to me from Highway 84 and
11 Exit 240 to get back on the interstate. I am directly
12 located in between an exit and an entrance.

13 When they add this new intersection, it's
14 going to eliminate the easy access from Highway 84 to
15 the frontage road prior to my business and also
16 Burnett's business, Lati's, right west of me. And if
17 there is any possible way that they could get an exit
18 from something off of 84 before or shortly after it
19 connect to I-20, it would not devour all the business
20 that people are going to lose when they have to go past
21 me and then try to find a way to come back to me .

22 Most of the customers I'm seeing off of
23 Highway 84 are car problems. We do repairs and sell
24 parts. And due to the fact they're having car problems,
25 they're not wanting to travel a whole bunch of distance

1 to locate any help. And with the Exit 239 coming off of
2 Highway 84, I'm actually the second exit -- there's, I
3 believe, two exits prior to me -- and it will eliminate
4 both of those exits.

5 I'm very proud that TxDOT has finally
6 decided to create a better interchange where less people
7 will be killed. It is so imperative. It's one of the
8 most dangerous places in the country, and I'm proud to
9 see that, but I would like to see if there is any way
10 possible to get Highway 84 to connect to that southside
11 frontage road before it goes too far.

12 I feel that if they do that that they are
13 not only going to infringe upon my business but also
14 Lati's, which is Burnett. And in addition to that, it
15 would also curtail any type of industrial development on
16 the south side of the frontage road on the west side of
17 Sweetwater.

18 That was the only concern I had. I'm proud
19 that they're actually going to do it finally. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. JONES: Thank you. Is there anyone
22 else who would like to come forward and make a
23 statement?

24 Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, we sincerely
25 appreciate your attendance and interest concerning the

1 I-20 at US-84 Interchange Improvement Plan. Your
2 questions, comments, and concerns will receive careful
3 consideration. Thank you very much.

4 This hearing is now adjourned. Have a good
5 evening.

6 (Conclusion of hearing at 6:58 p.m.)

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F. COMMENTS RECEIVED



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I am an Elected Official Position: COUNCILMAN CITY OF ABILENE

Name and Mailing Address (Optional):

Name ROBERT R. MARRAS

Address _____

Email Address _____

Telephone _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter Business property owner or lessee

Other (Please explain) COMMUNITY LEADER

Per Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:

I am employed by TxDOT

I do business with TxDOT

I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting

Do you support the proposed project? Yes No Undecided

COMMENTS:

ONCE THIS PROJECT BEGINS THERE WILL BE INCREASED TRAFFIC ON COUNTY ROAD 274 (THE OLD BANKHEAD HIGHWAY) BETWEEN ABILENE AND SWEETWATER. THIS IS ALREADY EVIDENCED BY THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC PUSHED ON TO IT BY THE ONGOING I20 BUSINESS BRIDGE PROJECT OVER THE RAILROAD IN SWEETWATER. ANYONE THAT COMMUTES FROM ABILENE TO SWEETWATER OR VICE VERSA FOR WORK OR SCHOOL WILL BE CONTRIBUTING TO THE EXISTING BURDEN THE NARROW COUNTY ROAD WILL BE TAKING ON. THE STATE NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP OUT NOLAN COUNTY WITH THAT ROAD QUALITY AND AFTER THIS PROJECT.

Please make additional comments on the back.

This comment form may be turned in tonight, mailed, or emailed by **Friday, November 8, 2019**, to the address below:

Tracy Jones, P.E.
Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District Office,
4250 North Clack Street,
Abilene, Texas 79601
tracy.jones@txdot.gov



COMMENT CARD

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I am an Elected Official

Position: County Commissioner Pet 1

Name and Mailing Address (Optional):

Name Terry Wilkman

Address _____

Email Address _____

Telephone 3

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

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Residential property owner or renter Business property owner or lessee

Other (Please explain) Responsible for County roads.

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Do you support the proposed project? Yes No Undecided

COMMENTS:

I know TXDOT does their best to try and keep interstate traffic off of county roads when there is a big project like this taking place. Sometimes people do not follow signage. I have had one county road (CR 104) severely damaged in the past. Nolan County roads were not built for heavy truck and car traffic. I feel confident that TXDOT will do all they can to minimize traffic on such roads.
Thank you for all you do.

Please make additional comments on the back.

This comment form may be turned in tonight, mailed, or emailed by **Friday, November 8, 2019**, to the address below:

Tracy Jones, P.E.
Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District Office,
4250 North Clack Street,
Abilene, Texas 79601
tracy.jones@txdot.gov

1 e-mailed to Tracy.Jones@TxDOT.gov.

2 All of your statements, comments, and
3 questions will be given careful consideration before
4 final design features are determined. Additionally, all
5 information developed for the proposed design is
6 available for public inspection and copying at TxDOT.gov
7 (keyword search "I-20 at US-84"). As a reminder,
8 written and emailed comments must be received or
9 postmarked by Friday, November the 8th, 2019.

10 We have a listing of two people, I believe,
11 who have registered who would like to make statements.
12 Please limit your speaking time to three minutes. For
13 the official transcript, please clearly state your name
14 and address as you take the floor before proceeding with
15 your statements.

16 The names of speakers will be called in the
17 order they were received. The hearing will adjourn
18 after all who have registered to make verbal comments
19 have been heard. Please use the microphone in the front
20 of the room, and please face our court reporter so that
21 we can have an accurate record of your comments.

22 We will begin with Robert McBride.

23 MR. MCBRIDE: Councilman Robert R. McBride,
24 Roscoe, Texas, Post Office Box 893, or 910 Bois D Arc,
25 whichever one you want to use. TxDOT, I thank y'all for

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1 coming tonight. I appreciate it. This is a
2 well-deserved project that's way overdue. Of course,
3 y'all don't have anything to do with that. That's us
4 wrestling with the legislature.

5 Thousands and thousands of -- millions of
6 dollars of equipment lost there, and lives. Glad y'all
7 are doing it; it's about time. I do have some concerns
8 on it once we get into the demolition phase on this and
9 the construction phase on this is there's going to be a
10 lot of traffic put off on our city streets. We saw this
11 back when the bridge was destroyed there coming into
12 84 -- off 84 onto the highway there when the semi
13 finally took that bridge out and it was redesigned. We
14 had plenty of traffic coming into the city. It would
15 get bottlenecked up there by our four-way stop, which
16 was the old way they had to go through here anyway, and
17 it would pile up on what's called Front Street, and then
18 sometimes it would come straight down Cypress. We got a
19 lot of maneuver damage -- is what we call that in the
20 Army -- from that, and the City had to suck that up. So
21 I'd like to see a better plan on how you're going to
22 route that traffic there.

23 And also Commissioner Terry Willman asked
24 me to bring this up tonight, too: Some of his county
25 roads during that process were damaged, especially

1 County Road 104 over there by the American Legion
2 because, as you can see out here, it's pretty flat. So
3 traffic would see that bottleneck, and they would also
4 see where they could go, so they'd just take off and go
5 that way.

6 So we got a little relief on that, kind of
7 some backdoor stuff, but anyway, we're going to need
8 some relief on that whenever it all gets down to
9 nut-cutting because I do believe we'll see the same
10 thing there both in the county roads and the city
11 streets getting a little bit of heavier traffic than
12 they would normally get.

13 And the last thing I want to talk about: I
14 know y'all have got it in your environmental plan about
15 that 100-year flood; we do flood here. You're standing
16 in a flood zone right now, okay? We can't handle any
17 more water. We already have problems getting water out
18 of Roscoe as it is. It's like pouring water on a
19 tabletop. We don't got a lot of fall out here, so when
20 you get out there and start shooting grades, you might
21 want to look at doing some retention ponds somewhere to
22 take some of that water, and please don't send any more
23 of it into the City of Roscoe proper. Thank y'all very
24 much.

25 MR. JONES: He will be followed by Bo.

1 BO: Hello, nice to meet y'all. My name is
2 Bo. I do business as A-1 Auto Parts. I live on
3 Interstate 20 Frontage Road. I'm in between mile marker
4 239 and 240 on the south side frontage road.

5 I originally purchased that property in
6 1986 to install a business, and just like any property
7 purchase: Location, location, location.

8 I am on the south side frontage road of
9 Interstate 20. I am in between mile marker 239 and 240,
10 Exit 239 to get off to come to me from Highway 84 and
11 Exit 240 to get back on the interstate. I am directly
12 located in between an exit and an entrance.

4 When they add this new intersection, it's
13 going to eliminate the easy access from Highway 84 to
14 the frontage road prior to my business and also
15 Burnett's business, Lati's, right west of me. And if
16 there is any possible way that they could get an exit
17 from something off of 84 before or shortly after it
18 connect to I-20, it would not devour all the business
19 that people are going to lose when they have to go past
20 me and then try to find a way to come back to me .

22 Most of the customers I'm seeing off of
23 Highway 84 are car problems. We do repairs and sell
24 parts. And due to the fact they're having car problems,
25 they're not wanting to travel a whole bunch of distance

1 to locate any help. And with the Exit 239 coming off of
2 Highway 84, I'm actually the second exit -- there's, I
3 believe, two exits prior to me -- and it will eliminate
4 both of those exits.

5 I'm very proud that TxDOT has finally
6 decided to create a better interchange where less people
7 will be killed. It is so imperative. It's one of the
8 most dangerous places in the country, and I'm proud to
9 see that, but I would like to see if there is any way
10 possible to get Highway 84 to connect to that southside
11 frontage road before it goes too far.

12 I feel that if they do that that they are
13 not only going to infringe upon my business but also
14 Lati's, which is Burnett. And in addition to that, it
15 would also curtail any type of industrial development on
16 the south side of the frontage road on the west side of
17 Sweetwater.

18 That was the only concern I had. I'm proud
19 that they're actually going to do it finally. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. JONES: Thank you. Is there anyone
22 else who would like to come forward and make a
23 statement?

24 Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, we sincerely
25 appreciate your attendance and interest concerning the

G. FIGURES



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WELCOME!

I-20 AT US 84 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

I-20 FROM EAST OF MAIN STREET (CR 608)
WEST OF LOOP 170 AND ALONG US 84
FROM SOUTH OF UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD (UPRR) TO I-20

Why Am I Here?

- **Learn** about the project & the recommended alternative
- **Ask** questions about proposed improvements
- **Submit** a comment

PURPOSE AND NEED



PURPOSE: What are we trying to do?

- Improve corridor safety
- Address design deficiencies
- Accomodate future improvements and capacity projects



NEED: What problems are we trying to address?

- Higher than average crash rates at the interchange
- Safe movements between I-20 and US 84
- Existing interchange lacks optimal placement / spacing of ramps
- Interchange does not meet current design standards



Project Timeline

TIMELINE 2016 2017 2018 2019 FUTURE

I-20 Corridor Study
2016



Conduct Preliminary Screening
Winter 2018



Evaluate Alternatives
Spring 2018



Schematic Design
Summer 2018-Spring 2019



Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)
Spring / Summer 2019



Anticipated Construction
Spring/Summer 2022



Develop Alternatives
Fall 2017



Collect Data
Winter / Spring 2018



Recommend Build Alternative
Summer 2018



Conduct Environmental Evaluation of Build and No Build Alternatives
Fall-Winter 2018/2019



Environmental Clearance
Fall/Winter 2019

You are here!

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

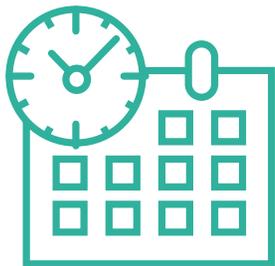
1st Public Meeting
March 2018

2nd Public Meeting
Spring 2019

Public Hearing
Fall 2019

Options for commenting:

1. Verbal comments can be made tonight or dictated to court reporter
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3. E-mail comments to: tracy.jones@txdot.gov
4. Mail comments to: **Texas Department of Transportation**
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Deadline for comments: Friday, November 8, 2019

Comments must be received by this date to be included as part of the official public hearing record

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

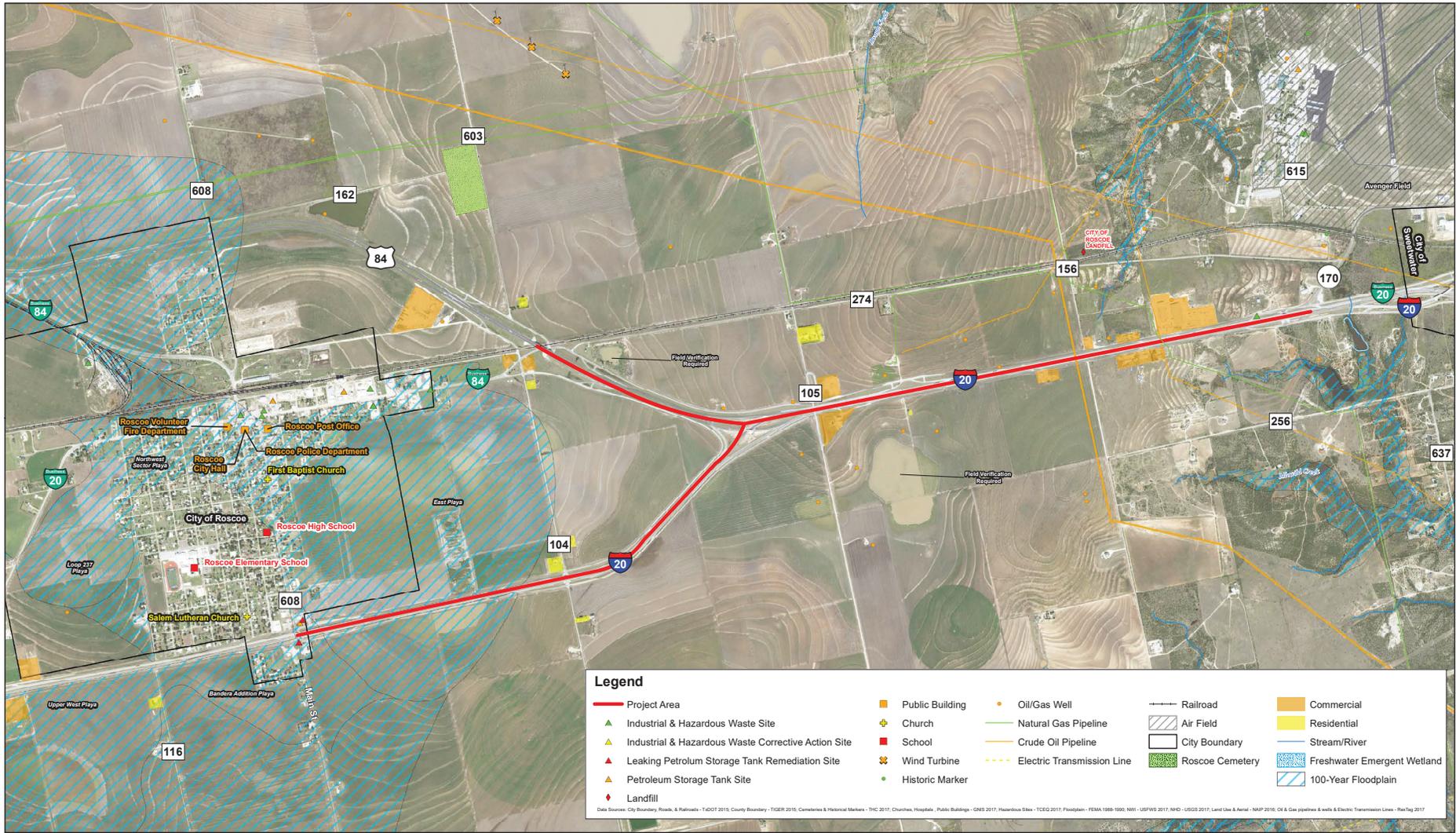
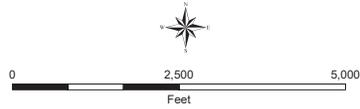
The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo a han sido, llevado a caba por TxDOT - en virtud de 23 USC 327 y el Memoranda de Entendimiento del 16 de diciembre de 2014, y ejecutado por la FHWA y el TxDOT

Environmental Constraints Map

I-20 at US 84 - Roscoe, TX

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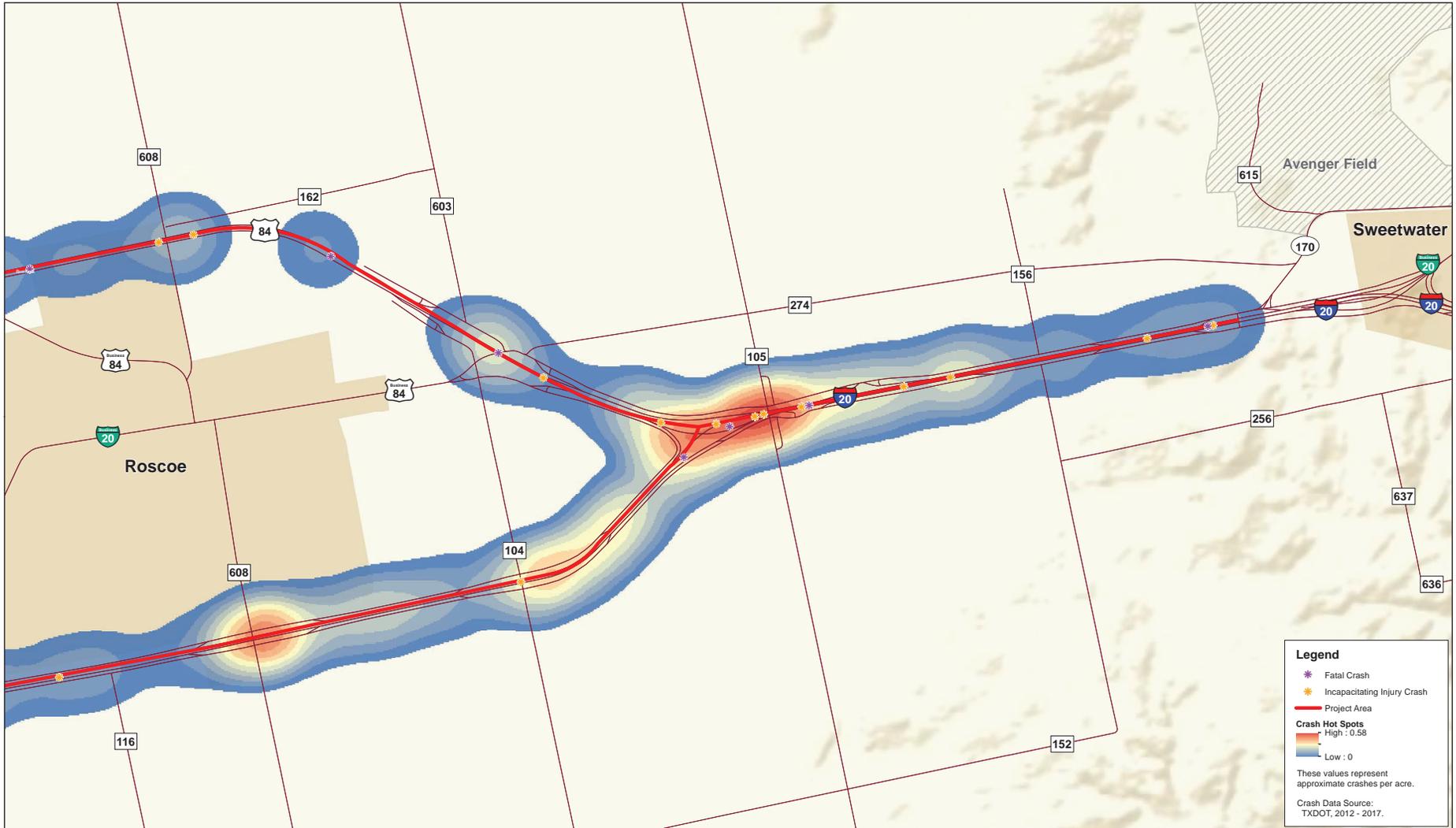
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| Project Area | Public Building | Oil/Gas Well | Railroad | Commercial |
| Industrial & Hazardous Waste Site | Church | Natural Gas Pipeline | Air Field | Residential |
| Industrial & Hazardous Waste Corrective Action Site | School | Crude Oil Pipeline | City Boundary | Stream/River |
| Leaking Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Site | Wind Turbine | Electric Transmission Line | Roscoe Cemetery | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Petroleum Storage Tank Site | Historic Marker | | | 100-Year Floodplain |
| Landfill | | | | |

Data Sources: City Boundary, Road, & Railroads - TxDOT 2015; County Boundary - TIGER 2015; Cemeteries & Historical Markers - THC 2017; Churches, Hospitals - Public Buildings - GNS 2017; Hazardous Sites - TCEQ 2017; Floodplain - FEMA 1988-1990; NWI - USFWS 2017; NFD - USGS 2017; Land Use & Aerial - NAIP 2016; Oil & Gas Pipelines & Wells & Electric Transmission Lines - ResTag 2017



I-20 at US 84 Improvement Project

	<h2>Crash Hot Spot Map</h2> <p>I-20 at US 84 - Roscoe, TX</p> <p>CSJ: 0006-02-114</p>	
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Public Hearing Fact Sheet

I-20 at US 84 Interchange Improvement Project

Roscoe Collegiate High School Cafeteria, Roscoe, TX: October 24, 2019 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Introduction

The purpose of this public hearing is to present proposed improvements at the interchange of I-20 and US 84 in Nolan County, TX, and to solicit public input on the preferred alternative.

Why is this project needed?

- The interchange experiences higher than average crash rates compared to other interchanges in the Abilene district.
- The existing interchange does not provide optimal placement/spacing of ramps.
- The interchange does not meet current design standards.

What is the purpose of the project?

- Improve the I-20 and US 84 interchange by:
 - Addressing current operational issues and updating to current design standards
 - Improving safety for the traveling public
 - Providing a flexible design to accommodate future needs

Project Details

- Four alternatives were evaluated for potential environmental, right-of-way, and displacement impacts
- Of the four, two build alternatives (Alternatives A & B) were advanced for further evaluation. TxDOT performed a quantitative and qualitative analysis comparing the two alternatives and Alternative B was selected as the preferred alternative.
- Proposed improvements would:
 - Flatten the I-20 curves to meet current design standards
 - Provide direct connection from eastbound I-20 to westbound US 84
 - Optimize ramp connections
 - Reconstruct two-way frontage roads along I-20
 - Require acquisition of approximately 77 acres of right of way

Written Comments:

You may leave a written comment with us tonight or submit written comments by mail or email. Comments must be postmarked by **Friday, November 8, 2019** to be included as part of the official project record. To submit comments by mail or email, send comments to:

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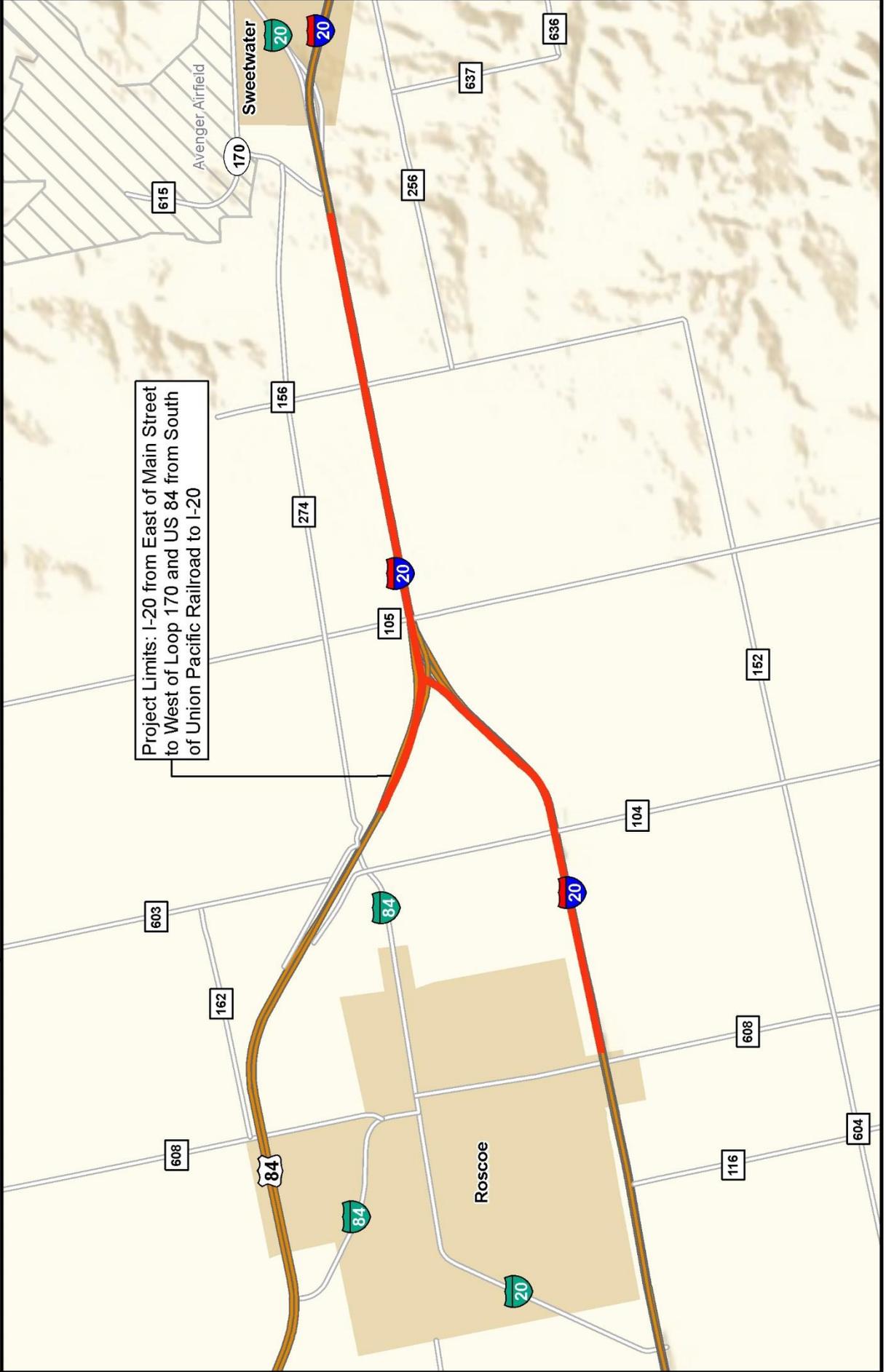
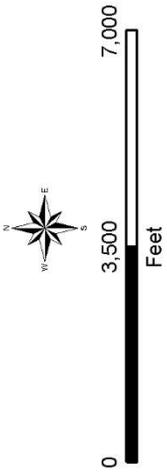


For more information, visit our website at txdot.gov; search for I-20 at US 84 in the upper righthand portion of the screen.



Location Map

I-20 at US 84 - Roscoe, TX
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Project Limits: I-20 from East of Main Street to West of Loop 170 and US 84 from South of Union Pacific Railroad to I-20



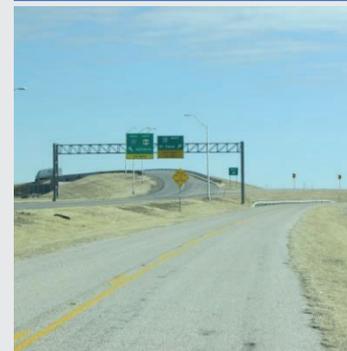
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



PUBLIC HEARING

I-20 AT US 84

Interchange Improvement Project



ELECTED & PUBLIC OFFICIALS

TxDOT STAFF

CONSULTANTS



Public Hearing Purpose

- 1. Inform the public of project status and present recommendations.**
- 2. Describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected.**
- 3. Provide the public the opportunity to provide input.**
- 4. Develop a record of public participation.**

Public Hearing Agenda

1 Introduction

Tracy Jones, P.E. (TxDOT)

2 Project Design Presentation

Brad Hernandez, P.E. (AECOM)

3 Environmental Presentation

Reggie Herman, AICP (AECOM)

4 Public Comments

Tracy Jones, P.E. (TxDOT)

Public Inquiries

Schematics may be viewed at:

- TxDOT Abilene District Office
4250 North Clack Street
Abilene, TX 79601

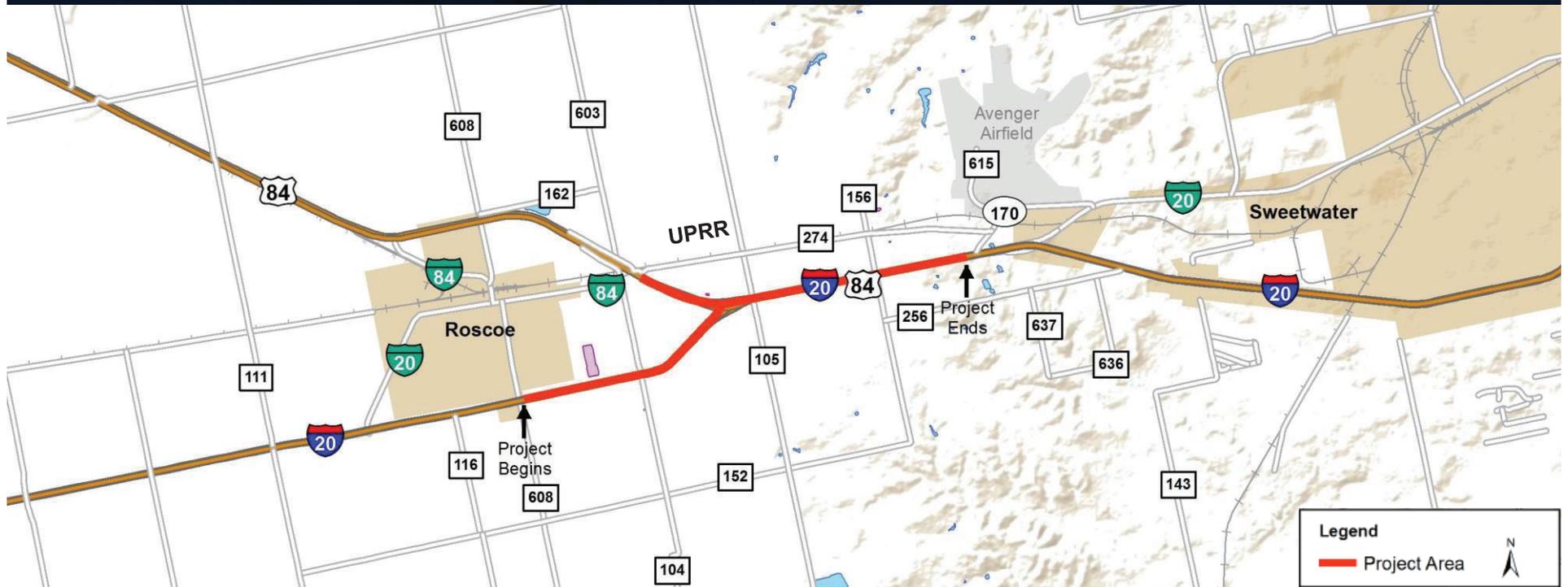
- Websites:

txdot.gov

Search/Select "I-20 at US 84" on the top righthand side of screen



Project Location, Need and Purpose



LIMITS

- I-20
 - From: East of Main Street
 - To: West of Loop 170
- US 84
 - From: UPRR
 - To: I-20
- Length of Project:
2.58 miles along I-20

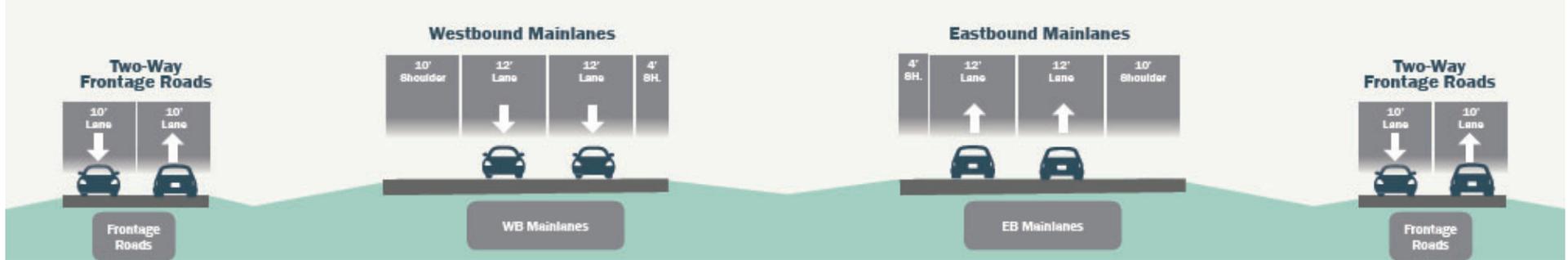
NEED

- Interchange experiences higher rate of crashes than other interchanges in District
- Insufficient spacing ramp entrances and exists for traffic volume
- Interchange does not meet current design standards

PURPOSE

- Improve safety for traveling public
- Meet current design standards
- Provide flexible design to accommodate future needs

Existing Roadway Facilities



I-20 Existing Typical Section



US 84 Existing Typical Section

I-20 Facility

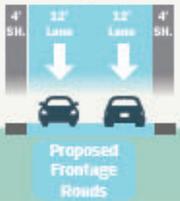
- 4, 12-foot wide travel lanes
- Divided by a 40-foot median
- 4-foot inside shoulder and 10-foot outside shoulder
- 2-way frontage road with lane widths of 10 feet

US 84 Facility

- 4, 12-foot wide travel lanes
- Divided median width of 48-76 feet
- 4-foot inside shoulder and 10-foot outside shoulder
- 2-way frontage roads with lane widths of 10 feet

Proposed Roadway Facilities

Two-Way Frontage Roads



Westbound Mainlanes



Eastbound Mainlanes



Two-Way Frontage Roads



I-20 Proposed Typical Section

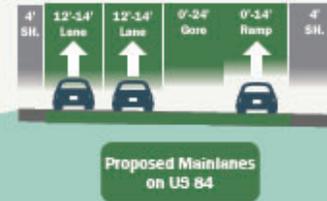
Two-Way Frontage Roads



Westbound Mainlanes



Eastbound Mainlanes



Two-Way Frontage Roads



US 84 Proposed Typical Section with Frontage

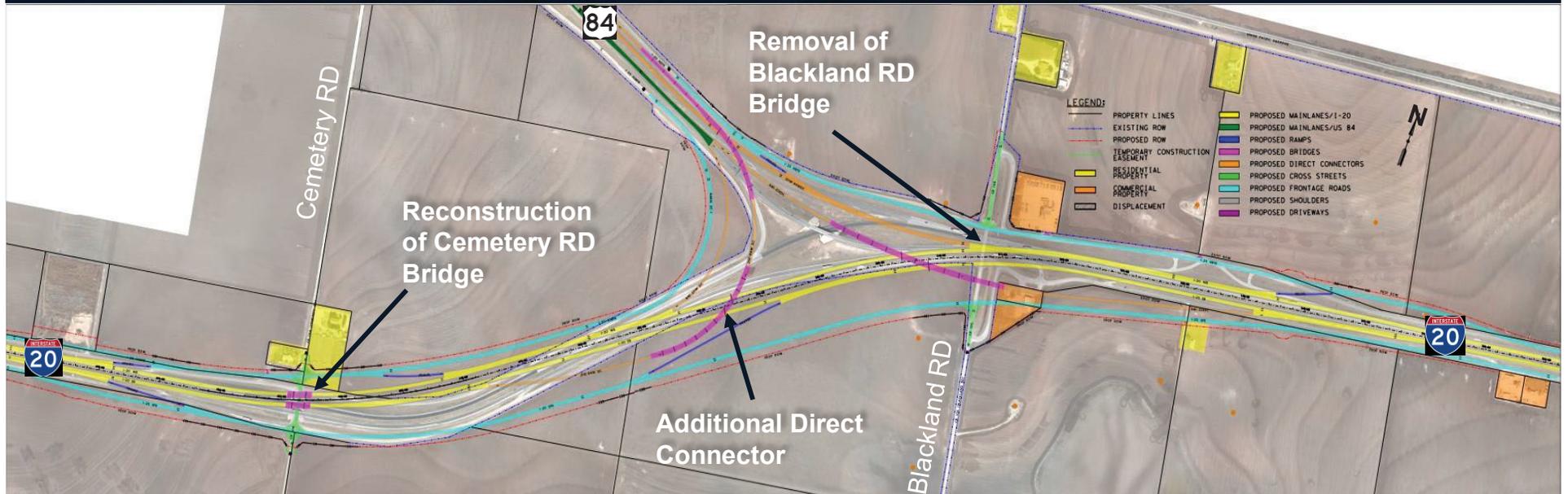
I-20 Roadway Facility

- 4-foot , 12 foot travel lanes divided by median
- 12-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulders
- Frontage road has 2, 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot shoulders

US 84 Roadway Facility

- 4-foot , 12 foot travel lanes divided by median
- 8 to 10-foot outside shoulders and 4-foot inside shoulders
- Frontage road has 2, 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot shoulders

I-20 and US 84 Interchange Design Changes



- Reconstruction of Cemetery Road Bridge to allow for adequate clearance of 18.5 feet
- Removal of existing Blackland Road Bridge
- Addition of a direct connector providing east to west movement from I-20 to US 84, thus creating a fully directional interchange
- Ramp configuration allowing appropriate weaving distances
- Right-of-way (ROW) to accommodate the necessary proposed drainage structures

Utility Adjustments

- **Underground and overhead utilities**
 - **Adjustments and relocations would be required prior to construction**



Projected Cost & Schedule

Anticipated Letting:
August 2021

Anticipated Construction
Spring/Summer 2022

Construction Duration:
Approximately 3 Years

Approximate Project Cost:
\$60 Million

Review and Approval of Environmental Document

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Environmental Review / Impacts Addressed

- Right-of-Way/Displacements
 - Traffic Noise
 - Community/Socio-economic Impacts
 - Archeological Resources
 - Historic Resources
 - Water Resources
 - Biological Resources
 - Prime and Unique Farmland
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Air Quality
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Environmental Review - Right-of-Way

- **Proposed Right-of-Way (ROW)**
 - **Approximately 77 acres of new right-of-way**
- **Proposed Temporary Construction Easements**
- **Displacements**
 - **One commercial displacement anticipated**

All ROW Acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

Environmental Review Continued

Traffic Noise

- FHWA Traffic Noise Model used to calculate existing and predicted traffic noise levels.
- Based on analysis, no noise barriers were determined to be both reasonable and feasible.

Floodplains

- The project corridor is situated within FEMA designated 100-year flood hazard areas at the western portion of the project.
- The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

Water Resources

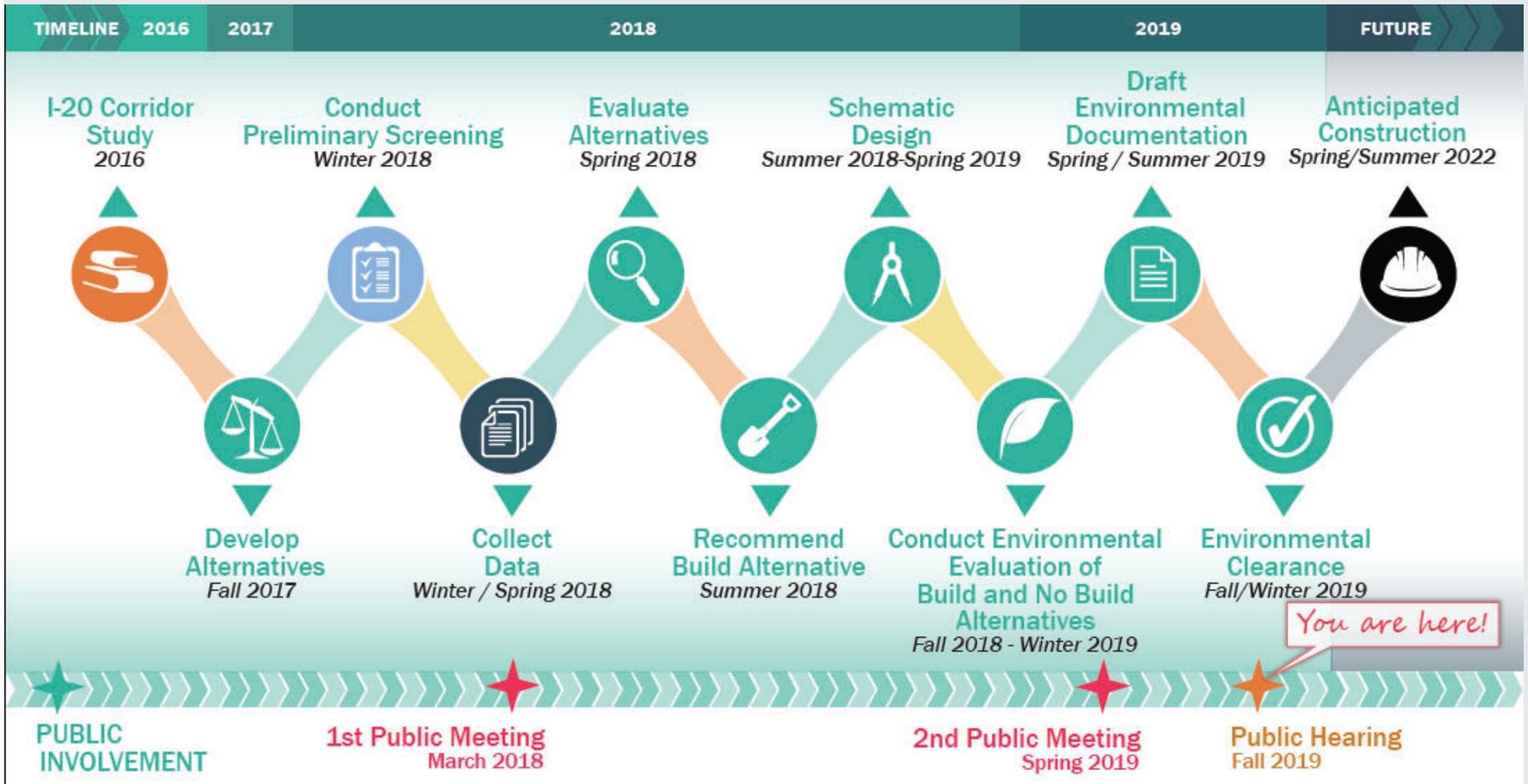
- The project would not cross any streams or waterbodies.
- No existing wetlands were identified within the project area.
- No impacts to waters of the U.S. are anticipated with the construction of the proposed project
- As a result, no impacts to water resources subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act are anticipated, thus no Section 404 Permits are required.

Community Impacts

- One commercial displacement.
- No residential displacements.
- No disproportional impacts to Environmental Justice populations
- The build alternative would have no impacts to community facilities

Conclusion: Studies, analyses, and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant impacts

Project Timeline



Comment Session

Please note that due to the format of the public hearing, TxDOT will not be responding to your comments tonight.

All comments will be fully considered and responded to in the project record.

If you haven't filled out a verbal comment form, please raise your hand and we will provide one to fill out.



Public Comments

Questions and comments may be mailed or emailed to:

Mailing Address

TxDOT Abilene District Office

Attn: Mr. Tracy Jones, P.E.

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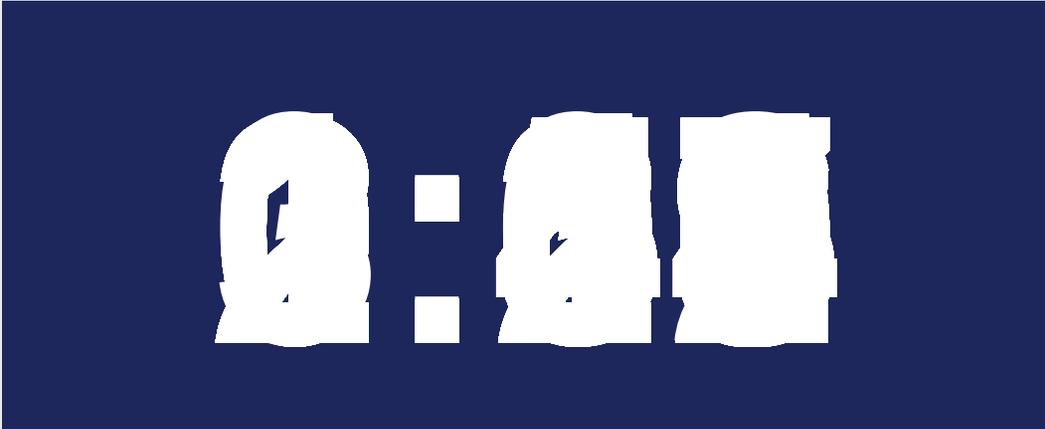
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- Written comments must be postmarked by **Friday, November 8, 2019.**
- Project information is available for inspection on TxDOT's website at:
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Search "I-20 at US 84" at the top righthand side of your screen

Public Comments

Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes



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**Thank you for your interest in the
I-20 at US 84
Interchange Improvement Project**





TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



ABILENE DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING

I-20 at US 84 Interchange Improvements

October 24, 2019

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

Recommended Alternative Visualization



I-20 at US 84 Interchange

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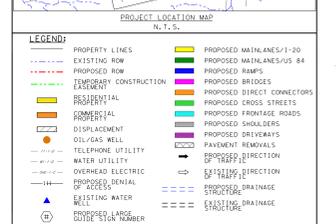
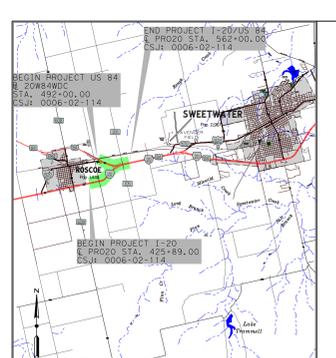
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Or

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DESIGN SPEEDS:

- I-20 MAINLANES - 75 mph
- US 84 MAINLANES - 70 mph
- RAMPS - 50 mph
- WB I-20 TO WB US 84 DC - 70 mph
- EB US 84 TO EB I-20 DC - 70 mph
- EB I-20 TO WB US 84 DC - 45 mph
- EB US 84 TO WB I-20 DC - 50 mph
- FRONTAGE ROADS - 50 mph
- CROSS STREETS - 40 mph

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 PUBLIC HEARING EXHIBIT
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 I-20 AT US 84

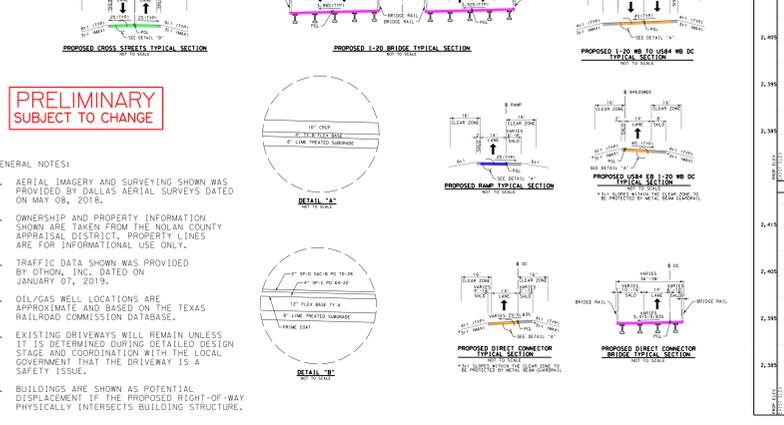
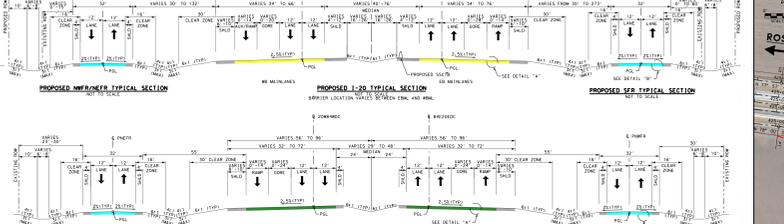
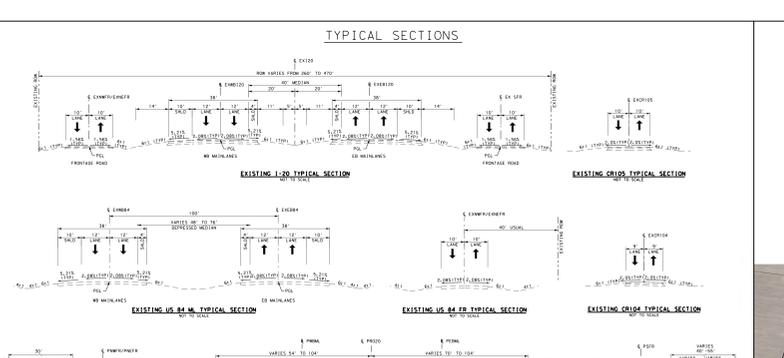
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 NOLAN COUNTY

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 US 84 MAINLANES: RURAL, FREEWAY
 RAMPS: RURAL, PRINCIPAL ARTERIALS
 DIRECT CONNECTORS: RURAL, PRINCIPAL ARTERIALS
 FRONTAGE ROADS: TWO-WAY RURAL CONNECTOR
 CROSS STREETS: LOCAL ROADS/STREETS

LENGTH: 2.58 MILES
 SCALE: 1" = 200' H, 1" = 10' V
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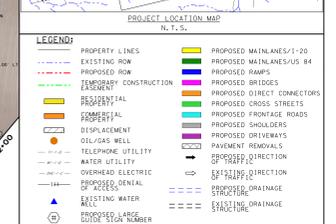
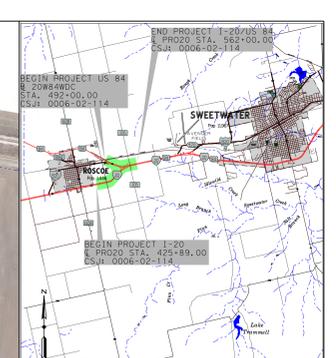
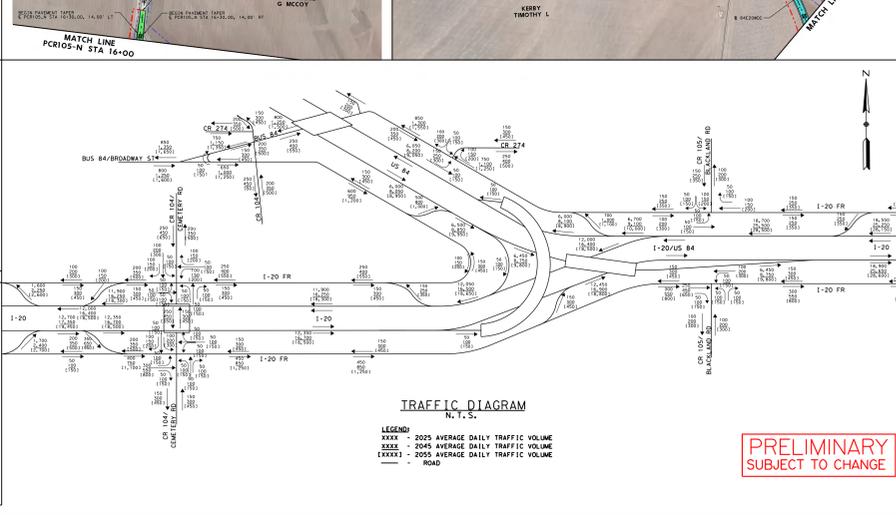
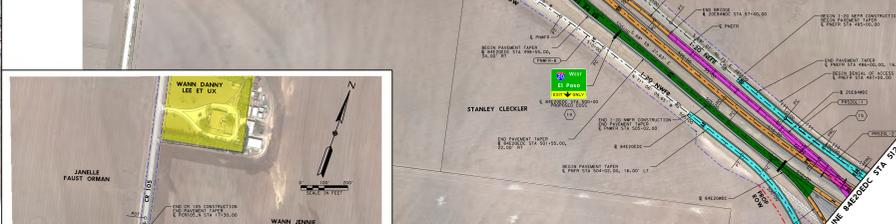
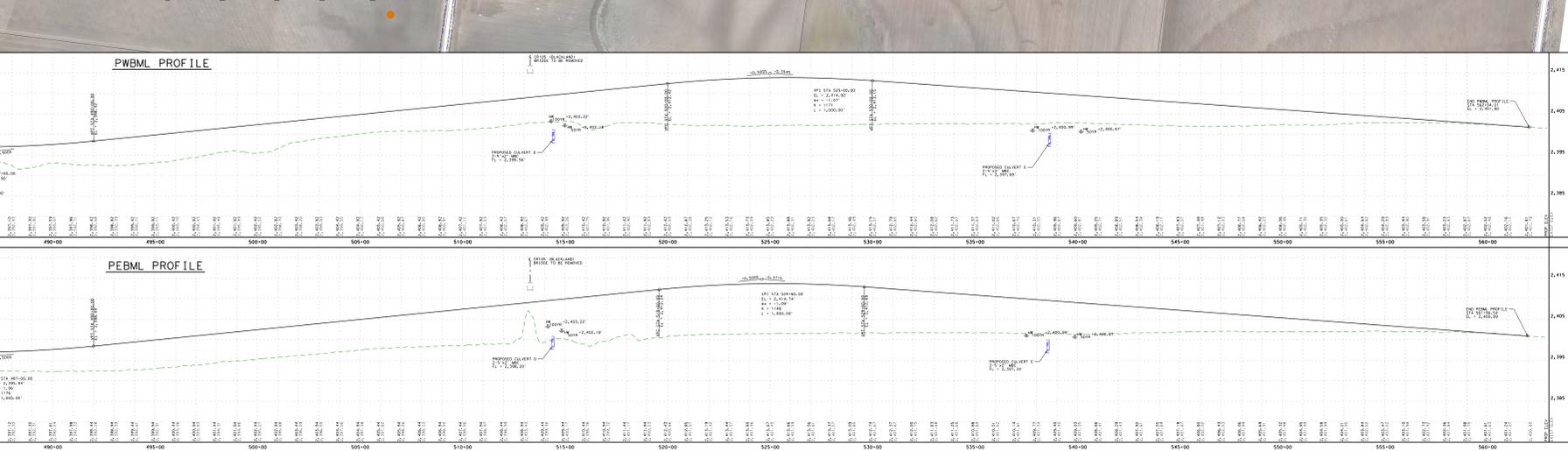
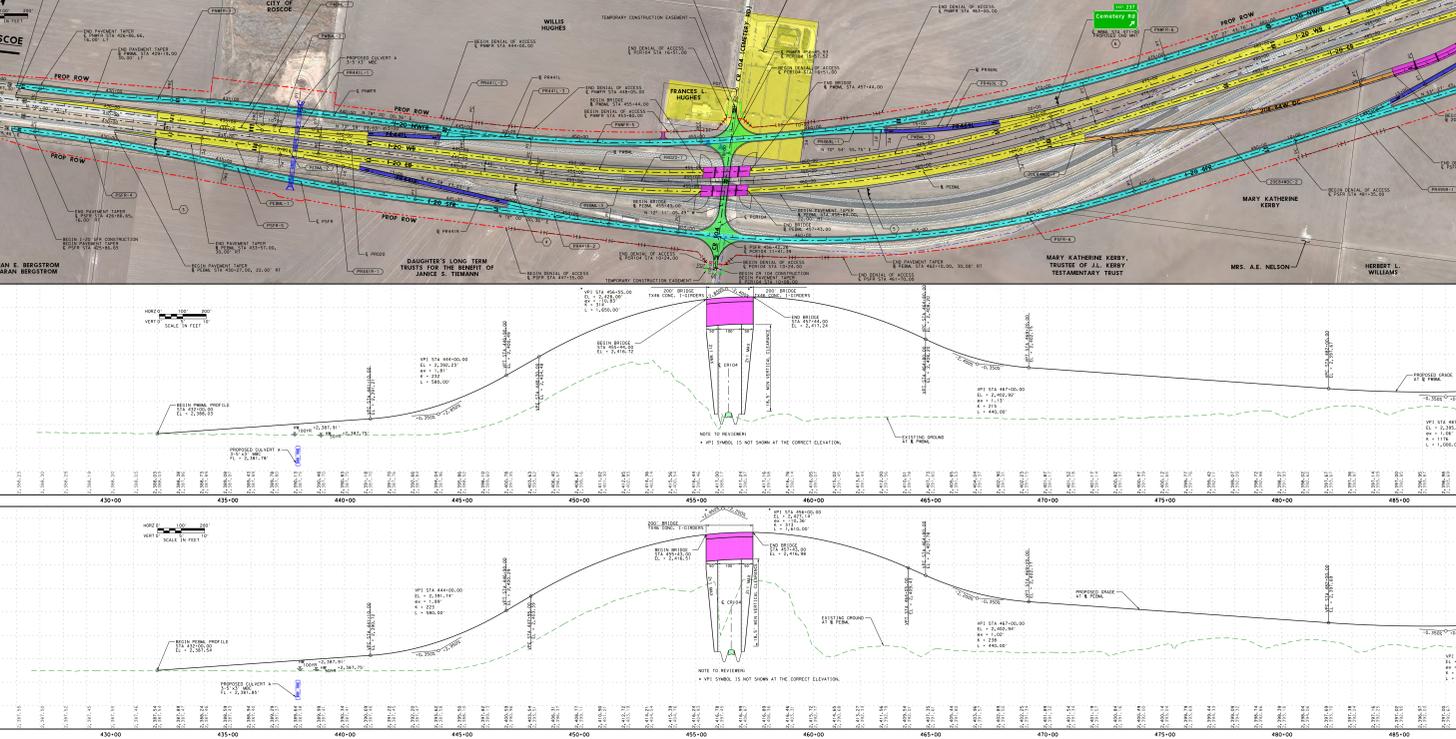


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CURVE DATA

DATE	P.L. STATION	DELTA	DEGREE	EXTERNAL	CHORD	PIVOT	TANGENT	LENGTH	CHORD BEARING	PC	PT	STATION	BACKSIGHT DIRECTION	"ELEVATION"
01/20/2019	100+00.00	180.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100+00.00	100+00.00	100+00.00	100+00.00	100+00.00



DESIGN SPEEDS:

- I-20 MAINLANES - 75 mph
- US 84 MAINLANES - 70 mph
- RAMPS - 50 mph
- WB I-20 TO WB US 84 DC - 70 mph
- EB US 84 TO EB I-20 DC - 70 mph
- EB I-20 TO WB US 84 DC - 45 mph
- EB US 84 TO WB I-20 DC - 50 mph
- FRONTAGE ROADS - 50 mph
- CROSS STREETS - 40 mph

Texas Department of Transportation
 ABILENE DISTRICT
 PUBLIC HEARING EXHIBIT
 CARL L. JOHNSON, P.E., DISTRICT ENGINEER
 I-20 AT US 84

CSJ NO. 0006-02-114
 FROM: EAST OF MAIN STREET
 TO: WEST OF CR 256
 NOLAN COUNTY

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION
 I-20 MAINLANES: RURAL, FREEWAY
 US 84 MAINLANES: RURAL, FREEWAY
 RAMPS: RURAL, PRINCIPAL ARTERIALS
 DIRECT CONNECTORS: RURAL, PRINCIPAL ARTERIALS
 FRONTAGE ROADS: TWO-WAY RURAL CONNECTOR
 CROSS STREETS: LOCAL ROADS/STREETS

LENGTH: 2.58 MILES
 SCALE: 1" = 200' H, 1" = 10' V
 DATE: 10/24/2019

ROLL 1 OF 1

AECOM 13555 NOEL ROAD, SUITE 400, DALLAS, TEXAS 75240, 214-741-7777

PUBLIC HEARING PHOTOS

I-20 at US 84 Interchange Improvement Project
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