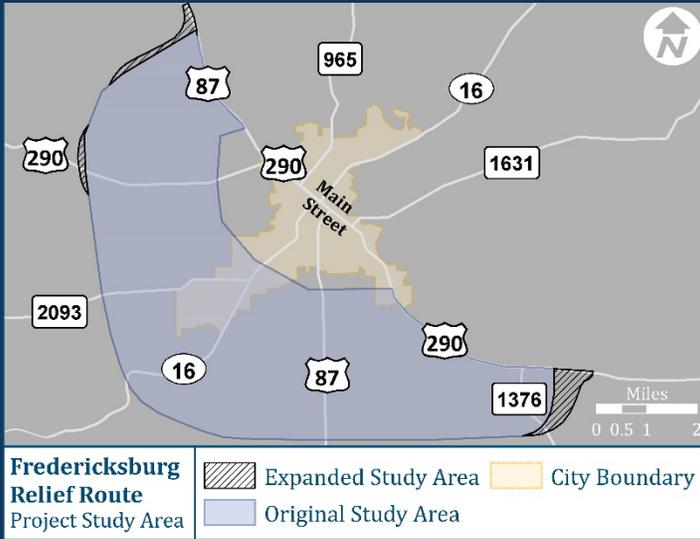


Fredericksburg Relief Route Study



Fact Sheet



ABOUT THE STUDY

The City of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, acting through the Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force and with support from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), are conducting a feasibility study to explore a potential US 290 relief route around Fredericksburg. The relief route would give people the option to travel around, rather than directly through, the city.

US 290 is an east-west highway that passes through downtown Fredericksburg and its Main Street tourist area. Discussions about a possible relief route have been ongoing in the Gillespie County area for many years. As traffic volumes and congestion continue to increase, the need for a relief route has become an important safety and quality-of-life issue for the community.

STUDY PROCESS AND PURPOSE

The goal of the Fredericksburg Relief Route Study is to identify a locally preferred option that is consistent with the minimum requirements agreed to by TxDOT, the City of Fredericksburg, and Gillespie County.

The study, which was initiated in early 2018, is being led by the Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force. The Task Force is relying heavily on public input to steer the process. To date, two public workshops have been held (May 2018 and September 2018). Suggestions and input received during the May 2018 workshop were used by the project team to develop “conceptual route options.” The conceptual route options were presented for public review and comment at the September 2018 workshop. Using the input and feedback received at the second workshop, over the last few months the study team has worked to refine the routes and reduce the number of options being considered. That effort has led to the identification of the eight “preliminary route options” presented today for review and comment.

Assuming the current study is successful in identifying a locally preferred option, that option would be the starting point for any future phases of project development, including a detailed environmental study, should the project advance.

COMMUNITY DRIVEN EFFORT

The Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force, which was established in 2013, is charged with finding a solution to this high-priority transportation and community challenge.

It is the intent of the City, County, Task Force, and TxDOT to actively engage the community throughout the study process. By encouraging participation and community-wide dialogue, a transportation solution can be identified that preserves Main Street as the heart of Fredericksburg, minimizes community impacts and reflects community values.

There will be numerous opportunities for the public to provide input and feedback regarding the study and the potential relief route. Opportunities will include public workshops, open houses, and one-on-one or small group stakeholder meetings.

For more information, or to take a survey on or before Feb. 15, 2019, visit www.fbgtx.org, and search "Relief Route Task Force," or scan this QR code:
Or, contact Joe Muck at joe.muck@txdot.gov or 512.715.5702.



TYPICAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



*Advancement from step to step is contingent upon the outcome of the previous step and the availability of funding.