

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Who is on the Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force and what is the Task Force's role?

The Task Force is comprised of 12 individuals representing the following entities: City of Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce, Gillespie County Economic Development Commission, Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau, and the general public. This study is a locally driven process led by the Task Force; as such, the Task Force will be the local tie to the community. The Task Force will ensure that a local voice is considered throughout the study and that the process is transparent and inclusive. Members' experiences, insights, and ties to the community are pivotal to the ultimate success of the study.

### 2. What is the study timeline?

Our first public workshop was in May 2018. The second workshop was held in September 2018. Using input from the second workshop and the online survey, the study team identified the preliminary route options shown today. Over the course of the study, the route options will be refined and evaluated in order to identify a locally preferred route option. At least two additional opportunities will be provided to engage in the process and provide input: an open house tentatively planned for late-spring/early-summer 2019 and another open house planned for later in the year.

### 3. What happens if we do nothing?

Traffic congestion on Main Street will continue to get worse. As a result, safety and mobility will continue to decrease. These factors (increased traffic, reduced safety and mobility) will make it harder for visitors to reach the downtown tourist area and will also make it harder for local residents to move around town safely and efficiently. Increases in land values and construction costs are also anticipated. So, if the project is postponed, the amount of tax dollars required for a future project would continue to increase.

### 4. What is being studied during the Relief Route Study?

Traffic, engineering and environmental studies are being conducted in conjunction with the Relief Route Study. Through the various studies and investigations, and with input from the public, the preliminary route options (shown today) will be further refined and the number of options further reduced. The ultimate goal of the study is the identification of a single locally preferred route option. The locally preferred route option would then be the basis for future phases of project development.

### 5. How will the potential routes be developed and selected?

The route identification process began at the May 31st workshop. Participants were asked to provide suggestions about the potential relief route. Those suggestions were then used to develop the conceptual route options shown at the September 24th workshop. Input from the September workshop was then used to refine the route options, reduce the number of route options being considered, and identify the eight preliminary route options shown today. This interactive process of refining and evaluating route options, and using the results to reduce the range of options, will continue until a single locally preferred option is identified. Throughout the process the public will be engaged through workshops and meetings.

### 6. Why can't we use Friendship Lane as the relief route?

Prior to initiation of the current Study, the City, County and TxDOT agreed upon a set of design parameters to guide relief route planning efforts. Those parameters included planning for a higher speed, controlled access facility. As agreed, the relief route would consist of four main lanes (two in each direction) with frontage roads, where needed, to maintain local access. Applying that vision to Friendship Lane would require total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The existing roadway would quadruple in width which would result in a large number of residential and commercial displacements and other community impacts. For these reasons, Friendship Lane is not a viable option.

### 7. How can I participate and stay informed?

You are encouraged to submit written comments on the provided form and participate in the online survey. If you are unable to take advantage of all opportunities at this workshop, you may email the project team at the email given below. You may also send written comments on or before February 8, 2019, to the project team at:

**Email:** [FredericksburgReliefRoute@gmail.com](mailto:FredericksburgReliefRoute@gmail.com)  
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You can also take a survey online until February 15, 2019, by visiting [fbgtx.org](http://fbgtx.org) and searching "Relief Route Task Force."