

Fredericksburg Relief Route Study



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?

Using input received from this workshop, the study team will develop conceptual route options. Over the course of the study, the route options will be refined and evaluated in order to identify a locally preferred route option. The study will include numerous opportunities (additional public workshops and open houses) for the public to engage and provide input. It is anticipated that the study will be finished in 2019.

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 will be conducted in conjunction with the Relief Route Study. The process will begin with identification of conceptual route options. Through the various studies and investigations, and with input from the public, the route options will be refined and the number of options 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 begins tonight; workshop participants are asked to draw suggested route options on the large-scale maps found at the map stations. Using the input received tonight, the study team will then develop conceptual route options. The conceptual route options will be presented for public review/comment at a public workshop (tentatively planned for the fall of 2018). An iterative process will then be used to refine/evaluate the route options and ultimately identify the locally preferred route option. The Task Force and the public will be engaged throughout the process via meetings, workshops and open houses; thus, ensuring the voice of the community is heard and study findings reflect the needs and desires of the community.

6. How can I participate?

In addition to providing route suggestions (by drawing on the available maps), you are encouraged to submit written comments on the provided form and participate in the interactive survey. If you are unable to take advantage of all opportunities at this workshop, you may send written comments by Friday, June 15, 2018, to

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You can also take the interactive survey online until June 15, 2018 by visiting fbgtx.org and searching "Relief Route Task Force." For your convenience, copies of the maps are available at Fredericksburg City Hall (126 W. Main Street), the Gillespie County Courthouse (101 W. Main Street), or the TxDOT maintenance office located in Fredericksburg (1623 E. Main Street). Stop by any of these locations on or before June 15th to draw route suggestions.

7. How can I stay informed?

If you would like to be added to the database that receives updates for this study, please email Rebecca Hickey at rhickey@rifeline.com with "Fredericksburg Relief Route Study" in the subject line.