

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 the May 31st workshop, the study team developed the conceptual route options shown tonight. 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. Through the various studies and investigations, and with input from the public, the conceptual route options (shown tonight) 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 began at the May 31st workshop. Participants were asked to provide suggestions about the potential relief route. These suggestions were then used to develop the conceptual route options that you see tonight. After tonight's workshop, with your input and ideas in hand, the Gillespie Relief Route Task Force will work with the study team to refine and evaluate the route options. This winter, we will report back to the community at a third Fredericksburg Relief Route Study public workshop. At the third workshop, we will show the refined route options and the evaluation data for each of the options, and will again seek your feedback/input. This iterative process of refining and evaluating route options, and using the results to reduce the range of options, will continue until a single locally preferred route option is identified. Throughout the process, the public will be engaged through workshops and meetings.

6. How can I participate?

In addition to suggesting route modifications/refinements (by drawing on the available maps), you are encouraged to submit written comments on the provided form and participate in the survey. If you are unable to take advantage of all opportunities at this workshop, you may send written comments on or before Tuesday, October 9, 2018, to the project team at:

Email: FredericksburgReliefRoute@gmail.com

Postal mail: CP&Y Attention: Fredericksburg Relief Route Study
13809 Research Blvd., Suite 300
Austin, TX 78750.

You can also take a survey online until October 9, 2018, by visiting fbgtx.org and searching "Relief Route Task Force."

7. How can I stay informed?

If you would like to be added to the database that receives updates for this study, please email the project team at: FredericksburgReliefRoute@gmail.com.