



Virtual Public Hearing
Pre-Recorded Presentation
10/69 Interchanges Project

I-10 from Walden Road (County Road 131) to 7th Street
US 69 from Fannett Road (State Highway 124) to 11th Street

CSJs: 0028-13-135/0739-02-140
(Project Numbers)

Posted Online: Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Welcome to the TxDOT Beaumont District 10/69 Interchanges Virtual Public Hearing pre-recorded video presentation. TxDOT is proposing to reconstruct and expand I-10 and US 69 where they converge in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, as part of the 10/69 Interchanges Project.

Virtual Public Hearing in Response to Public Health



TxDOT changed the in-person public hearing to an online format only, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak:

The virtual public hearing and TxDOT website provides the same information as an in-person hearing:

- Project information
- Estimated timeline
- Process for submitting comments
- Key contacts

Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT 1 Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT 2 Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

FACT 3 Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT 4 You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT 5 There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, going to the bathroom, and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Given the unique circumstance of the COVID-19 outbreak, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, TxDOT is conducting this virtual public hearing to avoid in-person contact. At this time, the online format will be in lieu of an in-person public hearing.

The presentation will cover the same information the Beaumont District would have shared at an in-person public hearing. However, the comment process will be different and that will be explained shortly. All project information can be found on the TxDOT website.

Virtual Public Hearing Agenda



- 1 Welcome
- 2 Project Overview
- 3 Environmental Overview
- 4 Project Schedule and Next Steps
- 5 Public Comment Process
- 6 Adjournment



TxDOT Beaumont District Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Public Hearing Officer



**TxDOT Presenter:
Octavio Saenz**

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My name is Octavio Saenz and I would like to welcome and also thank you for watching this virtual public hearing that was shared with the public starting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. I am the Public Information Officer for the Pharr District, but I am serving as your presenter on behalf of the Beaumont District.

We'll be covering the following areas:

- A project overview;
- Environmental overview;
- Project schedule and next steps;
- The public comment process – and this will be a little different than our in-person public hearings... more information on that later – and then,
- Adjournment – we'll conclude this video presentation.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



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.

Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, otherwise known as FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from the FHWA for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This memorandum of understanding was renewed on December 9, 2019. This review and approval process applies to this proposed project.

This virtual public hearing, presented by TxDOT, is being provided to share information and to encourage comments from the public regarding the proposed 10/69 Interchanges Project. Notices for this hearing were published on the TxDOT website and appeared in the Beaumont Enterprise on Sunday, April 12, 2020. The notice was also mailed to adjacent property owners and elected public officials.



Vietnamese:

Đánh giá môi trường, cố vấn và các hành động khác được yêu cầu theo luật môi trường liên bang hiện hành cho dự án này đang được hay đã được TxDOT tiến hành căn cứ theo 23 U.S.C. 327 và biên bản ghi nhớ vào ngày 9 tháng 12 năm 2019 và đã được thực hiện bởi FHWA và TxDOT.

Spanish:

La revisión y consulta ambiental, y demás acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables a este proyecto están siendo o han sido realizadas por el TxDOT de acuerdo a la disposición 23 U.S.C. 327 y a un memorando de entendimiento de fecha 9 de diciembre de 2019, y llevadas a cabo por la Administración Federal de Autopistas (FHWA) y el TxDOT.

Vietnamese and Spanish notices were also published on the TxDOT website and appeared in the Beaumont Enterprise on Sunday, April 12, 2020. Additionally, the Spanish notice was published in the El Perico newspaper on Sunday, April 12, 2020. In addition, additional outreach for this virtual public hearing included media; social media; postcards; and email communications.

How to Submit Your Verbal Testimony



- Verbal testimony option available on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020, starting at 6 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020**
 - Phone:
(409) 898-5880
- The voicemail system allows up to a three minute testimony voicemail



TxDOT is committed to continuing our efforts to gain public feedback about this project. We understand this virtual public hearing format is a bit different, so let's take a few minutes and explain the comment process – the most important part of this video.

Given our current COVID-19 situation, the Beaumont District is asking the public to provide their input through verbal and written comments.

The first way you can share your input is to provide your verbal testimony - similar to an in-person public hearing. The verbal testimony option is available starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 and will be available until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Please call (409) 898-5880 and leave a voicemail with your comment during that time; your comments will be recorded and a response will be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. The voicemail system allows you to record a voicemail up to three minutes long, similar to the time provided during our standard in-person public hearing practice.

How to Submit Your Written Comments



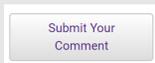
1. **Email:**
bmtprojects@txdot.gov

2. **Mail:**
TxDOT Project Manager
Texas Department of
Transportation
8350 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77708

3. **Submit Online:**
» Visit www.TxDOT.gov
In the upper right-hand
Search box enter:

10/69 Interchanges Virtual Public Hearing

» Then click:



**Comments must be received or postmarked by
Wednesday, May 13, 2020, to be included in
the Virtual Public Hearing summary report**

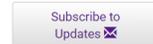
Virtual Public Hearing and Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment - 10/69 Interchanges Project

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> About Public Hearings, Meetings and Notices > Hearings, Meetings and Notices Schedule

Where: **Virtual Public Hearing**
*This will be a virtual public hearing via a pre-recorded video presentation
(no in-person public hearing)

When: **Tuesday, April 28, 2020**
The pre-recorded presentation video will be available for comment by 5:30
p.m. A video will be posted near the bottom of this web page, at that time.

Submit Your Comments Button



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In addition to providing the verbal testimony voicemail option, TxDOT is also encouraging written comments. Comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, May 13, 2020, to be included in the Virtual Public Hearing summary report. You can submit written comments in the following ways:

1. Email your comments to: bmtprojects@txdot.gov
2. Mail your comments to: TxDOT Project Manager, Texas Department of Transportation, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708
3. Submit your comments online:
 1. Visit www.txdot.gov
 2. In the "Search TxDOT" box in the upper-right hand corner, enter: 10/69 Interchanges Virtual Public Hearing
 3. Click on the "Submit Your Comments" button at the top right of the page, or click on the Email link at the bottom of the page

Again - Most importantly: Please be sure to submit your written and verbal testimony comments no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2020, which is 15 days after the original April 28, 2020 website posted date. The responses to your comments submitted during the comment period will be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. This report will be posted to the TxDOT website within the next few months.

We appreciate your understanding with this comment process.

Now, let's start talking about the project details.

Project Description



The approximately five-mile project would include:

- Widening I-10 from Walden Road (CR131) to 7th Street and widening US 69 from Fannett Road (SH 124) to 11th Street
- Widening I-10 in each direction from four to five lanes between Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges
- Widening roadway approaches to the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges on I-10 and US 69 would be widened in each direction from two lanes to three lanes
- Adding new frontage roads, relocating I-10 ramps, and constructing two-lane direct connectors (flyovers) in each direction where I-10 and US 69 converge
- Removing the Maury Meyers Bridge (Liberty/Laurel overpass) to address a height constraint for freight movements
- Constructing continuous frontage roads with sidewalks along these frontage roads
- Upgrading drainage to meet design standards



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Why is the Proposed Project Needed?



- Alleviate congestion
- Provide a more reliable transportation and evacuation route
- Enhance connectivity and mobility
- Address safety

Traffic Prediction

Existing (2020)		161,750 vehicles per day
Projected (2025)		176,950 vehicles per day
Projected (2040)		222,000 vehicles per day
Projected (2045)		236,900 vehicles per day

Traffic volumes provided by the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (2019)



Why is this proposed project needed?

The purpose of the project is to alleviate congestion, to provide a more reliable transportation and evacuation route, to enhance connectivity and mobility, and to address safety. The two I-10 interchanges within US 69 in Beaumont are a critical part of the national strategic freight network and hurricane evacuation capacity in Southeast Texas.

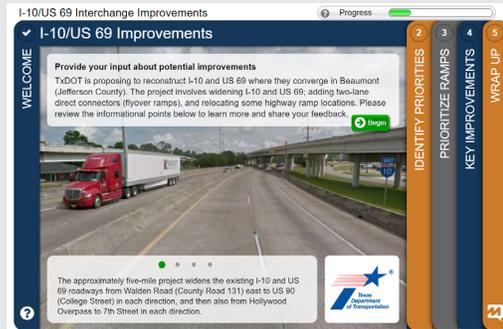
As you can see in the graphic, congestion is expected to increase based on our traffic predictions. As of today, 161,750 vehicles a day travels within the project area. By 2045, this number is expected to increase to an estimated 236,900 vehicles a day.

Next, we would like to provide you with a summary of our public involvement efforts – giving you a quick look at how TxDOT used public feedback to guide the decision-making process.

First Public Meeting – April 16, 2019



- Open House on April 16, 2019:
 - **194** members of the public attended
 - **55** written comments received
- Comments submitted via the online survey:
 - **714** participants completed survey
 - **543** comments submitted



Online Survey Provided Before and During First Public Meeting

All comments included in the April 16, 2019 Public Meeting Summary Report available online at www.txdot.gov

TxDOT held the first open house public meeting on April 16, 2019, at the Beaumont Civic Center. The public meeting was held to inform the public of the proposed 10/69 Interchanges Project and gather comments from the public, elected officials and other interested stakeholders.

TxDOT provided a series of online surveys throughout the public involvement process, including during the first public meeting. In total, TxDOT received nearly 600 comments from the public as part of the first public meeting outreach effort.

The Beaumont District also received helpful feedback during the 2019 South Texas State Fair from the public visiting the TxDOT informational booth.



Identify Priorities:

Reduce Congestion

Ranked 485 times

Improve Safety

Ranked 343 times

Provide Local Mobility

Ranked 289 times

Prioritize Ramp Relocations:

College Street

Ranked 446 times

Calder Avenue

Ranked 146 times

Delaware Avenue

Ranked 343 times

Proposed Alternatives:

(Average out of 5 stars)

Eastex Alternative 1: 3.70

Eastex Alternative 2: 3.16

Eastex Alternative 3: 2.61

Cardinal Alternative 1: 3.80

Cardinal Alternative 2: 2.99



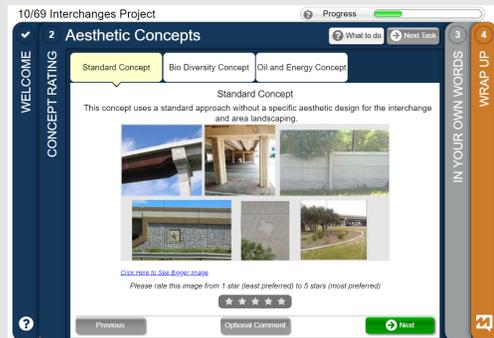
TxDOT also learned from the first public meeting that the public ranked “reduce congestion” as the number one priority they wanted addressed as part of project development. In addition, TxDOT asked the public to prioritize ramp locations, and in that case, the College Street ramp ranked most important to preserve. Finally – TxDOT proposed a series of proposed alternatives at the first meeting.

Along with additional research and findings gathered during the environmental process, as well as this helpful public feedback – the Beaumont District narrowed the alternatives, which were presented at the second public meeting.

Second Public Meeting – Sept. 17, 2019



- Open House on Sept. 17, 2019:
 - **156** members of the public attended
 - **45** written comments received
- Comments submitted via the online survey:
 - **146** participants completed survey
 - **159** comments submitted



Online Survey Provided Before and During Second Public Meeting

All comments included in the Sept. 17, 2019 Public Meeting Summary Report available online at www.txdot.gov

TxDOT held the second open house public meeting on September 17, 2019, at the Beaumont Civic Center. During this meeting, the Beaumont District continued to gather public feedback, as well as introduce potential aesthetic concepts featured as part of another online survey provided before and during the public meeting.

In total, TxDOT received more than 200 comments from the public as part of the second public meeting outreach effort.

Online Engagement Feedback About Aesthetics



Standard Concept:

Times Rated: 193

Average Rating: 3.228



Bio Diversity Concept:

Times Rated: 185

Average Rating: 3.405



Oil and Energy Concept:

Times Rated: 195

Average Rating: 3.749



From September 10, 2019 to October 11, 2019, TxDOT Beaumont District also received public input on the various aesthetic options being considered from the online survey. The “oil and energy” design concept ranked highest from the public.

Public Involvement History – Additional Public Outreach



- **Bike and Pedestrian Stakeholder Meeting**
 - August 22, 2019
- **CHRISTUS Hospital**
 - Ongoing communications
- **Spindletop Rotary Club**
 - December 5, 2019
- **Meyers Family**
 - Ongoing communications

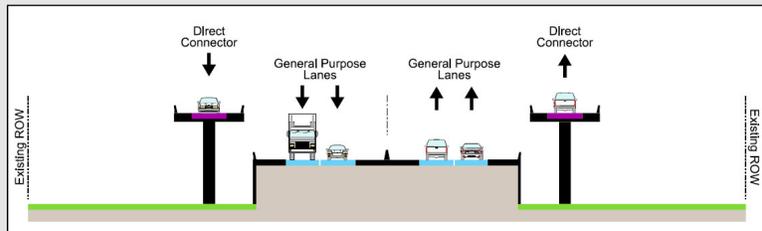
In addition, TxDOT conducted many stakeholder meetings and one-on-one meetings during the public involvement process, such as:

- Bike and Pedestrian Stakeholder Meeting on August 22, 2019;
- Ongoing communications with the CHRISTUS; Hospital - Ongoing communications with the Spindletop Rotary Club regarding the annual Southeast Texas Soap Box Derby, along with the derby representatives; and
- Ongoing communications with the Meyers family to discuss ways to continue the Maury Meyers legacy.

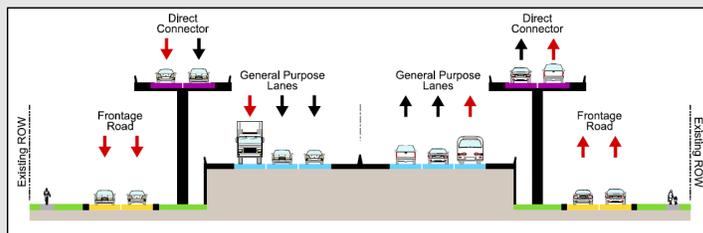
Design – Approaching Interchanges



I-10: Present Condition Approaching Interchanges



I-10: Proposed Construction Approaching Interchanges



Red arrows illustrate added capacity

ROW = Right of Way

Let's switch gears now and talk about the proposed design changes. The updated design includes widening I-10 from Walden Road (County Road 131) to 7th Street and widening US 69 from Fannett Road (State Highway 124) to 11th Street.

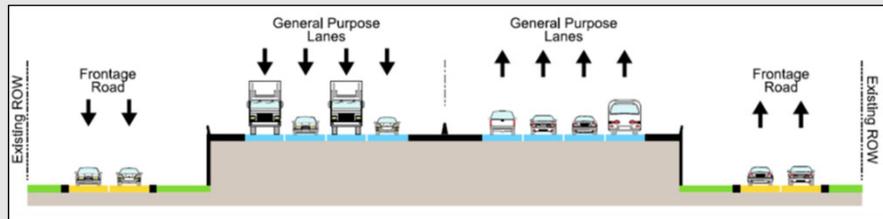
The roadway approaches to the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges would be widened in each direction from two lanes to three lanes.

You can view these images in more detail on the TxDOT website also.

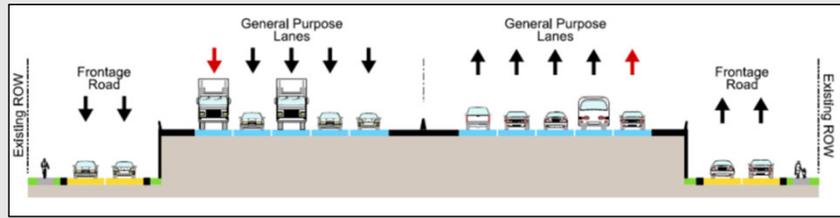
Design – Between Interchanges



I-10: Present Condition Between Interchanges



I-10: Proposed Construction Between Interchanges

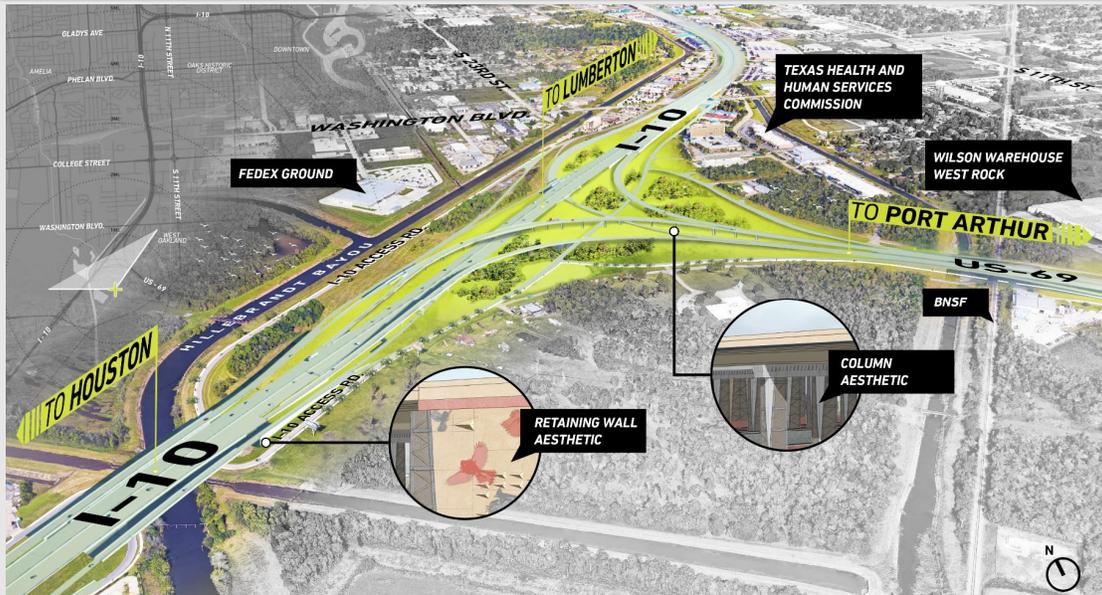


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Between the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges, the roadway would be widened in each direction from four lanes to five lanes.

Cardinal Interchange – Aerial View



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Over the course of the next few slides, we'll be focused on the project renderings – what the project will look like. We recognize this may be difficult to see here; you can view these renderings in more detail on the TxDOT website.

This is showing the aerial view of the proposed Cardinal Interchange, which includes the connection of frontage roads across Hillebrandt Bayou and through the interchange to provide more local connections. The proposed design also includes two-lane direct connectors between US 69 and I-10.

Eastex Interchange – Aerial View



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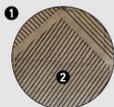
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This is showing the aerial view of the proposed Eastex Interchange. The drawing shows the connection of frontage roads through the interchange, providing more local connectivity. The proposed design also provides for increased capacity on the direct connectors between I-10 and US 69.

Typical Street Crossing - Cardinal Interchange (Cardinal Theme)



MATERIAL LEGEND



1 ABSTRACT PATTERN
OIL WELL



2 FLUTED RIB
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3 TEXTURED MATERIAL
EMBEDDED PEA GRAVEL



4 PROTRUDING ABSTRACT PATTERN
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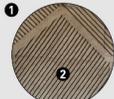
The next few images we'll be showing you provides a proposed future look at the aesthetics design of the project area. This one in particular shows what a typical street crossing near the Cardinal interchange would potentially look like.

We also wanted to point out that the public ranked oil and energy, as well as biodiversity themes as the most popular aesthetic designs from our online surveys. Within each of the following designs, you'll see that these elements are included in each one.

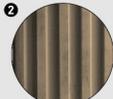
Typical Street Crossing – Eastex Interchange (Alligator Theme)



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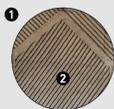
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Again, this image shows you a proposed future look at the aesthetics design of the project area. This view looks at a typical street crossing design at the Eastex interchange.

Typical Street Crossing – Eastex Interchange (Big Thicket Theme)



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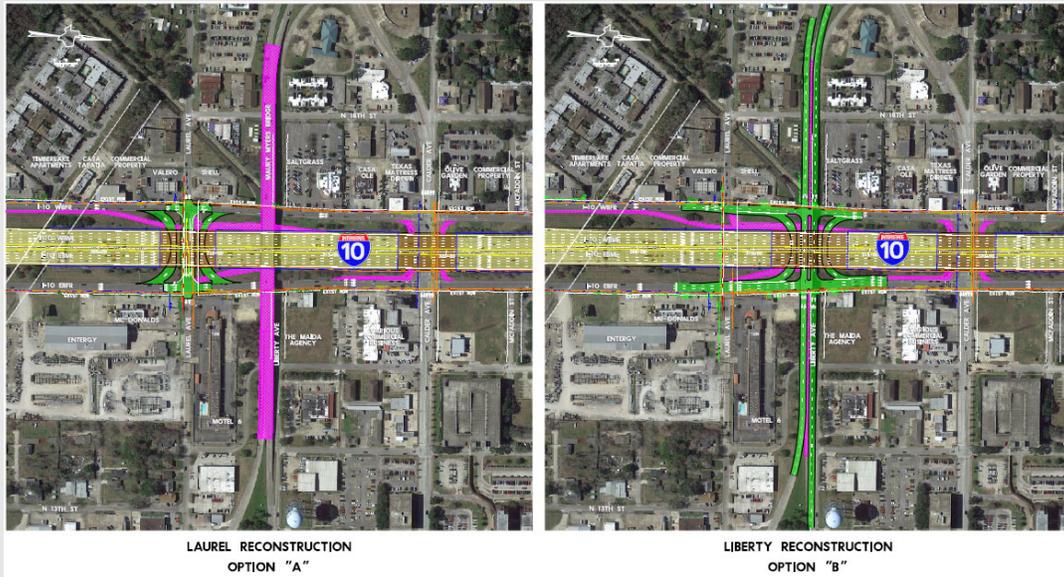


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This last aesthetic design theme focuses on a typical street crossing on the Eastex interchange.

Maury Meyers Bridge



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The proposed project also includes removing the Maury Meyers Bridge (Liberty/Laurel Overpass) to address the height constraint for freight. TxDOT continues discussion with the City of Beaumont and the Meyers family about the aesthetics plan to maintain the commemoration of this connection.

TxDOT considered raising the Maury Meyers Bridge to accommodate the freight clearance; however, additional impacts to adjacent properties and the local roadway would result from changing access to the bridge from intersecting streets. Such a change would also have eliminated access at 11th Street and Phelan Boulevard, since the bridge approaches would have to be extended and would end farther east and farther west respectively.

Next, we'll show you a few renderings of the proposed I-10 structure in this area.

Maury Meyers Rendering – Street View from Frontage Road



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This rendering shows I-10 over the original Maury Meyers bridge area. The bridge rail and columns that were unique to the Maury Meyers bridge have now been recreated on the proposed overpass.

Maury Meyers Bridge – Pedestrian Access



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This rendering shows the view underneath the proposed I-10 overpass with pedestrian connections. Also highlighted here are similar columns and lamp posts that were used on the original Maury Meyers bridge.



- The proposed project is consistent with the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) Metropolitan Planning Organization efforts:
 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045
 - FY 2019-2022 Transportation Program

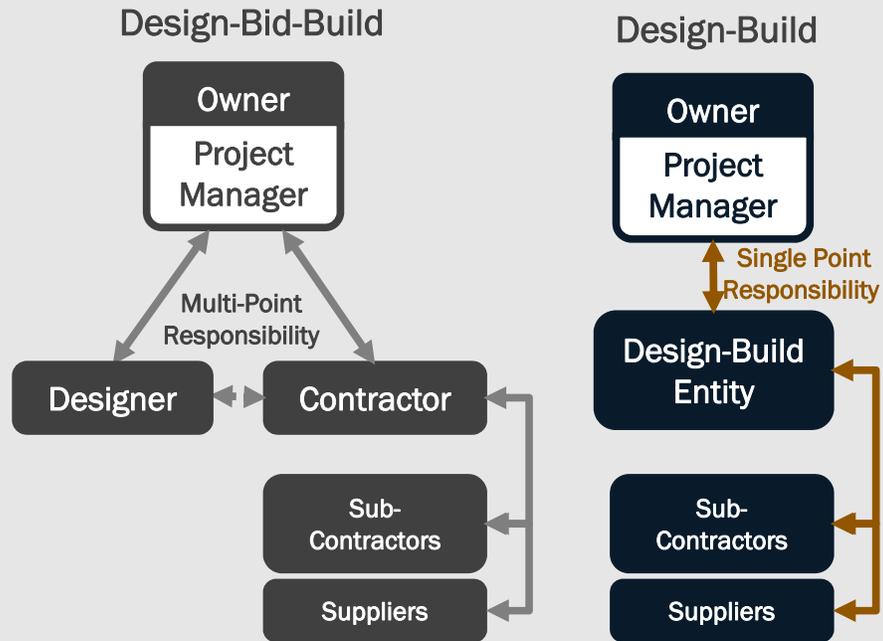
- Total Project Estimated Cost: approximately \$500 million

The proposed project is consistent with the SETRPC Metropolitan Planning Organization efforts. This includes the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045 for the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study Area, and their 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed project would be funded with a combination of federal and state funds for a total of approximately \$500 million.

Delivery Methods Under Evaluation



Texas Department of Transportation intends to move the project forward upon approval and is assessing the most effective delivery method.



Two project delivery methods are being evaluated, which includes a Design-Bid-Build process and a Design-Build process. The Texas Department of Transportation intends to move the project forward upon approval and is assessing the most effective delivery method.

Environmental Overview



- The Draft Environmental Assessment was conducted for the proposed project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is available for review
- The study identified and assessed potential impacts to the natural and human environment, including:
 - Air Quality
 - Archeological Resources
 - Non-Archeological Historic Properties
 - Community Impacts
 - Biological Resources
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Traffic Noise
 - Water Resources

The environmental study conducted for this project complies with the National Environmental Policy Act. In addition 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 United States Code 327. This also includes the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.

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- air quality;
- archeological resources;
- non-archeological historic properties;
- community and social impacts;
- biological resources including threatened and endangered species and vegetation types;
- hazardous materials;
- indirect and cumulative effects;
- traffic noise; and
- water resources.



Environmental Technical Reports

- Air Quality Technical Report
 - Carbon Monoxide Traffic Air Quality Analysis
 - Mobile Source Air Toxics Quantitative Technical Report
- Archeological Background Study
- Biological Technical Report
 - Biological Evaluation Form and supporting documentation
 - Tier I Site Assessment and supporting documentation
- Community Impacts Assessment Technical Report Form
- Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment Report
- Historic Resources Survey Report (HRSR)
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects Technical Report
- Traffic Noise Technical Report
- Water Resources Technical Report
- Wetland Delineation Report

An Environmental Assessment was conducted for the proposed project. A copy of the environmental documents and technical reports that are available for public review can be found on the TxDOT website.

As proposed, the project may impact less than an acre of wetlands. These impacts would be authorized under a US Army Corps of Engineers Permit.

Portions of the project area lies within the 100-year floodplain. Design of this project will be conducted in accordance with the TxDOT's Hydraulic Design Manual. Adherence to the TxDOT Hydraulic Design Manual ensures that this project will not result in a significant encroachment as defined by FHWA's rules.

A traffic noise analysis was also conducted in accordance with state and federal guidelines. Noise abatement measures were evaluated and noise barriers were determined to be reasonable and feasible. For potential locations, a traffic noise workshop will be conducted with the adjacent property owners before proposing noise barriers as part of the project.

Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition Information



- Approximately 11 acres of additional right of way (ROW) is anticipated as part of the proposed project, mostly within the Eastex Freeway interchange, including potential easements or ROW for drainage
- ROW remains unchanged at the Cardinal Drive interchange, but the ROW at the Eastex Freeway interchange is proposed to increase approximately 250 feet at its widest part
- Proposed project would displace 41 commercial businesses and one government office within 12 commercial properties
- No residential displacements are anticipated

42 USC CH. 61: UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES FOR FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS
From Title 42—THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

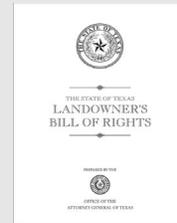
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SUBCHAPTER 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

61.001	Definitions.
61.002	Effect upon property acquisition.
61.003	Additional expenditures for moving costs, relocation benefits and other expenses.
61.004	Excluded in acquisition of lands for National Park System; waiver of benefits.
61.005	Certification.
61.006	Displaced persons not eligible for assistance.

SUBCHAPTER 2—UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

61.011	Declaration of findings and policy.
61.012	Moving and related expenses.



Please visit www.txdot.gov for more information about the Uniform Act and TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program information

Let's talk about the right of way acquisition process.

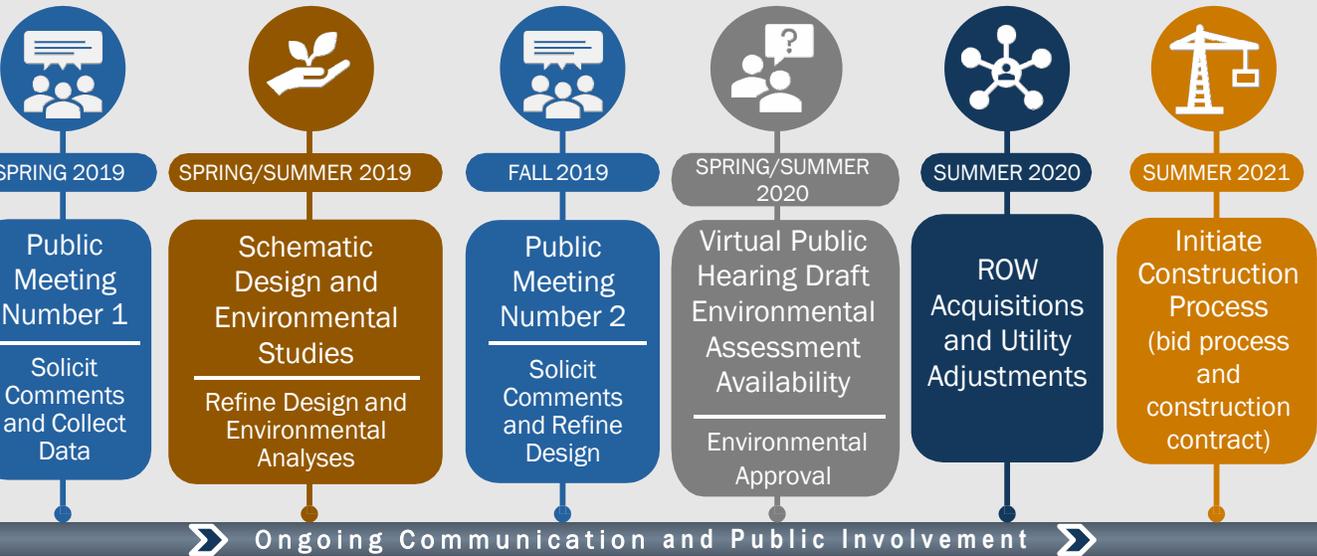
- Approximately 11 acres of additional right of way is anticipated as part of the proposed project, mostly within the Eastex Freeway interchange, including potential easements or right of way for drainage;
- Right of way remains unchanged at the Cardinal Drive interchange, but the right of way at the Eastex Freeway interchange is proposed to increase approximately 250 feet at its widest part;
- Proposed project would displace 41 commercial businesses and one government office within 12 commercial properties; and
- No residential displacements are anticipated.

We invite you to review more information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program concerning services and benefits for displaced persons and businesses if needed on the TxDOT website on www.txdot.gov.

Timeline*



WE ARE HERE



* **Subject to Change:** The Texas Department of Transportation intends to move the Project forward and is assessing the most effective delivery method to ensure success of the 10/69 Interchanges Project.



We wanted to also highlight the estimated project timeline.

Look for the green “We are here” arrow, which indicates where we are in the project process right now. The virtual public hearing and availability of the draft environmental assessment phase is underway, and in the summer we’ll focus on right-of-way acquisitions and utility adjustments.

Construction, if the project is approved, will begin in Summer 2021. Construction is anticipated to be completed in approximately 5 years. Continuous construction communication will be provided on the Beaumont District Twitter site, and we’ll feature more information about how to stay informed in just a few minutes.

How to Submit Your Verbal Testimony



- Verbal testimony option available on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020, starting at 6 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020**
 - Phone:
(409) 898-5880
- The voicemail system allows up to a three minute testimony voicemail



Let's recap how you can provide input about this project.

The first way you can share your input is to provide your verbal testimony - similar to an in-person public hearing. The verbal testimony option is available starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 and will be available until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Please call (409) 898-5880 and leave a voicemail with your comment during that time; your comments will be recorded and a response will be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. The voicemail system allows you to record a voicemail up to three minutes long, similar to the time provided during our standard in-person public hearing practice.

How to Submit Your Written Comments



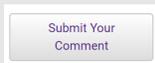
1. **Email:**
bmtprojects@txdot.gov

2. **Mail:**
TxDOT Project Manager
Texas Department of
Transportation
8350 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77708

3. **Submit Online:**
» Visit www.TxDOT.gov
In the upper right-hand
Search box enter:

10/69 Interchanges Virtual Public Hearing

» Then click:



**Comments must be received or postmarked by
Wednesday, May 13, 2020, to be included in
the Virtual Public Hearing summary report**

Virtual Public Hearing and Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment - 10/69 Interchanges Project

Texas Department of Transportation > Inside TxDOT > Get Involved
> About Public Hearings, Meetings and Notices > Hearings, Meetings and Notices Schedule

Where: **Virtual Public Hearing**
*This will be a virtual public hearing via a pre-recorded video presentation
(no in-person public hearing)

When: **Tuesday, April 28, 2020**
The pre-recorded presentation video will be available for comment by 5:30
p.m. A video will be posted near the bottom of this web page, at that time.

Submit Your Comments Button



In addition to providing the verbal testimony voicemail option, TxDOT is also encouraging written comments. Comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, May 13, 2020, to be included in the Virtual Public Hearing summary report. You can submit written comments in the following ways:

1. Email your comments to: bmtprojects@txdot.gov
2. Mail your comments to: TxDOT Project Manager, Texas Department of Transportation, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708
3. Submit your comments online:
 1. Visit www.txdot.gov
 2. In the "Search TxDOT" box in the upper-right hand corner, enter: 10/69 Interchanges Virtual Public Hearing
 3. Click on the "Submit Your Comments" button at the top right of the page, or click on the Email link at the bottom of the page

Again - Most importantly: Please be sure to submit your written and verbal testimony comments no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2020, which is 15 days after the original April 28, 2020 website posted date. The responses to your comments submitted during the comment period will be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. This report will be posted to the TxDOT website within the next few months.



Website Information:

- Notices (English, Spanish and Vietnamese)
- Displays including:
 - Draft Environmental Assessment
 - Environmental technical reports
 - Schematics
 - Rendering of proposed project
 - Other project information

Sign up for email updates by visiting
www.txdot.gov and Search:
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> Beaumont District



The Texas Department of Transportation Beaumont District is proposing to reconstruct and expand I-10 and US 69 where they converge in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, as part of the 10/69 Interchanges Project (formerly known as the I-10/US 69 Interchange Improvement Project).



Proposed Benefits

The proposed project is anticipated to improve mobility, reduce congestion and also improve emergency evacuation.



We encourage the public to stay informed about the project in the following ways:

First, sign up to receive email updates. Visit www.txdot.gov and in the upper-right hand corner, enter: 10/69 Interchanges Project in the search box. Click on the project page, and then click on the upper-right hand button called: Subscribe to Updates. When there is a project update, an email will be sent to you.

We also invite you to view the various project materials on the TxDOT website. For example, detailed schematics that allow you to see the design up close is available online.

Quick Contacts – Engage TxDOT Online



- Contact the TxDOT Beaumont District office with any questions about the project Monday – Friday, between 8 a.m. to 5 pm. at:

(409) 898-5732

- Email bmtprojects@txdot.gov
- Follow us: Twitter - Beaumont:**
<https://twitter.com/TxDOTBeaumont>
- Like us: TxDOT Facebook:**
<https://www.facebook.com/TxDOT/>



Secondly, don't hesitate to contact the Beaumont District office with any questions about the project.

You can call (409) 898-5732 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or, email bmtprojects@txdot.gov with any questions or comments at any time in the project development process. And don't forget to click on these links and follow us on Twitter for ongoing road closures and construction updates on the Beaumont District Twitter page. You can also keep up with TxDOT news on our Facebook page.



Thank you for watching!

*Please don't forget to submit your written and verbal testimony
comments by
Wednesday, May 13, 2020*



Thank you for watching! Don't forget to submit your written and verbal testimony comments by Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Thank you again and please, stay safe.

This concludes my presentation and this virtual hearing is adjourned.