



SH 21 Relief Route Madison County, Texas

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The Bryan District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is evaluating a corridor for a proposed relief route around the city of Madisonville in Madison County, Texas. The proposed relief route would be on new location and would require the acquisition of additional right of way. The purpose of this relief route would be to alleviate congestion through the community of Madisonville while increasing safety, connectivity, and mobility along the SH 21 corridor.

Due to factors such as traffic and population growth, existing traffic volumes, and cost/funding constraints, the roadway could be constructed in multiple stages. First, the facility could be built in multiple sections along the length of the relief route by connecting major crossing routes. Within each section, the full roadway configuration could be built in two separate phases; an initial phase and a future phase. This would allow for the recommended alternative's initial configuration to provide immediate relief to Madisonville and then build the future configuration as traffic volumes warrant improvements.

The initial roadway would be a rural two-lane undivided roadway with 10-foot wide shoulders and limited access (see the attached exhibit). Intersections could be at-grade or grade separated depending on traffic demand. The initial roadway would be constructed in one half of the proposed right-of-way (ROW) to allow room for construction of the future phase. The typical ROW width will be 250 feet that could widen to up to 500 feet to accommodate the slopes and ramps at each intersection.

The future roadway would be a rural four-lane roadway divided by a grass median with limited access and 10-foot wide shoulders. The two lanes on the initial roadway would change to one-way operation once the future phase is opened. All major intersections would be grade separated with ramp access in the future phase.

After tonight's meeting, all comments will be considered as we continue to develop the project. If the project is advanced to schematic development, an Environmental Assessment will be prepared to document project impacts to threatened and endangered species, vegetation and wildlife, farmlands, waters of the U.S., floodplains, cultural resources, hazardous materials, community cohesion, environmental justice populations, land use, and traffic noise. Additionally, indirect effects resulting from the project would be evaluated.

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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

For more information please visit our project webpage:

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/bryan/030717.html>

SH 21 Madisonville Relief Route Preliminary Typical Sections

