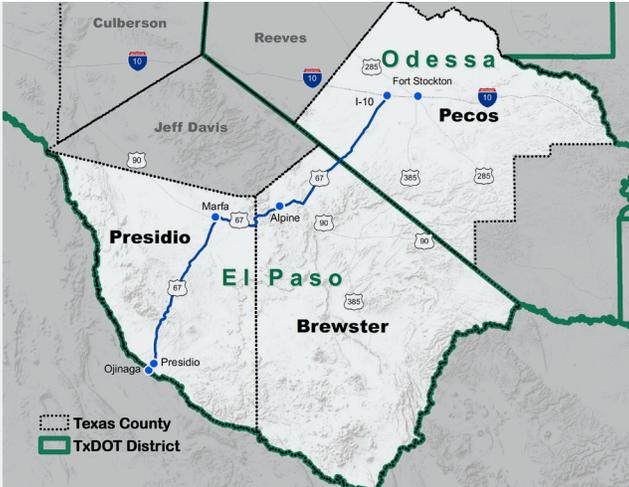




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## Overview

The US 67 corridor stretches 142-miles from Interstate 10 west of Fort Stockton to the Presidio/Ojinaga Port of Entry on the U.S./ Mexico border. US 67 provides access to the towns of Marfa, Alpine, Presidio, and surrounding communities. It serves multiple communities with diverse needs and priorities. This rural area has experienced significant growth in recent years, and TxDOT in partnership with communities is developing a corridor master plan to help determine the current and future transportation needs to best serve the communities along US 67.

## Corridor Working Group



Meeting 1, held January 23 at the Historic USO Building in Marfa.

The Corridor Working Group (CWG) was assembled to advise TxDOT and consultant staff on the direction and approach for the study. The CWG is comprised of local elected officials, government agency staff, and other groups with an interest in the US 67 corridor. Its role is to provide input on the study approach, help plan effective public participation, communicate study recommendations to the public, and assist with plan implementation.

### MEETING 1

The CWG held its first meeting on January 23, 2018 at the Historic USO Building in Marfa. Approximately 54 people attended the meeting, where participants were

briefed on study goals and objectives, reviewed initial crash/safety data for the corridor, shared information on preliminary issues relevant to the corridor, and discussed public involvement plans for the study. Key issues discussed by the CWG included safety, cellular and radio communications and emergency response, passing lanes and speed limits, the need to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians in future improvements, and concerns about truck traffic in local communities.

### MEETING 2

The CWG held another meeting on April 5, 2018 at the Alpine Civic Center. This meeting was a roundtable format where CWG members were given a series of questions on corridor issues and provided their thoughts on needs and potential solutions for the corridor. The four topics discussed included safety (both vehicular and bicycle/pedestrian), emergency response, balancing traffic growth related to tourism with community quality of life, and top priorities for the corridor plan that CWG members felt needed to be addressed. The group also discussed public meetings; the second bus tour, tentatively scheduled for Summer 2018; and one-on-one and focus group interviews.



Meeting 2, held April 5, 2018 at the Alpine Civic Center.



For more information go to [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) Search: **US 67 Corridor Master Plan**

# Bus Tour

On December 12, 2017, TxDOT held the first bus tour for the US 67 Corridor Master Plan project. The purpose of the tour was to stop at various locations and points of interest throughout the US 67 corridor to identify and discuss potential transportation opportunities and challenges. There were 42 attendees, including County Judges from Brewster and Presidio Counties; the Mayors of Presidio, Marfa, and Alpine; other city/county officials and staff; non-governmental organizations; and TxDOT and consultant team staff.



## How Can I Learn More and Participate?

In order to develop the best plan, TxDOT and the communities need your input. We will provide multiple avenues for ongoing public engagement to ensure the plan incorporates the needs and concerns of local communities and provides appropriate recommendations. TxDOT will conduct extensive public outreach throughout the study process, holding focus group and public meetings at major study milestones.

### JOIN US AT AN OPEN HOUSE MEETING

Join us at one of four Open House meetings designed to provide the communities with an opportunity to help shape the future of transportation along the US 67 corridor. All meetings are from 5:00-7:00 PM CST at the following dates and locations: May 14th at 100 N 13th St, Alpine, Texas 79830; May 15th at James Rooney Memorial Park Fort Stockton, Texas 79735; May 16th at 302 S Highland Avenue, Marfa, Texas 79843; and May 17th at 1200 E O'Reilly, Presidio, Texas 79845.

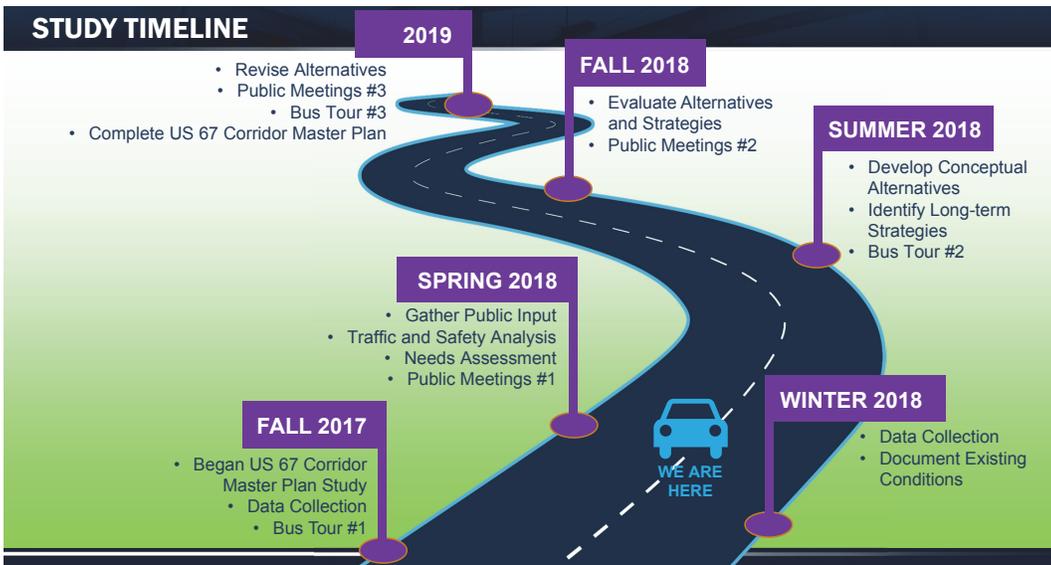
In addition to public meetings TxDOT has provided online community engagement tools designed to foster public engagement and provide an ongoing forum for community dialogue, idea generation, and information exchange.

- **TxDOT Project website:** go to [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search for US 67 Corridor Master Plan to learn more about the study and progress.
- **MindMixer website** at [us67.mindmixer.com](http://us67.mindmixer.com) is an interactive forum for discussion throughout the course of the project. The public is encouraged to gather and share ideas with the project team, and develop consensus around ideas for the corridor.
- **Corridor Planning Tool** at [maps.viewprogis.com/vp/us67](http://maps.viewprogis.com/vp/us67) is where you can view and analyze project data. The tool allows the public to review the same data the project team is using to evaluate the corridor.



## Early Study Success

One of the ideas generated by stakeholders after the second Corridor Working Group meeting was to install signs along the corridor to let drivers know about upcoming passing lanes, so they would be less likely to pass slower moving traffic in unauthorized or unsafe locations. In response, TxDOT implemented a pilot study that installed four new signs along the corridor for this purpose. Depending on the public input, TxDOT will consider installation of these signs for the rest of the Corridor.



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