



Virtual Public Meeting

**US 81/US 287 at CR 4227/ CR 4228
Intersection Improvements and Roadway
Reconstruction Project in Wise County**

Virtual Public Meeting Date

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Welcome



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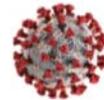


TxDOT changed the in-person public meeting to a virtual format only in response to the COVID-19 outbreak:

This presentation has been pre-recorded. The virtual public meeting and TxDOT website provide the same information as the in-person meeting:

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

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



cdc.gov/coronavirus



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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.

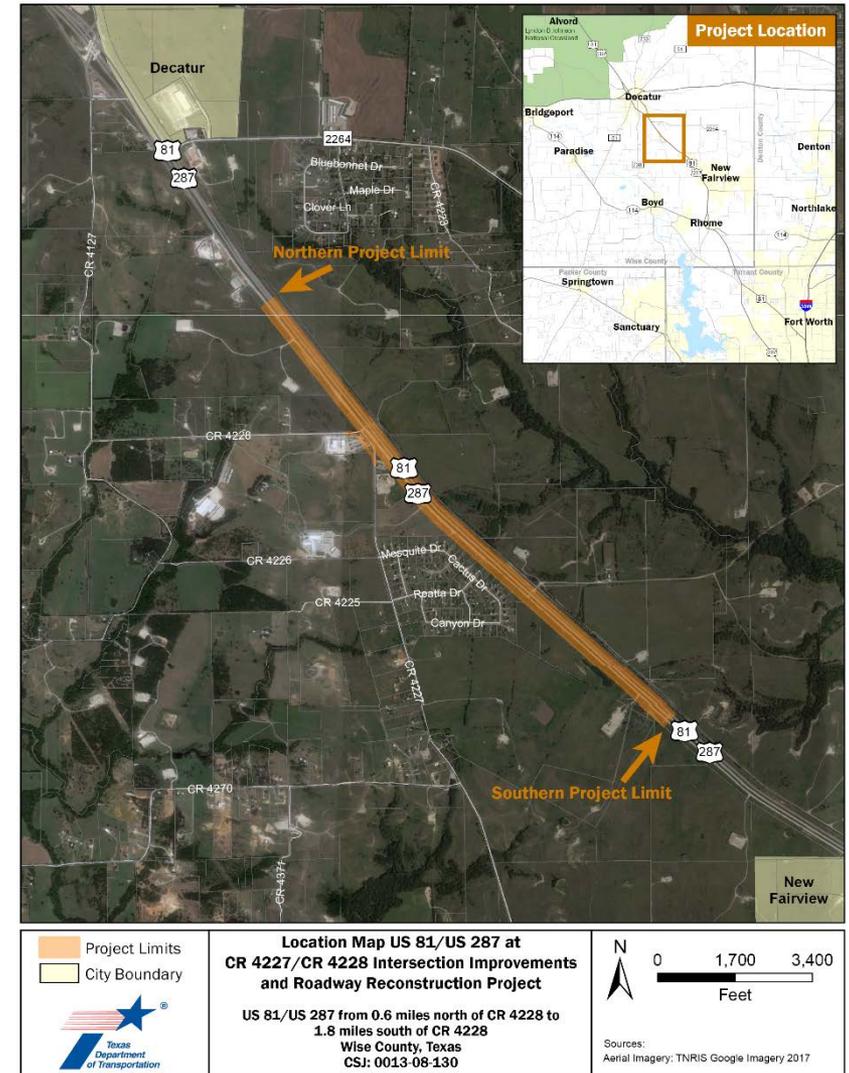


US 81/US 287 Intersection Improvements and Roadway Reconstruction Project

(near CR 4227/CR 4228)

Wise County, Texas

Approximately 2.4 miles long





Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to enhance safety while maintaining access to the commercial and residential developments on the west side of US 81/US 287.





Project Goals

- Improve mobility by adding frontage roads
- Add a grade-separated street crossing to improve access, mobility and enhance safety
 - Construct new interchange at NRS Ranch Road as outlined in the Mobility 2045 Plan:

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas. National Roper's Supply (NRS) and residential developments on the west side of US 81/US 287 generate significant traffic with a high percentage of large and/or trailered vehicles. A grade-separated facility would enhance safety for vehicles accessing these developments from US 81/US 287.



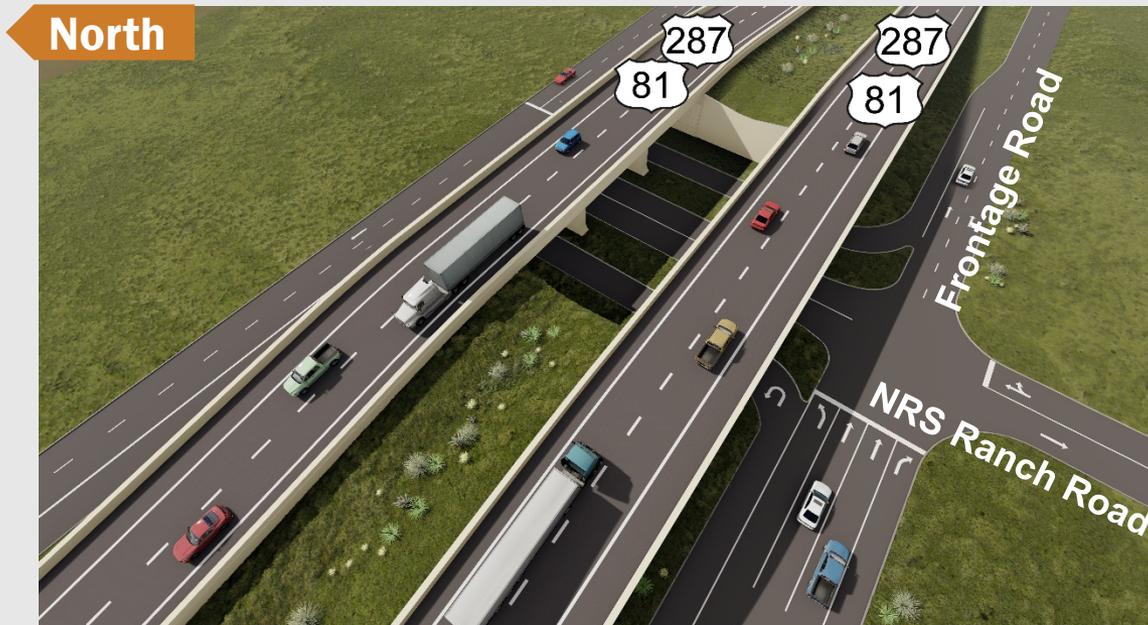


- The project is approximately 2.4 miles long
- Estimated construction cost: \$39,500,000





- The proposed project consists of constructing a grade-separated crossing at NRS Ranch Road, one-way frontage roads, ramps, U-Turns and intersection improvements
- An interim project is proposed, which will implement crossover improvements and add acceleration/deceleration lanes to enhance safety ahead of the proposed project

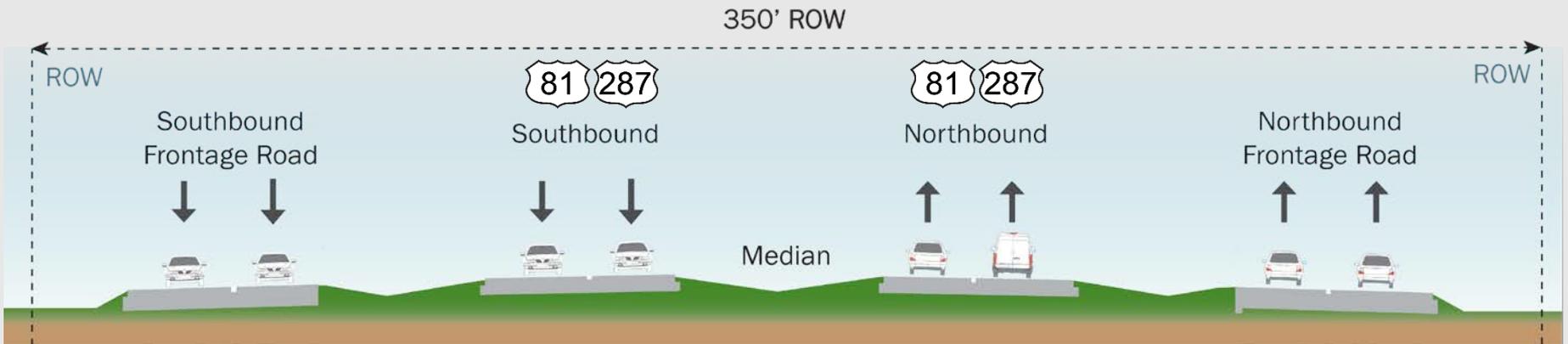




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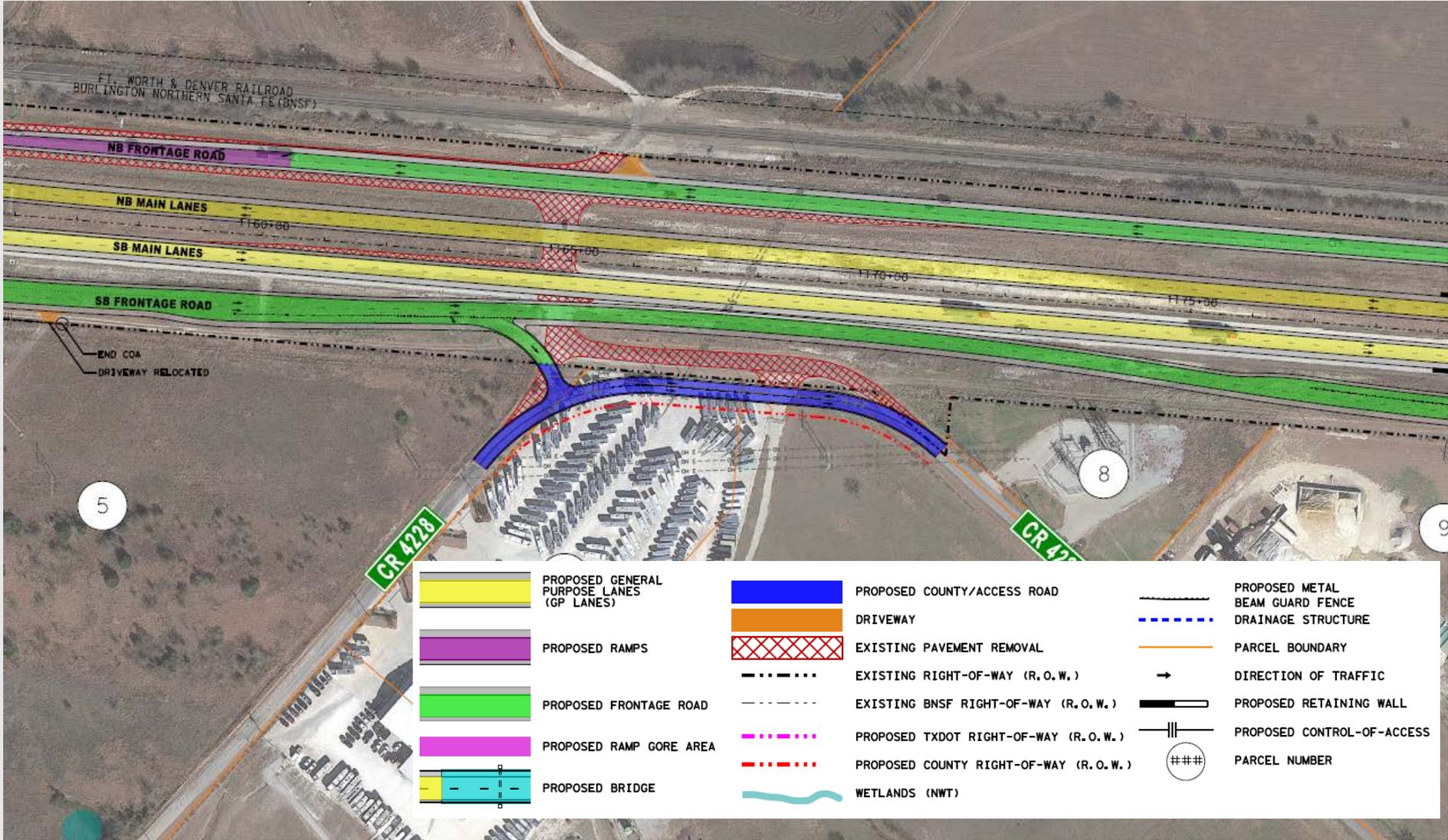


Proposed Typical Section





Sample View of Schematic

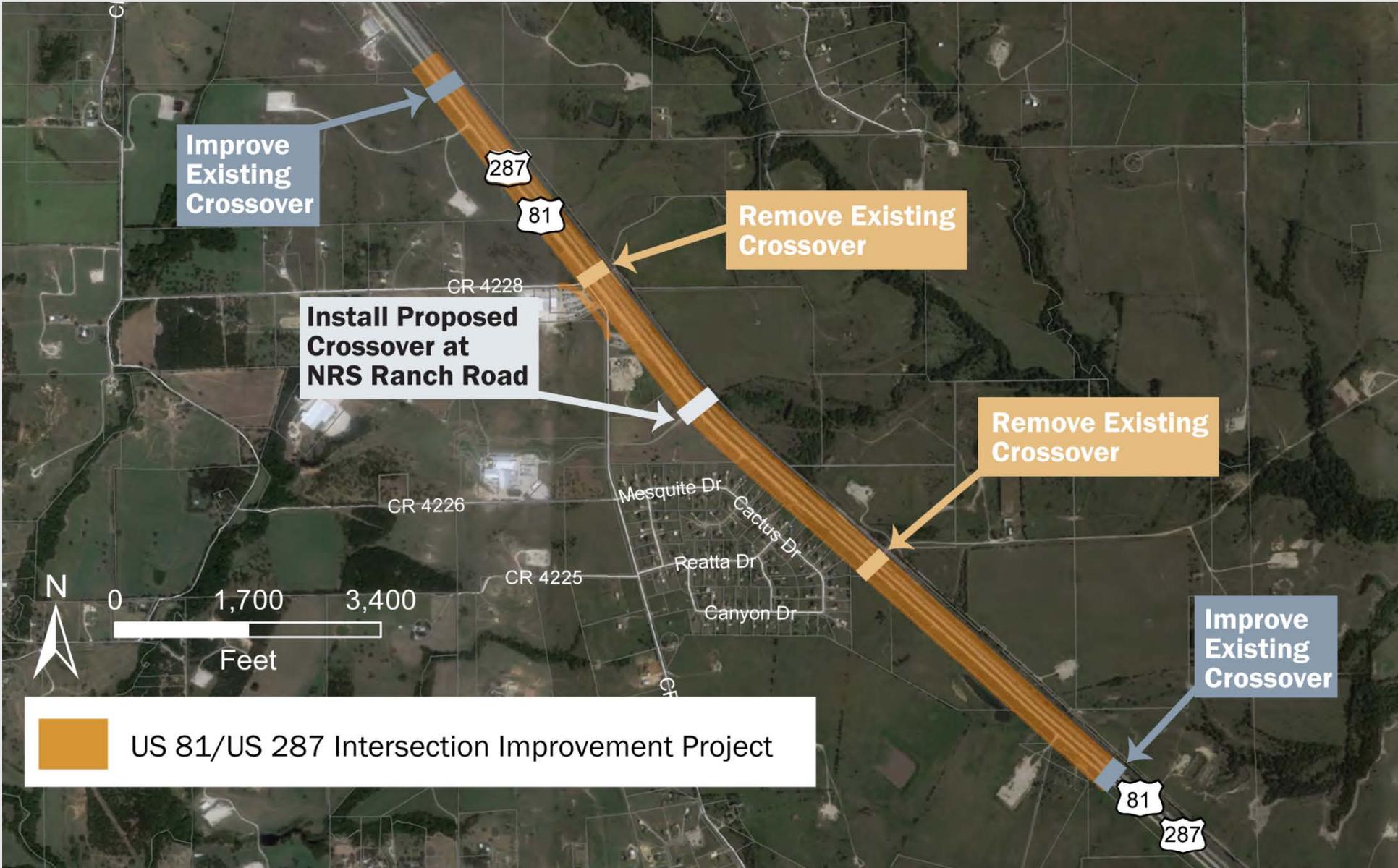




US 81/US 287 Roadway Reconstruction and Intersection Improvement Project

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| Public Meeting | July 14, 2020 |
| Schematic Complete | Fall 2020 |
| Environmental Approval | Spring 2021 |
| Final Design | TBD |
| Construction Begins | TBD |

These dates are approximate

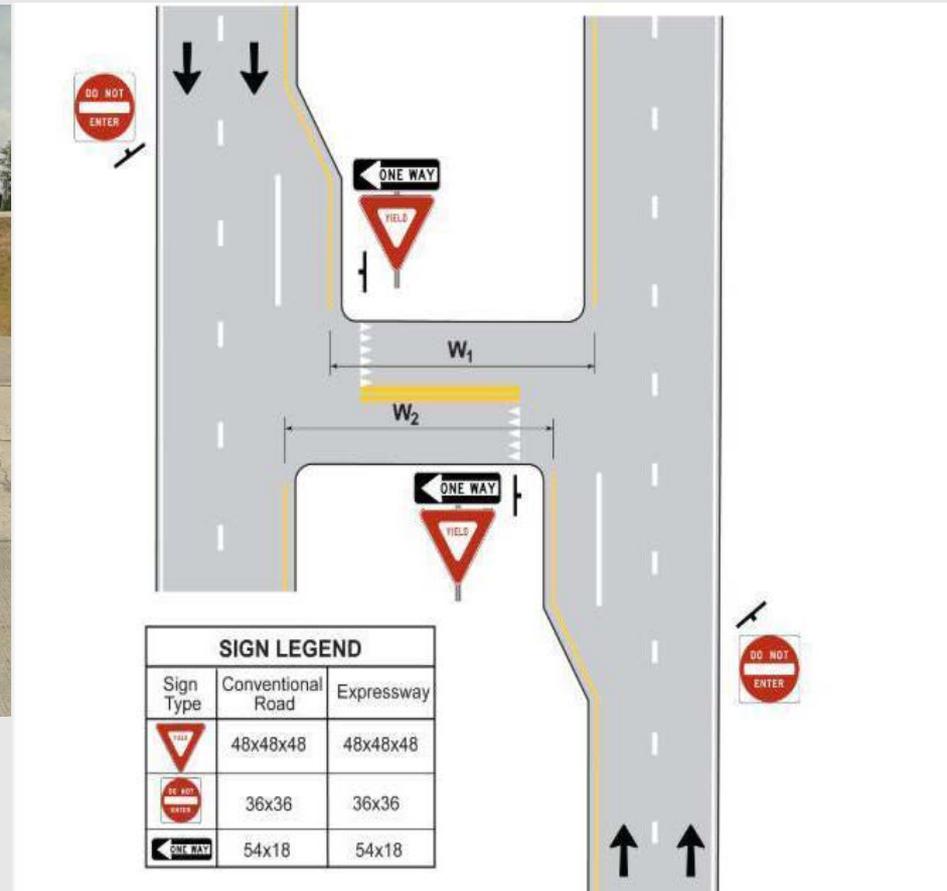




Existing Crossover at CR 4228 to be removed



Proposed Crossover at NRS Ranch Road





US 81/US 287 Interim Crossover Project Schedule

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| Final Design | Spring 2021 |
| Construction Begins | Winter 2022 |

Estimated construction cost
(Modifications & Crossover Improvements) \$14 million





Submit comments by:

- Online comment form
- Email: Francis.Smith@txdot.gov
- Mail:

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The public may call project staff during regular office hours or email project staff to ask questions about the project at any time in the project development process.

While comments are always welcome, they must be received by **July 29, 2020** to be included in the official meeting documentation.



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