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INTERSTATE 37: I-410 TO I-69E

I-37 Corridor Planning Study



AGENDA

- Safety Moment
- Introductions
- Overview of I-37 Corridor
- Performance-Based Process and Benefits
- I-37 Corridor Evaluation
- Next Steps
- How to provide additional feedback

I-37 Corridor Overview

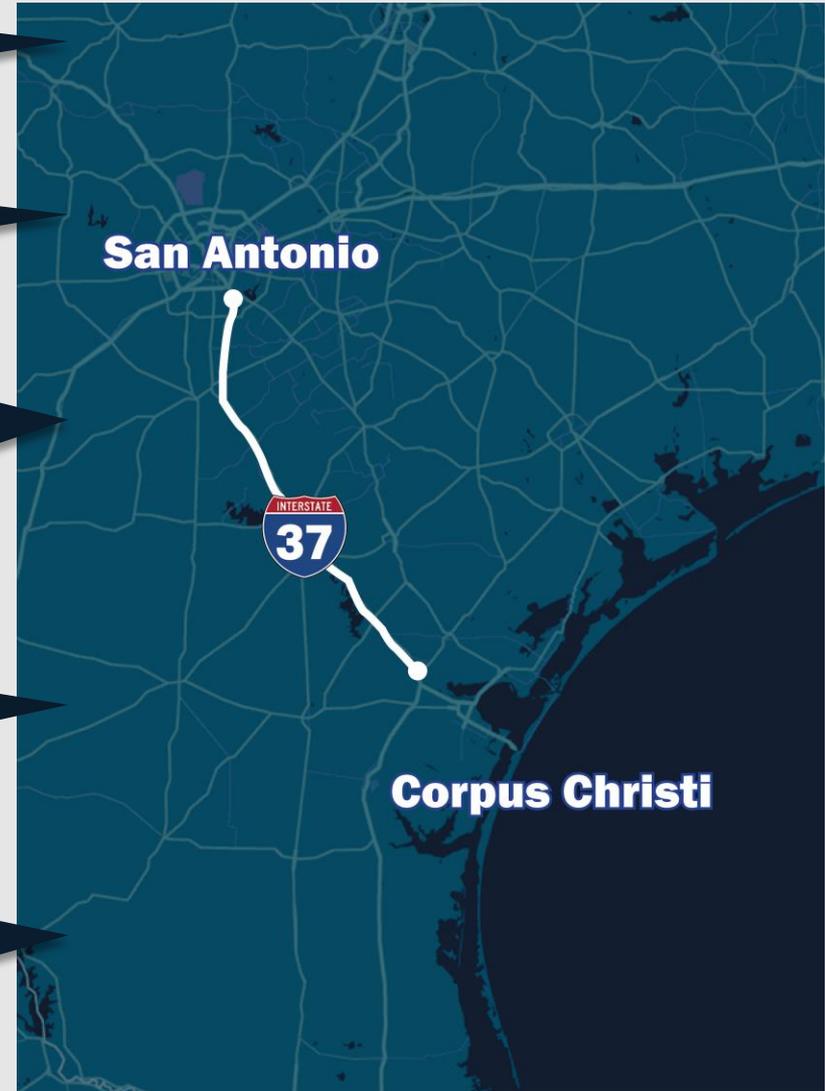
Generally 2 lanes in each direction

Part of Primary Freight Network

Daily traffic volumes 20,000 – 30,000 vehicles per day along most of corridor; 60,000 – 80,000 at south and north ends

Typically 20% - 25% trucks along corridor

Corridor broken into 14 segments for evaluation



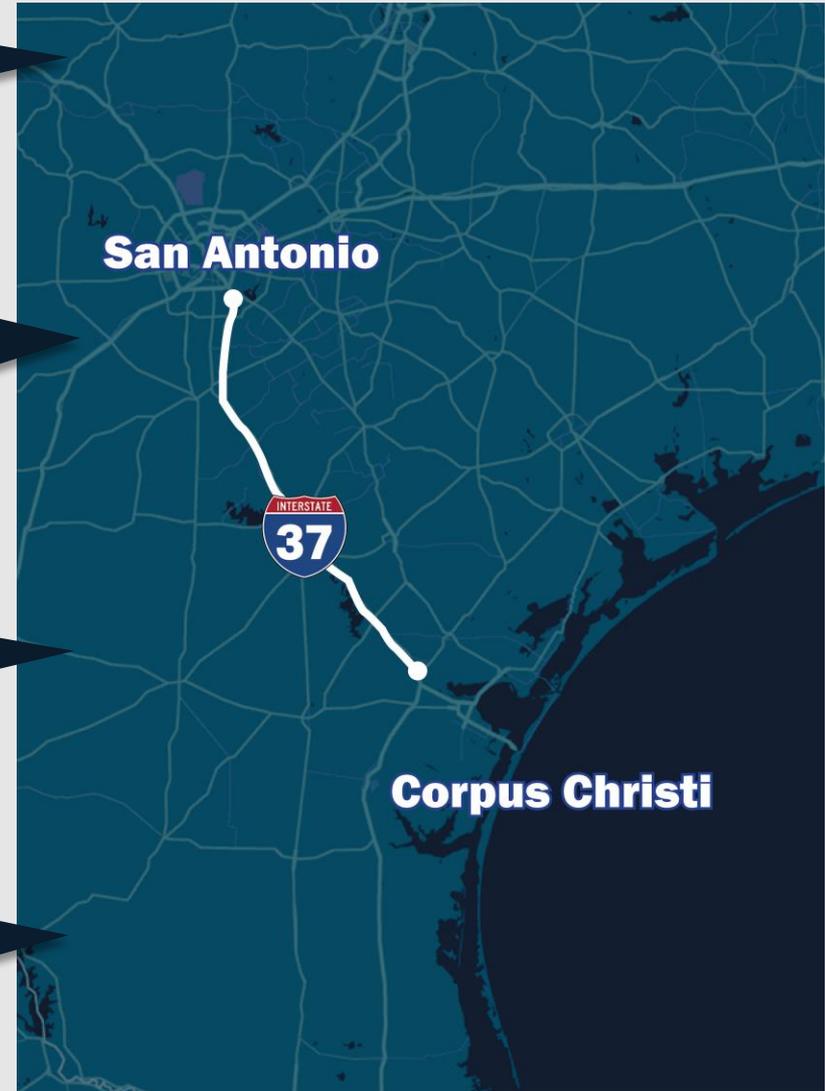
TxDOT Performance-Based Corridor Evaluation

Evaluation based on how well existing corridor is performing

Performance is measured based on existing data collected by TxDOT

Considers risks associated with not addressing infrastructure needs

Helps to determine where improvements should be prioritized



Corridor Evaluation Overview



- End result: Prioritized list of improvement projects at various locations on I-37 corridor
- Same approach can be used on other corridors in Texas
- Can integrate with existing project development process

How are We Measuring the Performance of the I-37 Corridor?



Performance Area	What is being measured?
Pavement	Condition and smoothness of pavement
Bridge	Surface condition as well as structural soundness
Mobility	Congestion including traffic volume and the time it takes to travel from one end to another
Safety	Rate of crashes that occur
Freight	Time it takes for trucks to travel from one end to another and restrictions along the way
Corridor Wide	Parking limitations, access issues, regional travel demand, frontage road connections

Key Take-Aways from I-37 Corridor Evaluation

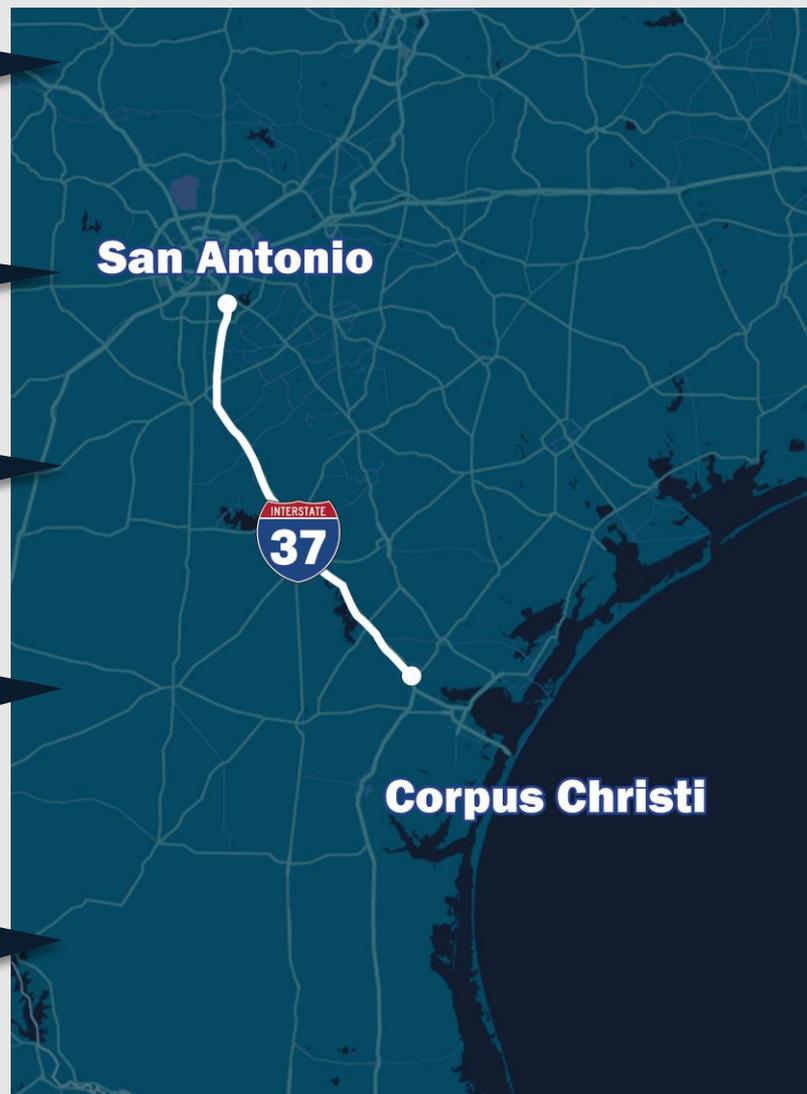
Bridges and pavement generally in “fair” or “good” condition

Traffic congestion at north and south ends of corridor

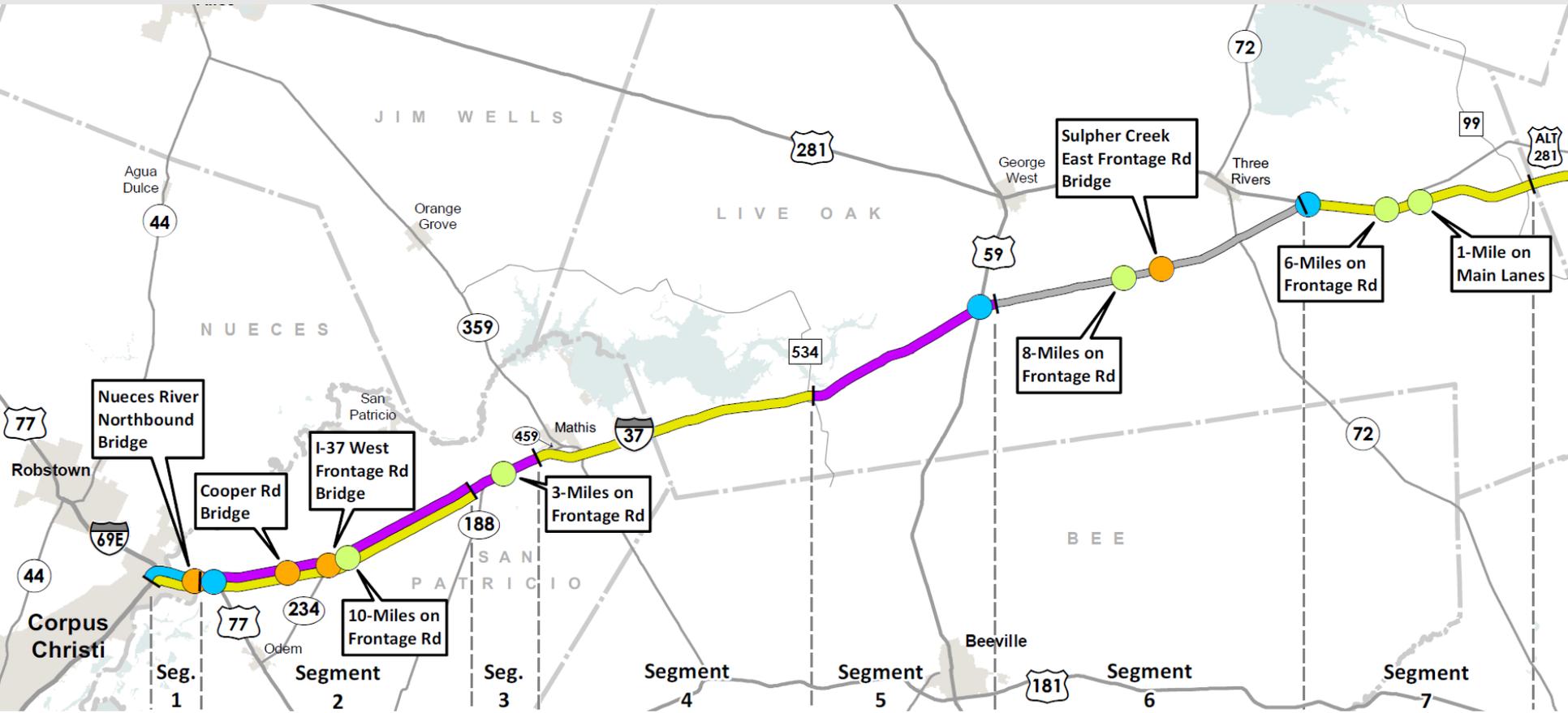
No significant freight restrictions

Crash rates above state-wide average in a few locations

Man-made ramps and frontage road connections may be concerns

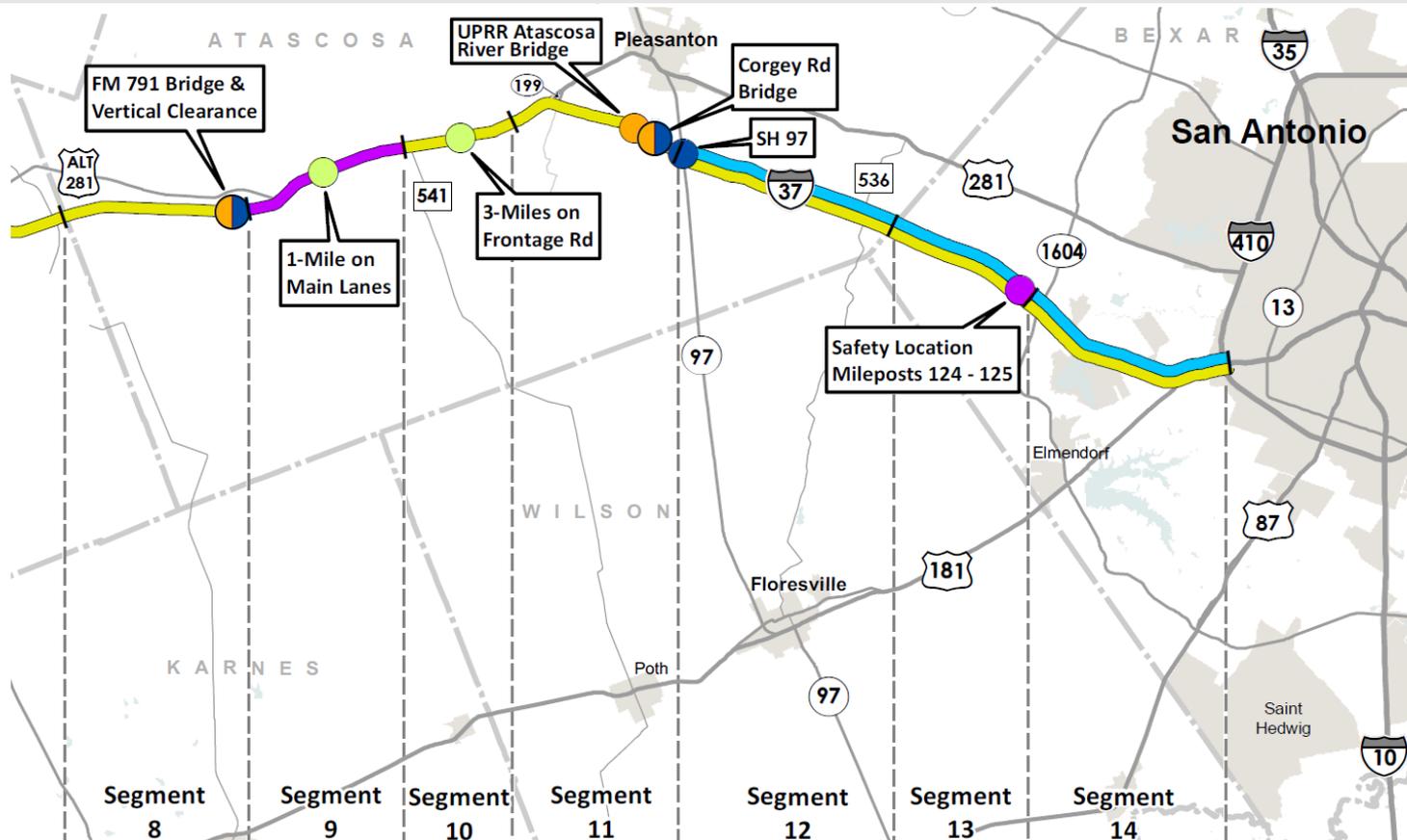


I-37 Strategic Investment Areas – Nueces, San Patricio, Live Oak



- Location Specific Pavement Need
 ● Location Specific Safety Need
 ■ Segment Wide Mobility Need
 Project Segments
- Bridge Need Location
 ● Location Specific Freight Need
 ■ Segment Wide Safety Need
 County Boundary
- Location Specific Mobility Need
 ■ Corridor-Wide Need
 US Highway/State Route

I-37 Strategic Investment Areas – Atascosa and Bexar



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Example Solutions

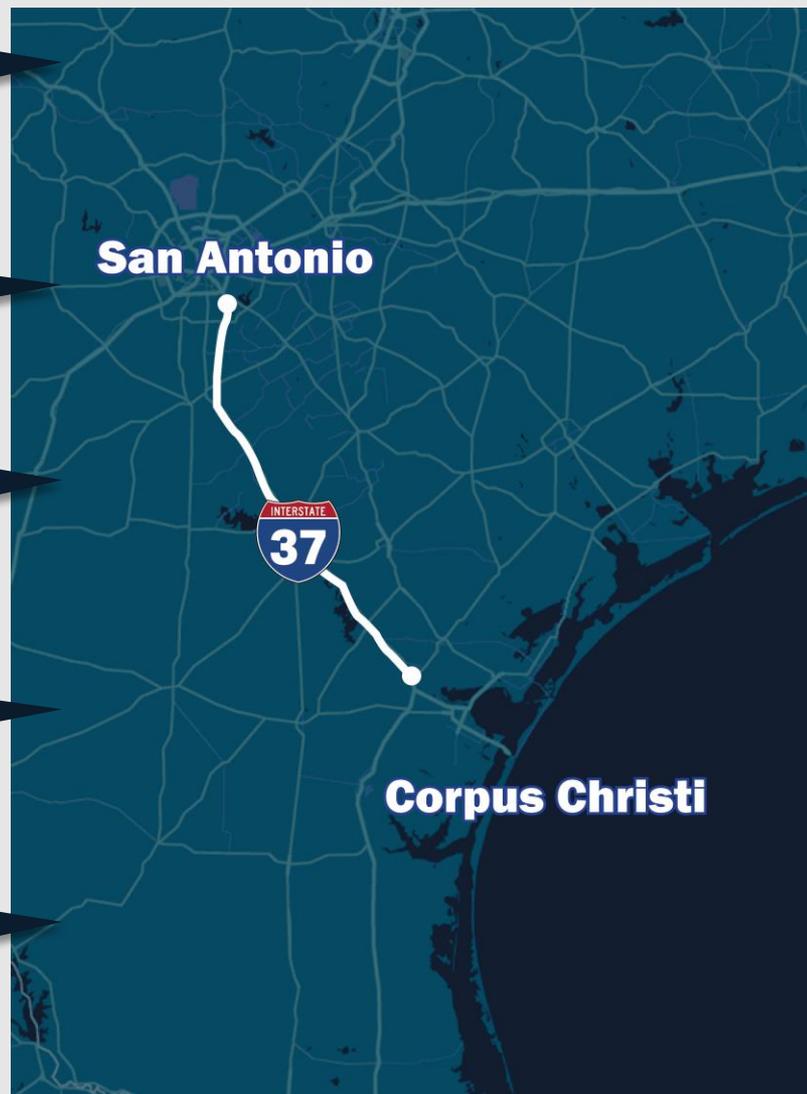
Construct additional travel lanes

Improve interchanges

Make safety improvements

Increase clearance at bridges

Add ramps and frontage roads



Next Steps

- August: Collect stakeholder input at webinar #1
- September: Consider stakeholder comments and create prioritized project list that address needs in problem areas
- October 4, 2017: Present prioritized project list at webinar #2
- October: Incorporate stakeholder input and prepare final list of prioritized projects

Online Survey – MetroQuest – Welcome

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Progress 

I-37 Corridor Study

WELCOME

We Want Your Input!

Help TxDOT improve safety and mobility along the I-37 corridor from I-410 in San Antonio to I-69E in Corpus Christi. We are requesting your feedback on the current conditions of I-37 from your personal traveling experience. Your input will help TxDOT identify issues and concerns as part of a corridor study.

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1/3: Why is TxDOT doing this study? The movement of traffic and freight along I-37 is an integral part of economic development in the region. TxDOT is looking to identify issues, concerns and how to improve safety and mobility along the corridor.



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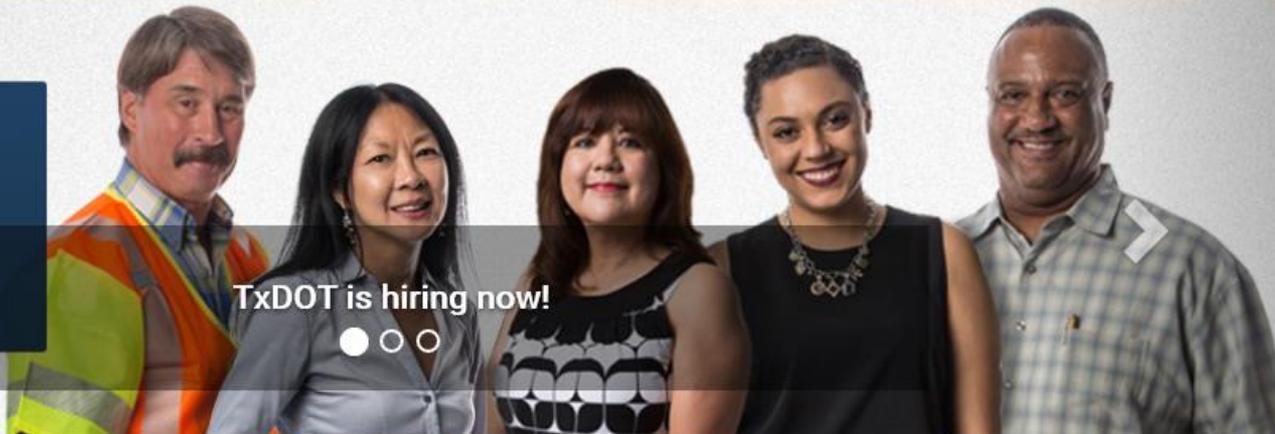
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Stakeholder Survey



Background

I-37 provides an important connection between I-35 and the Texas Gulf Coast and it is one of the few limited-access hurricane evacuation routes away from the southern Texas coast. In the 1960s, construction of I-37 began in the urban areas of Corpus Christi and San Antonio and the segments in rural areas were completed by the 1980s. Growth along the I-37 corridor in recent years have been associated with various issues, including the lack of frontage roads, mobility and operational issues and heavy truck activities. To begin identifying solutions to these issues, TxDOT initiated a corridor study to investigate existing and future conditions and needs along the I-37 corridor.

Description

TxDOT is conducting the I-37 Corridor Study along I-37 from the interchange of I-410 south of San Antonio to I-69E in Corpus Christi, a distance of approximately 119 miles. The study area includes the immediate area along the corridor including Bexar, Atascosa, Live Oak, San Patricio and Nueces counties, and the cities of San Antonio and Corpus Christi. The purpose of this study is to establish performance measures to determine how well the corridor is performing in areas such as safety, pavement, bridges, mobility and freight movement and then to develop improvement programs for the I-37 corridor.

Public Involvement

Public involvement opportunities will be provided throughout the study process. The project team will seek input from stakeholders who live and work along the corridor, and who have a particular interest in its improvement. All of the comments received from stakeholders will be considered by the project team

Questions from Webinar Participants

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Q: *What considerations are being given to environmental impacts?*

A: Environmental considerations were not taken into account during the initial analysis of this corridor. As we develop solutions that are specific to address needs, we will take environmental considerations into account during the scoping process for those specific projects.

Questions from Webinar Participants

Q: *Where can we find the recording of the webinar?*

A: A link to the recorded webinar will be on the txdot.gov website (key words: I-37 Corridor Study) and specifically on the I-37 Corridor Study page.

Questions from Webinar Participants

Q: *Are there specific projects already set?*

A: That's what we are working on right now as part of the next steps in the project. We're taking the results of the data-driven analysis that we've completed so far and are beginning to brainstorm to understand what types of project solutions may be applicable to address the deficiencies we've already identified. Part of the feedback that you can help us with is to give us some ideas or thoughts as a stakeholder about where along the corridor you see potential solutions. So feel free to give us that feedback as you think about the corridor and review what you've heard today.

Questions from Webinar Participants

Q: *There has been interest in bridge safety nationwide. Are most of the bridges on I-37 in good shape? Or is this what the study is including?*

A: “Bridge” is one of the performance areas that we are assessing. We have several performance measures to help us assess the conditions of bridges along the corridor so that is one of the things we looking at along this corridor. What we’ve found so far is that most of the bridges along this corridor are in good or fair shape.

Questions from Webinar Participants

Q: *The Nueces River bridge has flooding issues. Are we raising the bridge?*

A: One of the risks that we are looking at is the floodplain surrounding that bridge down near Corpus Christi. We are evaluating the location of bridges within floodplains and we are taking those types of risks into consideration as we look to improve those structures that are deficient.

Questions from Webinar Participants

Q: *Will all of the Q&A be typed up on the I-37 corridor page?*

A: This webinar will be recorded so you can access that to hear the answers to these questions. In addition, we will be providing a general overview of the survey results that we get and we will respond as necessary through that overview as well.

Questions from Webinar Participants

Q: *Do we give feedback via survey or direct email?*

A: You may provide feedback via the survey (link on txdot.gov website/key words “I-37 Corridor Study) or by directly emailing Cary Karnstadt at cary.karnstadt@txdot.gov.

Questions from Webinar Participants

Q: *Can we access information as to whether segment data reflects local input and concerns?*

A: In the final report on the I-37 Corridor Study, we will be summarizing all local input and concerns that we received in the webinar, through the online survey, or via email directly to TxDOT. This report will be available on the I-37 Corridor Study project page on txdot.gov once the study is completed and approved in the latter part of 2017.

In addition, we will be addressing any expressed local concerns and input regarding specific corridor locations/segments during the next webinar on October 4. We will email you with more information on the webinar as we get closer to that date.

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MetroQuest Survey

www.txdot.gov and search for “I-37 Corridor Study”

Survey closes September 16, 2017

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October 4