



# Paris District

**US 82 (Clarksville Loop) Project**

**From: BU 82/SH 37 Junction**

**To: FM 412**

**County: Red River**

**CSJ: 0045-11-042**

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**





## Welcome:

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

The pre-recorded public meeting and TxDOT website provide the same information as the in-person public meeting:

- 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.



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For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



## Project Limits:

- US 82 from BU 82/SH 37 Junction to FM 412
- City of Clarksville and Red River County, Texas
- Project length: 4.4 miles

## Project Purpose:

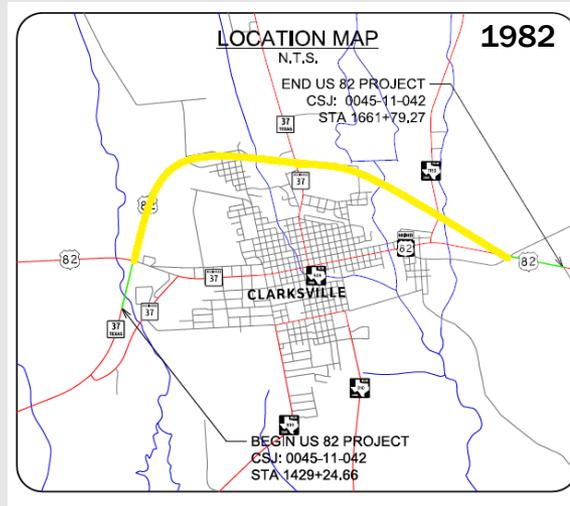
- Improve safety, mobility and regional connectivity
- Manage congestion
- Address roadway deficiencies



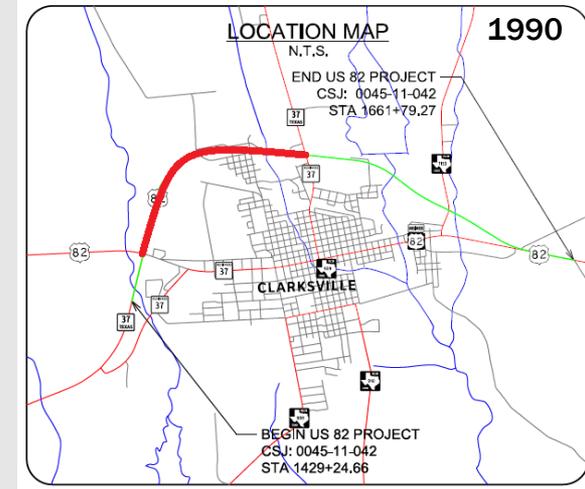
# Corridor History



**1982** – Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued for Clarksville By-Pass (from SH 37 West of Clarksville to US 82 East of Clarksville)

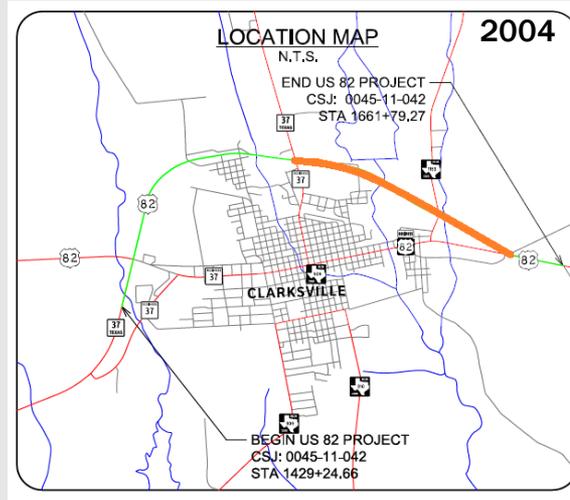


**1990s** – Construction from SH 37 southwest of Clarksville to SH 37 north of Clarksville began

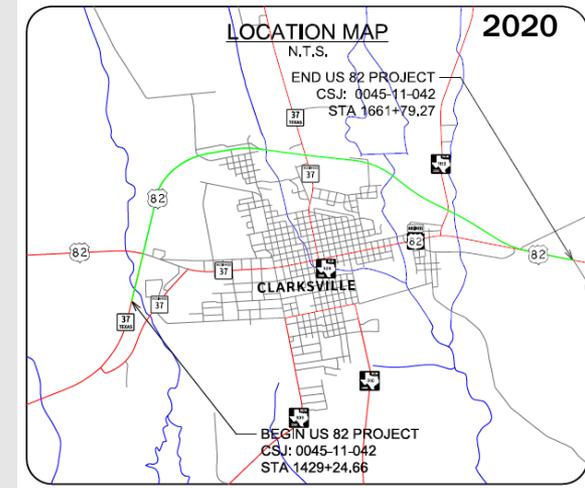


- 1999 – Public Meeting

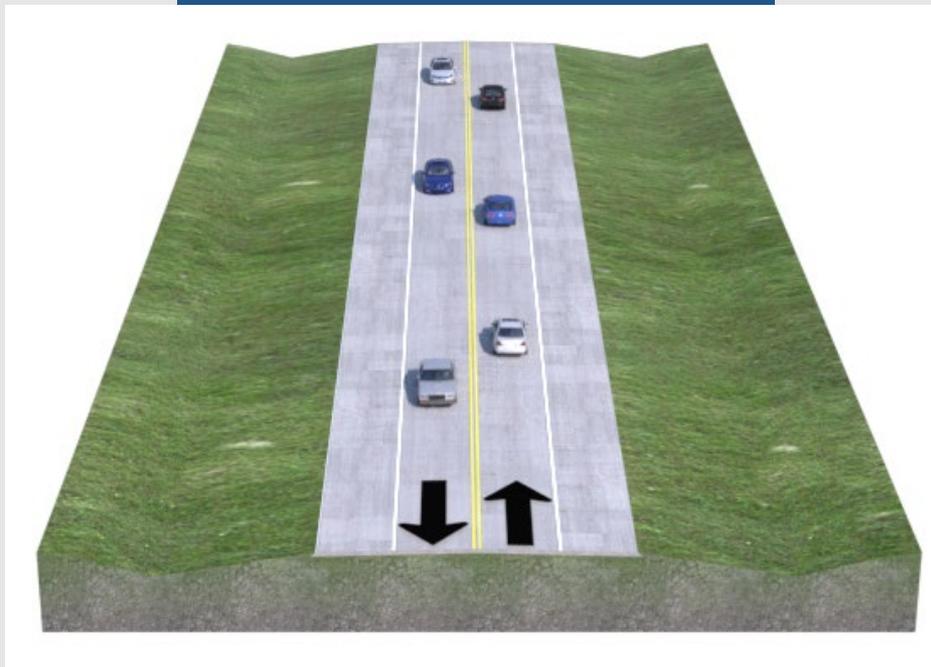
**2004** – FONSI issued for Clarksville By-Pass Reevaluation (from SH 37 north to US 82 East of Clarksville)



**2020** – Current project began (from the Business US 82/SH 37 junction to FM 412)

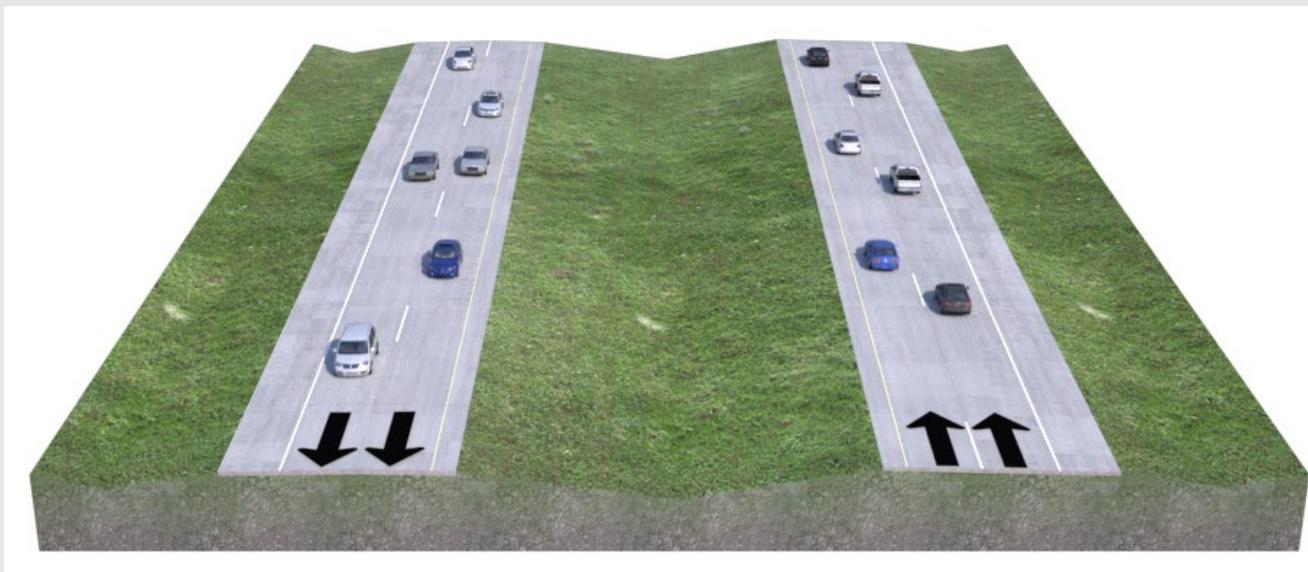


## Existing Two-Lane Rural Highway



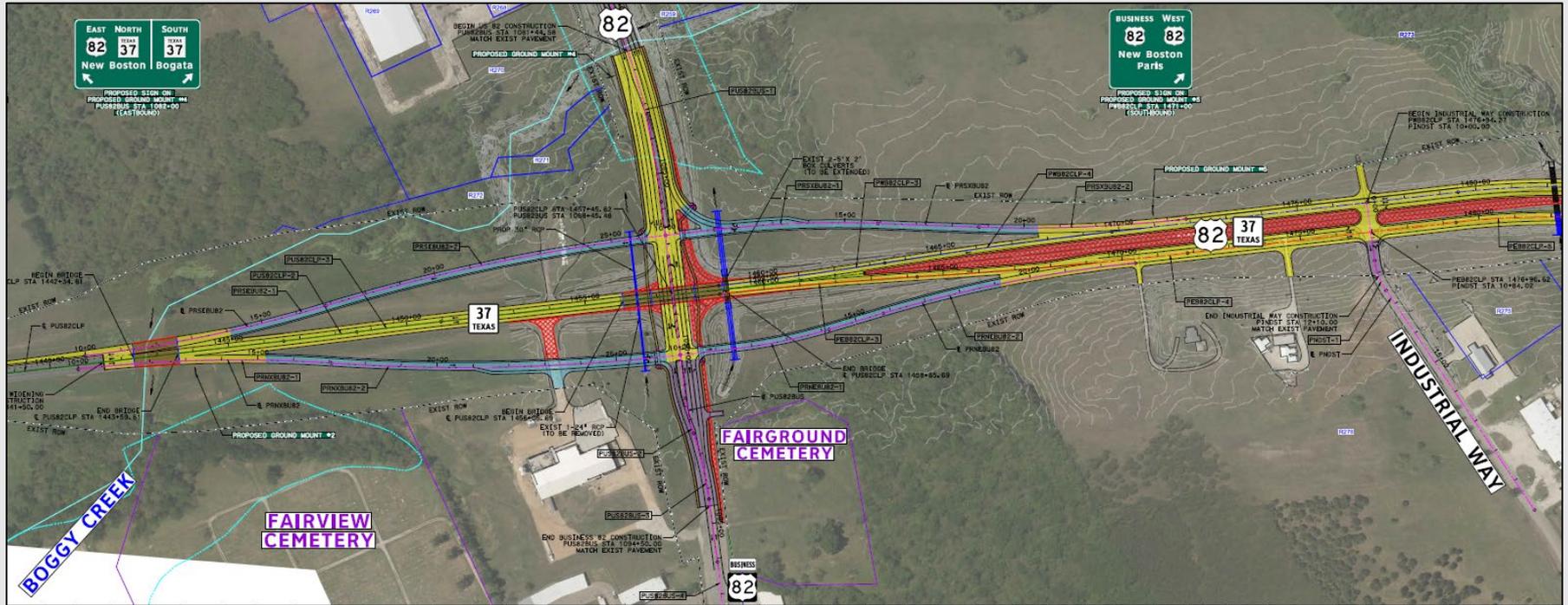
- The existing highway is a two-lane, undivided rural highway with 12-foot-wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction) and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders.
- The typical right of way width is 224 feet.

## Proposed Four-Lane, Divided Rural Highway



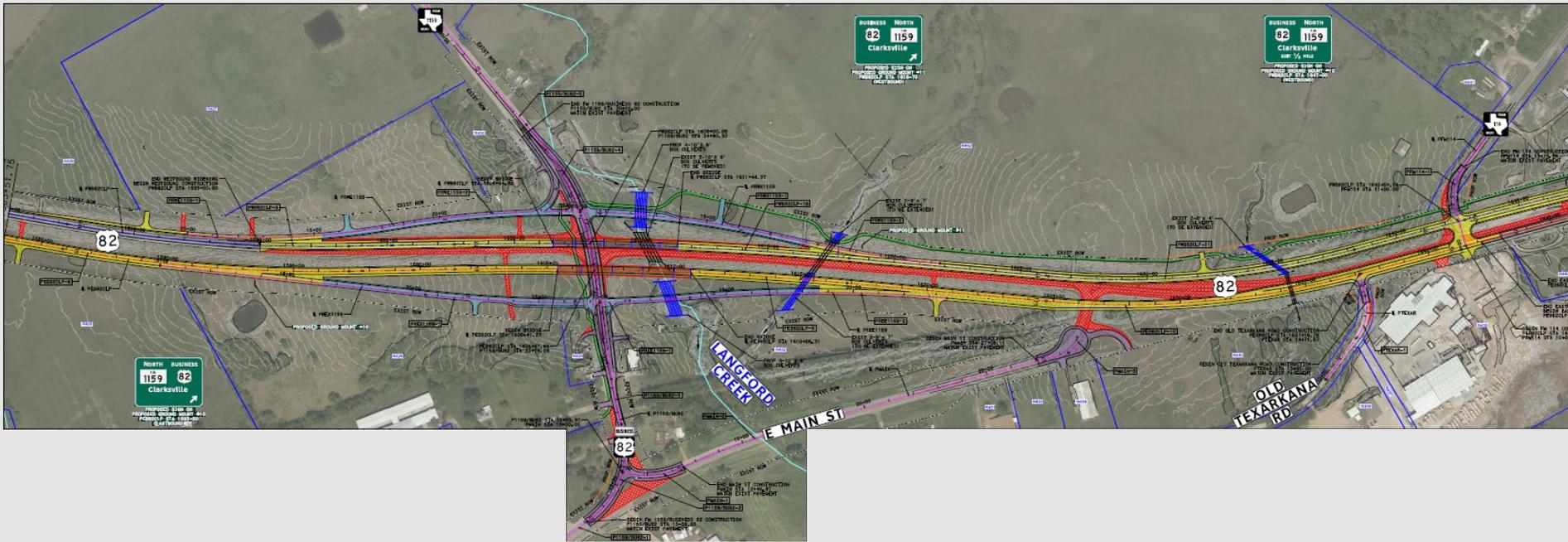
The proposed facility would consist of a four-lane, divided rural highway with 12-foot-wide travel lanes (two lanes in each direction), 10-foot-wide outside shoulders and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders. The proposed median varies in width between 9 feet and 68 feet.

# Proposed US 82/SH 37 Interchange



- Proposed grade separation between US 82/BU 82 and SH 37/US 82, with ramp connections.
- Proposed sidewalk connections along US 82/BU 82.

# Proposed US 82/FM 1159 Interchange



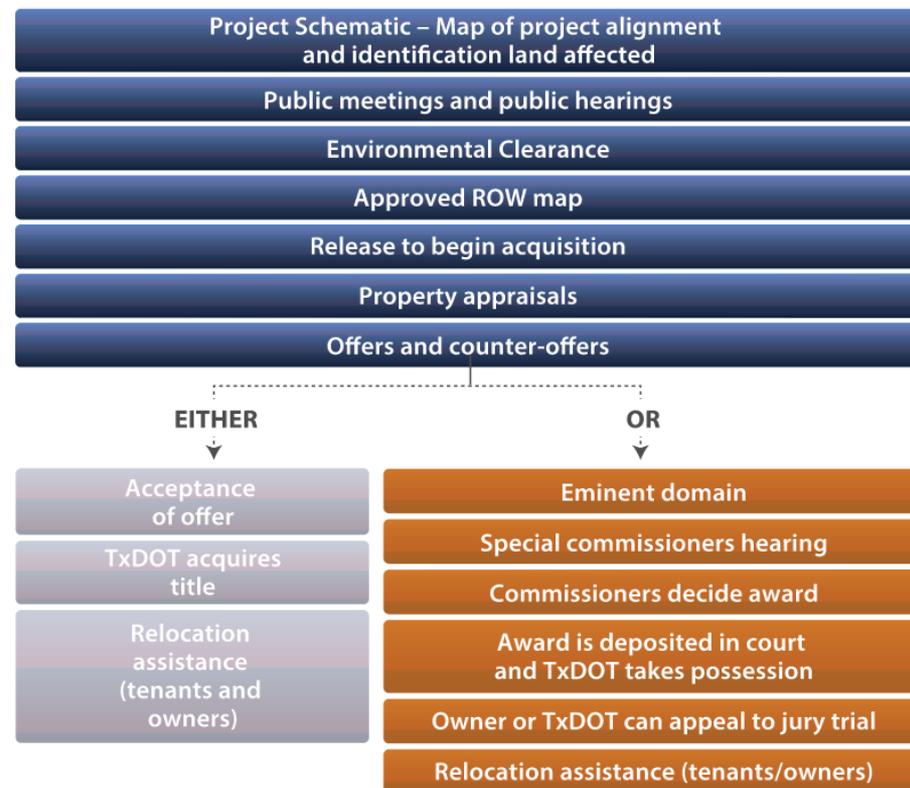
- Proposed grade separation between US 82 and FM 1159/BU 82, with ramp connections.
- Reconstruction of the BU 82/FM 1159 intersection.
- Existing direct access from BU 82 (East Main Street) to US 82 would be rerouted through the proposed FM 1159/BU 82 interchange.
- Proposed trail accommodations for the Northeast Texas Trail.

# Proposed Right of Way and Easements



- Approximately 0.91 acre of right of way (ROW) would be required.
  - Note: ROW needs are subject to change pending further design refinements.
- No commercial structures, residential structures or public facilities would be displaced.
- All ROW acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act.
- More ROW information can be found online at: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/forms-publications/publications/landowner-rights.html>

## TXDOT'S RIGHT OF WAY PROCESS



SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

TxDOT graphic



**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 apply to this proposed project.**



## Impacts Addressed

**Air Quality**  
**Biological Resources**  
**Community Impacts**  
**Cultural Resources**  
**Farmlands**  
**Hazardous Materials**

**Land Use**  
**Right of Way Acquisition**  
**Traffic Noise**  
**Vegetation**  
**Water Resources**  
**Waters of the U.S./Wetlands**



## Next Steps:

- Virtual Public Meeting..... Aug. 13, 2020
- Public Meeting Comment Period Ends..... Aug. 28, 2020
- Design Schematic ..... Fall 2020
- Environmental Studies..... Spring 2020 – Spring 2021\*
- Secondary Public Involvement Opportunity ..... Spring 2021\*
- Estimated Environmental Clearance..... Summer 2021\*
- Schematic Approval..... Summer 2021\*
- Right of Way Acquisition & Utility Coordination..... TBD
- Construction Letting..... TBD

\*Dates are preliminary and subject to change.



## Submit comments by:

1. Emailing: [Daniel.Taylor@txdot.gov](mailto:Daniel.Taylor@txdot.gov)
2. Filling out a comment card to mail to:  
Texas Department of Transportation  
ATTN.: Daniel Taylor, P.E.  
3600 S.W. Loop 286  
Paris, TX 75460
3. Online by visiting the website [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) keyword search: “US 82 Red River County” then click on the “Submit Your Comment” button.

While comments are always welcome, they must be received on or before Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 to be included in the official meeting documentation.

The public may call project staff at (903) 784-1357 during regular office hours or email project staff at any time in the project development process.

**Thank you for your interest in the  
US 82 (Clarksville Loop) Project**



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