

FACT SHEET: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ON US 83

Project Map and Limits

US 83

Project Start: 0.255 north of Starr/Zapata County Line

Project End: 0.09 miles north of Loma Blanca Road

Total Project Length: 10.5 miles

Project will be completed in two segments:

Segment 1: From 0.255 north of Starr/Zapata county line to 0.31 miles north of FM 2098

Segment 2: From 0.31 miles south of Placido Road to 0.09 miles north of Loma Blanca Road

Project Scope

- Proposed four-lane divided rural highway
- Proposed highway will be built within proposed 300-foot right of way (ROW)
- Construct bridges at FEMA flood zones
- Future major intersection at FM 2098 with turnarounds and proposed 450-foot ROW
- Crossovers at approximate quarter mile intervals



Purpose and Need

What problems are we trying to address?

- Significant increase in heavy truck traffic
- Upgrades needed as this corridor is part of the Texas Trunk System*

What are we trying to do?

- Improve capacity
- Upgrade facility to meet the Texas Trunk System*
- Maintain access to communities

* A rural network of four-lane or better divided roadways that will serve as a principal connector of all Texas cities with over 20,000 Population as well as major ports and points of entry, not to exceed total mileage of 11,500 miles.

Proposed Completion Schedule*

- Schematic - Summer 2017
- Environmental Clearance - Fall 2017
- Final Design - Fall 2018
- ROW Acquisition -Spring 2019
- Utilities - Spring 2021
- Project Letting Date - Spring 2021
- Begin Construction -Summer 2021

*This project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.

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 Dec. 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



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