



# Documentation of Public Meeting

## Project Location

Sutton County  
US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study

## Project Limits

N/A

## Meeting Location

Virtual Meeting

Website: <https://us277sonora.transportationplanroom.com/>

## Meeting Date and Time

April 30, 2020, 12 p.m. – May 15, 2020, 5 p.m.

## Translation Services

N/A

## Presenters

Steve Smith, Sutton County Judge  
Ranee Shields, P.E., Advanced Transportation Planning Director, TxDOT-San Angelo  
Tracy Michel, Garver  
Michael Penic, P.E., WSP  
Rachel Lunceford, P.E., HG Consult

## Elected Officials in Attendance

Steve Smith, Sutton County Judge

## Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

89

## Total Number of Commenters

7



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## A. Comment/Response Matrix

Comment Number	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic	Response
1	Thomas and Cynthia Schiotis	4/30/2020	Email	My husband and I watched the video presentation tonight. We are in agreement that the purple route is the best one. Our only concern is that when construction gets started that the planning phase should also take into consideration future construction needs for I-27. In San Antonio, they built a brand new highway and then had to tear it all up to bring in the new highway. Traffic was blocked for years with road construction when a little thoughtful strategic planning could have saved millions of dollars and years of delayed traffic for drivers. What a waste of taxpayer money. If there ever was a "make work project" that is one of the best examples. Please have the foresight to make this safety route in accordance with I-27 standards so we don't have to have another "make work project" in town tying up traffic and wasting tax payer money.	We are working closely with the team that is studying the "I-27/Ports to Plains Corridor. We have made sure to include room in our study for potential interstate upgrades
2	Jackson Hurst	4/30/2020	Comment Form	I approve and support the Purple Route Alternative for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study because it will greatly reduce traffic volume going through the town of Sonora on US 277 and reduce traffic volume and congestion at the I-10/US 277 Interchange.	Comment noted.
3	David Couch	5/1/2020	Email	How can I tell exactly where the proposed relief route actually is? I watched the video presentation last night and saw the purple line was the favorite route which is the closest to my property. The address to my gate is 4800 N Service Road. How long until construction starts if this is approved? Are we talking several years?	We do not have the exact location of the proposed relief route at this time. The design of new routes is a several step process and we are in what is known as the feasibility study step in the process. The purpose of the study was to narrow down from the many options a swath of land that would be feasible to design a route in. The purple route has emerged as the most feasible option based on many factors. The purple route as shown is an estimate of where the route would lie. The actual location would not be placed until more detail and design study has been accomplished in the next phase of development. We do not have a timeline for this project either at this time. We are still a few years out from any construction but that is because the actual route still needs to be designed, ROW acquired, and funded.
4	Jo Ann Hernandez	5/1/2020	Comment Form	I vote in favor of the Purple Route as recommended. Thank you for the update and virtual public meeting.	Comment noted.
5	Sam Kent	5/1/2020	Email	I watched "Public Meeting" #3 on-line and found it very interesting, and I support the purple route... it seems like a no-brainer.	Comment noted.
6	Anne Ward	5/7/2020	Email	I am the owner of The John Ward Ranch, located at 2430 PR 4402, roughly three miles west of Sonora off Highway 277. The Ranch consists of 7 1/2 sections of land (4,800 acres, more or less), on which is located a historic home, "Casa Piedra," built c. 1902, which I am working to restore and preserve, and for which I am in the process of applying for a determination of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Located between The John Ward Ranch and Highway 277, is The Albert C. Ward Ranch, through which runs PR 4402, and on which is located the home of my tenant and grazing lessee, Gus Ward. Both The John Ward Ranch and The Albert C. Ward Ranch are working cattle ranches and have been in the Ward family for three and four generations, respectively. Following my review of the map you provided, I am still not clear exactly where your proposed Purple Route would run, in relation to my historic home, Casa Piedra, or my grazing lessee's house. Would it be possible for you to mark up the map below, to illustrate exactly where the proposed route would go? We are anxious to make sure it doesn't run through our houses or any historical landmarks on either property. We also need to be sure it will not cause disruption of ranch operations. (photos and map provided)	We do not have the exact location of the proposed relief route at this time. The design of new routes is a several step process and we are in what is known as the feasibility study step in the process. The purpose of the study was to narrow down from the many options a swath of land that would be feasible to design a route in. The purple route has emerged as the most feasible option based on many factors. The purple route as shown is an estimate of where the route would lie. The actual location would not be placed until more detail and design study has been accomplished in the next phase of development.
6	Joe Will Ross	5/15/2020	Comment Form	I support the preferred alternative (purple) safety route around Sonora, Texas with the following qualifications. I believe it is important to keep the existing overpass at Exit 399. That way, the existing two-way access roads between US 277 and that overpass will remain in place. Maintaining two-way access keeps the current means of accessing Sonora's airport and the existing businesses fronting that access road. In addition, I believe that the two-way access along both access roads west to the Caverns exit eight miles west of town should remain as-is. Otherwise, all of those residents out will have easier access to Sonora. The purple route might abut the western edge of some of my family's property on the north side of IH10. We won't know until more detailed plans are revealed.	Comment noted.
7	Anonymous	5/15/2020	Comment Form	I have concerns as to how the safety route will affect the access of the North service road particularly to the Sonora airport. The airport is part of the emergency services and extreme care needs to be given if changes to the north service road are made that would lengthen the time required to travel to the airport from the hospital.	Comment noted.
8	Joe David Ross	5/15/2020	Letter sent via email	1) It was mentioned by JDR in an earlier written comment at local public hearings, "The process in the past 2 years has been the most transparent than some efforts in the past but there are still unknown details about service roads, exits and how far out will the new main intersection might be on either side of Sonora. 2) The recent selected preferred route west of the Sonora Animal Clinic certainly has several good points. However, one strong point that was nearly always mentioned was for the existing City of Sonora E-110 development be visible & accessed as much as possible. Therefore, keeping the veterinary overpass @ exit 399 intact will certainly continue to 'bridge' the extra 1/2 mile 'gap' to an assumed exit #39. 3) Keep the North service road, and the loop by our 24 Acre community center, 4H club center and public park facility plus several active established businesses, 2-way. In the North service road there are also Sonora's airport & well known 9 hole golf course as well as different businesses. Without the #399 overpass another 1 mile would be added to go west to the #398 intersection & back. It is already 1.95 miles to make the circle from Road Ranger Truck Stop to the 399 overpass stoplight and then by our park, Circle 8 motel, Sonic, Dairy Queen, and several other active facilities on Hwy 277. As the circle comes back to I-10 & 277 including 3 motels, 5 gas stations, 4 other cafes & Bairde(?) Trust & C of C. 4) We assume that exit 399 will be improved some to tie in with the South service road going west to exit 398. It is another 8 +/- miles out to the next overpass going to the Sonora Caverns. 5) Will the new ramps at the new big intersection - I-10 - by the wet clinic and south of Sonora at the industrial park and the new big pipeline pump station @ Hwy 277 be designed safer than our Sonora exit 400 & Hwy 277 and still show concern for the 4 Ward homes on the route. 50 big extra long wide Trucks cannot cause trouble. Well planned flood drainage. 6) The Sonora Vet Clinic's septic drain field is located on the flat land west of the clinic's entrance. The clinic's original septic field had to be relocated in the early 1970s where I-10 was built. 7) Also, I commented at one of the fairly recent public hearings in San Angelo about the possibility of using some of our TxDOT's district dollars \$ to help get started on Hwy 277 on both sides of Loma Alta so that trucks would use the route, (stressed as important to divert trucks from I-35.) In 2015 +/- at a Ports-to-Plains meeting we were told that Amarillo & Lubbock transferred some of their \$ to help with I-27 or P to P. Once we get past the Shurley, Jones, Sawyer & Shurley ranches 4 to 7 or 8 miles South of Sonora the next 12 +/- miles to the Edward County Line are not as vital until the Val Verde 'tough' sections is ready. At the 2015 meeting a TxDOT from Austin said it might take 35 years to get the Sonora-Del Rio segment completed. 8) Have their been talks with the city of Sonora about providing and making plans for utilities out west of Sonora on both sides of I-10? 9) The C of C-Sonora welcome should be allowed to be relocated. 10) Exit from Eldorado to W #398-close so signs seen.Thanks! Details for the big picture for the overall betterment of Sonora. Sutton County including safety & fairness with TxDOT's experience.	Comment noted.



## **B. Notices Provided**

- **Mailing lists**
- **Postcard (English/Spanish)**
- **Newspaper Display ad from Devil River News**
- **TxDOT Website Screen Capture**

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Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone
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Stripes Convenience Store	503 US-277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5908
Alon Gas Station	287 US-277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-2117
Surestay Hotel by Best Western Sonora	270 Highway 277 N.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-9111
La Mexicana	308A Highway 277 N.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3401
Taco Grill	232 US-277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-9127
Mr. D's Liquor & Beer	216 US-277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3351
Dairy Queen Store	134 US-277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-2118
Gypsy Chicks	121 US-277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3311
Sonic Drive-In	131 Highway 277 N.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5292
Snowflake Donuts	1005 N. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5158
Stripes Convenience Store	805 N. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-2169
Pit Stop BBQ	802 N. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-2626
Amis Gift Shop	6207, 707 N. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-2726
Mack's Service Station	703 N. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5641
Hodge Podgees Candle Company, LLC	107 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5700
Sonora Tire Services	409 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3403
Rosey Bud Florist	410 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5507
Carquest Auto Parts - Devil's River Auto Parts	501 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3255
West Central Wireless	102 E. Chestnut St.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3031
Stripes Convenience Store	610 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-6181
Parker Lumber	104 E. 3rd St.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3542
Devil's River Liquor Store	210 S. Hwy. 277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 413-1133
Leo's Tire Service	208 Hwy. 277 S.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 226-3410
Juany's BBQ & Catering	207 W. Chestnut St.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-9999
Holiday Host Motel	127 TX-467 Loop	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-2531
Love's Travel Stop	TX-467 Loop	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-2768
Lowe's Market	600 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	
Dollar General	510 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-6089
Rush in Lube Pit	405 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5040
Bronco Bubbles Carwash	404 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	
Lala's Mexican Restaurant	207 Glasscock Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-2223
Bump Gate Café	232 E. Main St.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3756
Motel 6 Sonora	1312 N. Service Rd.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3516
Quality Inn	311 N. Hwy 277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5800
Pizza Hut	401 US Hwy. 277 N.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3540
Lawrenco Equipment Specialists	203 S. US-277	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 413-1111
Holt Cat Sonora	707 Glasscock Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5303
Sonora Bank	102 E. Main St.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3861
Old Sonora Icehouse Ranch Museum	206 S. Water Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3754
Road Ranger	601 US-277	Sonora	TX	76950	(815) 860-0016
Sutton County Steak House	1312 N. Service Rd.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-3833
Victor's Automotive & Wrecker Services	504 N. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5746
J.J.'s Auto Services	602 N. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5125
Family Dollar	700 Sutton Ave.	Sonora	TX	76950	(325) 387-5796

Partnering Agencies Mailing List

Prefix	Salutation	Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone
	Mr.	Oscar G. Chavez, Sr.	Sutton County Sheriff	401 E. Oak St.	Sonora	TX		76950 (325) 387-2288
		Sonora Police Department		609 S. Water Ave.	Sonora	TX		76950 (325) 387-3888
	Mr.	Ross B. Aschenbeck	Sonora ISD Superintendent	807 S. Concho	Sonora	TX		76950 (325) 387-6940
	Mr.	Luis Vasquez	Sonora ISD Transportation Director	807 S. Concho	Sonora	TX		76950 (325) 387-6940
	Ms.	Donna Garrett	Executive Director, Sonora Chamber of Commerce	205 Hwy. 277 N.	Sonora	TX		76950 (325) 387-2880
	Mr.	Pascual Hernandez	Director, Sonora Economic Development Corporation	307 E. Oak St.	Sonora	TX		76950 (325) 387-3101
	Mr.	Espy Whitehead	Director, Sonora Economic Development Corporation	307 E. Oak St.	Sonora	TX		76950 (210) 867-3011

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## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE US 277 SONORA SAFETY ROUTE STUDY

Está invitado a una Reunión Pública virtual para el Estudio de la Ruta de Seguridad US 277

Website will be live: 12 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2020 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2020

El sitio web estara en vivo: Jueves, 30 de Abril de 2020 a Viernes, 15 de Mayo de 2020  
[www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/san-angelo/043020.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/san-angelo/043020.html)

TxDOT, in cooperation with Sutton County and the City of Sonora, is holding an on-line virtual public meeting for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study to present the advancing alternatives and gather input from the public on the recommended alternative. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the web address listed above at anytime from 12 p.m., April 30, 2020 to 5 p.m., May 15, 2020. A presentation, fact sheet, map, and comment form will be on the website. The presentation will include both audio and visual components.

El Departamento, en cooperación con el Condado de Sutton y la Ciudad de Sonora, llevará a cabo una reunión pública virtual sobre el Estudio de la Ruta de Seguridad US 277, para presentar los avances de las propuestas y conocer su opinión. Para iniciar sesión en la reunión pública virtual, vaya a la dirección web mencionada anteriormente en cualquier momento desde las 12 p. M., 30 de abril de 2020 hasta las 5 p. M., 15 de mayo de 2020. Una presentación, hoja informativa, mapa y formulario de comentarios estarán en el sitio web. La presentación incluirá componentes de audio y visuales.

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# Texas Redistricting Could be Affected by Coronavirus-Related Delays of Census

By Alexa Ura, The Texas Tribune

A delay in census counting because of the coronavirus pandemic could push Texas redistricting into legislative overtime next summer.

Trump administration officials on Monday proposed delaying reapportionment counts and the distribution of redistricting data by four months, which

would kick the delivery of data Texas lawmakers need to redraw political districts from March 2021 to July. That puts it past the end of the next scheduled legislative session.

The proposal must be approved by Congress. Under that plan, census counting would extend to Oct. 31.

The once-a-decade count of everyone living in the

U.S. is used as a roadmap for the hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds Texas gets every year. It also determines the political future of the state. State lawmakers use the detailed census data to redraw political districts to adjust for population growth so districts are roughly equal in size.

Typically, apportionment counts for congressional seats are delivered to the president in December, and more local data comes in by the end of March. But the U.S. Census Bureau has been forced to delay its field operations for the count, which began in Texas just

as the coronavirus outbreak began to grow.

The Texas Legislature meets once every two years from January to late May. Under the bureau's proposal, the redistricting data would come "no later than July 31," meaning Gov. Greg Abbott may have to call lawmakers back for a special legislative session to redraw congressional maps.

It's not immediately clear what this will mean for redrawing legislative maps. The Texas Constitution indicates state Senate and House maps must be redrawn by the Legislature "at its first regular session

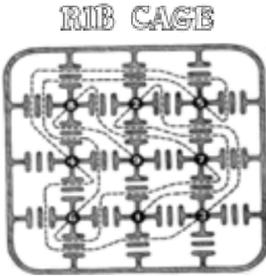
after the publication of each United States decennial census." It's also not clear what this would mean for the involvement of the Legislative Redistricting Board, a five-member board that steps in to redraw state Senate and House maps if lawmakers fail to redraw them during the regular legislative session following "the publication of the decennial census."

In Texas, that exercise has a long and fraught history. Since Congress passed the Voting Rights Act in 1965, Texas' political mapmaking has ended up in the federal courts, where judges have ruled

at least once every decade since that lawmakers discriminated against voters of color. Next year's redistricting round will mark the first time in nearly half a century that the Texas Legislature can redraw maps without any federal supervision to ensure they don't discriminate against voters of color.

*"Texas redistricting could be affected by coronavirus-related delays of census" was first published at <https://www.texastribune.org/2020/04/13/texas-redistricting-could-be-affected-census-delay/> by The Texas Tribune. The Texas Tribune is proud to celebrate 10 years of exceptional journalism for an exceptional state.*

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## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS:

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According to figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services at noon on April 10, some 11,671 people in Texas had been diagnosed with deadly coronavirus -- COVID-19 -- and 226 deaths resulting from the disease

had been confirmed.

### Governor Closes Parks

Gov. Abbott on April 7 directed the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to close all state parks and historic sites indefinitely as part

of the state's efforts to strengthen social distancing practices and prevent gatherings of large groups of people.

Historic sites and state parks will reopen at the direction of the governor.

"Social distancing is our best tool to curb the spread of COVID-19 and save lives," Abbott said. "The temporary closure of our state parks and historic sites will help us achieve this goal by preventing the gathering of large groups of people. I urge all Texans to continue to stay at home except for essential services as we respond to COVID-19. By following these social distance practices, we will overcome this challenge together."

**Hegar Distributes Revenue**  
Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on April 8 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$701.8 million in local sales tax allocations for April.

The amount is 0.5 percent less than the amount distributed in April 2019.

Revenue allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Next month's allocations, which will mostly reflect sales made in March, will begin to show the impact of pandemic-related business shutdowns. The agency, therefore, expects local allocations in May to be lower, and June allocations will likely deteriorate further, Hegar said.

### Lawsuit Amicus is Filed

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison on April 6 led 40 attorneys general in an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of injury lawsuit decisions by the Supreme Courts of Montana and

Minnesota.

In the brief, Paxton and Ellison said those state supreme courts correctly ruled in favor of allowing individuals to file personal injury lawsuits in the states in which they reside and were injured, regardless of where the defendant was located.

The friend-of-the-court brief opposes an effort by large corporations to prevent individuals from filing lawsuits in their own local courts and to potentially prevent states from filing lawsuits to enforce their own laws, Paxton said.

### Care Access to Increase

Gov. Abbott on April 6 announced that Care.com, a private business that enables families to find, manage and pay for care and provides employment opportunities for caregivers, is increasing in-home child care access for frontline workers responding to the COVID-19 emergency.

As part of this initiative, Abbott said, Care.com is offering 90 days of free, premium access to their services, along with specific portals for frontline workers and caregivers in Texas.

Frontline workers looking for child care, as well as prospective caregivers, can enroll at <https://texasfrontline.care.com/>.

Potential caregivers are subject to Care.com's extensive background and safety checks. While child care services are not typically free of charge, the Texas portal gives residents the ability to waive their fees and volunteer as caregivers, providing additional support to frontline workers, Abbott added.

### Jobless Urged to Reapply

The Texas Workforce Commission on April 4 encouraged Texas residents previously deemed monetarily ineligible for unemployment benefits to reapply now, at the beginning of a new fiscal quarter.

The agency invited applicants who were denied unemployment benefits due to insufficient wages and who worked during the January 2019-December 2019 base period to visit the unemployment benefit services portal to reapply online.

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## Border Patrol Agents Rescue Man From Rio Grande River

U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Eagle Pass Station rescued a man from the Rio Grande River, Friday, April 10, according to a press release.

"Through vigorous training our agents are prepared to handle the broad range of situations they often encounter in the course of their duties," Del Rio Sector Acting Chief Patrol Agent Doyle E. Amidon, Jr. said "Due to the awareness and vigilance of our agents, another life was spared from the treacherous dangers of the river and the hazardous proposition of crossing the border illegally."

According to the press

release, agents performing line watch duties observed an individual begin struggling while attempting to cross the Rio Grande River near Normandy.

The agents quickly deployed a rescue device and were able to successfully pull the man to safety.

A Border Patrol EMT was standing by to evaluate the individual.

No further medical attention was requested. The man was expeditiously processed per CBP guidelines, according to the news release.

To report suspicious activity call the Del Rio Sector's toll free number at 1-866-511-8727.



U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Eagle Pass Station evaluate a man rescued from the Rio Grande River, Friday, April 10.

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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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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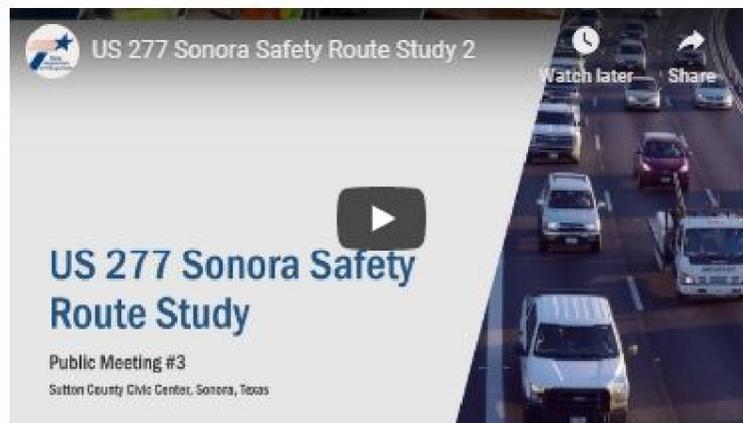
**When:** The virtual meeting presentation will be available from Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 12 p.m. until Friday, May 15, 2020 at 5 p.m. All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 15, 2020.

**Where:** The virtual public meeting materials will be posted here.

**Purpose:** The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Sutton County are conducting a virtual public meeting to identify an alternative safety relief route to US 277 for the City of Sonora and sections of Sutton County, Texas. The virtual public meeting (no in-person meeting) will include a pre-recorded presentation which will be available for viewing on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 12 p.m. until May 15, 2020 at 5 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (325) 947-9247 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Comments must be received on or before May 15, 2020 to be included in the official record.

**Description:** TxDOT is conducting a safety route study around the City of Sonora for the construction of an alternate route to existing US 277. The goal of the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study is to divert the traffic around downtown to ease traffic congestion, enhance mobility and create safer driving conditions. Maps with the advancing and recommended alternatives will be available for review in the virtual meeting presentation.

**Special Accommodations:** TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (325) 947-9205 no later than May 15, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.



**Downloads:**

- [Notice](#)
- [Video Presentation Transcript](#)

**Contact:** TxDOT San Angelo District  
 4502 Knickerbocker Road  
 San Angelo, TX 76904

(325) 947-9205  
[Email](#)

Posted April 15, 2020



### **C. Sign-in Sheets**

Start time	Completion time	Name2	Zip Code
4/30/20 13:18:23	4/30/20 13:19:11	Jackson Hurst	30144
4/30/20 14:45:14	4/30/20 14:45:39	TJ Thorp	76950
4/30/20 16:21:53	4/30/20 16:22:23	Susan	77060
5/1/20 10:23:15	5/1/20 10:23:40	Gary Enos	76904
5/1/20 16:24:03	5/1/20 16:24:20	Lauren Griffin	76950
5/1/20 16:37:11	5/1/20 16:37:27	Dani Dillard	76950
5/7/20 15:53:28	5/7/20 15:54:07	Anne E. Ward	76950



## **D. Comments Received**

## Michel, Tracy L.

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**From:** Randee Shields <Randee.Shields@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Sonora Safety Route

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for watching our video and I appreciate your feedback.

We are working closely with the team that is studying the "I-27"/Ports to Plains Corridor. We have made sure to include room in our study for potential interstate upgrades.

Have a nice day.



**Randee Shields, PE**  
**TxDOT San Angelo District**  
Advanced Planning Engineer  
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San Angelo, Texas 76904-7509  
(325) 947-9247  
[Randee.Shields@txdot.gov](mailto:Randee.Shields@txdot.gov)

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**From**  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** Randee Shields <Randee.Shields@txdot.gov>  
**Subject:** Sonora Safety Route

My husband and I watched the video presentation tonight. We are in agreement that the purple route is the best one.

Our only concern is that when construction gets started that the planning phase should also take into consideration future construction needs for I-27. In San Antonio, they built a brand new highway and then had to tear it all up to bring in the new highway. Traffic was blocked for years with road construction when a little thoughtful strategic planning could have saved millions of dollars and years of delayed traffic for drivers. What a waste of taxpayer money. If there ever was a "make work project" that is one of the best examples.

Please have the foresight to make this safety route in accordance with I-27 standards so we don't have to have another "make work project" in town tying up traffic and wasting tax payer money.

Good job!

Sincerely,

Thomas and Cynthia Schiotis

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Hetzel, Jon, D

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Hetzel, Jon, D; Michel, Tracy L.  
**Subject:** US 277 Sonora Comment Submission

**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

A comment form for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study has been submitted.

**Name:** Jackson Hurst

**Address**

**Email:**

**Representing:** interested citizen

**Comments:**

I approve and support the Purple Route Alternative for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study because it will greatly reduce traffic volume going through the town of Sonora on US 277 and reduce traffic volume and congestion at the I-10/US 277 Interchange.

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## Michel, Tracy L.

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**From:** Randee Shields <Randee.Shields@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:59 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Sonora Relief Route

Good Morning,

I was forward your email in reference to the proposed relief route in Sonora.

We do not have the exact location of the proposed relief route at this time. The design of new routes is a several step process and we are in what is known as the feasibility study step in the process. The purpose of the study was just to narrow down from the many options a swath of land that would be feasible to design a route in. The purple route has emerged as the most feasible option based on many factors. The purple route as shown is just an estimate of where the route would lie. The actual location would not be placed until more detail and design study has been accomplished in the next phase of development.

We do not have a timeline for this project either at this time. I can tell you that we are still a few years out from any construction but that is because the actual route still needs to be designed, ROW acquired, and funded.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Have a nice day.



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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "  
**Date:** May 1, 2020 at 9:08:01 AM CDT  
**To:** John Dewitt Jr <[John.DeWitt@txdot.gov](mailto:John.DeWitt@txdot.gov)>  
**Subject:** Sonora Relief Route

Good morning. Quick Q. How can I tell exactly where the proposed relief route actually is? I watched the video presentation last night and saw the purple line was the favorite route which is the closest to my property. The address to my gate is 4800 N Service Road .

How long until construction starts if this is approved? Are we talking several years?

Thanks

## Hetzel, Jon, D

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** Hetzel, Jon, D; Michel, Tracy L.  
**Subject:** US 277 Sonora Comment Submission

**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

A comment form for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study has been submitted.

**Name:** Jo Ann Hernandez

**Address**

**Email:**

**Representing:** The Bank and Trust, ssb

**Comments:**

I vote in favor of the Purple Route as recommended. Thank you for the update and virtual public meeting.

**Texas Transportation Code Fields**

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**From:** Randee Shields <Randee.Shields@txdot.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:51 AM

**To:** Travis, Wendy G. <WGTravis@GarverUSA.com>; Michel, Tracy L. <TLMichel@GarverUSA.com>

**Subject:** FW: Sonora Safety Route

**From:** .

**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2020 10:10 PM

**To:** Randee Shields <[Randee.Shields@txdot.gov](mailto:Randee.Shields@txdot.gov)>

**Subject:** Sonora Safety Route

Good morning Randee,

I watched "Public Meeting" #3 on-line and found it very interesting, and I support the purple route... it seems like a no-brainer.

We have moved across town and no longer receive mail at the PO Box. Please change my address to 202 Hudspeth St, Sonora.

Thank you for putting this together,

Sam Kent

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*A Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) message*

**#EndTheStreakTX**

## Hetzel, Jon, D

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** Hetzel, Jon, D; Michel, Tracy L.  
**Subject:** US 277 Sonora Comment Submission

A comment form for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study has been submitted.

**Name:** Joe Will Ross

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Representing:** Myself and ChiRoss Partnership, LLC

**Comments:**

I support the preferred alternative (purple) safety route around Sonora, Texas with the following qualifications. I believe it is important to keep the existing overpass at Exit 399. That way, the existing two-way access roads between US 277 and that overpass will remain in place. Maintaining two-way access keeps the current means of accessing Sonora's airport and the existing businesses fronting that access road. In addition, I believe that the two-way access along both access roads west to the Caverns exit eight miles west of town should remain as-is. Otherwise, all of those residents out will have easier access to Sonora. The purple route might abut the western edge of some of my family's property on the north side of IH10. We won't know until more detailed plans are revealed.

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**To:** Hetzel, Jon, D; Michel, Tracy L.  
**Subject:** US 277 Sonora Comment Submission

A comment form for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study has been submitted.

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Representing:** Sonora Airport Board, Sutton County Hospital District

**Comments:**

I have concerns as to how the safety route will affect the access of the North service road particularly to the Sonora airport. The airport is part of the emergency services and extreme care needs to be given if changes to the north service road are made that would lengthen the time required to travel to the airport from the hospital.

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## Michel, Tracy L.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:04 PM  
**To:** Randee Shields  
**Cc:** Gus Ward  
**Subject:** Re: Sonora Safety Route Study

Randee-

Thanks again for providing the video and accompanying exhibits.

I have reviewed all that you provided.

The virtual meeting materials state that you accept comments by email, so please accept this message as my official comments concerning Public Meeting #3 for The Sonora Safety Route.

I will appreciate a reply message from you, so I will know that you received these comments.

I am the owner of The John Ward Ranch, located at

The Ranch consists of 7 1/2 sections of land (4,800 acres, more or less), on which is located a historic home, "Casa Piedra," built c. 1902, which I am working to restore and preserve, and for which I am in the process of applying for a determination of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Casa Piedra is described in my blog: <https://annewardauthor.com/casa-piedra-the-john-a-ward-ranch-home/>

Also at The Stephen B. Chambers Architects website. <https://chambersarchitects.com/historic-home-preservation/historic-texas-homestead-casa-piedra-sonora-texas/>

Please see arial views and map below.

Located between The John Ward Ranch and Highway 277, is The Albert C. Ward Ranch, through which runs PR 4402, and on which is located the home of my tenant and grazing lessee, Gus Ward.

Both The John Ward Ranch and The Albert C. Ward Ranch are working cattle ranches and have been in the Ward family for three and four generations, respectively.

Following my review of the map you provided, I am still not clear exactly where your proposed Purple Route would run, in relation to my historic home, Casa Piedra, or my grazing lessee's house.

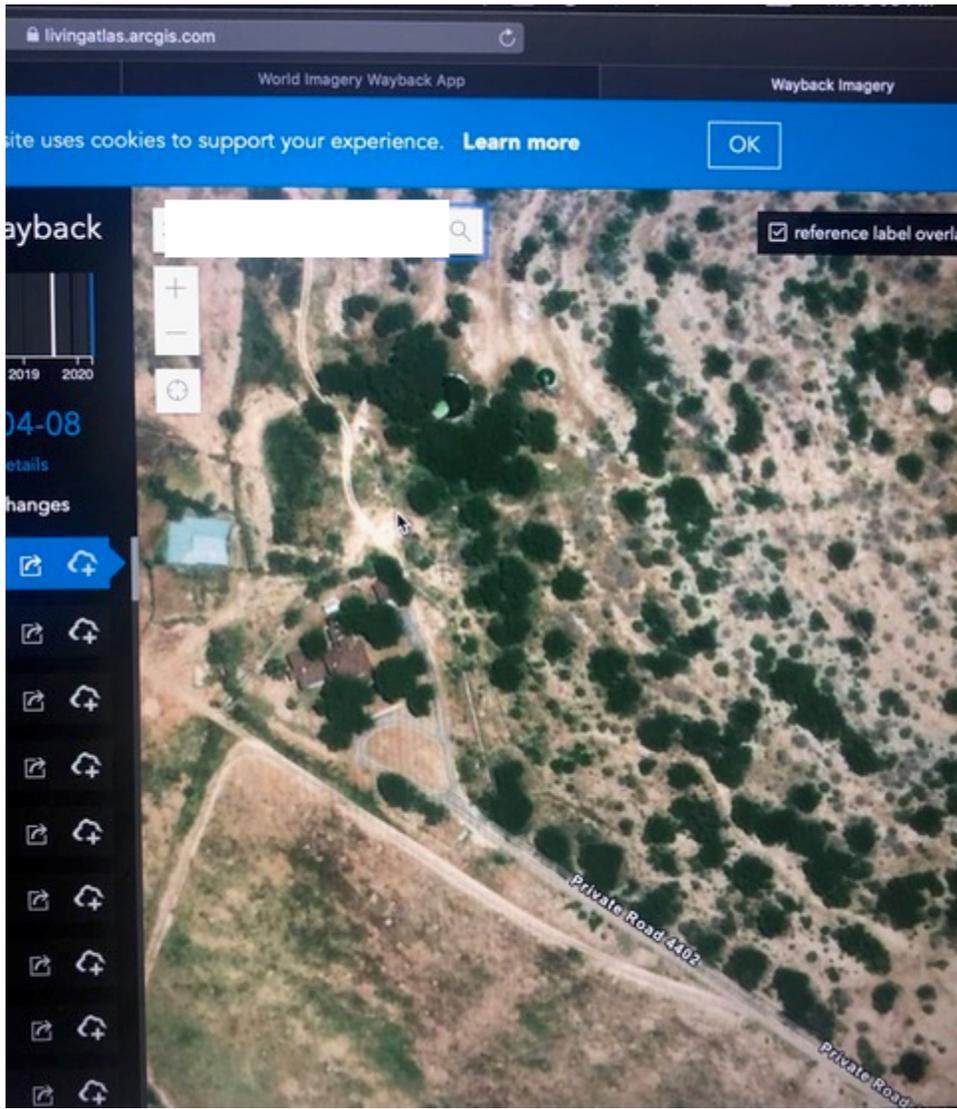
Would it be possible for you to mark up the map below, to illustrate exactly where the proposed route would go? We are anxious to make sure it doesn't run through our houses or any historical landmarks on either property.

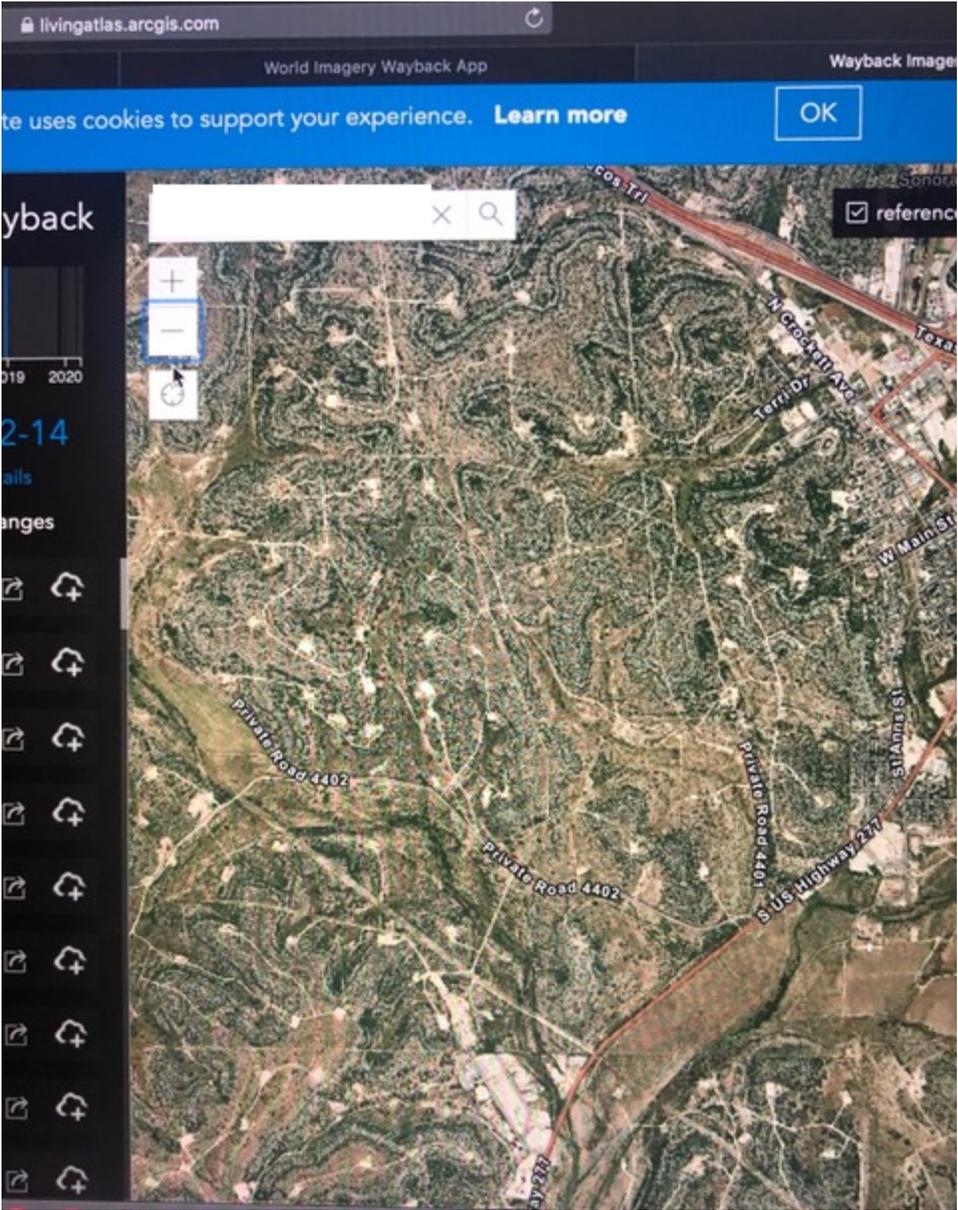
We also need to be sure it will not cause disruption of ranch operations.

Thank you.

Anne Ward  
The John Ward Ranch, LLC.







Comments on the Relieves Route around Sonora Texas  
May 15, 2020 by Joe David Ross

- 1) It was mentioned by GOR in an earlier written comment and local public hearings, "The process has been <sup>in the past 2 years</sup> the most transparent than some efforts in the past but ~~there~~ <sup>we</sup> still unknown details about service roads, exits and how far out will the new main intersection might be on either side of Sonora.
- 2) The recent selected preferred route west of the Sonora Animal Clinic certainly has several good points. However, one strong point that was nearly always mentioned was for the existing city of Sonora's I-10 development be visible ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> much as possible. Therefore, keeping the 'veterinary overpass' @ exit 399 intact will certainly continue to 'bridge' the extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile 'gap' to an assumed exit #399.
- 3) Keep the North service road and the loop by our 24 Acre Community Center, 400 Club Center and public park facility plus several active established businesses 2-way. On the North service road there are also Sonora's airport & well known 9 hole golf course as well as different businesses. Without the #399 overpass another 1 mile would be added to go west to the '#398' intersection. It is already 1.95 miles to make the circle from Road Ranger Truck stop to the 399 overpass ~~to~~ <sup>stop fight</sup> and then by our park, Circle 8 motel, Sonic, Dairy Queen's and several other active facilities on Hwy 277 as the 'circle' comes back to I-10 & 277 including 3 motels, 5 gas stations, 4 other cafes & Bank Trust & Co.
- 4) We assume that exit 399 will be improved some to tie in with the South service road going west to exit 398. It is another 8+ miles out to the next overpass going to the Sonora Caverns.
- 5) Will the new ramps at the new big intersection -I-10 by the vet clinic and south of Sonora at the industrial park and the new big pipeline pump station @ Hwy 277 be designed safer than our Sonora exit 400 & Hwy 277? And still show concern for the 4 word homes on the route. So big extra long wide trucks cannot cause trouble. Well planned flood drainage.

6) The Sonora Vet Clinic's septic drain field is located on the flat land west of the clinic's entrance. The clinic's original septic field had to be relocated in the early 1970's where I-10 was built.

7) Also, I commented at one of the fairly recent public hearings in San Angelo about the possibility of using some of our TX DOT's district's dollars \$ to help get started on Hwy 277 on both sides of Loma Alta so that trucks would use the route! (stressed as important to divert trucks from I-35.)

In 2015<sup>±</sup> at a Ports-to-Plans meeting we were told that Amarillo & Lubbock transferred some of their \$ to help with I-27 or PtoP. Since we get past the Shurley, Jones, Sawyer & Shurley ranches 4 to 7 or 8 miles south of Sonora, the next 12<sup>±</sup> miles to the Edward County line are not as vital until the Val Verde 'tough' section is ready. At the 2015 meeting a TX DOT from Austin said it might take 35 years to get the Sonora-Del Rio segment completed.

8) Have there been talks with the city of Sonora about providing and making plans for utilities out west of Sonora on both sides of I-10?

9) The C of C - Sonora welcome should be allowed to be relocated.  
10) Exit from Eldorado to W. # 398 - close so signs seen.

Thanks! Details for the big picture for the over-all betterment of Sonora, Sutton County including safety & fairness, with TX DOT's experience.

Our families and partners do have property & businesses on I-10's path.



## **E. Figures**

- **Display Boards**
- **Fact Sheet**
- **Presentation**
- **Alternative Roll Plot**
- **Virtual Meeting Screen Screen Captures**
- **Website Analytics**

# WELCOME

**Why am I  
here?**

- Learn about the study
- Ask questions
- Provide comments on the study

# Federal NEPA Delegation

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.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido, llevando a cabo por TxDOT – en virtud de 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado el 9 diciembre del 2019, y ejecutado por la FHWA y el TxDOT.

# How can I stay informed and get involved?

- Participate in commenting opportunity
- Invite the project team to meet with your group
- Visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)
- Contact Randee Shields, P.E. Phone: (325) 947-9247
- Email: [Randee.Shields@txdot.gov](mailto:Randee.Shields@txdot.gov)

# Purpose and Need

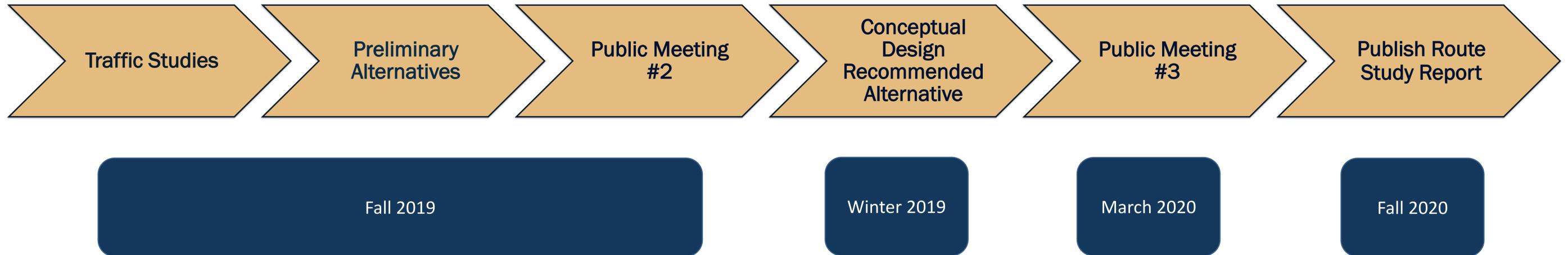
## **Provide a safe corridor alternative**

Existing roadway conditions reduce opportunities for safety upgrades and future improvements.

## **Provide improved mobility and reduced congestion through construction of alternative route to existing corridor**

There is a potential increase in hazardous and oversized cargo traveling by freight as traffic increases in the future. There are current traffic conflicts with traffic lights, driveways, and right turns through Sonora.

# Study Schedule



# What is the Ports-to-Plains Corridor?

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is the existing highway corridor between the U.S. – Mexico border in Laredo, Texas and Denver, Colorado of which US 277 is a part of. Proposed improvements to the corridor will expedite the transportation of goods and services between Mexico and the United States.



**Phase II Evaluation Matrix**

CRITERIA	ALTERNATIVES			
	Green (8.08 miles)	Purple (7.74 miles)	Red (7.46 miles)	Teal (7.23 miles)
<b>Safety</b>				
Provides separate safety route for through traffic (yes/no)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Improves access of emergency services to emergency facilities (yes/no)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Improves access of motorists to emergency services (yes/no)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reduces crashes (estimated change in 2050 crashes per year versus no build)	-23	-23	-20	-17
<b>Mobility</b>				
Reduces oversize traffic through downtown Sonora (yes/no)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Travel time savings (minutes)	6.6	6.6	6.8	5.5
Interstate compatibility (yes/ no)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Modifications to local connectivity and access (yes/no)	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Cost*</b>				
Right-of-way cost (dollars)	500,000	451,000	446,000	563,000
Construction Cost (dollars)	510,400,000	451,900,000	476,300,000	610,800,000
<b>Environmental (within a 1,000-foot corridor) **</b>				
Streams (linear feet)	20,664	19,491	18,565	22,423
Oil and gas wells (counts)	37	31	28	31
Pipeline crossings (feet)	87,187	78,293	80,301	75,681
Residences (count)	0	0	1	4
Businesses (count)	1	2	3	1
Environmental Justice -low income and/or minority populations (within one mile)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Parks and Recreational areas (count)	0	0	0	0
<b>Stakeholder Involvement</b>				
Stakeholder Responses	17	29	7	6

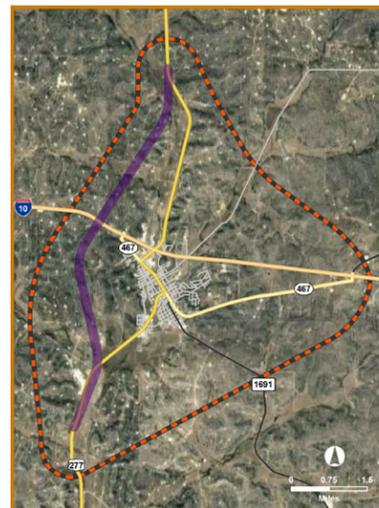
\*All costs are for planning purposes only. They are escalated to 2021 dollars and are not separated by funding source. Costs shown are not a guarantee that all project related costs will be funded by TxDOT.

\*\*The width of each corridor alternative is 1,000 feet. Based on the typical section, an alignment would only require 400 feet of right-of-way within in the 1,000-foot corridor.

**Recommended Alternative: Purple**

After applying the Phase II Matrix to the Advancing Alternatives, the purple alternative was determined to best meet the criteria and the purpose and need of the project.

The Purple Alternative starts at US 277 south of Sonora. It travels north on the west side of Sonora (on the east side of the Green Alternative). Just south of I-10, the Purple Alternative follows the same path north as the Green Alternative. The Purple Alternative has potential floodplain impacts and potential impacts to an archeological site associated with it. This alternative is 7.74 miles in length. One new interchange would be required at I-10 (interim phase) and it would require two new interchanges, one at US 277 south of Sonora and one at US 277 north of Sonora (ultimate phase).


**US 277 SONORA SAFETY ROUTE STUDY FACT SHEET**
**Project Background**

US 277 is part of the Texas Highway Freight Network and the Ports-to-Plains Corridor (a Congressional-designated High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System). This section of US 277 is also on the Texas Highway Trunk system of roadways. These designations collectively point to US 277's strategic importance and viability as a major economic driver in the region.

In March 2010, TxDOT published the final report "Sonora Relief Route Investigative Study," which documented the planning process for a possible relief route for Sonora that was conducted in the late 2000s. TxDOT initiated this US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study in the Spring of 2019. This study builds upon that previous investigative study.

**Summary of Public Meeting on July 18, 2019**

On July 18, 2019, TxDOT held a Public Meeting for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study. The meeting included an open house starting at 6 p.m. with a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m. At the public meeting, TxDOT presented the study purpose and need, crash rate data, environmental constraints, and the process they would use for conducting the study. Maps were also on display and attendees could provide their input about the proposed study area boundary, potential constraints in the study area, and provide suggestions of where a future Safety Route for US 277 could be located.

**Feedback from Public Meeting**

Thirty-three citizens and four elected officials attended the public meeting on July 18, 2019. TxDOT received five formal comments during the comment period. Attendees also provided their input during the meeting. Feedback received from the public at the meeting and during the comment period included:

- Maintain potential future interstate compatibility
- Expand the study area to the north
- Consider oil/gas wells within the study area
- Limit the study area to the east
- Preserve the gas station on the east side of Sonora and its economic impact
- Consider corridor placement in relation to downtown Sonora

**Summary of Public Meeting on October 22, 2019**

The second US 277 Sonora Safety Route Public Meeting was held on October 22, 2019. The meeting included an open house starting at 5 p.m. with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m. TxDOT presented historic traffic data and population forecasts. Next, the preliminary alternatives were presented along with the Phase I Screening Matrix that was used to determine which alternatives would advance. Maps of each alternative were displayed for attendees to view. The public was asked on the comment form to choose their preferred alternative on the comment form.

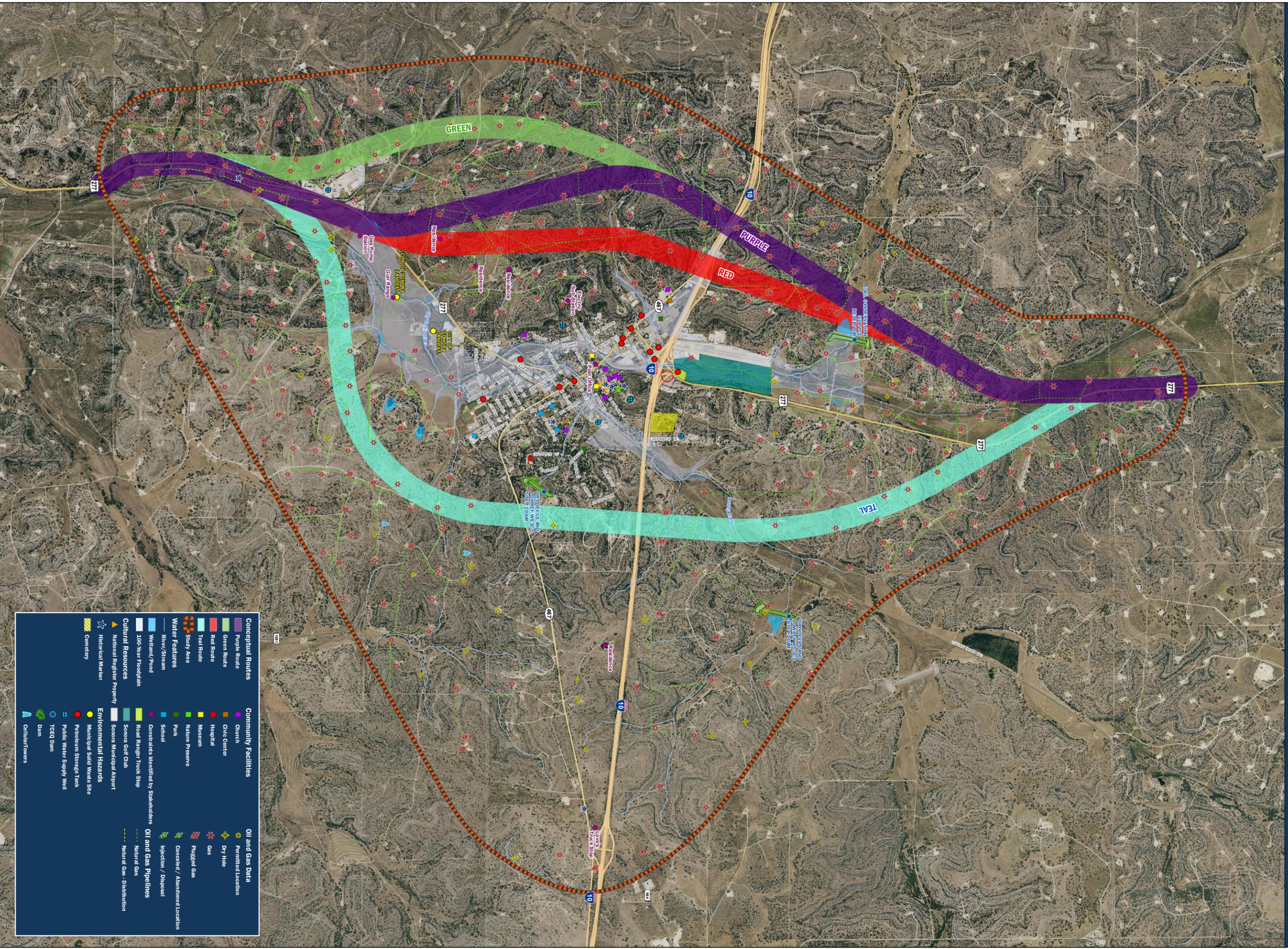
**Feedback from Public Meeting**

Thirty-five citizens and four elected officials attended the October 22, 2019 Public Meeting. TxDOT received 64 formal comments during the comment period. Attendees were asked to report their preference for an alternative on the comment form. Of the comments received, the majority preferred the purple alternative, followed by the green alternative. General comments included:

- Avoid residences
- Keep the corridor close to Sonora

**Purpose of Today's Meeting**

The purpose of today's final public meeting on the Safety Route Study is to present the Advancing Alternatives and receive input on the Recommended Alternative for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study. The Advancing Alternatives are shown on the next page, and the Phase II Evaluation Matrix along with the Recommended Alternative are located on the back. Following this meeting, TxDOT will review the public input on the Recommended Alternative and prepare technical and feasibility reports.



Conceptual Routes	Community Facilities	Oil and Gas Data
Purple Route	Church	Permitted location
Green Route	Civic Center	Dry Hole
Red Route	Hospital	Gas
Teal Route	Museum	Plugged Gas
Study Area	Nature Preserve	Cancelled / Abandoned Location
	Park	Injection / Disposal
	School	Natural Gas
	Constrains Identified by Stakeholders	Oil and Gas Pipelines
	Road Ranger Truck Stop	Natural Gas - Distribution
	Sonora Golf Club	
	National Register Property	
	Sonora Municipal Airport	
	Historical Marker	
	Cemetery	
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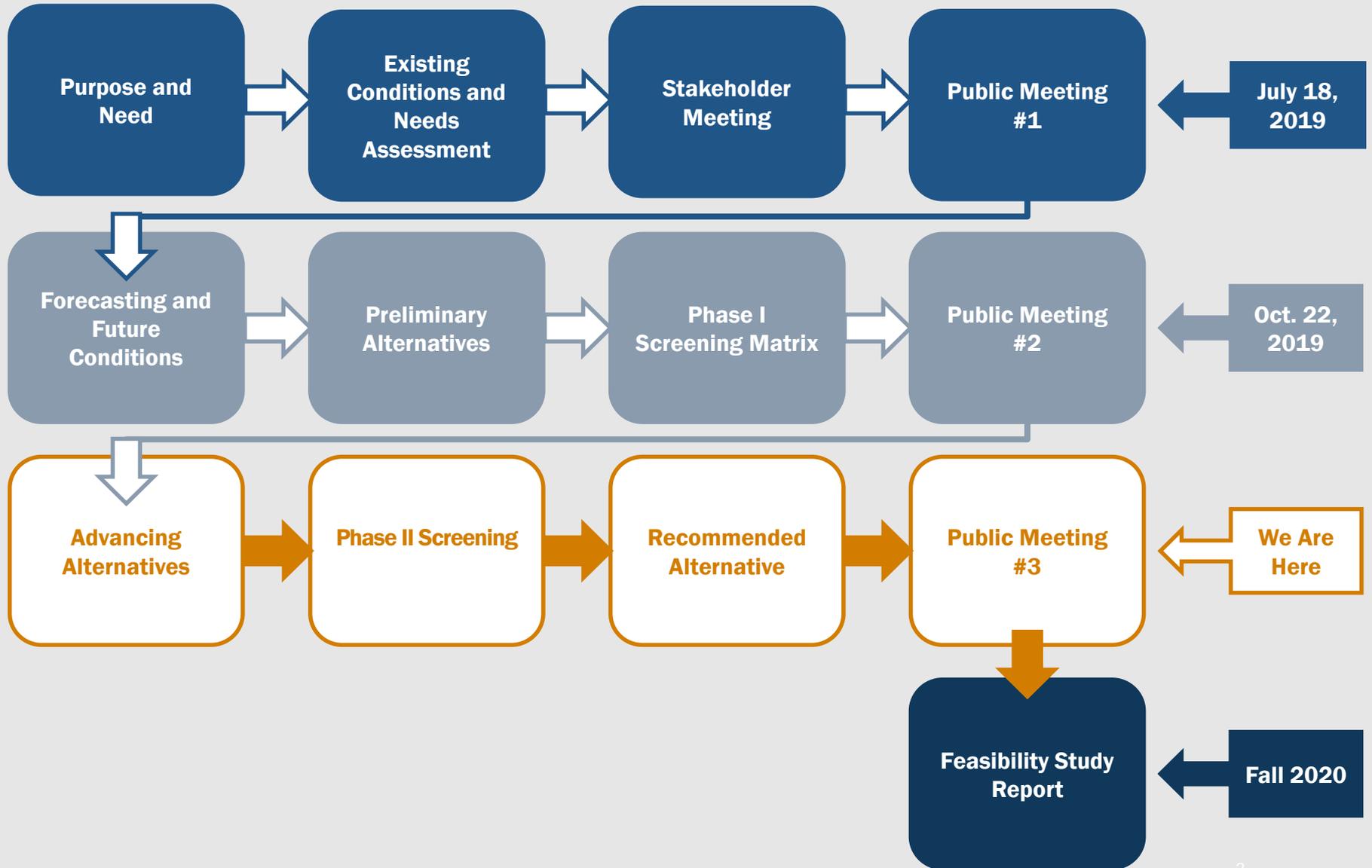
# US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study

Public Meeting #3

Sutton County Civic Center, Sonora, Texas

April 30, 2020

# US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study





## Public Meeting– October 22, 2019

- Presented traffic data (historic and 2019)
- Reviewed Preliminary Alternatives
- Reviewed Phase I Evaluation Matrix used to screen Preliminary Alternatives that will advance to Phase II Screening

## Feedback from the Meeting:

- 64 comments received
- Majority of commenters preferred the purple alternative, followed by the green alternative
- General Comments included:
  - Avoid residences
  - Keep the corridor close to Sonora
- A Meeting Summary can be found on [TxDOT.gov](http://TxDOT.gov)





- Present forecasted traffic data
- Present the Advancing Alternatives
- Solicit feedback on the Recommended Alternative

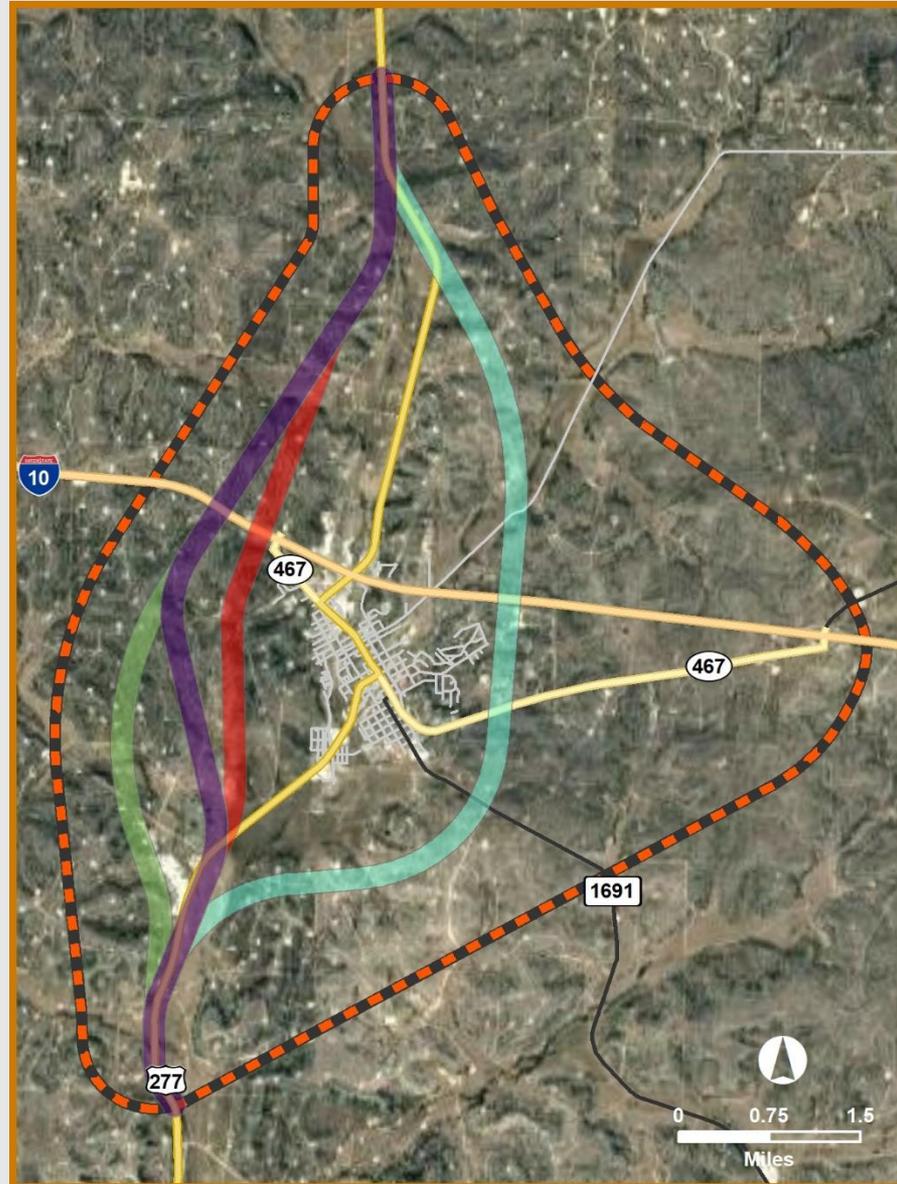


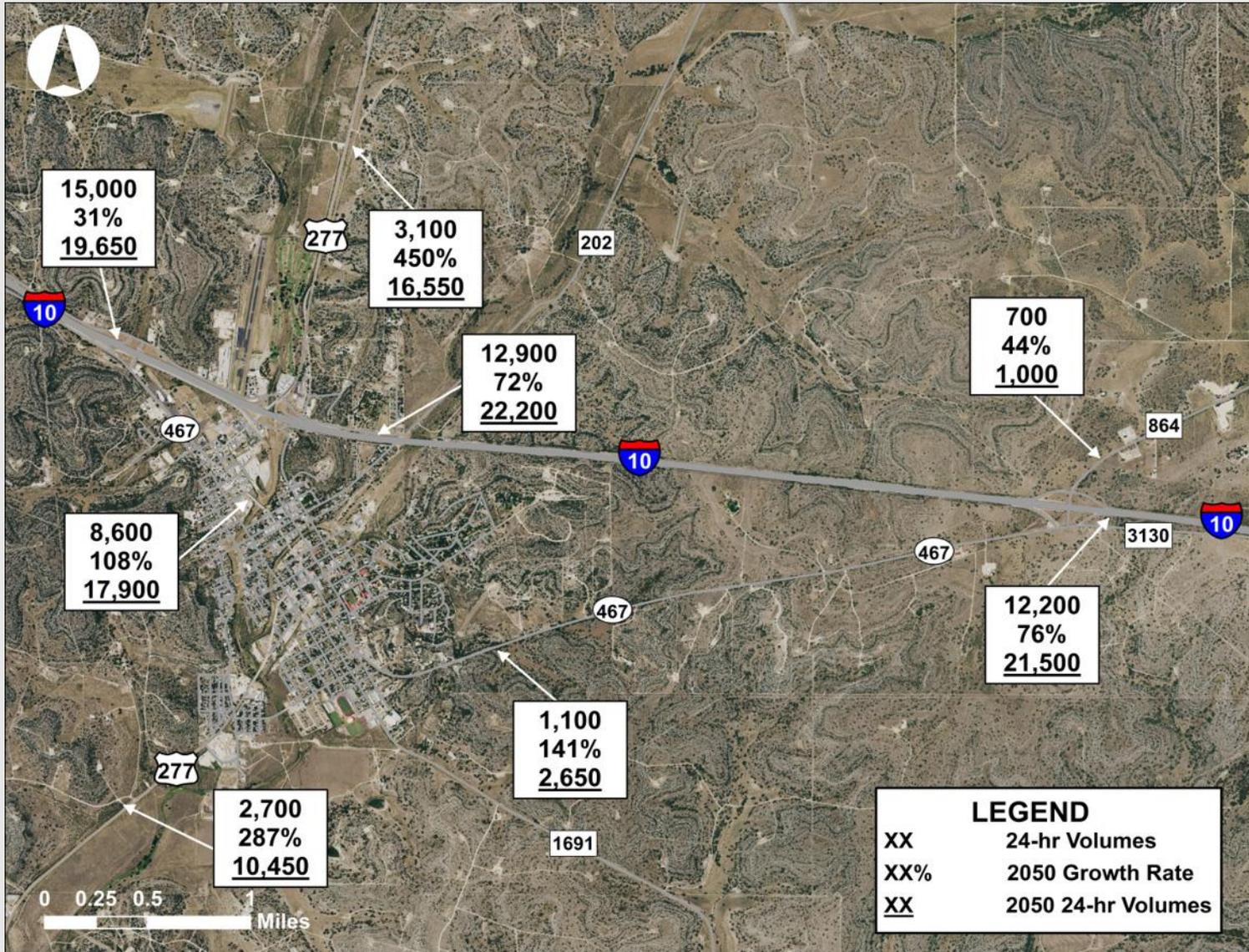
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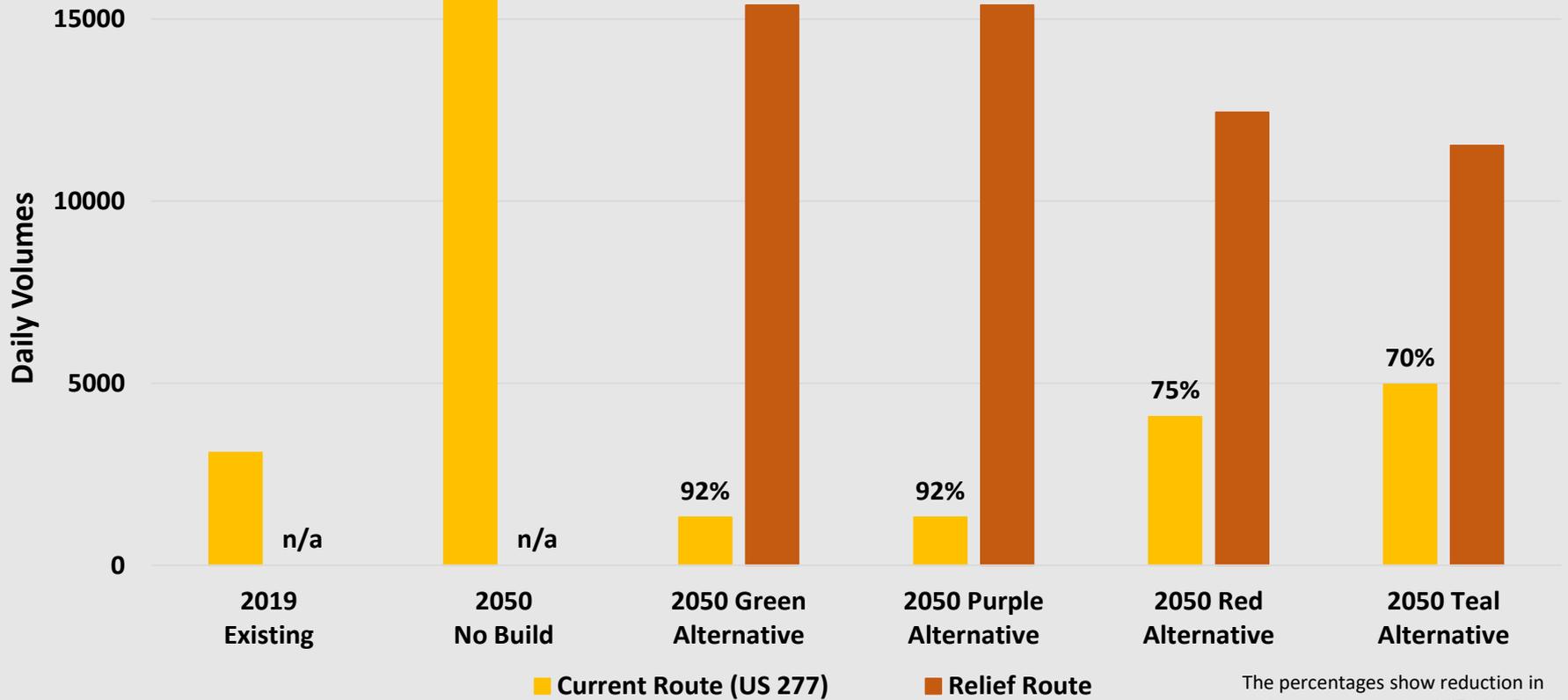
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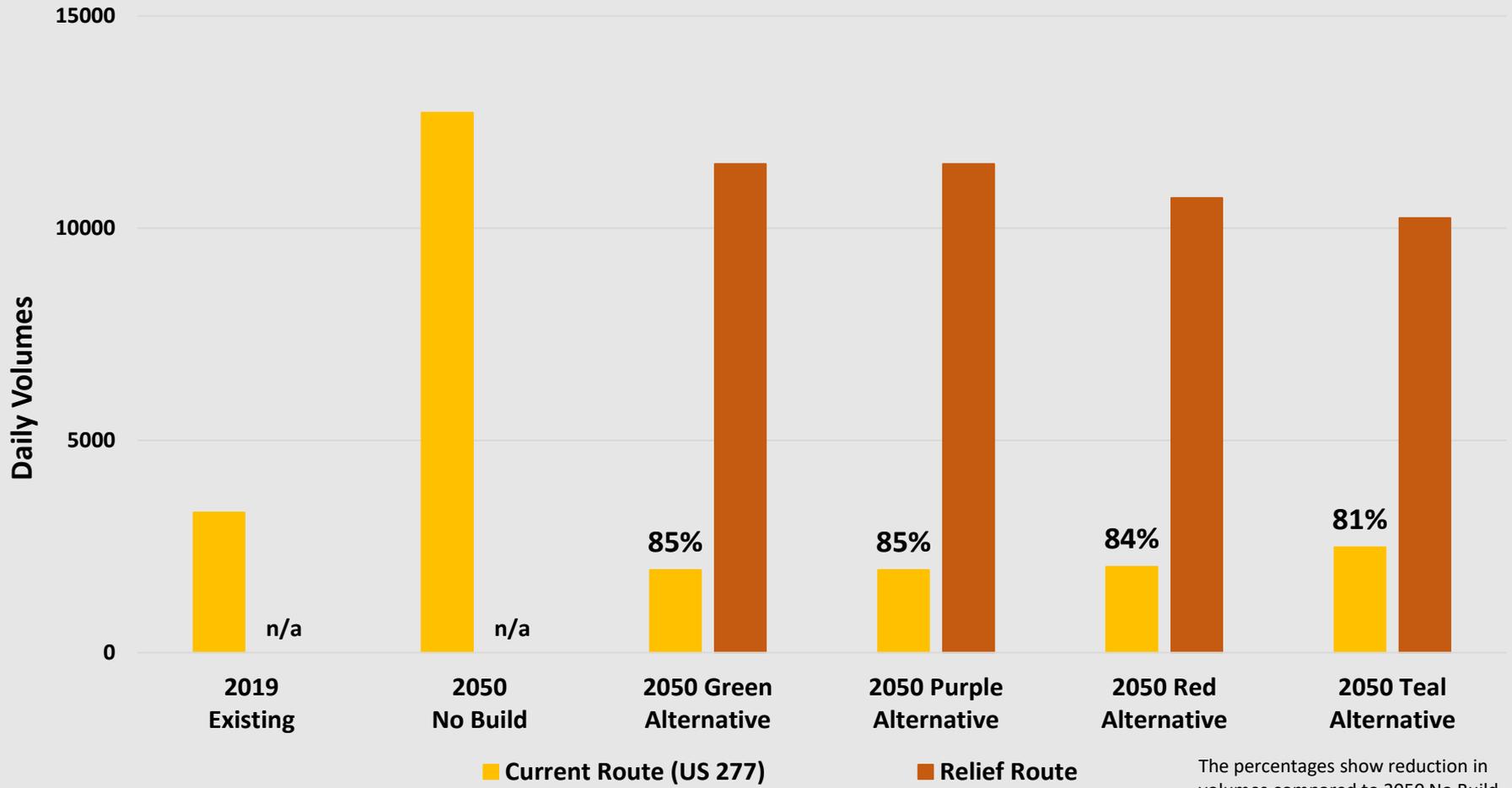


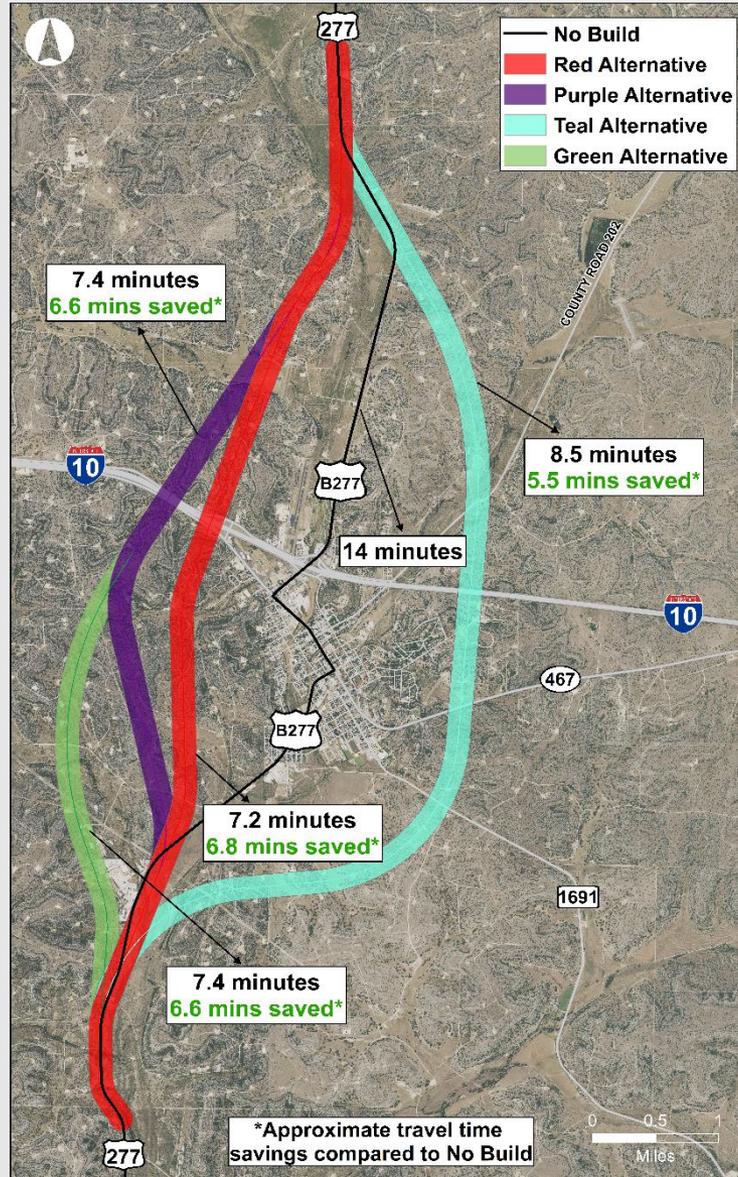
## Daily Traffic Diversion and Percent Reduction Due to Relief Route North of I-10





## Daily Traffic Diversion and Percent Reduction Due to Relief Route South of I-10

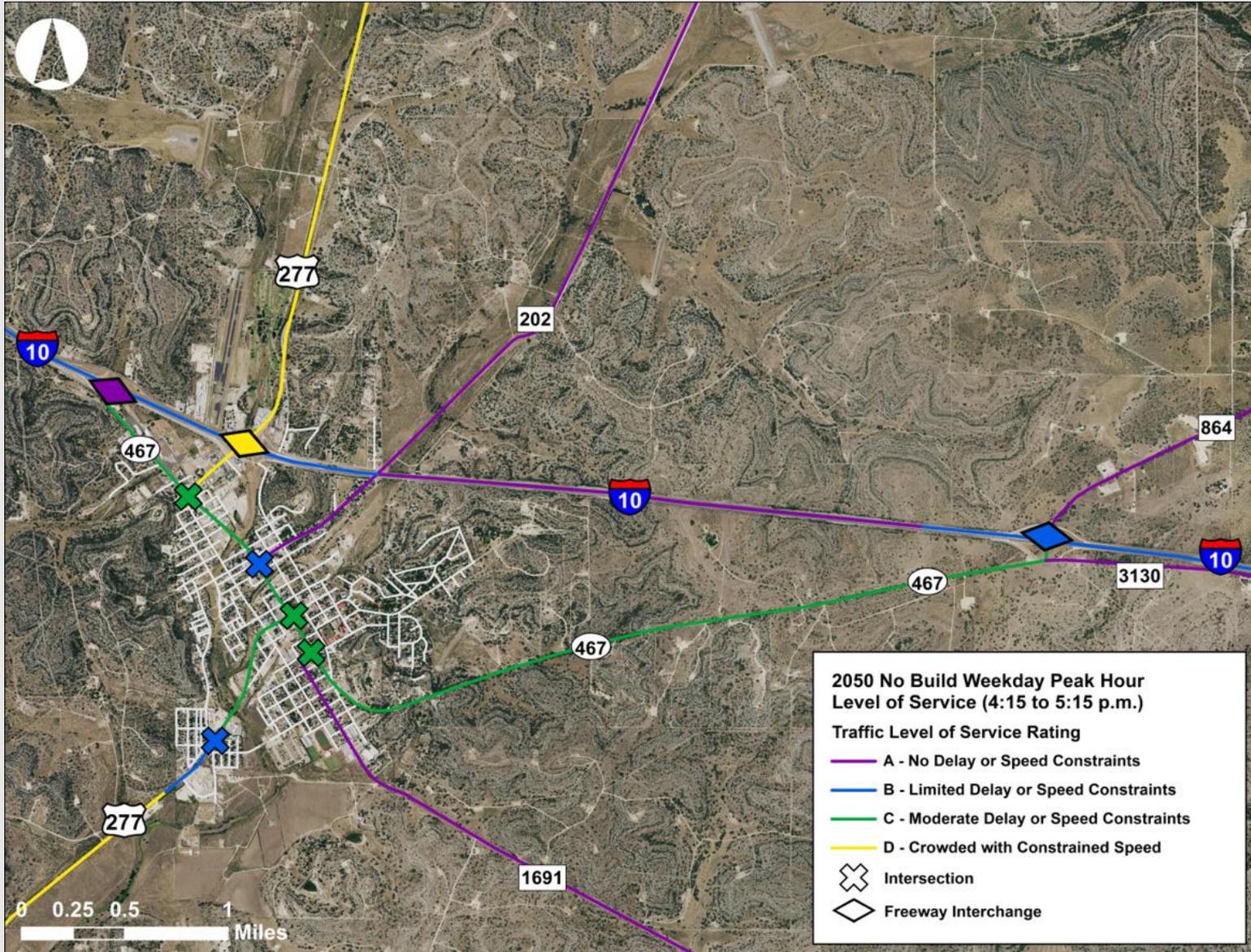




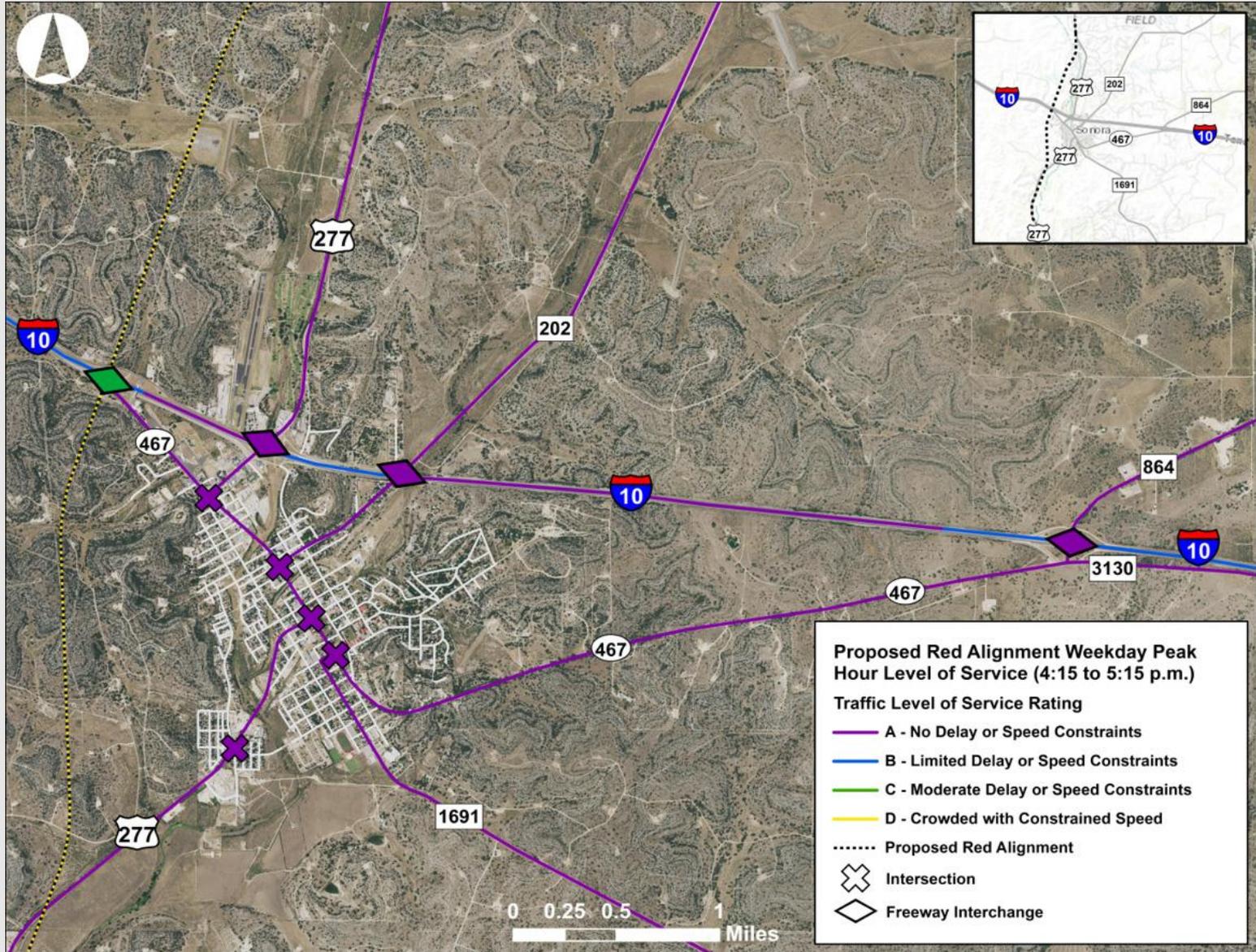


	Alternatives				
	No Build	Green	Purple	Red	Teal
2050 Estimated Crashes on Existing US 277 and Loop 467	66	14	14	21	20
2050 Estimated Crashes on Proposed Relief Route	N/A	29	29	25	29
Total estimated 2050 annual crashes	66	43	43	46	49
Estimated annual reduction in 2050 crashes	N/A	-23	-23	-20	-17

# No Build Level of Service (2050)



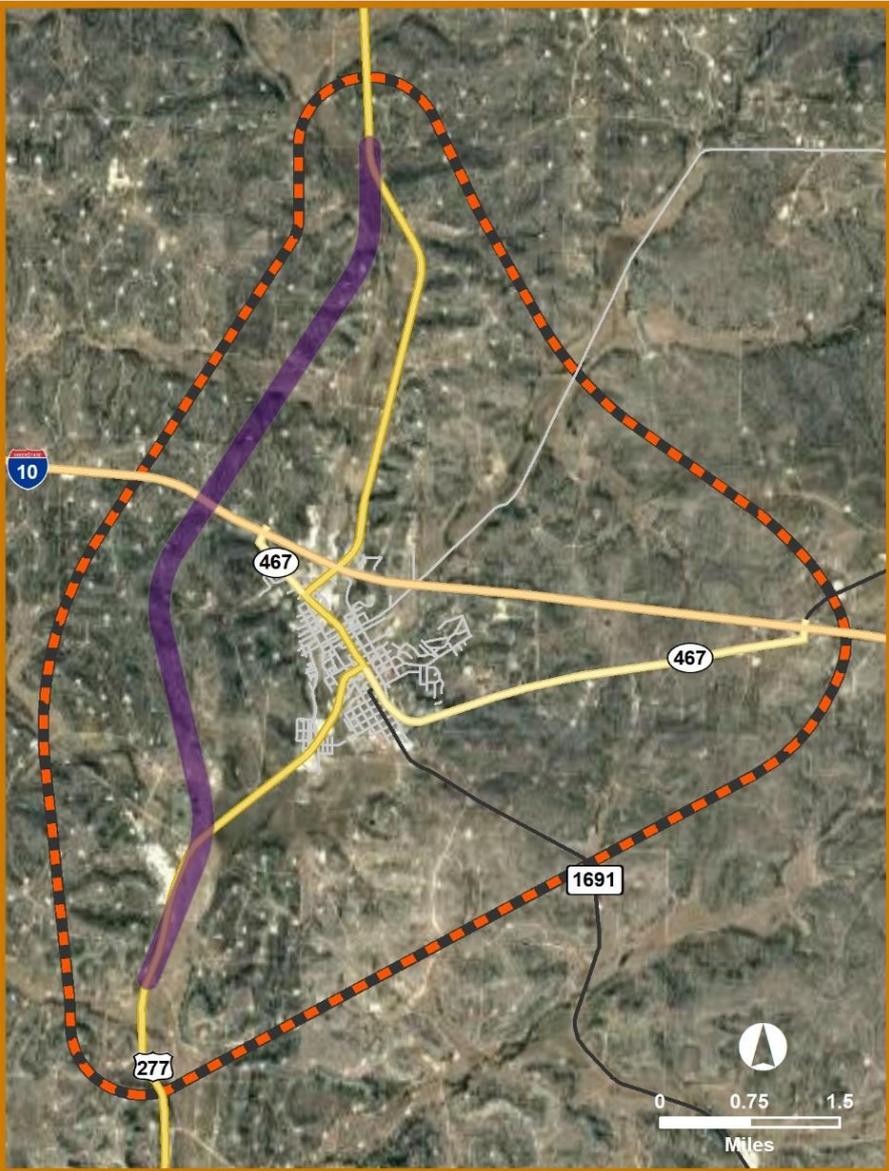
# Build Alternative Level of Service (under worse-case condition)



# Phase II Evaluation Matrix



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<b>Safety</b>				
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<b>Mobility</b>				
Reduces oversize traffic through downtown Sonora (yes/no)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Travel time savings (minutes)	6.6	6.6	6.8	5.5
Interstate compatibility (yes/ no)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Modifications to local connectivity and access (yes/no)	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Cost</b> (All costs are for planning purposes only. They are escalated to 2021 dollars and are not separated by funding source. Costs shown are not a guarantee that all project related costs will be funded by TxDOT.)				
Right-of-way cost (dollars)	500,000	451,000	446,000	563,000
Construction Cost (dollars)	510,400,000	451,900,000	476,300,000	610,800,000
<b>Environmental</b> (Within a 1,000-foot corridor, based on the typical section, an alignment would only require 400 feet of right-of-way within the 1,000-foot corridor.)				
Streams (linear feet)	20,664	19,491	18,565	22,423
Oil and gas wells (counts)	37	31	28	31
Pipeline crossings (feet)	87,187	78,293	80,301	75,681
Residences (count)	0	0	1	4
Businesses (count)	1	2	3	1
Environmental Justice - low income and/or minority populations (within one mile)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Parks and Recreational areas (count)	0	0	0	0
<b>Stakeholder Involvement</b>				
Stakeholder Responses	17	29	7	6

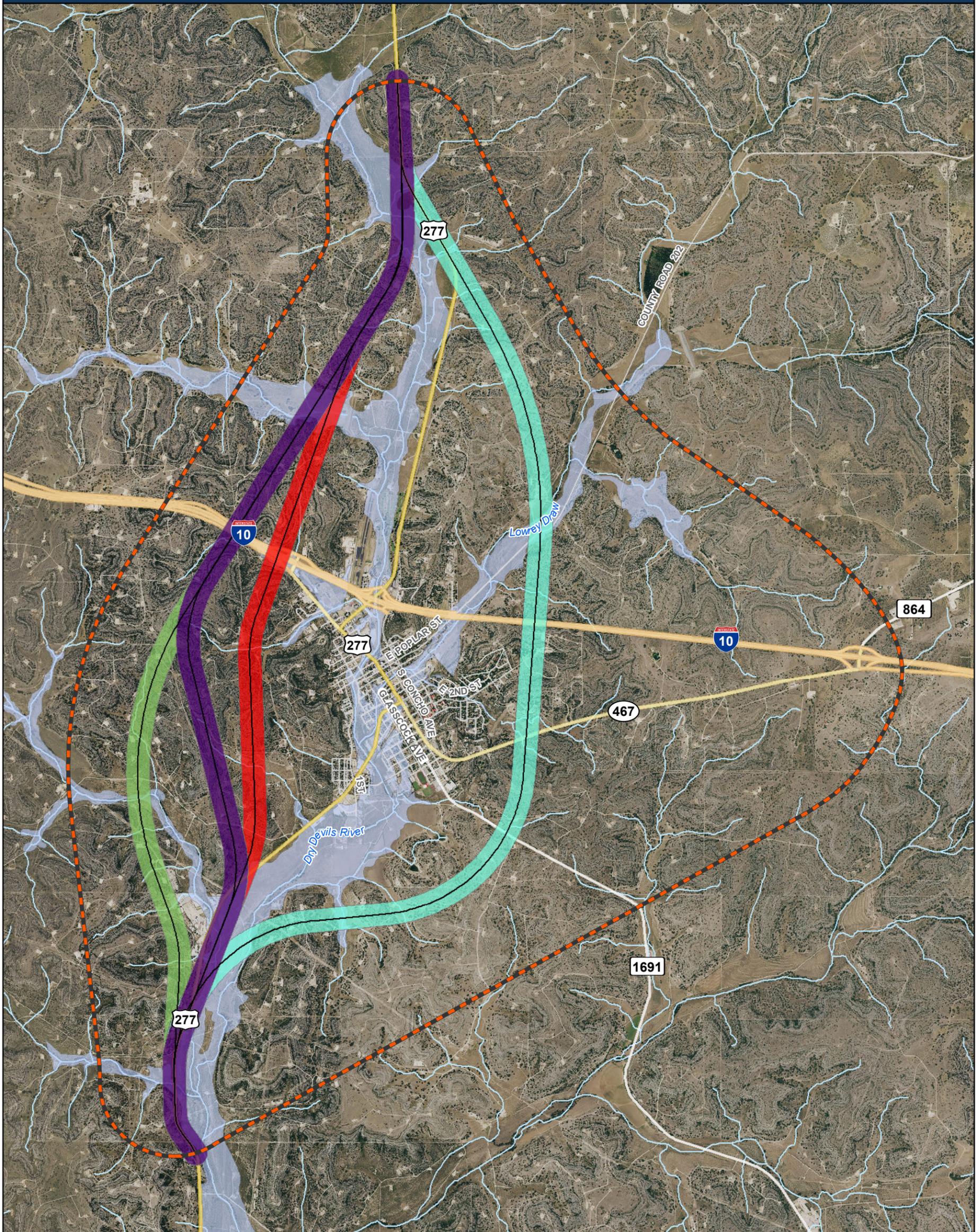




- Participants may submit comments via letter, email, or online.
- Participants may also call during regular office hours at 325-947-9247.
- Email project staff to ask questions about the project at any time during the comment period at [Randee.Shields@txdot.gov](mailto:Randee.Shields@txdot.gov)
- Participants can locate additional project information and the comment form at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/san-angelo/043020.html>



- Evaluate comments received at Public Meeting #3 and during the comment period (April 30, 2020 - May 15, 2020)
  - The comments received during this time period will be included in the Public Meeting Summary. However, the District will be available to answer questions about the project at any time during project development.
  
- Complete Technical Reports
  
- Prepare Final Feasibility Study Report



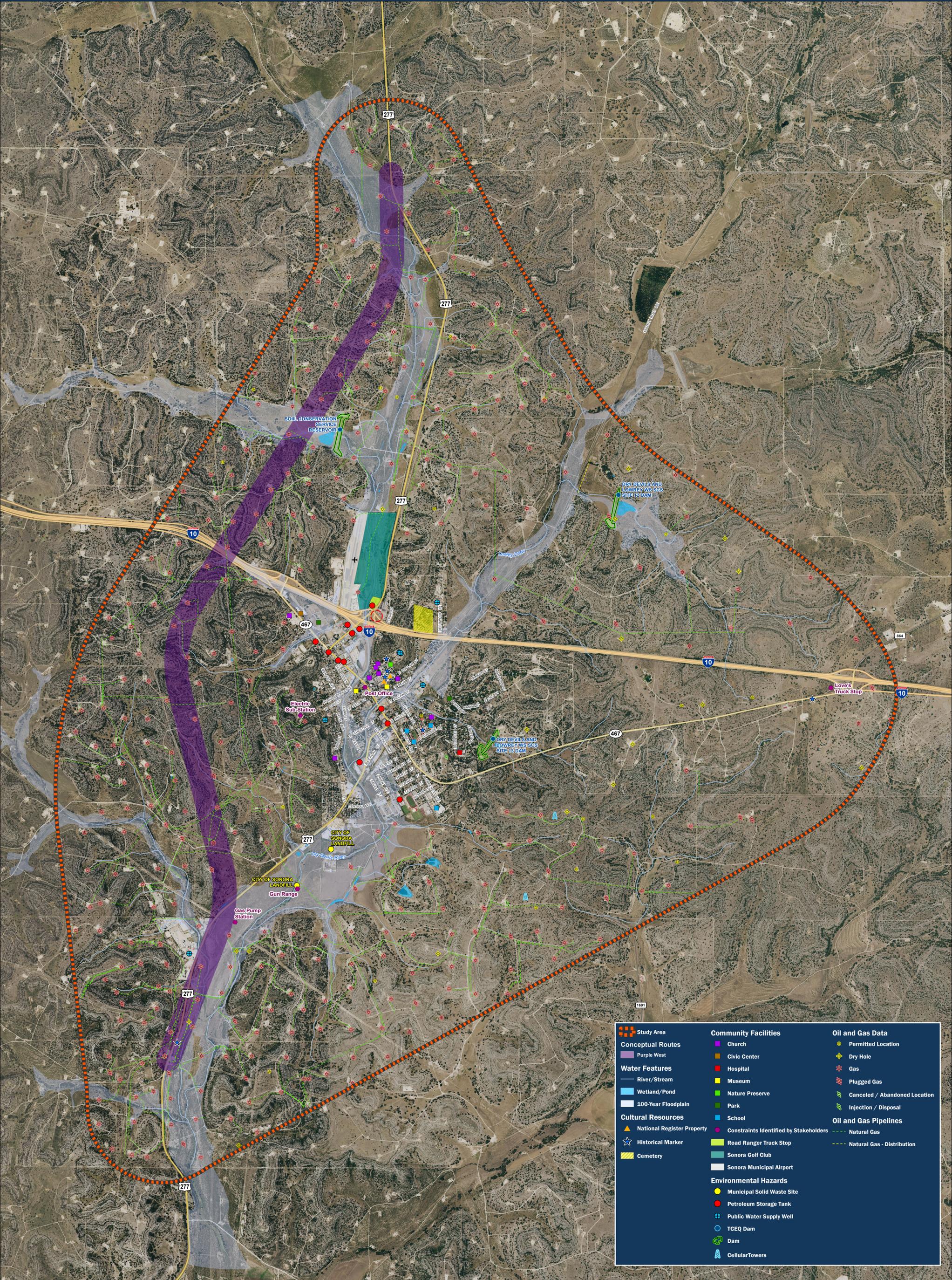
-  Study Area
-  River/Stream
-  Teal Route
-  Green Route
-  Red Route
-  Purple Route



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Study Area	Church	Permitted Location
Conceptual Routes Purple West	Civic Center	Dry Hole
Water Features River/Stream	Hospital	Gas
Wetland/Pond	Museum	Plugged Gas
100-Year Floodplain	Nature Preserve	Canceled / Abandoned Location
Cultural Resources National Register Property	Park	Injection / Disposal
Historical Marker	School	Oil and Gas Pipelines Natural Gas
Cemetery	Constraints Identified by Stakeholders	Natural Gas - Distribution
	Road Ranger Truck Stop	
	Sonora Golf Club	
	Sonora Municipal Airport	
	Environmental Hazards Municipal Solid Waste Site	
	Petroleum Storage Tank	
	Public Water Supply Well	
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# US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study

## Virtual Public Meeting

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Sutton County are conducting a virtual public meeting to identify an alternative safety relief route to US 277 for the City of Sonora and sections of Sutton County, Texas.

### Virtual Meeting: April 30 - May 15

The virtual meeting presentation will be available from **April 30, 2020 at 12 p.m. until May 15, 2020 at 5 p.m.** All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 15, 2020.

The virtual public meeting (no in-person meeting) will include a pre-recorded presentation that includes both audio and visual components. Visit the [Video Presentation](#) page to view the virtual meeting. This website also includes a fact sheet, map, and comment forms.

### Phone Number

If you do not have internet access, you may call (325) 947-9247 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Comments must be received on or before May 15, 2020 to be included in the official record.

### Written Comments

All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 15, 2020. Written comments may be submitted by mail, email, or online comment form as described on the [Submit a Comment](#) page.

### Study Description

TxDOT is conducting a safety route study around the City of Sonora for the construction of an alternate route to existing US 277. The goal of the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study is to divert the traffic around downtown to ease traffic congestion, enhance mobility and create safer driving conditions. Maps with the advancing and recommended alternatives will be available for review in the virtual meeting presentation.

### Special Accommodations

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (325) 947-9205 no later than May 15, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

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## Sign-In & Handouts

Thanks for attending this virtual public meeting. Take a moment to:

1. Fill out the meeting sign-in sheet
2. View the meeting handouts below

### Sign-In Sheet

## Meeting Sign-In

US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study

1. Name

2. Email

3. Zip Code

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# US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study

## BACKGROUND

### Study Background

TxDOT is conducting a safety route study around the City of Sonora for the construction of an alternate route to existing US 277. The goal of the US 277 Sonora Safety Route is to divert the traffic around downtown to ease traffic congestion, enhance mobility and create safer driving conditions. Diverting the through traffic around downtown should ease traffic congestion, enhance mobility, and create safer driving conditions. This will be the third public meeting for this study.

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### Project Background

US 277 is part of the Texas Highway Freight Network and the Ports-to-Plains Corridor (a Congressional-designated High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System). This section of US 277 is also on the Texas Highway Trunk system of roadways. These designations collectively point to US 277's strategic importance and viability as a major economic driver in the region.

In March 2010, TxDOT published the final report "Sonora Relief Route Investigative Study," which documented the planning process for a possible relief route for Sonora that was conducted in the late 2000s. TxDOT initiated this US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study in the Spring of 2019. This study builds upon that previous investigative study.

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### Summary of Public Meeting on July 18, 2019

On July 18, 2019, TxDOT held a Public Meeting for the US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study. The meeting included an open house starting at 6 p.m. with a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m. At the public meeting, TxDOT presented the study purpose and need, crash rate data, environmental constraints, and the process they would use for conducting the study. Maps were also on display and attendees could provide their input about the proposed study area boundary, potential constraints in the study area, and provide suggestions of where a future Safety Route for US 277 could be located.

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### Feedback from Public Meeting on July 18, 2019

Thirty-three citizens and four elected officials attended the public meeting on July 18, 2019. TxDOT received five formal comments during the comment period. Attendees also provided their input during the meeting. Feedback received from the public at the meeting and during the comment period included:

- Maintain potential future interstate compatibility
- Expand the study area to the north
- Consider oil/gas wells within the study area
- Limit the study area to the east
- Preserve the gas station on the east side of Sonora and its economic impact
- Consider corridor placement in relation to downtown Sonora

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### Summary of Public Meeting on October 22, 2019

The second US 277 Sonora Safety Route Public Meeting was held on October 22, 2019. The meeting included an open house starting at 5 p.m. with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m. TxDOT presented historic traffic data and population forecasts. Next, the preliminary alternatives were presented along with the Phase I Screening Matrix that was used to determine which alternatives would advance. Maps of each alternative were displayed for attendees to view. The public was asked on the comment form to choose their preferred alternative on the comment form.

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### Feedback from Public Meeting on October 22, 2019

Thirty-five citizens and four elected officials attended the October 22, 2019 Public Meeting. TxDOT received 64 formal comments during the comment period. Attendees were asked to report their preference for an alternative on the comment form. Of the comments received, the majority preferred the purple alternative, followed by the green alternative. General comments included:

- Avoid residences
- Keep the corridor close to Sonora

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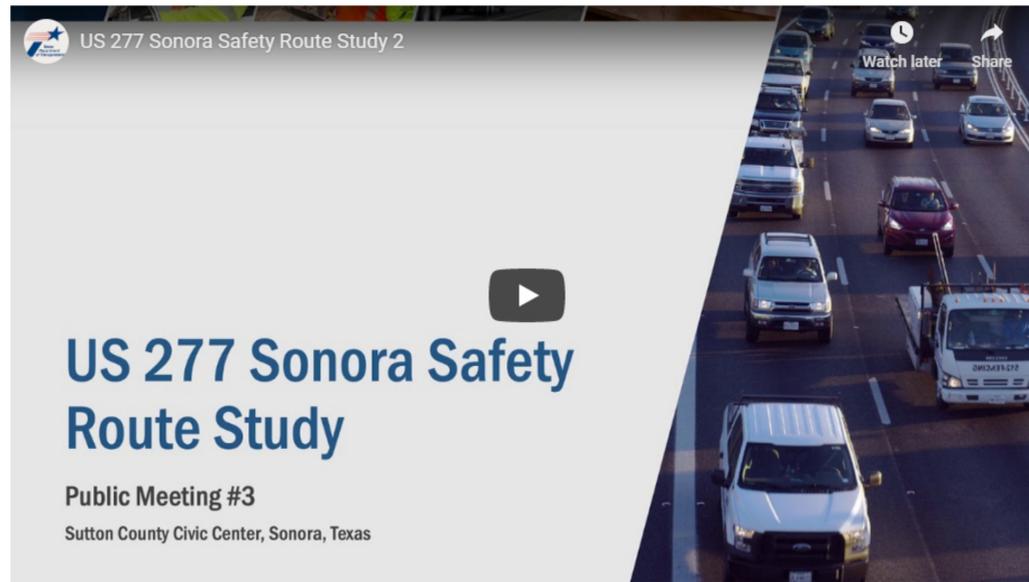


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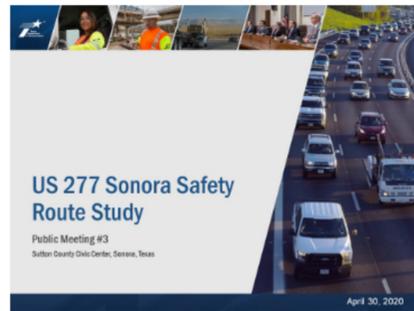
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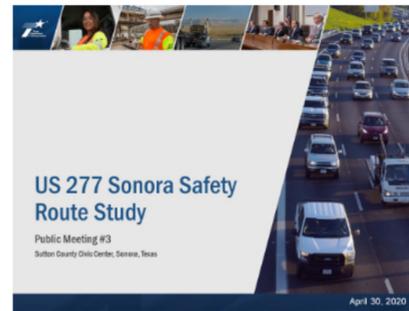
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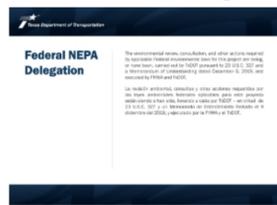
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#### Federal NEPA Delegation



#### Stay Informed



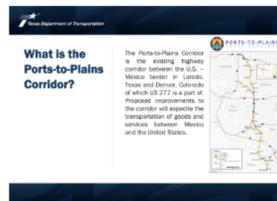
#### Purpose and Need



#### Study Schedule



#### Ports-to-Plains Corridor



#### Advancing Alternatives



#### Phase II Evaluation Matrix



#### Recommended Alternative (Purple)



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## INTERACTIVE MAP

Interactive Map

Online Study Map



### Map Instructions

Use the map options to enhance your viewing.

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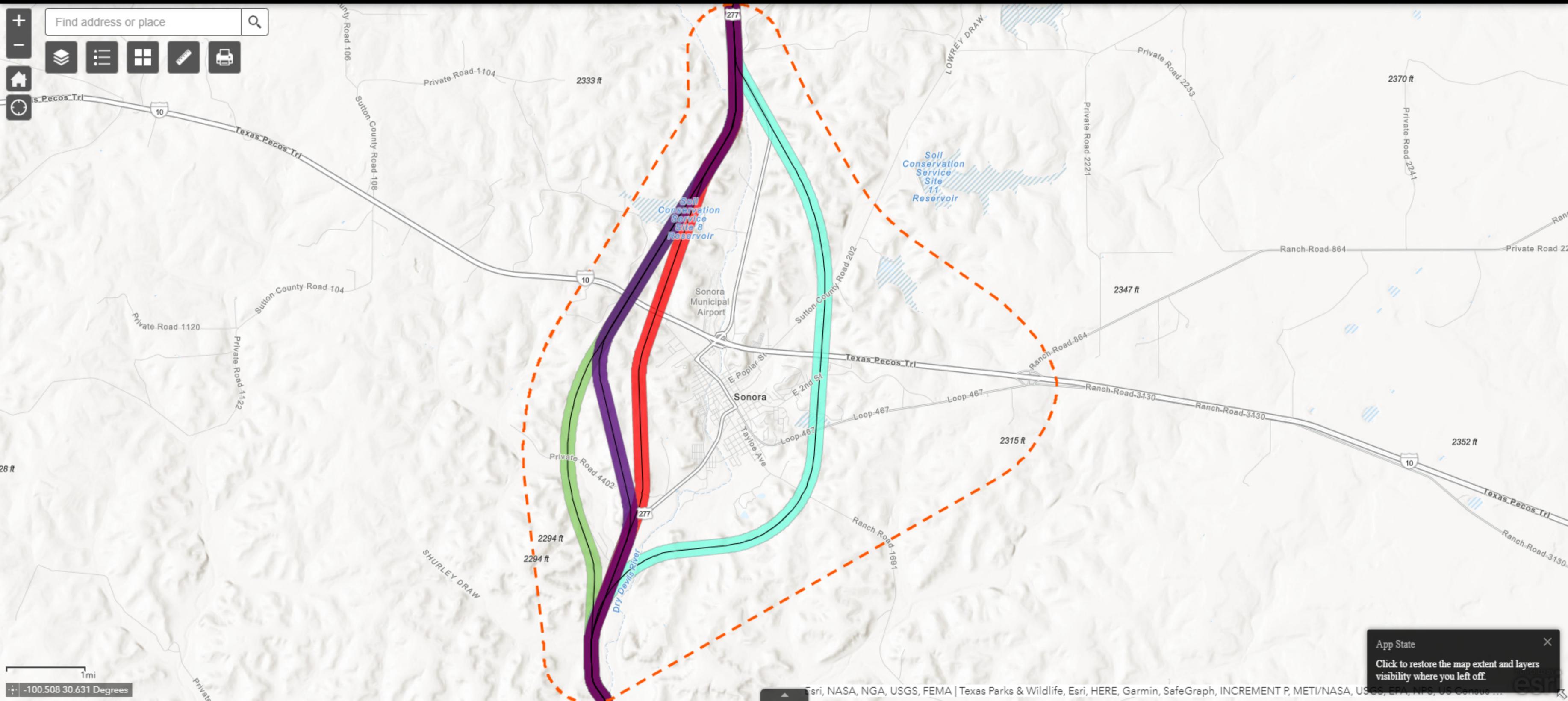
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# COMMENTS

## Submit a Comment

Thank you for participating in this virtual public meeting. Both online and print versions of the comment form are available below to submit written comments. You may also email or mail to the address provided below.

All written comments must be received on or before May 15, 2020.

Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search: US 277 Sonora Safety Route once they have been prepared.

### Comment Form (Online)

## US 277 Comment Form

US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study

1. Comments

Enter your answer

2. Name

Enter your answer

3. Address

Enter your answer

4. Email

Enter your answer

### Comment Form (Print Version)

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail or email.

[Randee.Shields@txdot.gov](mailto:Randee.Shields@txdot.gov)

TxDOT San Angelo District Office  
 Attn: Randee Shields, P.E.  
 US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study  
 4502 Knickerbocker Road  
 San Angelo, Texas 76904-7509



**PUBLIC MEETING #3 COMMENT FORM**  
 US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study  
 Virtual Public Meeting  
 April 30, 2020

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking your comments on the proposed project. All written comments are welcome. All written comments must be postmarked by May 15, 2020.

Please Print:

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(Per Texas Transportation Code, §201.B11(a)(5)) check each of the following boxes that apply to you

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I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting

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#### Contact

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please email Randee Shields, Advanced Planning Director.

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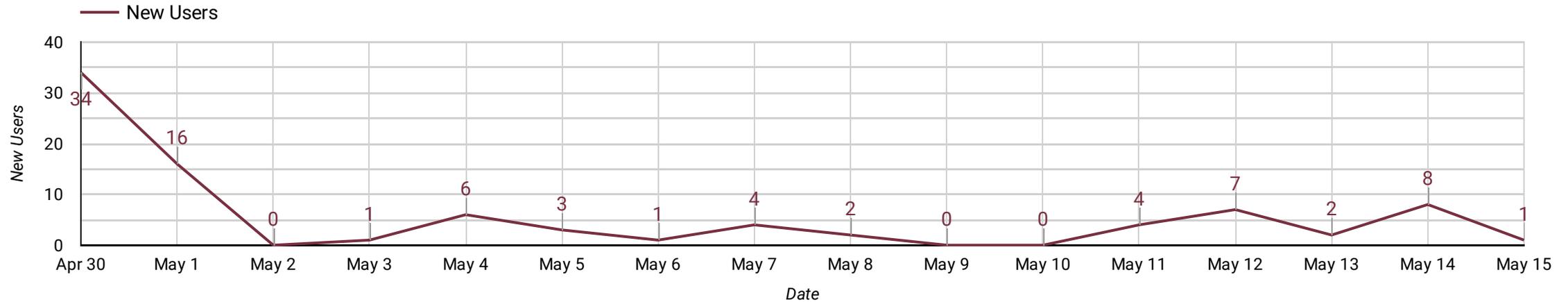
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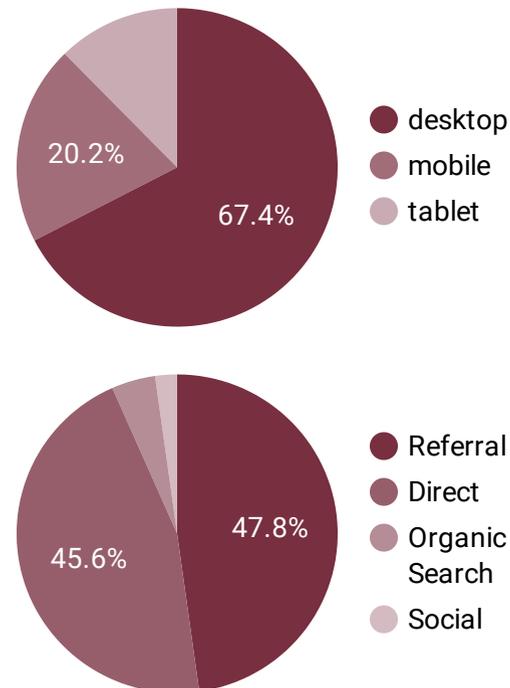
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