



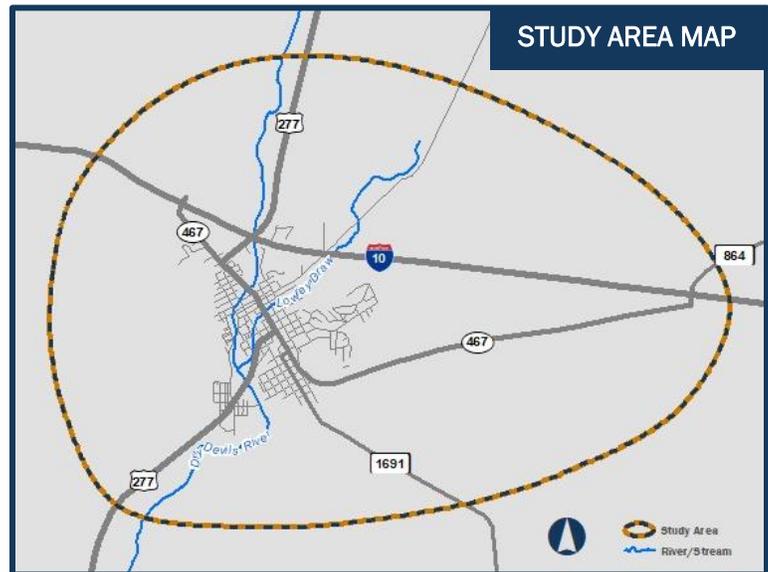
## US 277 SONORA SAFETY ROUTE STUDY

### Fact Sheet

#### Project 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 study is to identify a safer alternative to existing US 277 by determining a recommended relief route for the City of Sonora and sections of Sutton County. Diverting the through traffic around downtown should ease traffic congestion, enhance mobility, and create safer driving conditions.



#### 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." This report documents the planning process for a possible relief route for Sonora that was conducted in the late 2000s. This US 277 Sonora Safety Route Study builds upon that investigative study.

#### Purpose and Need

An alternative route to existing US 277 through the city of Sonora and Sutton County is needed because:

- There are safety issues with through and freight traffic mixing with local traffic and substandard or outdated roadway conditions.
- The existing corridor experiences congestion and mobility issues due to through-traffic being routed downtown, which is a particular problem for freight and oversized/overweight loads traveling through the area.

The purpose of an alternative route for US 277 through the city of Sonora and Sutton County is to enhance mobility and improve safety.

