



# Documentation of Public Meeting

## Project Location

Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study (HB 1079)

## Project Limits

Segment 1: New Mexico and Oklahoma Borders to the Hale/Lubbock County Line

## Meeting Location

Online

## Meeting Date and Time

Thursday May 14, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

## Presenters

Caroline Mays, TxDOT

## Elected Officials in Attendance

0

## Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

7 (not including study team)

## Total Number of Commenters

1

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

# Ports-to-Plains Public Meeting #2 Segment #1

May 14, 2020

4:00 p.m.

## Online Virtual Public Meeting

On Thursday, May 14, 2020, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held a virtual public meeting for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study that began at 4:00 p.m. This meeting was delivered in a virtual public meeting format (no in-person meeting was held due to social distancing restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic) which included a live presentation and comment opportunity via WebEx. It was recorded and available until Friday, May 29, 2020. The Virtual Public Meeting page was available at <https://p2pseg1vpm.transportationplanroom.com/> to join the meeting or watch the presentation at a later date. Project materials were posted at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and [p2pseg1vpm.transportationplanroom.com](http://p2pseg1vpm.transportationplanroom.com) for public viewing. All comments were due on or before Friday, May 29, 2020. Public feedback provided at Public Meeting #2 was presented to the Segment Committee as they consider final recommendations for Segment #1. **Attachment B** includes the Comment/Response Matrix.

### MEETING OBJECTIVES

Meeting objectives for this public meeting were to:

- provide the public an opportunity to learn about the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study; and
- to provide an opportunity to receive public input on preliminary recommendations provided by the Segment #1 Committee.

### TARGETED SEGMENT OUTREACH

A postcard providing information regarding the upcoming public meeting was distributed to elected officials, project stakeholders and the public within Segment #1 via various methods. The postcard was also used as a “display ad” for online and email distribution. The following outreach methods were used to advertise the public meeting within Segment #1 and are provided in **Attachment C**.

- April 24 A postcard was mailed to 195 stakeholders identified on the Segment #1 Stakeholder Database
- April 24 An email invitation with attached meeting notice was sent to Segment #1 elected officials
- April 26 A display ad was published in English in the Amarillo Globe News
- April 29 A display ad was published in Spanish in El Mensajero

The public meeting notification was posted on the TxDOT project webpage, located at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).

Approximately 7 meeting attendees logged their attendance into the WebEx, and five (5) signed in on the Virtual Public Meeting web page (<https://p2pseg1vpm.transportationplanroom.com/>), in addition to members of the project team. A copy of the sign-in-sheet is provided in **Attachment D**.

### INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION

The presenter of the WebEx was Caroline Mays, TxDOT Director of Freight, Trade and Connectivity Section, Transportation Planning and Programming Division. The meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. and

the presenter welcomed attendees to Public Meeting #2 representing Segment #1 of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and thanked them for their attendance.

The presenter provided instructions for the virtual public meeting. The presenter told the audience that the meeting would be recorded and available online through May 29, 2020. All comments must be received on or before May 29, 2020 to help inform segment committees. The presenter gave instructions to submit written comments, online comments or by calling 512-486-5106. The presenter provided an overview of the discussion to follow.

#### Overview of HB 1079

The presenter gave a brief overview of House Bill (HB) 1079. The bill requires TxDOT to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study of the Ports-to-Plains (P2P) Corridor, as defined by Texas Transportation Code 225.069. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study must evaluate the feasibility of, and costs and logistical matters associated with improvements to the corridor that create a continuous-flow, four-lane divided highway that meets interstate standards to the extent possible.

The bill outlines that TxDOT must establish an Advisory Committee and three Segment Committees for the study, and that quarterly public meetings be held at designated locations along the corridor. The presenter said that this was the second public meeting for Segment #1.

#### Feasibility Study Milestone Dates

The Feasibility Study milestone dates were presented highlighting the following:

- The Advisory Committee met twice on October 1, 2019 and February 19, 2020. The next four meetings are anticipated to occur in July, August, September, and October 2020. The Advisory Committee is scheduled to provide final recommendations to TxDOT by October 31, 2020 as prescribed by HB 1079.
- The segment committees have met four times on November 20, 2019, February 6, 2020, April 1, 2020, and today, May 14, 2020. The fifth meeting is anticipated to occur in June 2020 with the final reports due to the Advisory Committee by June 30, 2020, as prescribed by HB 1079.
- As prescribed by HB 1079, TxDOT will submit the final report to the Governor and legislature by January 1, 2021.

#### Public Involvement

The presenter emphasized that public participation is crucial for the study because it provides participants with the opportunity to learn about the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study and to provide input on needs, challenges, and opportunities for moving people and goods along the corridor. This is the third round of meetings. Two virtual meetings were held this week on May 11 and May 13, 2020, for Segments #3 and #2, respectively.

The presenter explained “Why is my participation important?” It is important to provide input into the preliminary recommendations and to the segment committee as they refine and define recommendations that can be prioritized as short-term (0-5 years), medium-term (6-10 years), and long term (11+ years).

### Feasibility Study Scope and Overview

The presenter reviewed the Feasibility Study scope of work stating that the study is currently at the Preliminary Recommendations phase. The presenter then explained the corridor and three “segments” created for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study, defined as:

- Segment #1 – New Mexico and Oklahoma borders to Hale/Lubbock County Line
- Segment #2 – Hale/Lubbock County line to Sutton/Edwards County line
- Segment #3 – Sutton/Edwards County line to I-35/Juarez-Lincoln Bridge in Laredo

The presenter provided a summary of the characteristics for Segment #1, which is 275 miles, passes through eight counties and two TxDOT districts (Amarillo and Lubbock), and no ports of entry. Major cities and towns in Segment #1 include Amarillo, Dalhart, Dumas, and Stratford. The corridor highways include I-27 from Lubbock to Amarillo, US-87 from Amarillo to Dumas, US-87 from Dumas to New Mexico State Line, and US-287 from Dumas to Oklahoma State Line.

*Existing and Forecasted Socioeconomic Conditions* - The presenter discussed maps that depict forecasted population data in 2020 and 2050. The segment corridor population is projected to increase by 103,203 persons (21 percent increase) from 2020 to 2050. The average median household income is projected to increase by 186 percent. In Segment #1, the overall segment employment rate is projected to increase by approximately 8 percent.

*Existing and Forecasted Traffic Conditions* – The presenter discussed the maps that displayed the Average Daily Traffic for 2017 and 2050 in Segment #1. The projected volumes in vehicles per day is a 48 percent increase and a 43 percent increase in truck volumes. Growth areas were described including US 87 near New Mexico, US 87 north of Amarillo, and I-27 north of Lubbock.

*Existing and Forecasted Safety Conditions* – The presenter gave an overview of current crash history between 2014-2018 and the 2050 baseline safety statistics. Planned and programmed projects are anticipated to reduce the expected crash rate by 26 percent.

*Existing and Forecasted Freight Conditions* – The presenter then offered existing and forecasted truck freight growth conditions for the corridor. The total Segment #1 freight tonnage is anticipated to grow by 59 percent by 2050. International freight is projected to grow by 3.0 million tons by 2050. Agricultural freight is anticipated to be primarily grain and oilseeds, followed by “other farm products”, which includes cotton, raw milk, and livestock. Energy-related freight is dominated by petroleum products today and is expected to remain that way in 2050.

*Feasibility Analysis of an Interstate* – Next, the presenter explained the findings of the feasibility analysis to determine the improvements of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor changing to an interstate, where feasible. First, the presenter reviewed the feasibility analysis for relieving traffic congestion. If the corridor were improved to an interstate, 3 percent new lane miles would be added over the baseline. Traffic in 2050 is expected to grow 20 percent over the baseline. According to the data, the interstate results in higher speeds and diverts traffic from other corridors. While demand is higher, the interstate has more capacity and congestion is improved on other corridors.

Regarding safety and mobility, the interstate is expected to reduce crashes by 4 percent over the baseline (current conditions) and a travel time savings of 24 minutes over the length of Segment #1.

The additional capacity and full access control of the interstate would reduce crashes and improve travel times throughout the corridor.

In terms of freight movement, the corridor is very freight heavy. It is projected that the interstate would carry an increase of 23 percent more trucks per day over the baseline. The interstate brings new truck demand in the Dumas area and draws trips to US 287 southeast of Amarillo. The interstate would provide improved travel times and additional capacity to address the times of peak demand and decreased delays due to accidents.

The interstate is projected to add 76 million tons (99 percent) in freight tons above the 2050 forecast. Currently roughly half of the freight tons carried are energy related and a significant portion of the future freight are expected to remain energy-related. The interstate would provide improved travel times, increased market access, and enhanced reliability for the transportation of energy products.

Preliminary interstate cost estimates for the interstate upgrade were introduced by the presenter. The presenter said that these are very high-level estimates and subject to change. The preliminary interstate cost estimate was shown for Segment #1 and the entire corridor. Data for the total number of miles of interstate, frontage roads in urban areas, and frontage roads in rural areas were provided for Segment #1 and the entire corridor. The preliminary cost estimates were broken down by construction, right of way, utilities, and total. The total preliminary interstate cost estimate for Segment #1 is \$4.8 billion in comparison to the entire corridor estimate at \$23.5 billion.

In summary, the economic benefits of the corridor include the following:

- Total Annual Travel Cost Savings of \$4.79B
- Total Annual Increase in GDP of \$2.84B
- Total Increase in Employment of 22,110 jobs
- Return on Investment of \$18B (76 percent)
- Benefit-Cost Ratio of 2.8 with a net present value of \$49B

#### Segment Committee #1 Preliminary Recommendations

On April 1, 2020, committee members provided preliminary recommended projects which were grouped into three categories:

- Interstate Upgrade Projects
- Relief Route Studies
- Safety and Operational Projects

The presenter described the interstate upgrade projects listed in the following table.

Roadway	From	To	Description of Work
US 287	Kerrick	Stratford	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 12 miles)
US 287	Stratford	Cactus	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 14 miles)
US 287	Cactus	Dumas	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 7 miles)
US 87	Texline	Dalhart	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 28 miles)
US 87	Dalhart	Hartley	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 7 miles)
US 87	Hartley	Dumas	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 18 miles)
US 87	Dumas	Amarillo	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 38 miles)
I 27	Amarillo	Canyon	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes (approx. 13 miles)*+ South of SL 335 is funded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North of SL 335 is not funded</li> <li>• Currently has 2-lane frontage roads</li> </ul>

\* denotes a planned and programmed project

+ denotes project not fully funded

The presenter described the preliminary recommended relief route studies including one route and six studies listed in the following table.

Description	Location
Texline Relief Route Study	Around City of Texline
Dalhart Relief Route Study	Around City of Dalhart
Hartley Relief Route Study	Around City of Hartley
Stratford Relief Route Study	Around City of Stratford
Cactus Relief Route Study	Around City of Cactus
Dumas Relief Route Study	Around City of Dumas
State Loop 335 Relief Route *+	Off US 87, extends along west side of Amarillo

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+ denotes project not fully funded

The presenter described the preliminary recommended safety and operational projects suggested by the committee members listed in the following table. The issues and challenges have been captured in case the project does not move forward as an interstate.

Roadway	Description of Work
US 287 at US 54	Improve intersection in Stratford
US 87 at US 54	Improve intersection in Dalhart
I-27	Improve curves within Hale County (near Hale Center)
I-27	Improve roadway drainage between Hale Center and Abernathy

At 4:40pm, the presenter asked for questions and input from the audience. The presenter once again explained that comments could be taken during the virtual meeting, submitted through the chat box, or provided through the online comment form, email, or regular mail. A phone number was also provided to ask questions. **Attachment E** includes comment forms received. All handouts, exhibits, and the presentation are provided in **Attachment F**. Images of the virtual public meeting web site are provided in **Attachment G**.

Mr. Steve Linhart stated that the Ports-to-Plains Alliance added in the chat box that the cost estimate for Segment #1 is \$4.769 billion. The presenter repeated the information and asked if anyone had any questions.

The presenter asked if there were any other verbal comments or any others in the chat box.

The presenter asked if there were additional comments. If not, the meeting would be concluded. Please provide comments by Friday, May 29, 2020 in the ways listed in the slide: website, online comment form, print, email, and call if you have questions, not comments.

A question was asked in the chat box “from Raymond Brady to everyone: Is there a place we can download the accident information slide that was shown?”

The presenter stated that all materials would be posted on txdot.gov.

The presenter thanked everyone for attending and participating.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**COMMENT/RESPONSE MATRIX**

**COMMENT/RESPONSE MATRIX**  
 Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study  
 Segment #1 Public Meeting #2  
 May 14, 2020

The comment form included three questions asking for prioritization of preliminary recommendations and an area for additional comments. Additional comments provided by the public are listed in the comment/response matrix below. The comment form received is found in Attachment E.

Number	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic	Response
1	Jackson Hurst	5/14/2020	online	I approve of the Ports to Plains Segment #1 recommended projects because these will upgrade US 87 and US 287 to interstate standards and will study a relief route around the towns of Texline, Stratford, Cactus, Dumas, Dalhart, and Hartley Texas.	Comment noted.

*This matrix only includes information provided via Comment Forms. Verbal comments and "Chat Box" questions made during the meeting presentation are summarized in Attachment A (Meeting Summary).*

**ATTACHMENT C  
NOTICES**

**Attachment C**  
**Elected Officials Email Invitation**

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*An email invitation with attached meeting notice was sent to the following list of elected and public officials on April 24, 2020.*

From:

Subject:

Fwd: ANNOUNCEMENT: HB 1079 - PORTS TO PLAINS CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY SEGMENT 1 PUBLIC MEETING

Date:

Friday, April 24, 2020 1:43:18 PM

Attachments:

[image003.png](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)  
[P2P\\_Segment 1 May 14 2020 public mtg notice.pdf](#)  
[ATT00002.htm](#)

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Akila Thamizharasan <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 24, 2020 at 1:34:40 PM CDT  
**To:** "Abby Dye, Assistant to Mayor Dan Pope" <[REDACTED]>, "Ashley Posthumus, President, Dalhart Chamber of Commerce" <[REDACTED]>, "Bob Brinkmann, Mayor, City of Dumas" <[REDACTED]>, "Carl Watson, Executive Director, Dumas Chamber of Commerce" <[REDACTED]>, "Dan Pope, Mayor, City of Lubbock" <[REDACTED]>, "David B. Mull, Judge, Hale County" <[REDACTED]>, "Dee Vaughan, County Commissioner, Moore County" <[REDACTED]>, "Denise Skidmore, Director, Public Relations Hilmar Cheese" <[REDACTED]>, "Ernie Houdashell, Judge, Randall County" <[REDACTED]>, "Gary Molberg, President and CEO, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce" <[REDACTED]>, "Ginger Nelson, Mayor, City of Amarillo" <[REDACTED]>, "Harold Keeter, Judge, Swisher County" <[REDACTED]>, Humberto Tito Gonzalez Jr <[REDACTED]>, "James Stroud, City Manager, City of Dalhart" <[REDACTED]>, "Jared Miller, City Manager, City of Amarillo" <[REDACTED]>, "Joe Kiely, Vice President of Operations, Ports-to-Plains Alliance" <[REDACTED]>, "Johnnie Rowdy Rhoades, Judge, Moore County" <[REDACTED]>, "Kasey Coker, Executive Director, The High Ground of Texas" <[REDACTED]>, "Kevin Carter, President, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation" <[REDACTED]>, "Kyle Ingham, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission" <[REDACTED]>, "Milton Pax, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Ports-to-Plains Alliance" <[REDACTED]>, "Nancy Tanner, Judge, Potter County" <[REDACTED]>, "Phillip Hass, Mayor, City of Dalhart" <[REDACTED]>, "Ricky Reed, Mayor, City of Stratford" <[REDACTED]>, Roberto Rodriguez III <[REDACTED]>, "Ronnie Gordon, Judge, Hartley County" <[REDACTED]>, "Ross Wilson, President and CEO of Texas Cattle Feeders Association" <[REDACTED]>, "Ross Wilson, President and CEO, Texas Cattle Feeders Association" <[REDACTED]>, "Sebastin Ysaguirre, Pottery County Director of Roads and Bridges" <[REDACTED]>, "Stephen Smith, Sutton County Judge, Advisory Committee vice chairman"

< [REDACTED] >, "Terri Beth Carter, Judge, Sherman  
County" < [REDACTED] >, "Tonya Keesee, Executive Director,  
Plainview Chamber of Commerce" < [REDACTED] >,  
"Travis Muno, Administrator, Amarillo MPO" < [REDACTED] >,  
"Tyson Willis, Director of the Tulia Chamber of Commerce"  
< [REDACTED] >, "Wesley Ritchey, Judge, Dallam County"  
< [REDACTED] >, Caroline Mays < [REDACTED] >, Peter Smith  
< [REDACTED] >, Roger Beall < [REDACTED] >, Brian Barth  
< [REDACTED] >, Bill Hale < [REDACTED] >, Marc Williams  
< [REDACTED] >, Trent Thomas < [REDACTED] >, Blake  
Calvert < [REDACTED] >, David Salazar < [REDACTED] >,  
Mark Jones < [REDACTED] >, John Speed < [REDACTED] >,  
Carl Johnson < [REDACTED] >, Steven Warren  
< [REDACTED] >, Brian Crawford < [REDACTED] >,  
Steve Linhart < [REDACTED] >, Charlie Leal  
< [REDACTED] >, Alvin New < [REDACTED] >, Emily Clisby  
< [REDACTED] >, Norma Rios < [REDACTED] >, Loretta  
Brown < [REDACTED] >, "Travis, Wendy G."  
< [REDACTED] >, Dan Pope < [REDACTED] >,  
" [REDACTED] " < [REDACTED] >, Kristi Gillispie  
< [REDACTED] >, Savanna Barksdale < [REDACTED] >, Kylan Francis  
< [REDACTED] >, TPP Division Calendar  
< [REDACTED] >, Commission Support Office Shared  
Calendar < [REDACTED] >,  
SLA\_Calendar < [REDACTED] >, Jarred Shaffer  
< [REDACTED] >, Cheri Huddleston < [REDACTED] >,  
Julie Jerome < [REDACTED] >, Sherry Pifer < [REDACTED] >,  
Cordelia Valdez < [REDACTED] >, Gabriel DeOchoa  
< [REDACTED] >  
**Cc: "Michel, Tracy L." < [REDACTED] >, "Cohen, Sophie"  
[REDACTED] >, "Penic, Michael" < [REDACTED] >,  
"McCullough, Kirsten J." < [REDACTED] >, Robert Ryan  
[REDACTED] >, "Holder, Jerry D."  
[REDACTED] >, "Bryan, Joseph G B." < [REDACTED] >**

**Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT: HB 1079 - PORTS TO PLAINS CORRIDOR  
FEASIBILITY STUDY SEGMENT 1 PUBLIC MEETING**

Good Afternoon Ports to Plains Segment 1 Committee Members,

We would like to inform that the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study has scheduled a round of public meetings in May. The Segment 1 public meeting will be held on Thursday, **May 14, 2020, via WebEx at 4:00 p.m.** TxDOT will host a live online virtual public meeting to present information on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study. This will be an online webinar format meeting which will include a live presentation and comment opportunity via WebEx. The meeting will be recorded and available online for the public to view through **Friday, May 29, 2020**. Please note that no in-person meeting is being scheduled.

Attached is a flyer for the virtual public meeting. We would like your help with sharing the information with the public and stakeholders in your area. Please use

the information below to join the public meeting at the scheduled time.

Webinar Link: <https://txdot.webex.com/txdot/j.php?MTID=m0aae6ed2f08386dfb44510357eb9aa8a>

Meeting password: P2PStudy

Select the option for WebEx to call you, then enter your phone number, submit, and answer the call, or:

Join by phone: [\(415\) 655-0003](tel:4156550003)

Meeting number (access code): 476 535 117

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information on the study.

We appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

Akila



# PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

## SEGMENT 1: NEW MEXICO AND OKLAHOMA BORDERS TO HALE/LUBBOCK COUNTY LINE

### Join us for a Virtual Public Meeting

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The invitation email and attachment were sent to these elected and public officials and major stakeholders.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Amarillo Chamber of Commerce	Gary Molberg	President
Amarillo Economic Development Corporation	Kevin Carter	President
Amarillo MPO	Travis Muno	Administrator
City of Amarillo	Jared Miller	City Manager
City of Amarillo	Ginger Nelson	Mayor
City of Dalhart	Phillip Hass	Mayor
City of Dalhart	James Stroud	City Manager
City of Dumas	Bob Brinkmann	Mayor
City of Lubbock	Dan Pope	Mayor
City of Stratford	Ricky Reed	Mayor
Dalhart Chamber of Commerce	Ashley Posthumus	President
Dallam County	Wesley Ritchey	Judge
Dumas Chamber of Commerce	Carl Watson	Executive Director
Hale County	David B. Mull	Judge
Hance Scarborough LLP	Cheri Huddleston	Legislative Consultant
Hartley County	Ronnie Gordon	Judge
The High Ground of Texas	Kasey Coker	Executive Director
Mayor Dan Pope's Office	Abby Dye	Assistant to the Mayor
Moore County	Johnnie Rhoades	Judge
Moore County	Dee Vaughan	County Commissioner
Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	Kyle Ingham	Executive Director
Plainview Chamber of Commerce	Tonya Keesee	Executive Director
Ports-to-Plains Alliance	Joe Kiely	Vice President of Operations
Ports-to-Plains Alliance	Milton Pax	Vice Chairman, Board of Directors
Potter County	Nancy Tanner	Judge
Potter County	Sebastin Ysaguirre	Director of Roads and Bridges
Public Relations Hilmar Cheese	Denise Skidmore	Director
Randall County	Ernie Houdashell	Judge
Sherman County	Terri Beth Carter	Judge
Sutton County	Stephen Smith	Judge
Swisher County	Harold Keeter	Judge
Texas Cattle Feeders Association	Ross Wilson	President and CEO
Tulia Chamber of Commerce	Tyson Willis	Director
TxDOT	Humberto Gonzalez, Jr.	Director of Transportation Planning & Development
TxDOT	Roberto Rodriguez, III	Transportation Engineer

**Attachment C**  
**Postcard Mailout**

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**STAKEHOLDER DATABASE**  
**Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study - Segment 1**

Type	Organization/ Business	Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Airport	Hale County Airport										
Chamber of Commerce	Amarillo Chamber of Commerce	Mr.	Gary	Molberg	President and Chief Executive Officer						
Tourism	Amarillo Convention & Visitor'S Council	Mr.	Dan	Quandt	Senior Vice President						
Economic Development	Center City Of Amarillo, Inc.	Ms.	Beth	Duke	Executive Director						
Chamber of Commerce	Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce										
School District	Hale Center ISD										
Airport	Amarillo International Airport	Mr.	Michael	Conner	Director of Aviation						
Ports	Amarillo Port of Entry										
State (EO)	Texas Senate	Sen.	Charles	Perry	District 28						
State Park	Palo Duro Canyon State Park										
County (EO), Airport	Swisher County, Tulia City and Swisher County Airport	Judge	Harold	Keeter	Judge						
County (EO)	Swisher County	Commissioner	Larry	Buske	Commissioner, Pct. 4						
County (EO)	Swisher County	Commissioner	Danny	Morgan	Commissioner, Pct. 2						
County (EO)	Swisher County	Commissioner	Joe	Murrell	Commissioner, Pct. 3						
County (EO)	Swisher County	Commissioner	Lloyd	Rahlfs	Commissioner, Pct. 1						
Airport	Dalhart Municipal Airport										
Employers	Toot'n Totum Food Stores, LLC										
College/University	Amarillo College Moore County										
County (EO)	Hartley County	Commissioner	Robert "Butch"	Owens	Commissioner, Pct. 4						
Municipality (EO)	City of Tulia	Councilman	Jason	Jack	Councilmember, District 4						
Municipality (EO)	City of Tulia	Mayor	Israel "Bibo"	Ramirez	Mayor						
Municipality (EO)	City of Tulia	Councilwoman	Kathy	Vestal	Councilmember, District 3						
State (EO)	U.S. House of Representatives	Ms.	Jodey	Arrington	Congressional District 19						
Council of Governments	South Plains Association of Governments										
Employers	Azteca Milling Company		Angel	Garcia							
College/University	South Plains College										

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Type	Organization/ Business	Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Utility	Grand Castle Water Supply Corp	Ms.	Anne C	Streger							
Civic Groups, Public Meeting #1	Ports-To-Plains Alliance		Duffy	Hinkle							
Employers	Northwest Texas Healthcare System										
Employers	BSA Health System										
Economic Development	Canyon Economic Development Corporation	Mr.	Don	Lee	President						
Economic Development	Canyon EDC	Ms.	Evelyn	Ecker	Executive Director						
Employers	G Boren Services	Ms.	Geneva	Boren							
College/University	Wayland Baptist University										
College/University	Wayland Baptist University - Amarillo	Dr.	Bobby	Hall, Phd	President						
Chamber of Commerce	Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce	Mr.	Carl	Watson	Executive Director						
Chamber of Commerce	Plainview Chamber Of Commerce And Agriculture										
County (EO)	Hartley County	Commissioner	Chad	Hicks	Commissioner, Pct. 3						
School District	Kress ISD										
Municipality (EO)	City of Dalhart	Councilman	Brian	Brewer	Councilmember, Ward 3						
Municipality (EO)	City of Dalhart	Councilman	Troy	Ferguson	Councilmember, Ward 1						
Municipality (EO)	City of Dalhart	Councilman	Clinton	Hale	Councilmember, Ward 2						
Municipality (EO)	City of Dalhart	Councilman	Rusty	Hancock	Councilmember, Ward 1						
Municipality (EO), Public Meeting #1	City of Dalhart	Councilwoman	Sherri	Haschke	Councilmember, Ward 4						
Municipality (EO)	City of Dalhart	Councilman	Billy	Sisco	Councilmember, Ward 3						
Municipality	City of Dalhart	Mr.	James	Stroud	City Manager						
Municipality (EO)	City of Dalhart	Councilman	Brian	Walton	Councilmember, Ward 2						
Municipality (EO), Public Meeting #1	City of Dalhart	Councilman	Tim	Yee	Councilmember, Ward 4						
Public Meeting #1			Corky	Newkam							
College/University	Amarillo College	Dr.	Russell	Lowery-Hart, Phd	President						
College/University	Amarillo College										
Multimodal	Hale County Cycling Club										

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Type	Organization/ Business	Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Public Meeting #1	Amarillo Association of Realtors	Mr.	David	Sougstad							
School District	Bushland ISD										
College/University	West Texas A&M University	Dr.	Walter	Wendler, Phd	President						
College/University	West Texas A&M University										
School District	Plainview ISD										
County	Potter County, Road and Bridge Department	Mr.	Sebastin	Ysaguirre	Department Head						
College/University	Texas Tech University										
Employers	Covenant Hospital	Mr.	Alan	King							
Employers	Central Plains Center	Ms.	Sherri	Bohr							2
Employers	Regence Health Network, Inc.	Mr.	Rick	Love							
Employers	Gebo Distribution Co., Inc.										
College/University	Frank Phillips College										
Chamber of Commerce, Municipality (EO)	Canyon Chamber of Commerce, City of Danyon	Commissioner	Roger	Remlinger	Commissioner, Place 4						
Municipality	City of Canyon	Mr.	Jon	Behrens	Interim City Manager						
Municipality (EO)	City of Canyon	Mayor	Gary	Hinders	Mayor Place 1						
Municipality (EO)	City of Canyon	Mayor Pro-Tem	Cody	Jones	Mayor Pro-Tem Place 2						
Municipality (EO)	City of Canyon	Commissioner	Paul R.	Lyons	Commissioner, Place 3						
Municipality (EO)	City of Canyon	Commissioner	Randy	Ray	Commissioner, Place 5						
Groundwater Conservation District	High Plains UWCD No. 1										
County	Randall County	Mr.	Tim	Sorrells	Road and Bridge Superintendent						
Employers	Maxor National Pharmacy Services Corp.										
College/University	Clarendon College - Amarillo Cosmetology Center	Dr.	Robert K.	Riza, Phd							
College/University	Clarendon College- Amarillo Campus										
School District	Canyon ISD										
Employers	United Supermarkets/Amigos	Mr.	Rodney	White							
Employers	Convergys Corporation	Ms.	Shari	Barnes							

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Type	Organization/ Business	Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Civic Groups/Agricultural Interest	Texas Ag Industries Association- Lubbock Regional Meeting										
Airport	Tradewind Airport										
County (EO)	Dallam County	Commissioner	Levi	James	Commissioner, Pct. Three						
School District	Dumas ISD										
College/University	Wayland Baptist University - Amarillo										
College/University	Vista College of Lubbock										
County (EO)	Hale County	Commissioner	Kenny	Kernell	Commissioner, Pct. 3						
County (EO)	Hale County	Commissioner	Harold	King	Commissioner, Pct. 1						
County (EO)	Hale County	Commissioner	Mario	Martinez	Commissioner, Pct. 2						
County (EO)	Hale County	Commissioner			Commissioner, Pct. 4						
School District	Happy ISD										
County (EO)	Potter County	Commissioner	H.R.	Kelly	Commissioner, Pct. 1						
County (EO)	Potter County	Commissioner	Leon	Church	Commissioner, Pct. 3						
County (EO)	Potter County	Commissioner	Mercy	Murguia	Commissioner, Pct. 2						
County (EO)	Potter County	Commissioner	Alphonso	Vaughn	Commissioner, Pct. 4						
County (EO)	Randall County	Commissioner	Mark	Benton	Commissioner, Pct. 2						
County (EO)	Randall County	Commissioner	Buddy	DeFord	Commissioner, Pct. 4						
County (EO)	Randall County	Commissioner	Christy	Dyer	Commissioner, Pct. 1						
County (EO)	Randall County	Commissioner	Bob	Robinson	Commissioner, Pct. 3						
County (EO), Public Meeting #1	Hartley County	Commissioner	David	Ford	Commissioner, Pct. 2						
School District	Abernathy ISD										
Tribal	Association Of Amarillo Indian										
College/University	Lubbock Christian University										
Airport	Moore County Airport	Mr.	Brandon	Cox	Manager						
Municipality (EO)	City of Amarillo	Councilwoman	Elaine	Hays	Councilmember, Place 1						
Municipality (EO)	City of Amarillo	Councilwoman	Freda	Powell	Councilmember, Place 2						

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Type	Organization/ Business	Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Municipality (EO)	City of Amarillo	Councilman	Eddy	Sauer	Councilmember, Place 3						
Municipality (EO)	City of Amarillo	Councilman	Howard	Smith	Councilmember, Place 4						
Economic Development	City of Amarillo, Economic Development Department	Mr.	Andrew	Freeman	Director of Planning and Development Services						
Municipality	City of Amarillo	Mr.	Jared	Miller	City Manager						
State (EO)	U.S. House of Representatives	Mr.	Mac	Thornberry	Congressional District 13						
College/University	Texas A&M Agrilife Research And Extension Center At Amarillo	Dr.	Brent W.	Auvermann, Phd	Center Director						
College/University	Texas A&M Agrilife Research And Extension Center At Amarillo	Mr.	Brandon	Dukes	District Extension Administrator						
Employers	Suddenlink Communications	Mr.	Dave	Gilles							
School District	Dalhart ISD										
County (EO)	Sherman County	Commissioner	Dana	Buckles	Commissioner, Pct. 1						
County (EO)	Sherman County	Commissioner	Jeff	Crippen	Commissioner, Pct. 3						
County (EO)	Sherman County	Commissioner	David	Davis	Commissioner, Pct. 4						
County (EO)	Sherman County	Commissioner	Terry	Mathews	Commissioner, Pct. 2						
School District	Tulia ISD										
Federal Land	Rita Blanca National Grassland	Mr.	Mike	Atkinson	District Ranger						
County (EO), Public Meeting #1	Moore County	Commissioner	Dee	Vaughan	Commissioner, Pct. 3						
County (EO)	Moore County	Commissioner	Daniel	Garcia	Commissioner , Pct. 1						
College/University	West Texas A&M University Amarillo Center	Ms.	Michelle	Howington							
School District	Amarillo ISD										
Civic Groups/Agricultural Interest	Halfway Coop Gin										
College/University	Wayland Baptist University Lubbock Campus										
Economic Development, Public Meeting #1	Amarillo EDC	Mr.	Kevin	Carter	President & CEO						
Utility	Halfway Water Supply Corp	Mr.	Ray	Sooter							
Civic Groups/Agricultural Interest	Hale County Farm Bureau Federation										
Civic Groups/Agricultural Interest	Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.										
Public Meeting #1		Mr.	Gregg	Bynum							

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Type	Organization/ Business	Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Economic Development	Dumas EDC	Mr.	Michael	Running	Executive Director						
Municipality (EO)	City of Plainview	Representative	Eric	Hastey	Representative, District 7						
Municipality (EO)	City of Plainview	Representative	Susan	Blackerby	Representative, District 5						
Municipality (EO)	City of Plainview	Representative	Norma	Juarez	Representative, District 3						
Municipality (EO)	City of Plainview	Representative	Teressa	King	Representative, District 4						
Municipality, Public Meeting #1	City of Plainview	Mr.	Jeffrey	Snyder	City Manager						
Municipality (EO)	City of Plainview	Representative	Nelda	VanHoose	Representative, District 1						
Municipality (EO)	City of Plainview	Representative	Evan	Weiss	Representative, District 6						
Municipality (EO)	City of Plainview	Representative	Larry A.	Williams	Representative, District 2						
School District	River Road ISD										
Airport	Clayton Municipal Airpark										
Utility	South Plains Electric Cooperative Inc	Mr.	Dale	Ancell							
Utility	Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative Inc										
Utility, Public Meeting #1	Swisher Electric Cooperative Inc	Mr.	Dwain	Tipton							
Utility	Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Inc	Mr.	Mark	Schwartz							
County	Moore County, Road & Bridge Department	Mr.	Wes	McDougal	Supervisor						
School District	Stratford ISD										
Federal Land	Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument										
National Parks	Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument										
Federal Land	Lake Meredith National Recreation Area										
National Parks	Lake Meredith National Recreation Area										
Federal Land	Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge										
Municipality	City of Stratford	Mr.	Tommy	Bogart	City Administrator						
Municipality (EO)	City of Stratford	Councilman	Mike	Dominguez	Councilman						
Municipality (EO)	City of Stratford	Councilwoman	Ann	Johnson	Councilwoman						
Municipality (EO)	City of Stratford	Councilman	Greg	Wright	Councilman						

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Type	Organization/ Business	Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Municipality (EO)	City of Stratford	Councilman	Joe	Zak	Councilman						
MPO	Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization	Mr.	Cody	Balzen	Senior Planner						
MPO, Public Meeting #1	Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization	Mr.	Travis	Muno	Administrator						
Civic Groups/Agricultural Interest	Panhandle Grain & Feed Association										
Employers	Affiliated Foods/TriState Baking/Plains Dairy										
Airport	Abernathy Municipal Airport										
Municipality (EO)	City of Abernathy	Councilwoman	Bilinda	Prater	Councilwoman						
Municipality (EO)	City of Abernathy	Councilman	Matt	Riley	Councilman						
Municipality (EO)	City of Abernathy	Councilman	Jared	Shannon	Councilman						
Municipality (EO)	City of Abernathy	Councilman	Gary	Stone	Councilman						
Municipality	City of Abernathy				City Manager						
School District	Hartley ISD										
County (EO)	Hartley County	Commissioner	David	Vincent	Commissioner, Pct. 1						
Municipality (EO)	City of Dumas	Commissioner	Pat	Sims	Commissioner, Place 4						
Municipality (EO)	City of Dumas	Commissioner	Ben	Maples	Commissioner, Place 2						
Municipality	City of Dumas	Mr.	Arbie	Taylor	City Manager						
Municipality (EO)	City of Dumas	Commissioner	Justin	Willis	Commissioner, Place 1						
Employers	Bell										
Municipality (EO)	City of Hale Center	Councilwoman	Karen	Boyce	Councilwoman						
Municipality (EO)	City of Hale Center	Councilman	Richard	Castillo	Councilwoman						
Municipality (EO)	City of Hale Center	Councilwoman	Christine	Reyna	Councilwoman						
Municipality, Economic Development	City of Hale Center, Hale Center EDC	Mr.	Dennis	Burton	City Manager						
Chamber of Commerce	Abernathy Chamber of Commerce										
School District	Texline ISD										
Groundwater Conservation District	Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District										
Economic Development	Sherman County Development Committee										

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Type	Organization/ Business	Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Title	Address	City	State	Zip	Email	Phone
Employers	United Supermarkets	Mr.	Robert	Taylor							
Groundwater Conservation District	North Plains Groundwater Conservation District	Ms.	Kristen	Blackwell	Executive Assistant						
Municipality, Public Meeting #1	City of Tulia	Mr.	Dion	Miller	City Manager						
State (EO)	Texas Senate	Sen.	Kel	Seliger	District 31						
County (EO)	Dallam County	Commissioner	Corey	Crabtree	Commissioner, Pct. Two						
County (EO)	Dallam County	Commissioner	Floyd	French	Commissioner, Pct. Four						
County (EO)	Dallam County	Commissioner	Carl	McCarty	Commissioner, Pct. One						
Council of Governments	Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	Mr.	Kyle	Ingham	Executive Director						
Utility	Southwestern Public Service Company	Ms.	Alice	Jackson							
Economic Development	Plainview Downtown Assoc Inc										
Employers	B&W Pantex										
Civic Groups/Agricultural Interest	United Farm Industries Inc 050193										
Utility	Seth Ward Water Supply Corporation										

**Attachment C**  
**Newspaper Advertisements**

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*A display ad was published in English in the Amarillo Globe-News on  
April 26, 2020.*

*A display ad was published in Spanish in El Mensajero on April 29, 2020.*

### 7-Day Weather Forecast

Weather provided by NewsChannel 10

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
84° / 54° Partly sunny and warmer Wind: SSW 12-25	85° / 56° Partly sunny and warm Wind: N 8-16	86° / 50° Partly sunny and warm Wind: N 10-20	80° / 54° Plenty of sun Wind: N 8-16	94° / 63° Partly sunny Wind: S 12-25	97° / 63° Mostly sunny Wind: S 10-20	93° / 57° Mostly sunny and warm Wind: NNE 8-16

### NewsChannel 10

"Doppler" Dave Oliver

### Local Forecast

A high pressure pushing off to the east will bring a strong southerly flow over the area today with a general warming trend the next few days. Some clouds will still be around with a storm to the north.

84° / 54°  
Wind: SSW 12-25

### Almanac

Amarillo through 6 p.m. Saturday

Temperature	Precipitation
High/low ..... 69/37	24 hours ending 6 p.m. Sat. 0.00"
Normal high/low ..... 74/45	Month to date ..... 0.12"
Record high ..... 99 in 2012	Normal month to date ..... 1.14"
Record low ..... 32 in 1997	Year to date ..... 2.58"
Average humidity ..... 55%	Normal year to date ..... 3.83"
Bushland soil temperature ..... 54	Last year to date ..... 3.78"

### National Weather

Shown are today's mean positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



A storm will bring chilly rain to the Ohio Valley and Northeast today, in addition to high-elevation snow in New England. Spotty showers will dot the Upper Midwest and Colorado Rockies as well.

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### CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

## Bloomberg moves past presidential defeat with virus crusade

By Alexandra Jaffe and Jonathan Lemire  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nearly two months after an embarrassing end to his presidential campaign, Mike Bloomberg is again deploying his massive personal fortune — this time to combat the coronavirus.

The billionaire former New York City mayor is spending tens of millions of dollars to bolster social services, feed first responders and help local officials trace the spread of the coronavirus in the city that has become the epicenter of the pandemic in the United States.

The effort is in line with Bloomberg's longstanding interest in scientific research and public health. But it's also an opportunity for him to rebuild an image that was badly damaged earlier this year by accusations from some Democrats that he was trying to buy the White House. He spent more than \$1 billion on a campaign that ultimately resulted in just one primary victory, in American Samoa.

Allies say the coronavirus plays to Bloomberg's strengths. "He is really good at a lot of things, but he's really, really good in crisis, in organizing, in bringing people together and making plans and executing," said former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, who served as a national

### Regional Cities

City	H/L	W	City	H/L	W
Abilene	80/50	pc	Lubbock	84/56	pc
Albany	87/60	pc	Midland	87/57	pc
Big Spring	84/56	pc	Pampa	83/56	pc
Ballinger	84/56	pc	Perryton	83/53	pc
Bonham	84/56	pc	Portland	86/52	pc
Childress	84/56	pc	Radford	79/54	pc
Clarks	85/56	pc	Shamrock	83/59	pc
Clifton	84/50	pc	Silverton	83/57	pc
Dumas	83/51	pc	Stewart	86/56	pc
Elm	84/56	pc	Sturgis	84/52	pc
Guyton	83/51	pc	Sutton	86/52	pc
Hopewell	86/55	pc	Tascumb	86/52	pc
Hartford	86/55	pc	Weg	86/52	pc
Lake Meredith	87/56	pc	Wheeler	83/58	pc

### National & World Cities

City	H/L	W	City	H/L	W
Albuquerque	85/58	pc	Moscow	50/29	c
Atlanta	71/54	pc	Minneapolis	88/75	c
Austin	68/46	pc	New Orleans	81/62	c
Boston	86/58	pc	New York City	51/43	c
Butte	73/42	pc	Portland	77/58	c
Chicago	68/51	pc	Portland	70/46	c
Chicago	59/37	pc	Philadelphia	57/46	c
Dallas	82/63	pc	Phoenix	63/37	c
Denver	72/44	pc	Roma	67/50	pc
Detroit	59/37	pc	San Antonio	86/62	c
El Paso	86/70	pc	San Francisco	60/52	c
Houston	84/59	pc	Seattle	64/40	pc
Hong Kong	78/72	c	Sidney	64/41	c
Honolulu	84/72	c	Sydney	80/63	c
Jerusalem	64/50	pc	Taipei	75/40	pc
Las Vegas	88/47	pc	Tokyo	71/55	pc
London	68/47	pc	London	52/32	pc
Los Angeles	87/62	pc	Vancouver	58/46	pc
Mexico City	75/53	pc	Winnipeg	66/42	pc
Miami	87/71	pc	Winnipeg	66/42	pc
Montreal	54/37	pc	Zurich	69/48	pc

Weather: h-l = range; pc = partly cloudy; c = cloudy; sh = showers; l = thunderstorms; r = rain; dr = drizzle; sr = snow; i = ice

### Pollen Index

Yesterday

Grasses	Trees	Mold	Weeds
ABSENT	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH

Source: Allergy A.R.T.S. Clinic

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise 7:01 a Moonset 9:23 a  
Sunset 8:29 p Moonset none

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 30	May 7	May 14	May 22

### Skywatch

Venus is our closest planetary neighbor and the brightest object in the night sky except the moon. In fact, you can see them close together tonight. Venus, the "evening star" is to the right of the moon as night falls.

— by UT McDonald Observatory

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### PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

SEGMENT 1: NEW MEXICO AND OKLAHOMA BORDERS TO HALE/LUBBOCK COUNTY LINE

#### Join us for a Virtual Public Meeting

TxDOT will host a live virtual public meeting to present information on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study. This public meeting will focus on Segment 1 of the New Mexico and Oklahoma borders to the Hale/Lubbock County line. This will be a webinar format (no in-person meeting) which will include a live presentation and comment opportunity via WebEx, which will be recorded and available until Friday, May 29, 2020.

**THURSDAY, May 14, 2020 at 4 p.m.**  
Log in online at [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov), keywords "Ports-to-Plains." A meeting link will be provided on the project webpage for the presentation and to comment.  
Written comments from the public regarding the study may also be submitted by mail to TxDOT, c/o Ports-to-Plains Study Team, 5835 Callaghan Rd, Ste. 200, San Antonio, Texas 78228, or by email to [portstoplains@txdot.gov](mailto:portstoplains@txdot.gov). All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 29, 2020.

**Meeting Purpose:**  
The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study and to provide input on preliminary recommendations provided by the study's segment committees.

**Overview:**  
The 86th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1079 to study the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including an evaluation of the feasibility of, and the costs and logistical matters associated with improvements that create a continuous, four-lane divided highway that meets interstate highway standards to the extent possible, including improvements that extend Interstate 27 between the New Mexico and Oklahoma borders and Laredo. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor has been divided into three "segments" as shown to the right.

**For more information:**  
For more information or if you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made at least two days prior to the meeting at [portstoplains@txdot.gov](mailto:portstoplains@txdot.gov) or (512) 486-5106. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. Visit us online at [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov), keywords "Ports-to-Plains."  
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# “Ojalá se mueran de coronavirus”



## Maestra de Nueva Jersey explota contra adolescentes que jugaban fútbol en un parque.

Hace unos días, en varias redes sociales, como TikTok y Snapchat, comenzó a circular un video que fue tomado en algún sitio de Hamilton, Nueva Jersey, en donde se ve a una mujer explotando en contra de un grupo de estudiantes porque aparentemente estaban rompiendo los protocolos establecidos por la cuarentena.

La mujer salió a la calle un momento para pasear a su perro cuando se encontró a algunos adolescentes jugando fútbol. Fúrica, la mujer se acercó a una reja que había para delimitar un jardín y comenzó a gritarles por no estar en casa e incluso

les “deseó” que murieran de coronavirus por saltarse la regla.

“Parques y el área completa cerrados. Procésalo en tu cabeza. Tú eres la razón por la que estamos en esta situación. Tú eres el problema, no la solución”, y continuó: “Adelante, sigue grabando. ¿A quién se lo vas a mostrar? Publicame en las redes sociales”.

“Eres un idiota que hace lo incorrecto. Solo estoy tratando de salvar tu a#\$\$% y salvartu vida. Pero muere, está bien. Espero que ambos tengan coronavirus. Espero que ambos tengan una muerte larga y dolorosa”, espetó la mujer.

Autoridades locales investigan este hecho

Recientemente, The

Trentonian publicó que la mujer del video ya fue identificada. Su nombre es Nicole Griggs y es maestra de matemáticas en la Preparatoria de Steinert, en Hamilton Township.

Según este medio, la maestra se ha dedicado en los últimos días a perseguir e increpar a todos los que encuentra en el parque por no seguir los consejos sobre distanciamiento social.

Además, luego de este hecho, los adolescentes indicaron que, efectivamente, no debían de haber estado jugando en el parque; sin embargo, les sorprendió la actitud tan agresiva de la maestra, y más cuando les deseó la muerte.

El alcalde Jeff Martin admitió que no había visto el video, pero condenó la seriedad de los comentarios ya que el virus no era un tema del que se bromeara.

“(Nadie debería estar) deseando la muerte o daño a las personas. Esto es algo muy serio. Tenemos, al menos, 50 personas que realmente han muerto (a causa de; coronavirus). No es algo para bromear. Profesora o no, es inaceptable”, indicó Martin.

Por su parte, Scott Rocco, superintendente de la escuela en la que trabaja Nicole, dijo que había sido informado del video y que Griggs estaba bajo investigación por sus comentarios.

# No es el mejor jugador, afirma Isiah Thomas



Con el lanzamiento del documental “The last dance”, el nombre de Michael Jordan ha resurgido y se ha confirmado que ha sido el mejor de la historia de la NBA, pero para Isiah Thomas, no es así.

La gran rivalidad entre Isiah Thomas y Michael Jordan continúa años después, incluso su ‘odio’ terminó en dejar fuera del Dream Team de Barcelona 92 al ex de los Pistons, pues este enfrentamiento comenzó en parte por los equipos a los que representaba cada uno.

Hasta la fecha sigue vigente esta rivalidad, y es que en una entrevista con CBS Sports, Isiah reveló y explicó por qué Michael Jordan no es el mejor jugador de la historia en la NBA, pues si bien, el ex basquetbolista le da crédito a los jugadores actuales.

“Creo que esta generación no se lleva el crédito que merece. Los atletas de esta generación son muy superiores a los de la mía. Cuando jugábamos, Jordan era el mejor atleta que habíamos visto. Ahora, hay 10 u 11 jugadores más atléticos en la NBA. No los teníamos antes. Con lo que hacen Kevin Durant y LeBron James, si los pones en los 80’s con su talento y capacidad atlética, ¿quién

sería el mejor de la historia?”, dijo Isiah.

Una de las peleas que más marcaron a ambos jugadores fue el triunfo deportivo de los Bulls hace 29 años donde Thomas tuvo una mala actitud al ser derrotado por Jordan, y esto habría sido una de las razones por las que no fue convocado al Dream Team.

## Esta pandemia ya ha matado más estadounidenses que la guerra de Vietnam

**Estados Unidos superó las 58,000 muertes por COVID-19 y el millón de personas contagiadas.**



En Estados Unidos la pandemia del coronavirus ya causó más muertes de estadounidenses que la guerra de Vietnam.

Este martes el número de fallecidos por COVID-19 en EEUU llegó a 58,343. Estas muertes han ocurrido en menos de tres meses desde que se confirmara la primera muerte el 29 de febrero.

El número global de personas contagiadas supera los tres millones, más de un millón de ellas están en EEUU, según datos de la Universidad Johns Hopkins.

En comparación, durante los casi 20 años de conflicto en Vietnam (1955-1975), murieron 58,220 estadounidenses, según cifras del Archivo Nacional de EEUU.

En 1968, el año más mortal para EEUU en Vietnam, murieron 16,899 estadounidenses. Estados Unidos es el país con mayor cantidad de muertes y contagios de COVID-19 en el mundo.

Su población de 330 millones de habitantes, sin embargo, es mucho más grande que la de otros de los países más severamente afectados como Italia o España.

Deborah Birx, una de las expertas que lidera el equipo de la Casa Blanca en la lucha contra el virus, ha dicho que EEUU tiene “una de las tasas de mortalidad más bajas en el mundo”.

Per cápita, la tasa de muertes por COVID-19 reportada por

EEUU es menor que la de España, Italia, Francia, Bélgica y Reino Unido.

Según el registro que lleva la agencia Reuters, entre los 20 países más golpeados por el brote, EEUU ocupa el quinto lugar en casos por cápita.

EEUU tiene cerca de 30 casos por cada 10,000 personas. España, que ocupa el primer lugar, tiene 48 casos por cada 10,000 personas.

Las autoridades de Estados Unidos han advertido que el número de casos en el país podría ser mayor, ya que la escasez de personal entrenado y de materiales de trabajo ha limitado la aplicación de exámenes para diagnosticar la enfermedad.

Cerca del 30% de los contagios se registran en el estado de Nueva York, el epicentro del brote en EEUU, seguido de Nueva Jersey, Massachusetts y California.

Un modelo predictivo de la Universidad de Washington, que suele ser citado por la Casa Blanca, estima que para

el 4 de agosto en EEUU podrían haber muerto más de 74,000 personas por COVID-19.

“Gran trabajo” En una rueda de prensa el 27 de abril, un reportero le preguntó al presidente Donald Trump: “Si un presidente pierde más estadounidenses en el transcurso de seis semanas que las que murieron en toda la guerra de Vietnam, ¿merece ser reelegido”.

“Y, sí, hemos perdido a muchas personas, pero si miras las proyecciones iniciales eran 2.2 millones, probablemente nos encaminamos a las 60,000 o 70,000”, respondió Trump.

“Una persona ya es demasiado”, dijo el presidente, que busca la reelección el 3 de noviembre. Ante las preguntas de los reporteros y las críticas que ha recibido, Trump ha insistido en que su gobierno ha realizado “un gran trabajo” enfrentando la pandemia.

# “Mi madre no es humana”



## Inmigrante de 102 años ha sobrevivido a dos pandemias y al cáncer en Nueva York.

Angelina Sciales nació hace casi 102 años en un barco de pasajeros que traía inmigrantes de Italia a la ciudad de Nueva York, durante la mal llamada gripe española.

Su madre murió dando a luz en el barco y sus dos hermanas mayores tomaron a la bebé.

“Mi madre nació en 1918”, contó Joanne Merola, hablando por teléfono desde su casa en Lake Mohegan, en el condado de Westchester (NY). Cuando el padre de Angelina

se reunió con sus hijas en Nueva York, las llevó a vivir a Brooklyn.

Tuvo 10 hermanos. “Ella es la última en sobrevivir”, comentó Merola sobre su madre.

Un siglo después, Angelina lleva el apellido Friedman por su esposo y tiene la distinción de sobrevivir a una segunda pandemia, el coronavirus.

Angelina, residente del Centro de Terapia Restaurativa y Enfermería de North Westchester, fue llevada al hospital el 21 de marzo para un procedimiento médico menor.

Cuando dio positiva por COVID-19, el procedimiento se pospuso y pasó una semana en el hospital. Regresó al hogar de ancianos y se aisló en su habitación.

Después de sufrir fiebre alterna durante varias semanas, finalmente dio negativo para coronavirus el 20 de abril.

Su hija recibió una llamada telefónica de las enfermeras. Dijeron que estaba muy bien, que estaba comiendo de nuevo y buscando hilo para tejer.

“Mi madre es una sobreviviente”, dijo Merola. “Sobrevivió a abortos espontáneos, hemorragias internas y cáncer... Ella y mi papá tuvieron cáncer al mismo tiempo. Ella sobrevivió. Él no”, relató.

Merola vive cerca del hogar de ancianos, donde Angelina fue nombrada “reina del baile de graduación” el año pasado durante un evento de primavera.

Debido a que su madre es casi sorda, ya no pueden hablar por teléfono. Pero no deja de maravillarse de su resistencia y buena salud. “Ella no es humana”, dijo Merola sonriendo. “Ella tiene un ADN súper humano... Nos va a sobrevivir a todos”.

# Carlos Salcido es el nuevo presidente de la Liga de Balompié Mexicano



El ex-futbolista Carlos Salcido fue elegido como presidente de la Liga de Balompié Mexicano (LBM), puesto que tomará oficialmente a partir del próximo 15 de mayo.

Previo a su nombramiento, el seleccionado nacional se dará a la tarea de supervisar avances en los equipos que ya tienen el registro para pertenecer a la liga, así como los que están en proceso de registro.

“Mi visión es que la gente de fútbol sea la que apoye el desarrollo de los futbolistas, equipos, entrenadores y árbitros. Escuchar a todas las personas, tener la capacidad de aceptar otras opiniones y tomar las mejores decisiones en beneficio de la Liga, con humildad, trabajo en equipo y profesionalismo”, comentó Salcido.

Por su parte, Víctor Montiel se mantendrá como el presidente del Consejo de la Asociación Nacional de Balompié Mexicano (ANBM), con las tareas de llevar a cabo la comercialización del proyecto, así como las alianzas estratégicas.

**ESTUDIO DE VIABILIDAD DEL CORREDOR DE PUERTOS-A-LLANURAS**  
**SEGMENTO 1: FRONTERAS DE NUEVO MÉXICO Y OKLAHOMA A LA LÍNEA DEL CONDADO DE HALE/LUBBOCK**

## Acompáñenos en la reunión pública virtual

TxDOT organizará una reunión pública virtual en vivo para presentar información sobre el estudio de viabilidad de puertos a llanuras. Esta reunión pública se enfocará en el Segmento 1 desde las fronteras de Nuevo México y Oklahoma a la línea del Condado de Hale/Lubbock. Este será un formato de reunión virtual (reunión a distancia) que incluirá una presentación en vivo y una oportunidad para comentar utilizando WebEx, que se grabará y estará disponible hasta el viernes 29 de mayo de 2020.

**JUEVES 14 de Mayo de 2020 a las 4 p.m.**

Inicie sesión en línea en [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov), palabras clave "Ports-to-Plains".

Se proporcionará un enlace a la reunión en la página web del proyecto para la presentación y para comentar.

Se solicitan comentarios escritos del público con respecto al estudio y también se pueden enviar por correo a TxDOT, con atención a Ports-to-Plains Study Team, 5835 Callaghan Rd, Ste. 200, San Antonio, Texas 78228, o por correo electrónico a [portstoplains@txdot.gov](mailto:portstoplains@txdot.gov). Todos los comentarios se deben recibir el viernes 29 de mayo de 2020 o antes.

### Propósito de la reunión:

El propósito de la reunión es brindar al público la oportunidad de conocer el Estudio de Viabilidad del Corredor de Puertos-a-Llanuras y brindar información sobre las recomendaciones preliminares proporcionadas por los comités de segmento del estudio.

### Información general:

La 86ª Legislatura de Texas aprobó la Ley 1079 para estudiar el Corredor de Puertos-a-Llanuras, incluyendo una evaluación de la viabilidad, y los costos y asuntos logísticos asociados con mejoras que crean una carretera de cuatro carriles de flujo continuo que cumple con los estándares de carreteras interestatales en la medida de lo posible incluyendo mejoras que extienden la Interestatal 27 entre las fronteras de Nuevo México y Oklahoma y Laredo. El corredor de Puertos-a-Llanuras se ha dividido en tres "segmentos" como se muestra a la derecha.

### Para más información:

Para obtener más información o si tiene una capacidad de comunicación especial o necesita un intérprete, puede hacer una solicitud al menos dos días antes de la reunión en [portstoplains@txdot.gov](mailto:portstoplains@txdot.gov) o (512) 486-5106. TxDOT hará todos los esfuerzos razonables para satisfacer estas necesidades. Visitenos en línea en [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov), palabras clave "Ports to Plains".



**Attachment C  
Project Website**

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*The public meeting was advertised on the TxDOT project webpage located at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).*



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# Virtual Public Meeting - Ports-to-Plains Corridor Segment 1 from the New Mexico and Oklahoma borders to the Hale/Lubbock County Line

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<b>Where:</b>	The virtual public meeting and materials are posted here.
<b>When:</b>	The virtual public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 4 p.m. The meeting will be recorded and available online for the public to view through Friday, May 29, 2020. All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 29, 2020.
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study and provide input on preliminary recommendations provided by the study's segment committees. This will be a webinar format (no in-person meeting) which will include a live presentation and comment opportunity via WebEx, which will be recorded and available through Friday, May 29, 2020. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as described in the notice and on the virtual public meeting website. If you do not have internet access, you may call 512-486-5106 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the study process.
<b>Description:</b>	The 86th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1079 to study the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including an evaluation of the feasibility of, and the costs and logistical matters associated with improvements that create a continuous flow, four-lane divided highway that meets interstate highway standards to the extent possible, including improvements that extend Interstate 27 between the New Mexico and Oklahoma borders and Laredo. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor has been divided into three "segments" as

shown on the Segment Map. This public meeting will focus on Segment 1 from the New Mexico and Oklahoma borders to the Hale/Lubbock County line.

**Special Accommodations:**

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The 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 (512) 486-5106 at least two working days prior to the meeting. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

**Downloads:**

- Notice
- Aviso
- Maps - Committee Preliminary Recommendations
  - Relief Route Studies
  - Safety/Operational Studies
  - Interstate Upgrade Projects
- Comment Card - downloadable
- Tarjeta de Comentario - descargable

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**SIGN-IN SHEETS**

Online Form Sign-in Sheet

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2					Joe kiely		
3					Michael Sexton		
4					Jon Braudt		
5					Jackson Hurst		

**ATTACHMENT E**  
**COMMENTS RECEIVED**

## Attachment E Comment Cards

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*Comment cards were submitted via an online comment form, via email, or mailed on a printed comment card. The comment submission method (source) is listed in the comment response matrix found in Attachment B.*

**From:** [Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** P2P Segment #1 Public Meeting #3 Comment Submission  
**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:23:33 PM

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A comment form for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study, Segment #1, Public Meeting #3 has been submitted.

**Name:** Jackson Hurst

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Representing:** myself

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**The Segment #1 Committee has identified the following preliminary recommended projects and studies. Please rank the recommendations with your priority for implementation.**

**1. Interstate Upgrade: Prioritize the preliminary recommendations**

*Upgrade US 287 to Interstate: Kerrick to Stratford: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Upgrade US 287 to Interstate: Stratford to Cactus: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Upgrade US 287 to Interstate: Cactus to Dumas: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Upgrade US 87 to Interstate: Texline to Dalhart: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Upgrade US 87 to Interstate: Dalhart to Hartley: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Upgrade US 87 to Interstate: Hartley to Dumas: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Upgrade US 87 to Interstate: Dumas to Amarillo: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Widen I-27 from 4 to 6 lanes: Amarillo to Canyon. Already programmed, not fully funded. South of SL 335 is funded. North of SL 335 is not funded. Short-Term (0-5 years)*

**2. Relief Route Studies: Prioritize the preliminary recommendations**

*Texline Relief Route Study around the city: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Dalhart Relief Route Study around the city: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Hartley Relief Route Study around the city: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Stratford Relief Route Study around the city: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Cactus Relief Route Study around the city: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*Dumas Relief Route Study around the city: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*State Loop 335 Relief Route off US 87, extends along west side of Amarillo. A planned and programmed project. Not fully funded. Short-Term (0-5 years)*

**3. Safety and Operational: Prioritize the preliminary recommendations**

*US 287 at US 54: Improve intersection in Stratford: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*US 87 at US 54: Improve intersection in Dalhart: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*I-27: Improve curves within Hale County (near Hale Center): Short-Term (0-5 years)*

*I-27: Improve roadway drainage between Hale Center and Abernathy: Short-Term (0-5 years)*

**4. Comments:**

I approve of the Ports to Plains Segment #1 recommended projects because these will upgrade US 87 and US 287 to interstate standards and will study a relief route around the towns of Texline, Stratford, Cactus, Dumas, Dalhart, and Hartley Texas.

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# PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY (HB 1079)

## FACT SHEET

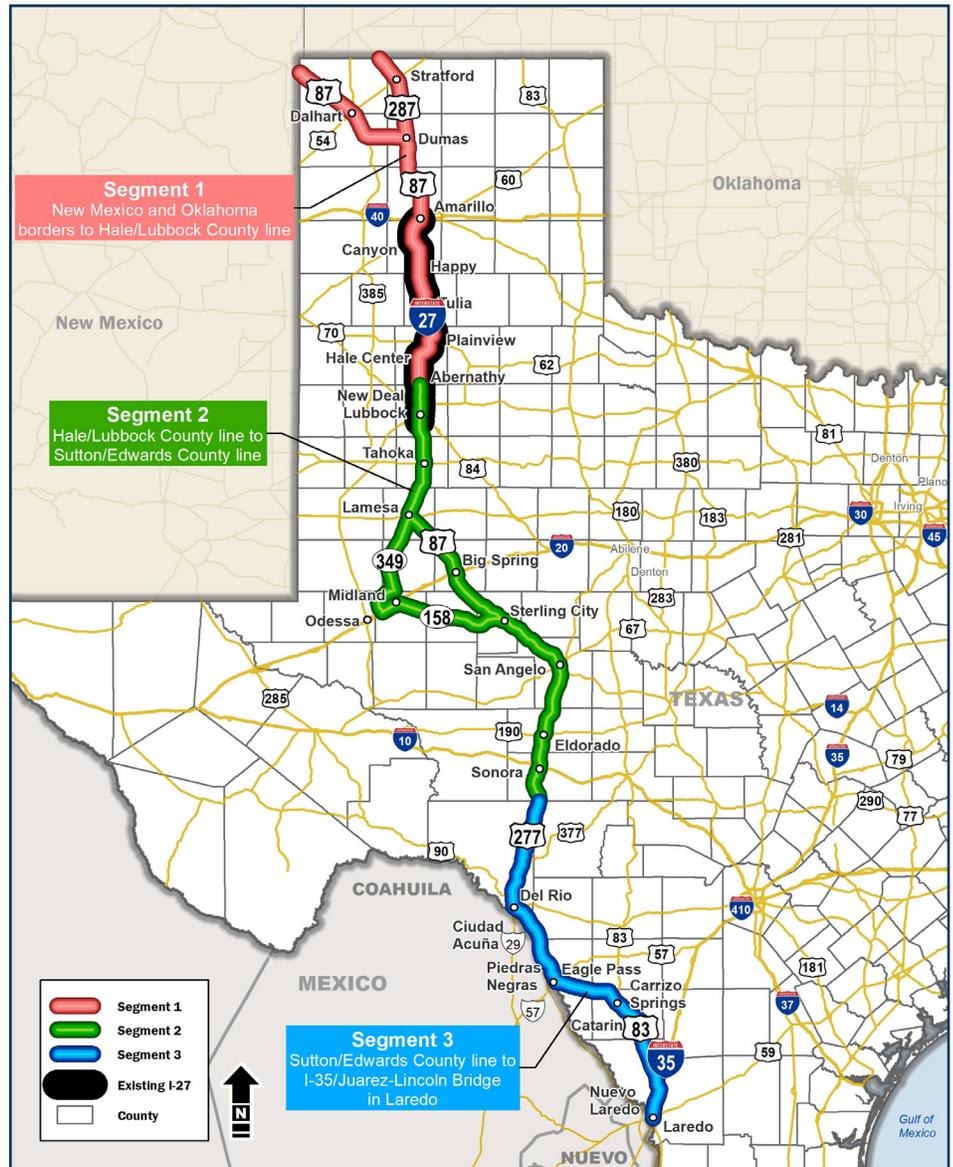
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The 86th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1079 relating to a study of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including an evaluation of the feasibility of certain improvements to Interstate Highway 27 (I-27), by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study evaluates the feasibility of, and the costs and logistical matters associated with, improvements that create a continuous flow, four-lane divided highway that meets interstate highway standards to the extent possible, including improvements that extend I-27. The study evaluates those highways that comprise the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. The feasibility study will examine two alternatives: identifying areas that are suitable for four-lane divided highway improvement or areas that are suitable for interstate highway development.

The study limits stretch 963 miles between the New Mexico and Oklahoma borders and Laredo. This includes sections of I-20, I-27, I-35, US 83, US 87, US 277, US 287, SH 158, and SH 349. The corridor is divided into three segments as shown on the map.

### PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY SEGMENTS



### COUNTIES

**Coke, Dallam, Dawson, Dimmit, Edwards, Glasscock, Hale, Hartley, Howard, Kinney, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Moore, Potter, Randall, Schleicher, Sherman, Sterling, Sutton, Swisher, Tom Green, Val Verde, Webb**

### PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY MILESTONES

- June 10, 2019** The governor signed House Bill 1079 into law
- June 30, 2020** Segment Committees submit reports to Advisory Committee
- October 31, 2020** Advisory Committee submits recommendations to TxDOT
- January 1, 2021** TxDOT submits report to the Governor and Texas Legislature

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



### Public Meetings

Quarterly public meetings will be held on a rotational basis in the following cities:

- Amarillo
- Lubbock
- San Angelo
- Laredo

Additional public meetings will be held in other communities throughout the corridor.

TxDOT welcomes and expects the public to provide feedback and to inform the department of any concerns, community features, and other topics that would help in the development of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study.

### Advisory Committee

House Bill 1079 establishes that the study will have an Advisory Committee to guide the planning process. On August 29, 2019, the Texas Transportation Commission passed Minute Order 115567 creating the Ports-to-Plains Advisory Committee.

Membership includes the county judge or designee of each county along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor; and the mayor or designee of the following cities:

Amarillo, Big Spring, Carrizo Springs, Dalhart, Del Rio, Dumas, Eagle Pass, Eldorado, Lamesa, Laredo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Sonora, Sterling City, Stratford, and Tahoka.

### Segment Committees

TxDOT, in conjunction with the Advisory Committee, shall establish segment committees for each geographic segment along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as determined by the department.

Membership could potentially include the following entities:

Municipalities, counties, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, ports, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, oil and gas industry, trucking industry, TxDOT representatives, and any other interested parties.

## MEETING SCHEDULE



**STUDY UPDATES:** For periodic updates, please visit [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov); search keywords “Ports-to-Plains Corridor”

# PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY (HB 1079)

## COMMENT CARD

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
Segment #1 Virtual Public Meeting

Thank you for participating in TxDOT's virtual public meeting. Please use the space below to submit written comments; attach additional pages if necessary. You may email to [portstoplains@txdot.gov](mailto:portstoplains@txdot.gov) or mail to the address provided below. All written comments must be postmarked by Friday, May 29, 2020. Thank you for your comments.

The Segment #1 Committee has identified the following preliminary recommended projects and studies. Please rank the recommendations with your priority for implementation.

### 1. Interstate Upgrade

*Prioritize the preliminary recommendations.*

	Short-Term (0-5 years)	Mid-Term (6-10 years)	Long-Term (11+ years)
Upgrade US 287 to Interstate: Kerrick to Stratford	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upgrade US 287 to Interstate: Stratford to Cactus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY (HB 1079)

## 2. Relief Route Studies

*Prioritize the preliminary recommendations.*

**Short-Term (0-5 years)**      **Mid-Term (6-10 years)**      **Long-Term (11+ years)**

Texline Relief Route Study around the city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dalhart Relief Route Study around the city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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State Loop 335 Relief Route off US 87 extends along west side of Amarillo. A planned and programmed project. Not fully funded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 3. Recommended Safety and Operational Projects

*Prioritize the preliminary recommendations.*

**Short-Term (0-5 years)**      **Mid-Term (6-10 years)**      **Long-Term (11+ years)**

US 287 at US 54: Improve intersection in Stratford	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
US 87 at US 54: Improve intersection in Dalhart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I-27: Improve curves within Hale County (near Hale Center)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I-27: Improve roadway drainage between Hale Center and Abernathy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 4. Comments (Please Print)

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Written comments submitted by mail must be postmarked by Friday, May 29, 2020 and sent to

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San Antonio, Texas 78228







Improve Intersection in Dalhart

Improve Intersection in Stratford

Improve curves within Hale County

improve roadway drainage between Hale Center and Abernathy

**Preliminary  
Subject to Change**

**Segment #1 Committee Preliminary Recommendations Safety/Operational Projects**

**Proposed Project**

- S Safety/Operational
- Safety/Operational
- Segment 1
- Existing I-27



Texline Relief Route Study

Texline

Stratford Relief Route Study

Stratford

Cactus Relief Route Study

Cactus

Dumas Relief Route Study

Dumas

Dalhart Relief Route Study

Dalhart

Hartley Relief Route Study

Hartley

SL 335 Relief Route (under construction) (partially funded)

Amarillo

Canyon

Happy

Tulia

Plainview

Hale Center

Abernathy

Lubbock

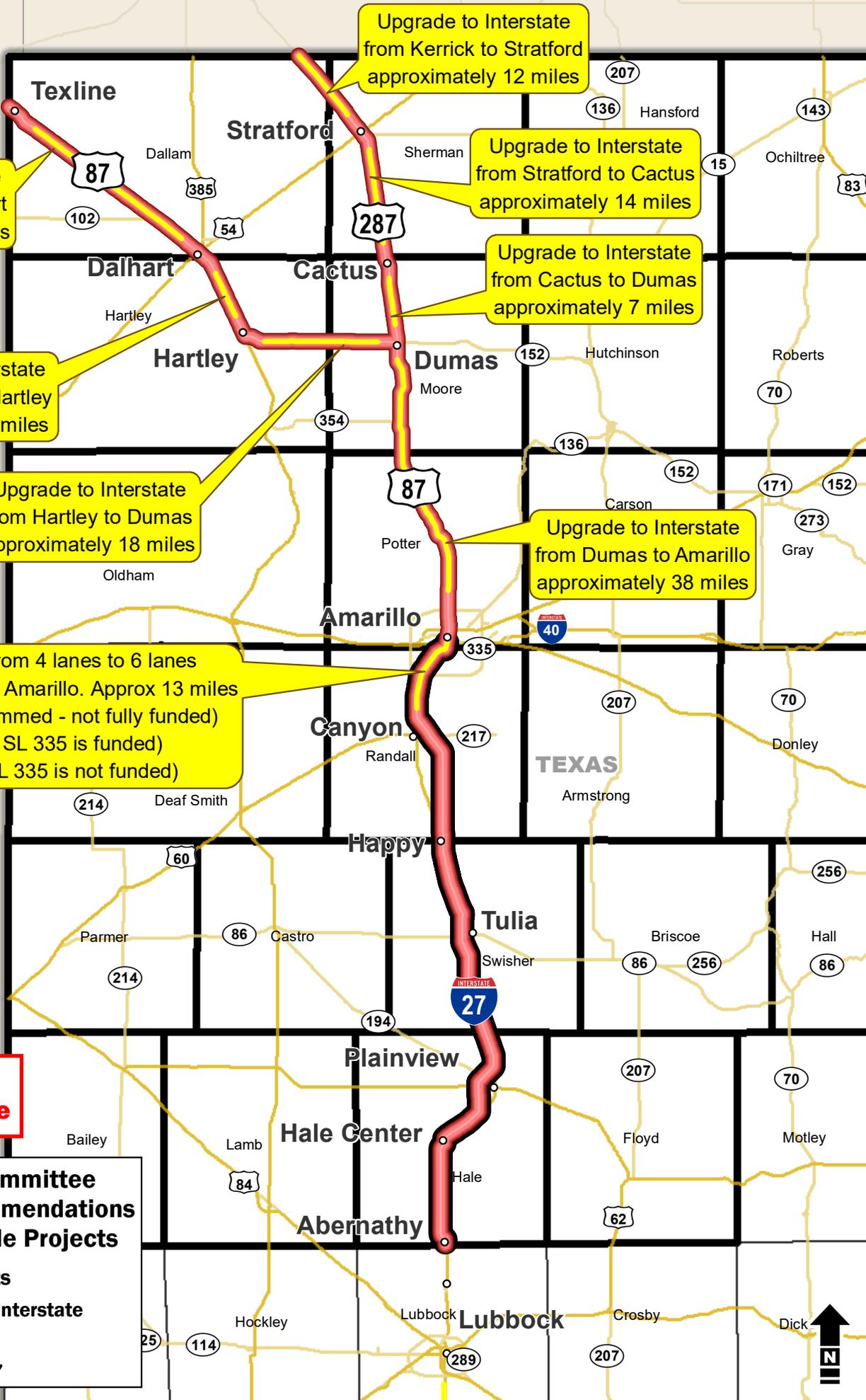


**Preliminary Subject to Change**

**Segment #1 Committee Preliminary Recommendations Relief Route Studies**

- Proposed Projects
- Relief Route
- Relief Route Study
- Segment 1
- Existing I-27





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**Segment #1 Committee Preliminary Recommendations Interstate Upgrade Projects**

**Proposed Projects**

- Upgrade to Interstate
- Segment 1
- Existing I-27







# Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study (HB 1079)

**Segment #1, Public Meeting Round #3  
New Mexico and Oklahoma Borders to  
Hale/Lubbock County Line**

**Virtual Public Meeting**



- **Welcome** to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study Public Meeting. **Please type your name in the chat box.**
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- **The purpose of the meeting** is to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study and to provide input on **preliminary recommendations** provided by the study's segment committees.
- The presentation will include both **audio and visual components** and will be in English. The meeting will be recorded and available online for the public to view through Friday, May 29, 2020.
- **Project materials** are posted at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and [p2pseg1vpm.transportationplanroom.com](http://p2pseg1vpm.transportationplanroom.com) for public viewing
- All comments must be received on or before **Friday, May 29, 2020**. This will provide the Segment Committee an opportunity to consider public feedback before making its final recommendations.



- **Written comments** from the public regarding the study are requested and may be submitted by email to [portstoplains@txdot.gov](mailto:portstoplains@txdot.gov) or mail to:  
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## HB 1079 Overview





House Bill (HB) 1079 requires TxDOT to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study of the Ports-to-Plains (P2P) Corridor, as defined by Texas Transportation Code 225.069.

- The study must evaluate the feasibility of, and costs and logistical matters associated with, improvements to the corridor that create a continuous-flow, four-lane divided highway that meets interstate standards to the extent possible.





- HB 1079 requires TxDOT to establish a **P2P Advisory Committee (committee)**:
  - The committee is required to meet at least twice annually on a rotational basis in Lubbock and San Angelo.
  - Membership of the committee is limited to elected officials or their appointees specifically named in HB 1079.
  - The committee will review and compile reports from segment committees to form full advisory committee report.
  - TxDOT is required to incorporate reports submitted by the committee into the feasibility study.



- Additionally, TxDOT is required to establish **Corridor Segment Committees**. The segment committees are composed of:
  - Volunteers who may represent cities, counties, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), ports, chambers of commerce, and economic development corporations along the corridor;
  - The trucking industry;
  - TxDOT representatives; and
  - Other interested parties.

# Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study Milestone Dates



<b>Advisory Committee Meeting #1</b> October 2019	<b>Advisory Committee Meeting #2</b> February 2020	<b>Advisory Committee Meeting #3</b> July 2020	<b>Advisory Committee Meeting #4</b> August 2020	<b>Advisory Committee Meeting #5</b> September 2020	<b>Advisory Committee Meeting #6</b> October 2020
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<b>Segment Committee Meetings #1</b> November 2019	<b>Segment Committee Meetings #2</b> February 2020	<b>Segment Committee Meetings #3</b> April 2020	<b>Segment Committee Meetings #4</b> May 2020	<b>Segment Committee Meetings #5</b> June 2020
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<b>Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order Adopted</b> August 29, 2019*	<b>Segment Committee Reports Due to Advisory Committee</b> June 30, 2020*	<b>Advisory Committee Final Recommendations Due to TxDOT</b> October 31, 2020*	<b>TxDOT Submits Final Report to Governor &amp; Legislature</b> January 1, 2021*
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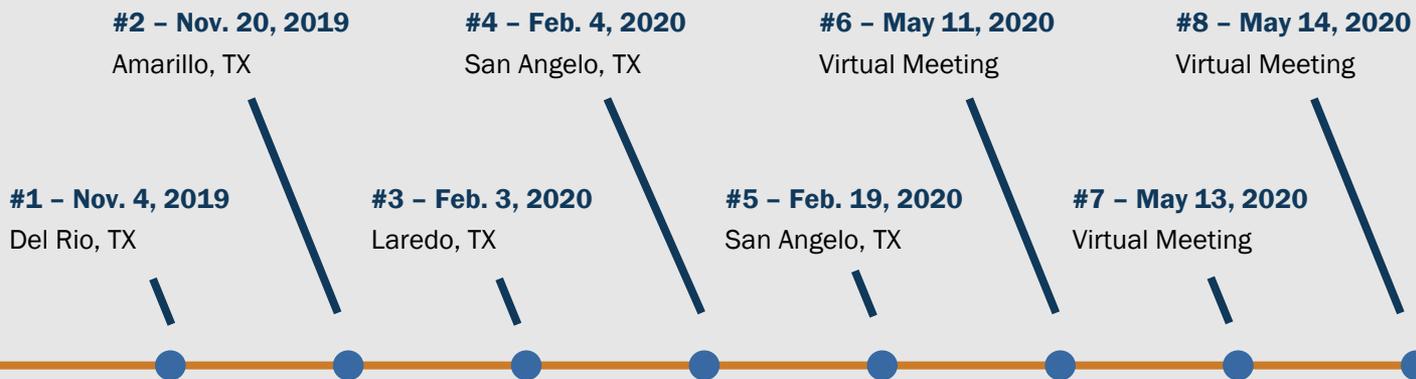


## Quarterly Public Meetings

- TxDOT has held **quarterly public meetings** on a rotational basis.
- These meetings **gather public feedback** on potential improvements or expansions to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.
- Occurs in conjunction with the study.

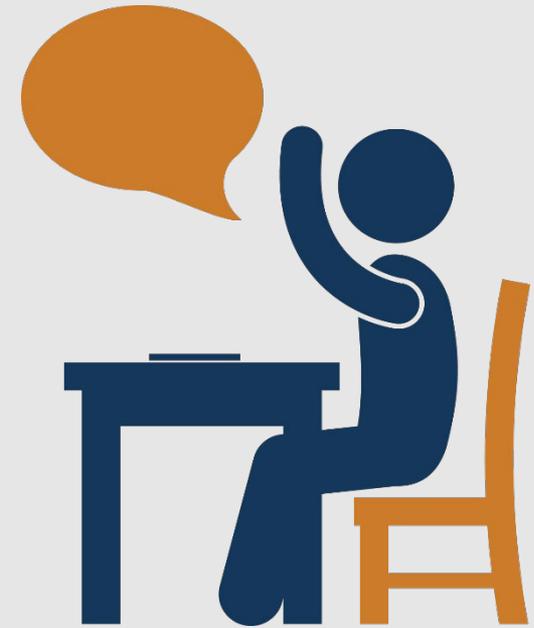


## Public Meetings





Your participation gives you the opportunity **to provide input** on the Segment #1 Committee Preliminary Recommendations



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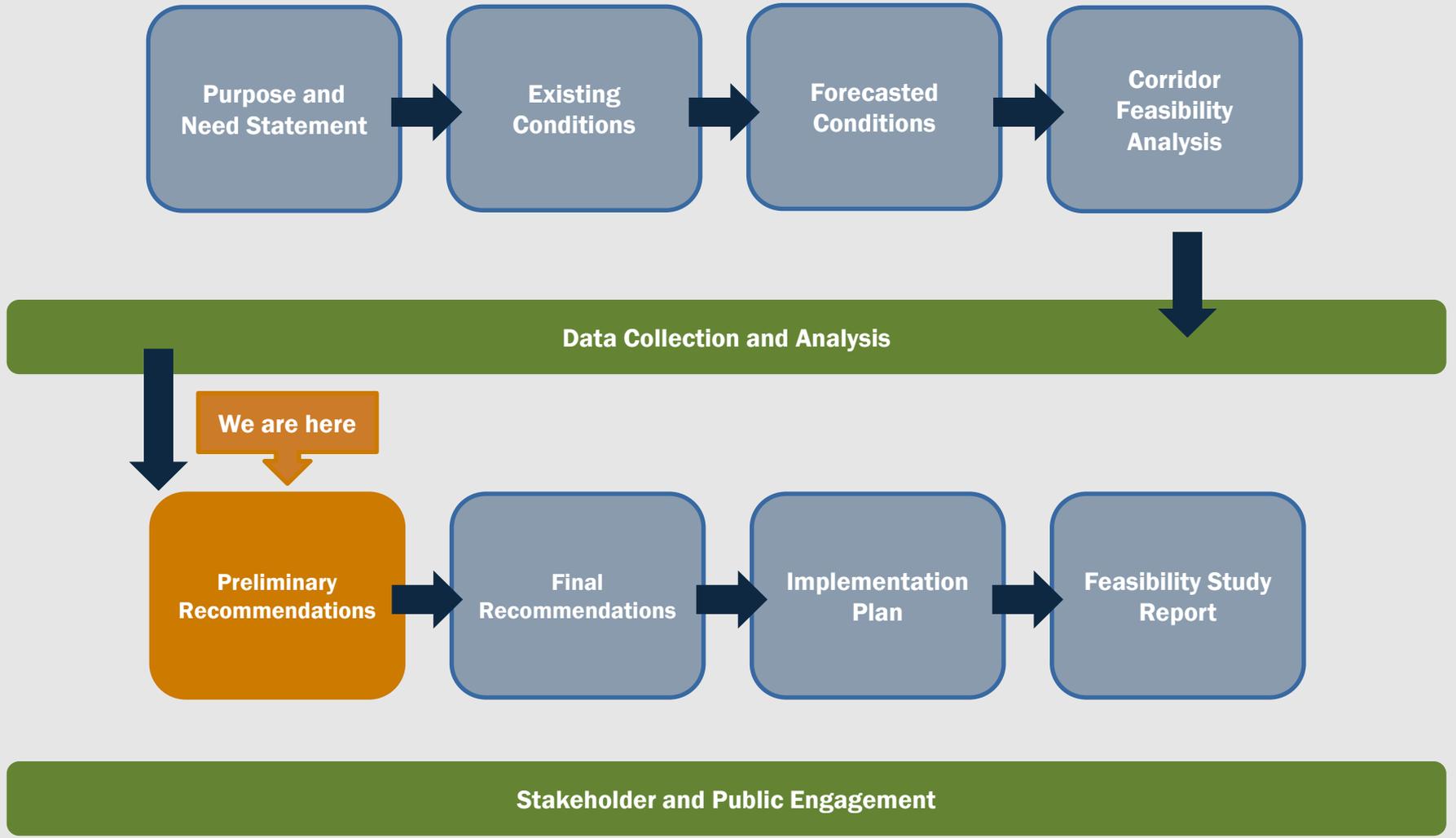
- Short-Term (0-5 Years)
- Medium-Term (6-10 Years)
- Long-Term (11+ Years)



## Feasibility Study Overview



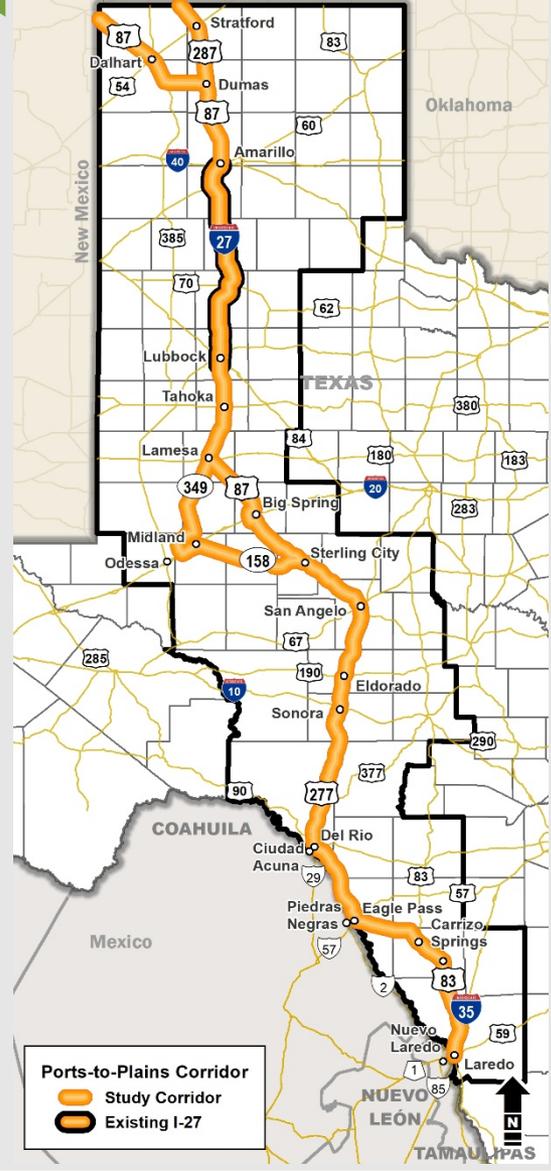
# Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study Scope



# Ports-to-Plains Corridor and Segments



## Ports-to-Plains Corridor



## Segment 1

New Mexico and Oklahoma borders to Hale/Lubbock County line

## Segment 2

Hale/Lubbock County line to Sutton/Edwards County line

## Segment 3

Sutton/Edwards County line to I-35/Juarez-Lincoln Bridge in Laredo

## Corridor Segments



# Characteristics of Segment #1



## Corridor Segments



**275** Segment Miles

**8** Counties

**2** TxDOT Districts

Lubbock, Amarillo

## Major Cities and Towns

- Amarillo, Dumas, Dalhart, Stratford

## Corridor Highways

- I-27 from Lubbock to Amarillo
- US-87 from Amarillo to Dumas
- US-87 from Dumas to New Mexico State Line
- US-287 from Dumas to Oklahoma State Line

# Segment #1 Existing and Forecasted Conditions - Socioeconomics



Segment #1 – Population 2020



Segment #1 – Population 2050



## Population

- The population is projected to be 499,624 in 2020 and 602,827 in 2050, an increase of 21%.

## Income

- Average median household income is projected to be \$53,650 in 2020 and \$153,632 in 2050, an increase of 186%.

## Employment

- Employment is projected to be 224,060 in 2020 and 241,547 in 2050, an increase of 8%.

# Segment #1 Existing and Forecasted Conditions - Traffic



Segment #1 - 2017 Traffic Volume

Segment #1 - 2050 Baseline Traffic Volume



## 2017 Traffic Volumes

- Average Traffic Volume: 12,200 vehicles per day
- Average Truck Volume: 2,800 trucks per day

## 2050 Projected Volumes (Baseline)

- Average Traffic Volume: 18,100 vehicles per day (48% increase)
- Average Truck Volume: 4,000 trucks per day (43% increase)

## Growth Areas

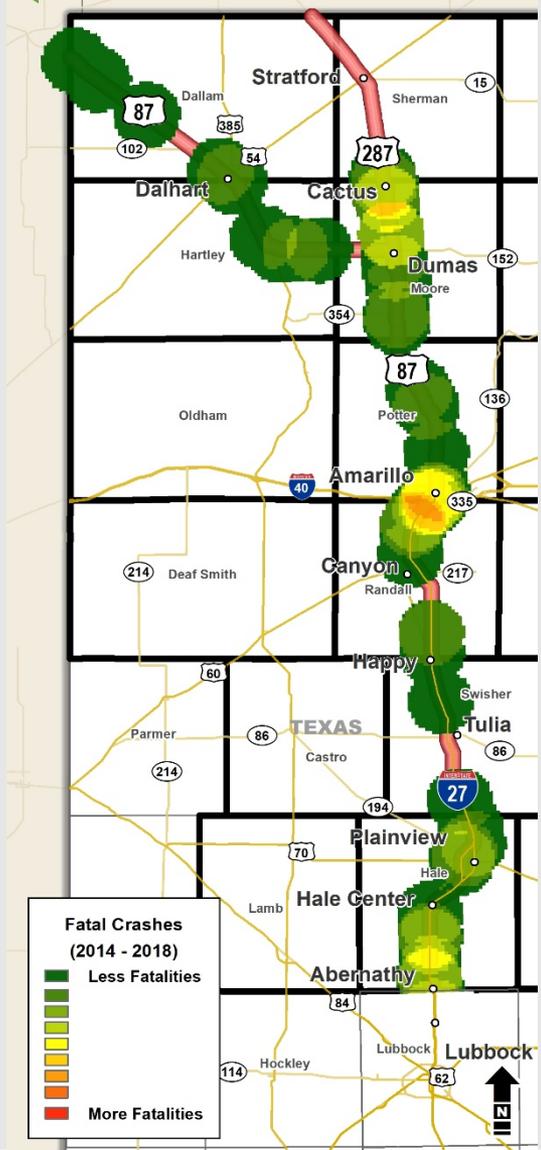
- US-87 near New Mexico
  - 6,500 to 10,700
- US-87 north of Amarillo
  - 11,700 to 14,600
- I-27 north of Lubbock
  - 21,200 to 32,100

# Segment #1 Existing and Forecasted Conditions - Safety



Segment #1 - Existing Total Crash Rate

Segment #1 - Existing Fatal Crashes



## Current Crash History (2014-2018)

- 5,716 Total Crashes
- 61 Fatal Crashes
- Crash Rate of 109 crashes per 100 MVMT

## 2050 Baseline Safety

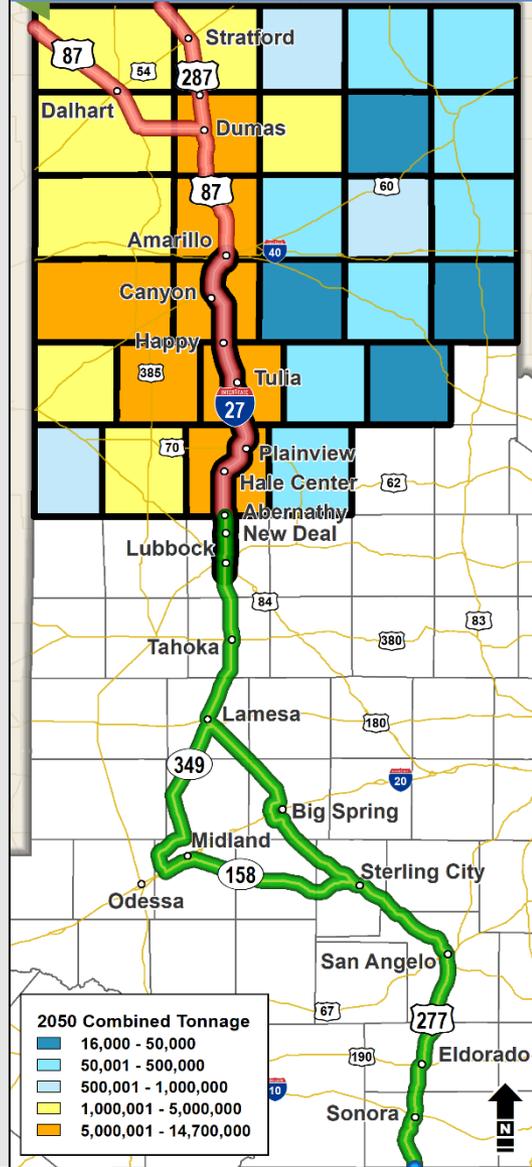
- Planned and programmed projects are anticipated to lower the expected crash rate to 81 crashes per 100 MVMT (26% reduction)

# Segment #1 Existing and Forecasted Conditions - Freight



Segment #1 - Freight Tonnage 2018

Segment #1 - Freight Tonnage 2050



## Total Freight Tonnage

- Total freight is anticipated to grow by 59% by 2050

## International Trade

- International freight is projected to grow by 3.0 million tons by 2050

## Agricultural Freight

- Agricultural freight is anticipated to be primarily grain and oilseeds, followed by “other farm products” which includes cotton and raw milk, and livestock

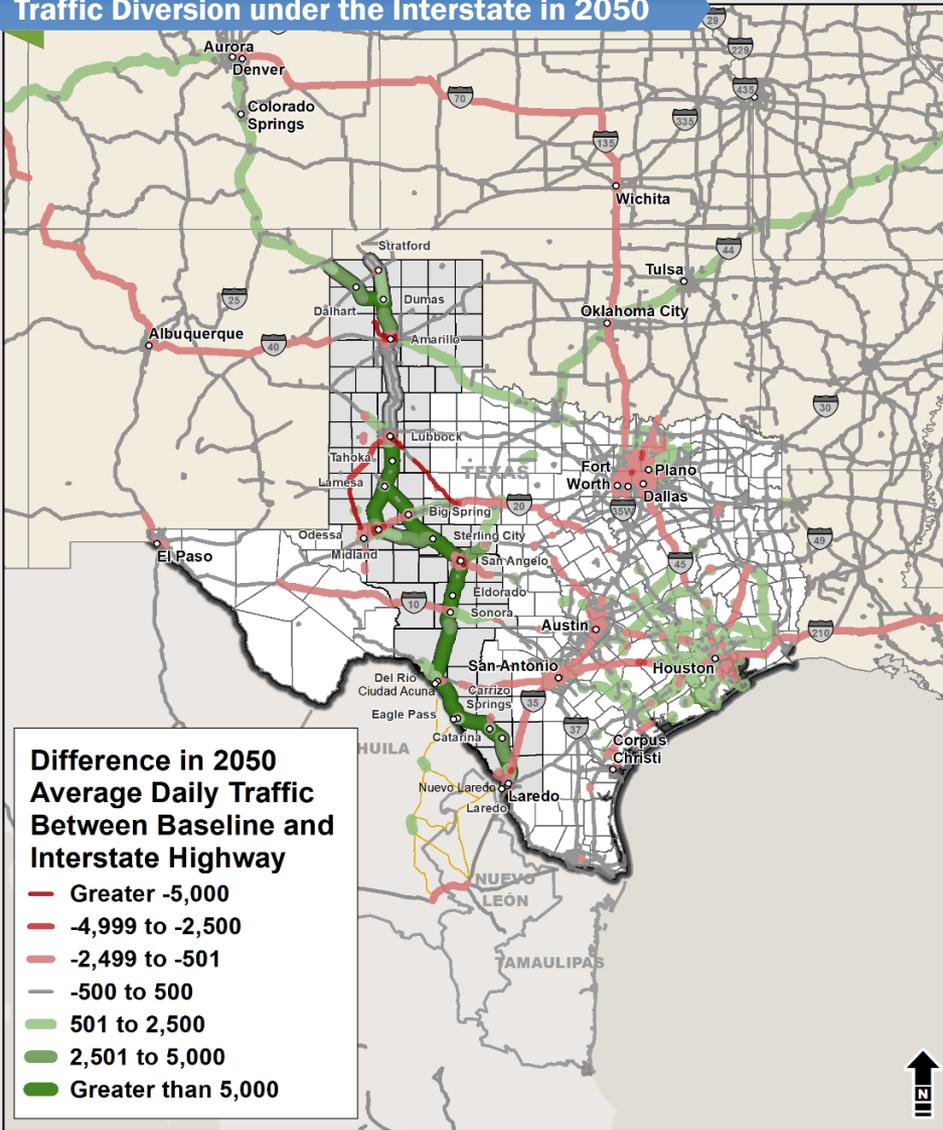
## Energy Freight

- Energy related freight is dominated by petroleum products today and is expected to remain that way in 2050

# Segment #1 Feasibility Analysis – Relieve Traffic Congestion



## Traffic Diversion under the Interstate in 2050



### Interstate



- The Interstate adds 3% new lane miles over the Baseline.
- Traffic in 2050 is expected to grow 20% over the Baseline.
- Trips are diverted from routes north of Amarillo (US 385, FM 1061, SH 354) and attracted to US 287 towards Dallas-Fort Worth.

The Interstate results in higher speeds and diverts traffic from other corridors. While demand is higher, the Interstate has more capacity and congestion is improved on other corridors.

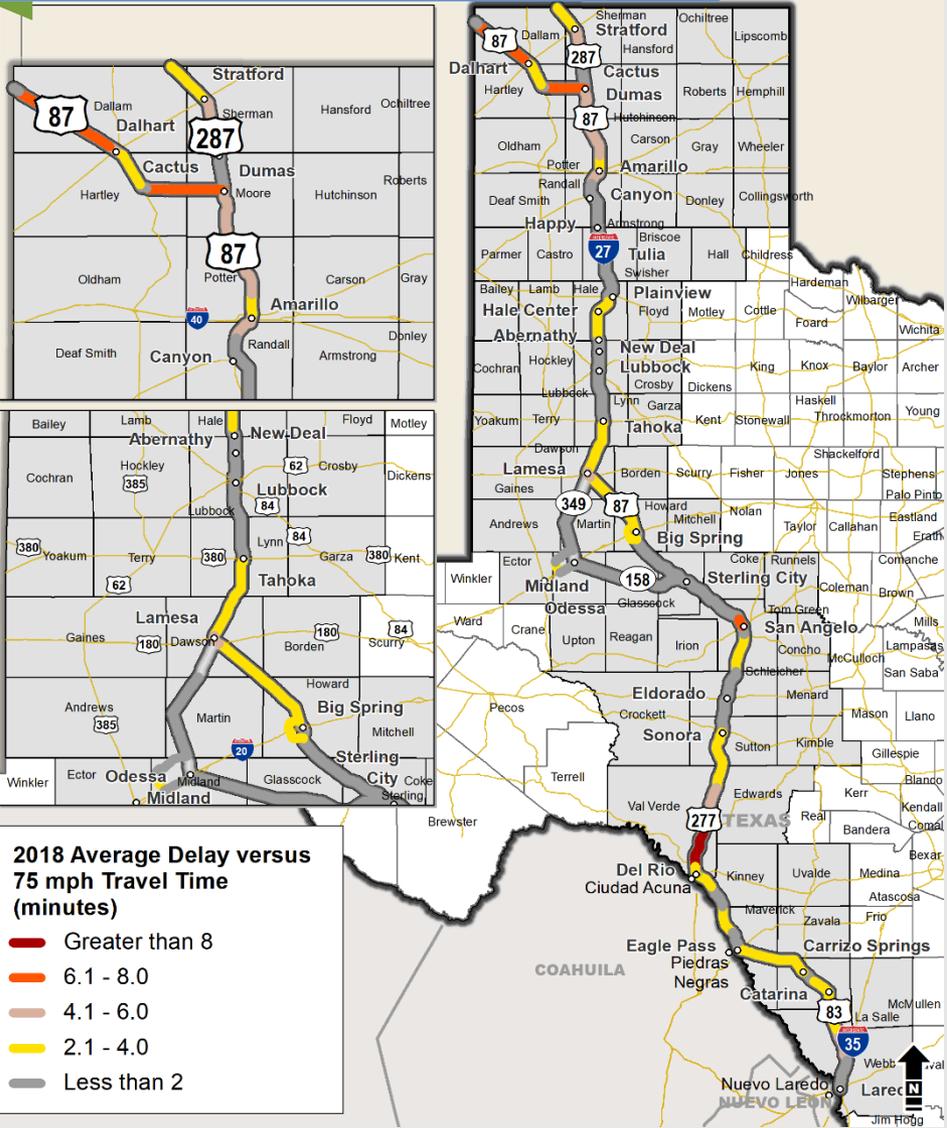
# Segment #1 Feasibility Analysis – Safety and Mobility



- The Interstate is expected to reduce crashes by 4% over the Baseline.
- The Interstate provides an average travel time savings of 24 minutes over the Baseline for the length of the Segment.

The additional capacity and full access control of the Interstate will reduce crashes and improve travel times throughout the corridor.

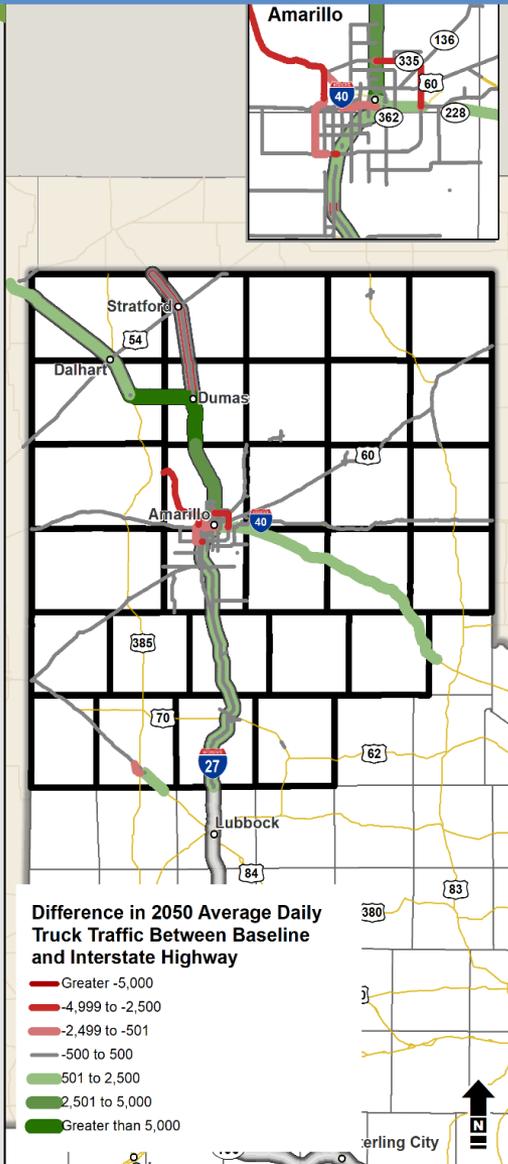
## 2050 Interstate Travel Time Savings (vs. Baseline)



# Segment #1 Feasibility Analysis – Freight Movement



## 2050 Interstate Truck Traffic (vs. Baseline)



### Interstate

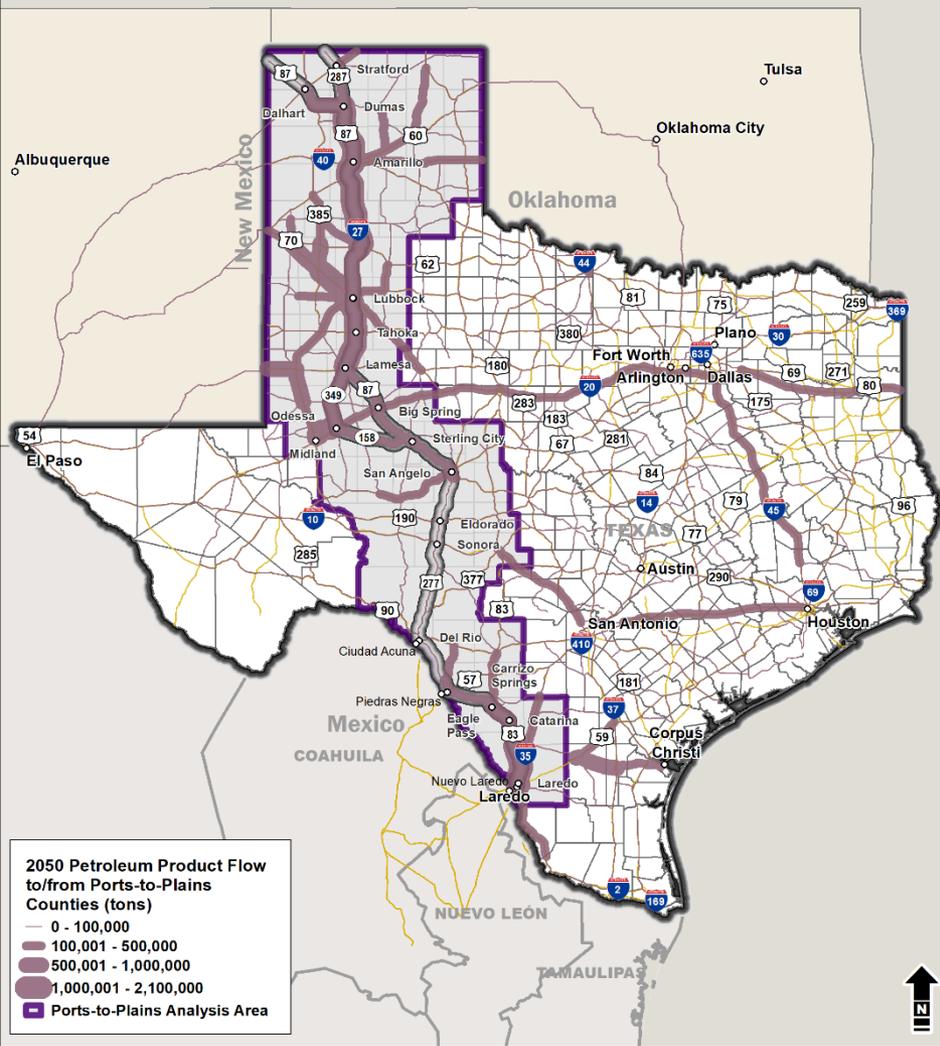


- The Interstate is projected to carry 4,900 trucks per day by 2050, an increase of 23% over the Baseline.
- The Interstate brings new truck demand in Dumas area and draws trips to US-287 southeast of Amarillo

The Interstate will provide improved travel times and additional capacity to address times of peak demand and decrease delays due to accidents.

# Segment #1 Feasibility Analysis – Transporting Energy Products

## Corridor Energy Freight Flow 2050 (Baseline)



### Interstate



- The Interstate is projected to add 76 million freight tons (99%) above the Baseline
- Currently roughly half of the freight tons are energy related
- A significant portion of the future freight is expected to remain energy related

The Interstate will provide improved travel times, increased market access, and enhanced reliability for the transportation of energy products.

# Preliminary Interstate Cost Estimates



	<b>Segment #1 Preliminary Interstate Estimate</b> <i>(Some Rural Frontage Roads)</i>	<b>Corridor Preliminary Interstate Estimate</b> <i>(Some Rural Frontage Roads)</i>
Interstate	<i>4-Lane Divided: 172 miles*</i>	<i>4-Lane Divided: 811 miles*</i>
Frontage Roads in Urban Areas***	<i>All (2-lane)</i>	<i>All** (2-lane)</i>
Frontage Roads in Rural Areas***	<i>All (157 out of 157 miles) (1-lane)</i>	<i>533 out of 718 miles (1-lane)</i>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>\$4.220 billion</b> (\$24.5 M/mi)	<b>\$20.584 billion</b> (\$25.4 M/mi)
<b>Right of Way</b>	<b>\$0.422 billion</b>	<b>\$2.058 billion</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$0.127 billion</b>	<b>\$0.874 billion</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.769 billion</b>	<b>\$23.516 billion</b>

\*Miles do not include I-27, I-20, and I-35

\*\* Estimate includes approximately 100 miles of frontage roads in urban areas

\*\*\*Number of lanes shown are in each direction. Frontage roads are assumed to be on both sides of the interstate.

# Summary of Corridor Economic Benefits



## **Total Annual Travel Cost Savings**

**\$4.79B**

- \$77B in discounted savings over 20 years from travel time savings and crash reductions

## **Total Annual Increase in GDP**

**\$2.84B**

- \$41B in new GDP over 20 years after discounting

## **Total Increase in Employment**

**22,110**

- 80% of new jobs will be within Corridor, 20% Statewide

## **Return on Investment**

**76%**

- \$18B Net Return on Investment

## **Benefit-Cost Ratio**

**2.8**

- Net Present Value of \$49B

Source: WSP Analysis, using TREDIS



## Segment Committee #1 Preliminary Recommendations





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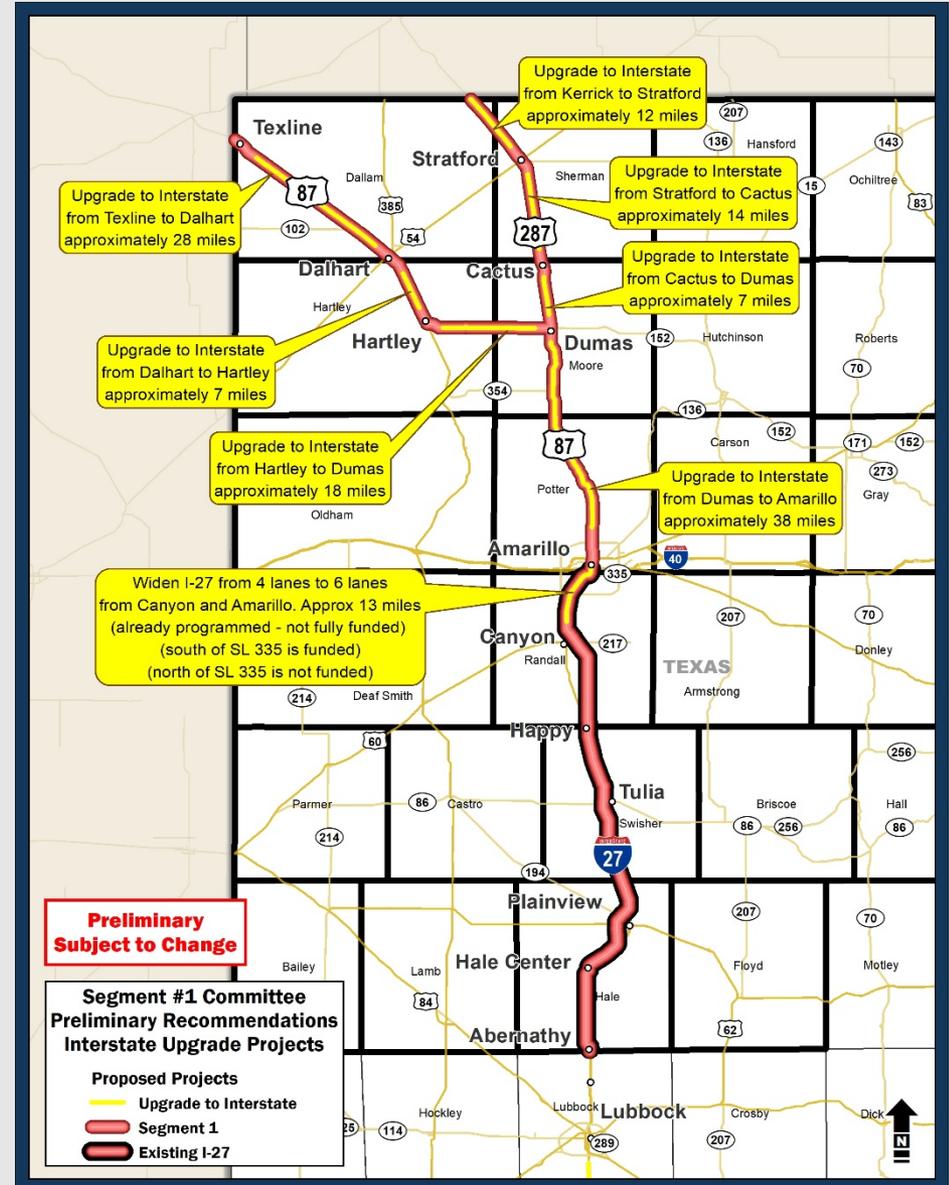
- **Interstate Upgrade Projects**
- **Relief Route Studies**
- **Safety and Operational Projects**

# Interstate Upgrade Projects



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Roadway	From	To	Description of Work
US 287	Kerrick	Stratford	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 12 miles)
US 287	Stratford	Cactus	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 14 miles)
US 287	Cactus	Dumas	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 7 miles)
US 87	Texline	Dalhart	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 28 miles)
US 87	Dalhart	Hartley	Upgrade to Interstate (approx. 7 miles)
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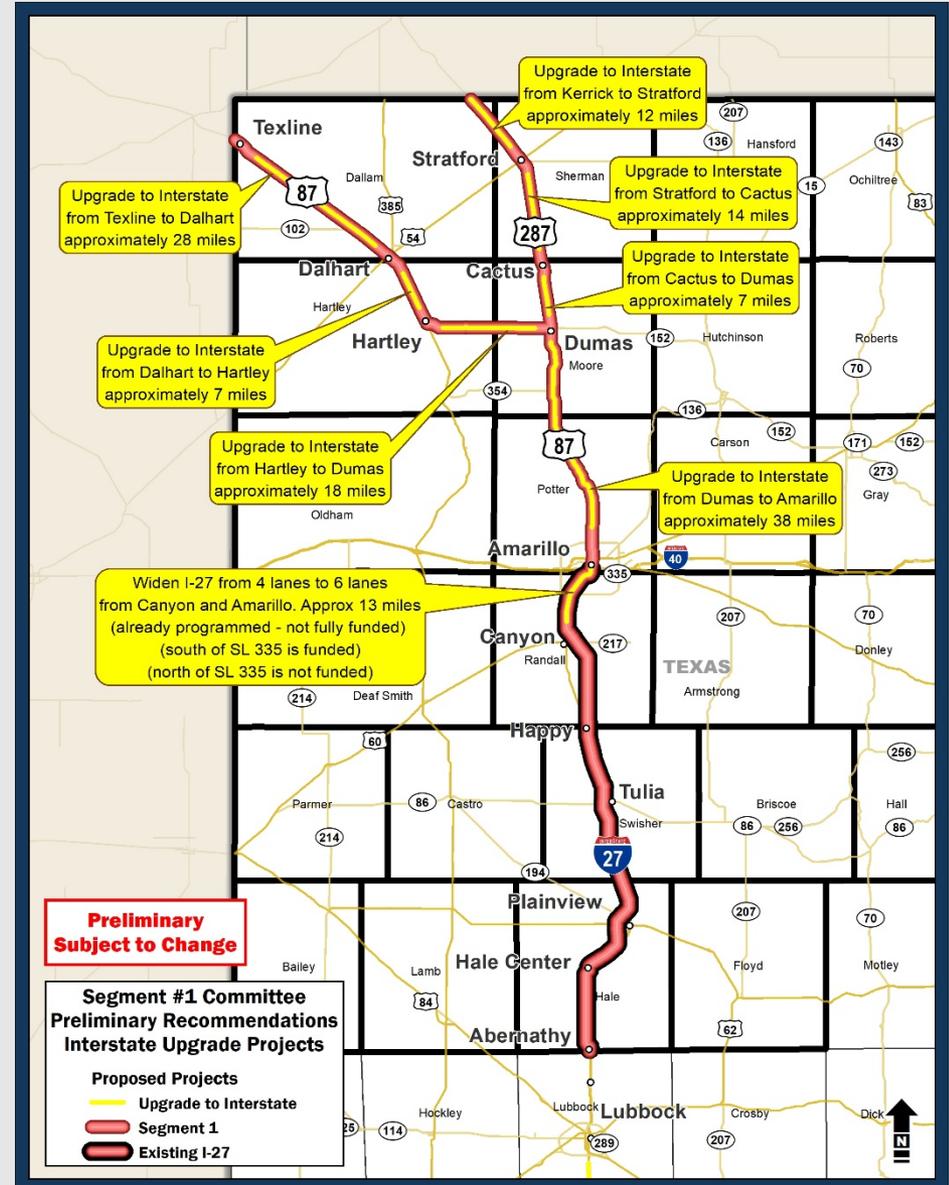
# Interstate Upgrade Projects (continued)



Roadway	From	To	Description of Work
I 27	Amarillo	Canyon	<p>Widen from 4 to 6 lanes (approx. 13 miles)*+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South of SL 335 is funded</li> <li>• North of SL 335 is not funded</li> <li>• Currently has 2-lane frontage roads</li> </ul>

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# Relief Route Studies

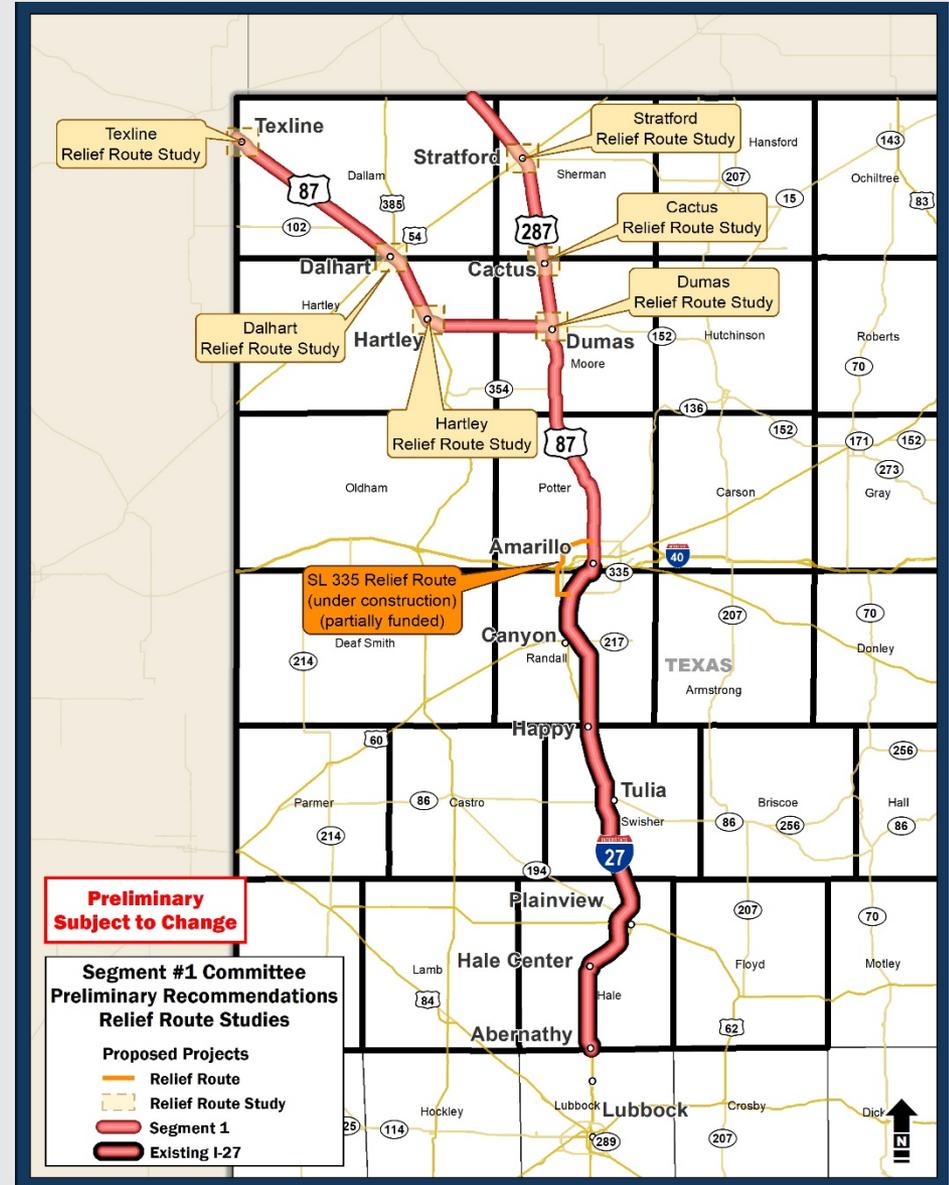


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Description	Location
Texline Relief Route Study	Around City of Texline
Dalhart Relief Route Study	Around City of Dalhart
Hartley Relief Route Study	Around City of Hartley
Stratford Relief Route Study	Around City of Stratford
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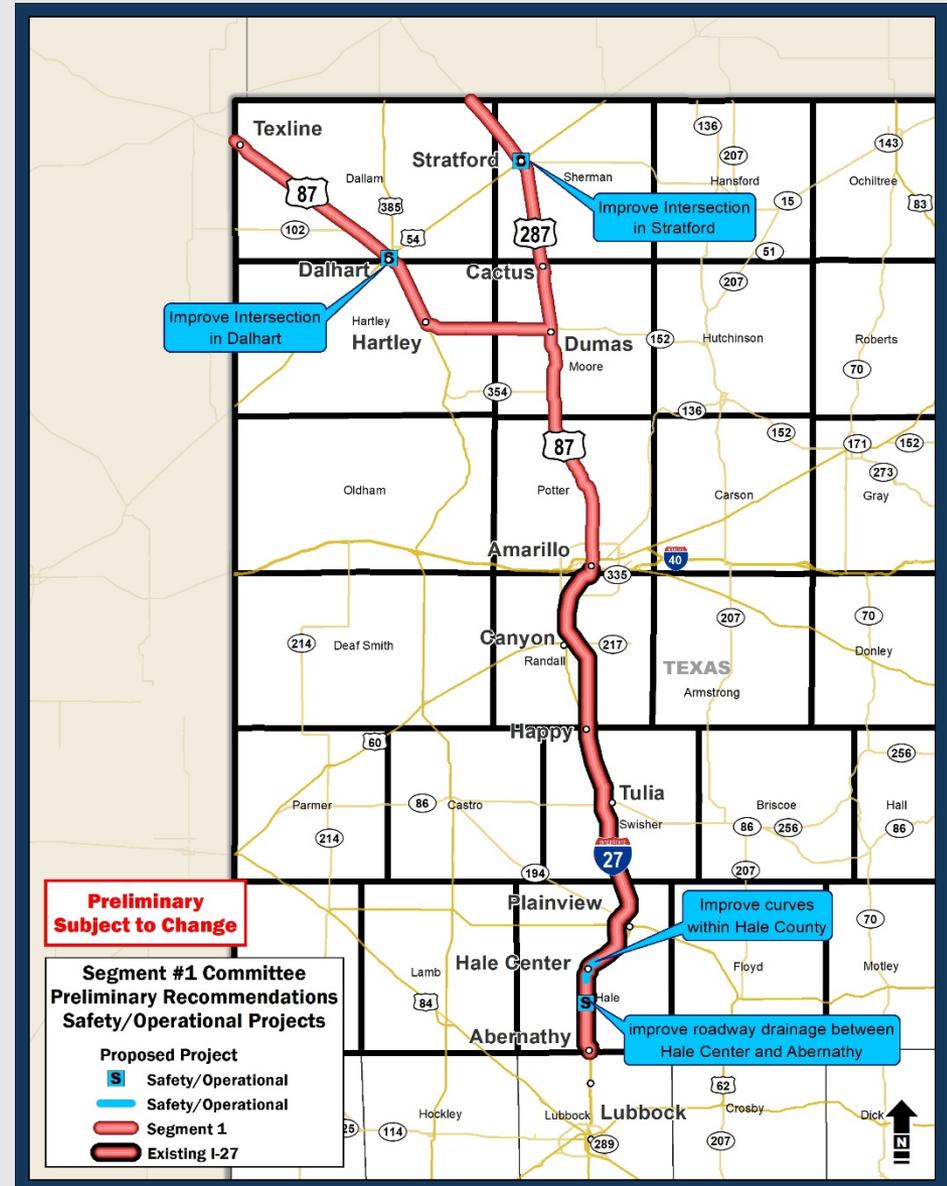


# Safety and Operational Projects



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## Time for Q & A

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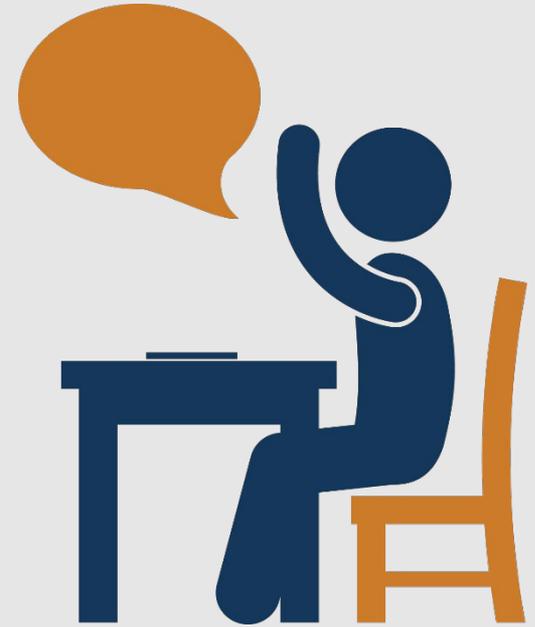
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## Public Feedback

What are your comments on the Segment #1 Preliminary Recommendations?

All comments must be received on or before **Friday, May 29, 2020.**



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# Segment #1 Virtual Meeting, Round #3

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### Virtual Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2020

The virtual public meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 4 p.m.** This will be a webinar format (no in-person meeting) which will include a live presentation and comment opportunity via WebEx, which will be recorded and available until Friday, May 29, 2020. Visit the [Virtual Public Meeting](#) page to join the webinar or watch the presentation at a later date.

### Phone Number

If you do not have internet access, you may call (512) 486-5106 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the study process. Comments must be received on or before Friday, May 29, 2020 to be included in the official record.

### Written Comments

All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 29, 2020. Formal comments may be submitted by mail, email, or online comment form as described on the [Submit a Comment](#) page. You may also contact TxDOT to ask questions about the project at any time during the study process.

### Study Description

The 86th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1079 to study the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including an evaluation of the feasibility of, and the costs and logistical matters associated with improvements that create a continuous flow, four-lane divided highway that meets interstate highway standards to the extent possible, including improvements that extend Interstate 27 between the New Mexico and Oklahoma borders and Laredo.

### Special Accommodations

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# Ports-to-Plains Segment #1

## CONTACT US

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#### Contact

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the study or the virtual public meeting, please contact:

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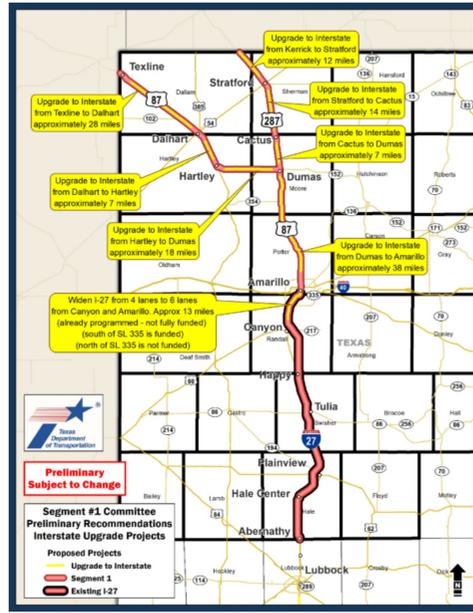
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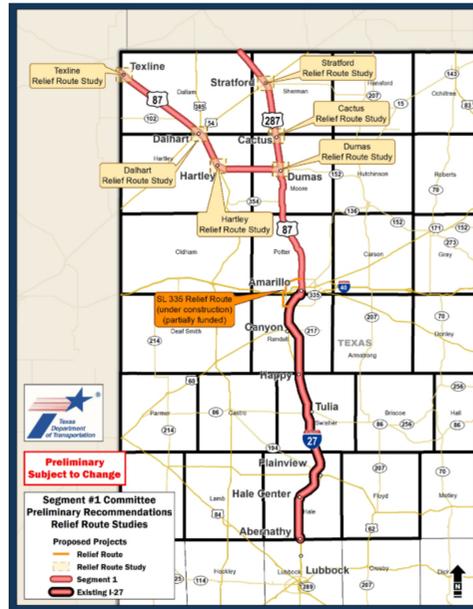
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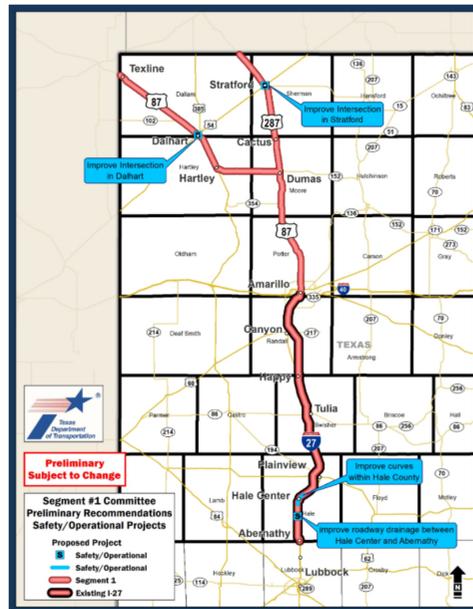
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# Ports-to-Plains Segment #1

## FAQS Frequent Questions

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### What is the Ports-to-Plains Corridor?

Beginning with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, corridors have been designated by Congress in Federal transportation legislation as high priority corridors on the National Highway System for inclusion in the NHS as specific routes or general corridors. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is a proposed divided highway corridor stretching 963 miles from Laredo through West Texas to Denver, Colorado. The corridor was designated by Congress as a High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System in 1998. In Texas, the Ports-to-Plains Corridor is comprised of sections of Interstate 20, Interstate 27, Interstate 35, US 83, US 87, US 277, US 287, State Highway 158, and State Highway 349.

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### Why is this study being conducted?

The 86th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1079 relating to a study of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including an evaluation of the feasibility of certain improvements to Interstate Highway 27 (I-27), by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The governor signed the bill into law on June 10, 2019. The law requires TxDOT to submit a report on the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the presiding officer of each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over transportation matters not later than January 1, 2021.

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### What is the difference between the "Initial Assessment on the Potential Extension of Interstate 27 within the Ports-to-Plains Corridor" that TxDOT completed in 2015 and this Corridor Feasibility Study?

In early 2015, TxDOT conducted a high-level planning and public outreach effort for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. As part of the study, TxDOT hosted listening sessions in Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, Big Spring, Eagle Pass and San Angelo to gather stakeholder input. TxDOT considered this input regarding the evaluation and development of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as part of the interstate highway network.

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study that is being conducted is required by House Bill 1079. This study will include an evaluation of improvements that extend I-27 and improvements that would create a continuous flow four-lane divided highway that meets interstate highway standards.

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### Would only existing highway corridors be studied to extend I-27?

The study will evaluate those highways that comprise the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. The feasibility study will examine two alternatives – identifying areas that are suitable for four-lane divided highway improvement or areas that are suitable for interstate highway development. During the evaluation, it may be determined that upgrading an existing highway to interstate standards would create significant engineering challenges due to constraints such as steep terrain or adverse environmental impacts. In those areas, deviation from the existing highway may be identified. Where the existing highway extends through a community to the extent that upgrading it to interstate standards would create significant adverse environmental impacts, the need to construct a highway on a new alignment (a "relief route") around that community would be studied.

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### Is the Ports-to-Plains Corridor in Texas going to be constructed to interstate standards?

Using a data-driven planning process, this study will evaluate the need for and feasibility of extending I-27 in Texas. Although Congress has designated this corridor as a "High Priority" corridor on the National Highway System, it has not designated this corridor as a "High Priority Corridor designated as Future Interstate." There would be many steps and coordination between the state and federal government, should this Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study determine that extending I-27 is recommended. It is noted that currently, there is no funding currently programmed by TxDOT and the Texas Transportation Commission to construct this corridor to interstate standards.

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### How is membership in the Advisory and Segment Committees determined?

House Bill 1079 requires TxDOT to establish an Advisory Committee to assist in conducting the study. The bill is explicit that the membership in the Advisory Committee shall include the county judge, or an elected county official or the administrator of the county's road department, as designated by the county judge, of each county along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor; and the mayor, or city manager or assistant city manager, as designated by the mayor of Amarillo, Big Spring, Carrizo Springs, Dalhart, Del Rio, Dumas, Eagle Pass, Eldorado, Lamesa, Laredo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Sonora, Sterling City, Stratford, and Tahoka.

The bill also requires TxDOT, in conjunction with the Advisory Committee, to establish segment committees for each geographic segment along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as determined by TxDOT. Per the bill, the segment committees are composed of municipalities, counties, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, ports, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, oil and gas industry, trucking industry, TxDOT representatives, and other interested parties.

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### Will the public have an opportunity to participate in the study?

Public input is an integral part of the planning process. TxDOT welcomes and expects the public to provide feedback and to inform the department of its concerns, interest, community features, and other topics that would be beneficial. The law requires public meetings to be held quarterly on a rotational basis in Amarillo, Laredo, Lubbock and San Angelo. Additional public meetings to engage the public will also be scheduled in other communities along the corridor. These meetings will be advertised through various means once the date, time and location are confirmed.

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### What are the key milestones in the study?

Per House Bill 1079, not later than June 30, 2020, each Segment Committee must submit to the Advisory Committee a report that includes their priority recommendations for improvement and expansion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. Not later than October 31, 2020, the Advisory Committee must review and compile the reports submitted by each Segment Committee and submit to TxDOT, including a summary and any recommendations based on those reports. TxDOT must submit a report on the results of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study to the governor, lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the presiding officer of each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over transportation matters not later than January 1, 2021.

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### Who can I contact for more information?

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# Ports-to-Plains Segment #1

## PRESENTATION

Virtual Public Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2020

4:00 p.m.



### Attend the Virtual Meeting

When it is time, join the virtual public meeting by clicking the graphic above.

- **Meeting number (access code):** 476 535 117
- **Meeting password:** P2PStudy
- **Select your desired audio option**
- **Or join by phone:** (415) 655-0003

The meeting will be recorded and available online for the public to view through Friday, May 29, 2020.

### Meeting Format

The public meeting will begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 14.

Project staff will give a presentation regarding the project. The presentation will include both audio and visual components and will be in English. After the presentation, the project team will respond to questions and comments from attendees.

- **Please type your name in the chat box when you enter the live event.**
- **To minimize background noise, please check your computer and phone to ensure they are muted.**
- **To share a comment or ask a question, you may add it to the chat box on the right side of the screen.**
- **After the presentation, attendees can unmute their devices for a question and answer session, and the study team will also review the chat box to address your comments and questions.**

### Submitting Questions or Comments

The public may, as an alternative to attending the virtual public meeting, submit questions and comments to the project team through email, letter, the online comment form, or by a phone call.

All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 29.

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## COMMENTS

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Exhibits are included below for reference material as you fill out your comments.

#### Interstate Upgrade Projects



#### Relief Route Studies



#### Operational/Safety Projects



### Comment Form (Online)

Scroll down to answer form fields and then click *Submit*.

English (United States) ▼

## Segment #1 Online Comment Form

Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study (HB 1079) Segment #1

The Segment #1 Committee has identified the following preliminary recommended projects and studies. Please rank the recommendations with your priority for implementation.

#### 1. Interstate Upgrade

Prioritize the preliminary recommendations.

	Short-Term (0-5 years)	Mid-Term (6-10 years)	Long-Term (11+ years)
Upgrade US 287 to Interstate: Kerrick to Stratford	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upgrade US 287 to Interstate: Stratford to Cactus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upgrade US 287 to Interstate: Cactus to Dumas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upgrade US 87 to Interstate: Texline to Dalhart	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upgrade US 87: Dalhart to Hartley	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upgrade US 87: Hartley	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Comment Card (Print Version)

You may email or mail to the addresses provided below.

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Puede enviar un correo electrónico o correo postal a la dirección que se indica a continuación.

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