

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

Segment #3, Committee Meeting #5
Conference Call/Web-Ex



Welcome

TxDOT Leadership

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Honorable Bruno Lozano,

Mayor of Del Rio, Segment #3 Committee Chair

Agenda Review

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Summary of Public Meeting and Public Comments

Caroline Mays, TxDOT

Overview of Public Meeting #3 Segment #3 - May 11, 2020

- The public attended a virtual public meeting due to COVID-19
- Held via WebEx LIVE and online meeting website
- Number of Attendees
 - Website analytics 52 new users, and 190 pageviews
 - 6 General Public Sign-ins on website
 - ~21 General Public attended LIVE meeting

Topics Presented

 preliminary recommendations provided by the study's segment committee

Comments/Input

One comment in support of the Study



Virtual Meeting



Cover Page, Table of Contents, Chapter 1 - Introduction

Chapter 1: Introduction



This chapter provides information about the importance of the Corridor and Segment #3. It reviews HB 1079, Segment Committees, and the process.

- Introduction
- House Bill 1079
- Segment Committee Membership
 - Study Purpose and Background
 - Goals of the Study
- Study Development Process
- Organization of the Report



Chapter 2 – Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment

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The purpose of this chapter is to summarize the existing conditions and characteristics in the Corridor and in Segment #3.

- **Environmental Characteristics**
- Population Characteristics
- **Economic Conditions**
 - Median Household Income
 - Employment
 - Energy
 - Agriculture
- Roadways and Bridges
- Traffic Conditions
- Truck Traffic and Freight Flow Conditions
- Safety Conditions
 - Total Crashes
 - Total Truck Crashes



Chapter 3 – Forecasted Conditions

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The purpose of this Chapter is to provide a summary of Forecasted Conditions to the year 2050.

- Forecasted Population
- Forecasted Economics
 - Household Median Income
 - Employment
 - Gross Domestic Product
- Forecasted Freight Tonnage
- Land Use Potential
- Planned and Programmed Projects
- Gap Analysis
- Future Traffic Conditions
 - Baseline vs. Interstate Upgrade
- Forecasted Freight Flow



Meeting Break



Chapter 4 – Segment Interstate Corridor Feasibility and Analysis

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This Chapter provides an analysis of the feasibility of an Interstate Facility within the Corridor, including findings on the requirements of HB 1079.

- Baseline
- Interstate
- Corridor Interstate Feasibility Analysis Process and Results
 - Examination of freight movement
 - Ability of Energy Industry to Transport Products to Market
 - Determination of Traffic Congestion Relief
 - Determination of Ability to Promote Safety and Mobility
 - Determination of Areas Preferable and Suitable for Interstate Designation
 - Evaluation of Economic Development Impacts and Return on Investment
 - Assessment of Federal, State Local and Private Funding Sources



Chapter 5 – Public Involvement and Stakeholder Engagement



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This chapter is a review of public involvement and stakeholder engagement that occurred during the study process.

- Segment Committee Meetings
- Public Involvement
- TxDOT District Consultation



Chapter 6 – Recommendations and Implementation Plan, Appendices

Chapter 6: Segment Committee Recommendations and Implementation



This chapter summarizes recommendations and prioritizations provided by Segment #3 Committee Members. It also discusses key issues considered for recommendations including energy impacts, freight movement, congestion relief, safety and mobility, and ports of entry.

- **Committee Recommendations**
 - Interstate upgrade
 - Relief route projects
 - Safety and operational improvements
- Segment Implementation Plan
- Next Steps



Draft Executive Summary

Segment Committee Report Executive Summary



Executive Summary Outline

- Introduction
- Purpose of the Study
- Stakeholder and Public Engagement
- Existing and Future Corridor Conditions
- Feasibility Analysis of an Interstate and Findings
- Recommendations and Implementation Plan
- Next Steps



Open Discussion

Mayor Bruno Lozano, Segment #3 Chair

Segment #3 Committee Next Steps





- Final Report sent to Advisory Committee

 June 30, 2020
- Next Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Questions



