



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

Segment #2, Committee Meeting #5
Conference Call/Web-Ex



Welcome

TxDOT Leadership

**Caroline Mays,
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**Honorable Dan Pope, Mayor, City of Lubbock,
Ports-to-Plains Advisory Committee Chair**

**Honorable Mayor Gunter,
Mayor of San Angelo, Segment #2 Committee Chair**

Agenda Review



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Summary of Public Meeting and Public Comments

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Overview of Public Meeting #3 Segment #2 - May 13, 2020



- **The public attended a virtual online public meeting due to COVID-19**
- **Number of Attendees**
 - Website analytics - 34 new users, and 161 pageviews
 - 10 General Public Sign-ins on website
 - ~24 General Public attended LIVE meeting
- **Topics Presented**
 - preliminary recommendations provided by the study's segment committee



Virtual Meeting



Comments/Input - 25 comments received

- Focus on viability of connecting Interstate 27 to Interstate 20 or Interstate 10
- Resolutions from Midland County, City of Midland, and City of Odessa to expand study to connect I-27 to I-20
- Add safety project/grade separations at SH 349/BS 349 north of Midland and SH 349/FM 1788 between Midland and Odessa
- A western route would better serve New Mexico and build support for 2 states.
- Make all these roads 4 lane divided. Does it need to be an interstate?
- Expand this study to include all the routes from the original Lubbock to I-10 study conducted 1993-1997 and include other viable routes like US Highway 62/385.
- The Permian Basin (Midland-Odessa) constitute the majority of economic and safety benefits.
- The roadway segments leading directly to Midland-Odessa (SH 349 from Lamesa to Midland and SH 158 from Midland to Sterling City) should be placed in the top tier for prioritization.
- Expand the study to include additional routes connecting I-27 to I-20 and Midland/Odessa
- Texas Department of Transportation in their final report should provide a breakdown of the economic, safety, and cost benefit analysis of the study by county so that participants and the general public will have more transparency in the analysis. Make this valuable data available for use and review by the entire area and entities within the 69-county study area.



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Cover Page, Table of Contents, Chapter 1 - Introduction

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This chapter provides information about the importance of the Corridor and Segment #2. 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



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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 #2.

- 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



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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



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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



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Chapter 5 – Public Involvement and Stakeholder Engagement

Mayor Brenda Gunter, Segment #2 Chair
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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



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Chapter 6 – Recommendations and Implementation Plan, Appendices

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This chapter summarizes recommendations and prioritizations provided by Segment #2 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



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Draft Executive Summary

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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 Brenda Gunter, Segment #2 Chair

Segment #2 Committee Next Steps



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- Final Report sent to Advisory Committee
June 30, 2020
- Next Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020



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