



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

Segment #1, Committee Meeting #5  
Conference Call/Web-Ex



# Welcome

**TxDOT Leadership**

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

**Jared Miller,  
Amarillo City Manager, Segment #1 Committee Chair**



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# Summary of Public Meeting and Public Comments

Caroline Mays, TxDOT



- **The public attended a virtual online public meeting due to COVID-19**
- **Number of Attendees**
  - Website analytics - 23 new users, and 116 pageviews
  - 5 General Public Sign-ins on website
  - ~7 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**



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# Cover Page, Table of Contents, Chapter 1 - Introduction

Jared Miller, Segment #1 Chair

Caroline Mays, TxDOT



This chapter provides information about the importance of the Corridor and Segment #1. 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

Jared Miller, Segment #1 Chair

Caroline Mays, TxDOT



The purpose of this chapter is to summarize the existing conditions and characteristics in the Corridor and in Segment #1.

- 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

Jared Miller, Segment #1 Chair

Caroline Mays, TxDOT



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

Jared Miller, Segment #1 Chair

Caroline Mays, TxDOT



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

Jared Miller, Segment #1 Chair

Caroline Mays, TxDOT



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

Jared Miller, Segment #1 Chair

Caroline Mays, TxDOT



This chapter summarizes recommendations and prioritizations provided by Segment #1 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

Jared Miller, Segment #1 Chair

Caroline Mays, TxDOT



## 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

Jared Miller, Segment #1 Chair

# Segment #1 Committee Next Steps



## Segment #1



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



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