



WELCOME

US 59 WHARTON COUNTY

FROM FM 2919 TO FM 710

PUBLIC HEARING

February 9, 2017

Public Hearing Schedule:

- 5:30pm–6:30pm – Open House
- 6:30pm – Project Presentation and Formal Public Comment



What are the Interstate Upgrades?

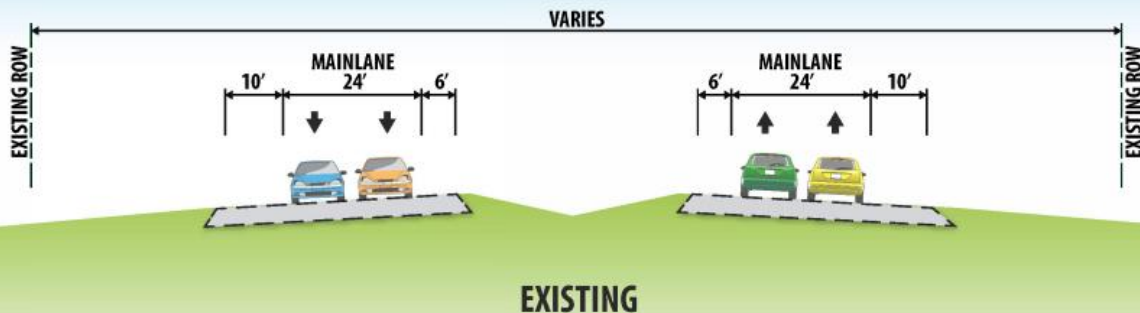
Convert the existing lanes of US 59 to a controlled access facility

- Provide continuous frontage roads
- Raise the height of 7 existing overpasses
- Converting 6 mainlane underpasses to overpasses
- Constructing 5 additional mainlane overpasses



Existing US 59 Typical Sections

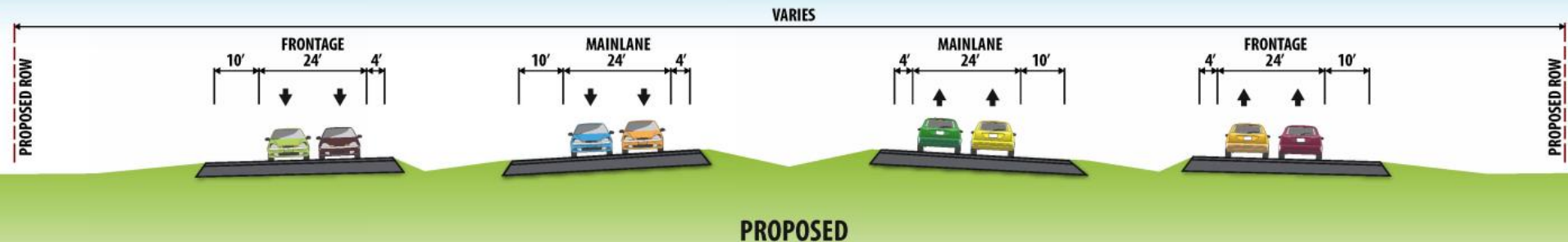
- Mainlanes
 - Four 12' travel lanes (two in each direction)
 - 6' inside shoulders
 - 10' outside shoulders
- Grassy median
- Access roads in some locations





Proposed US 59 to I-69 Typical Sections

- Mainlanes
 - Four 12' travel lanes (two in each direction)
 - 4' inside shoulders and 10' outside shoulders
- Frontage Roads
 - Four 12' travel lanes (two in each direction)
 - 4' inside shoulders and 10' outside shoulders
- Roadside Ditches





Project Schedule

Environmental
Study
Launched

November
2013

Public
Meetings
on Project

May 6 & 8,
2014

Development
of
Environmental
Document

2014-2016

Public
Hearing on
Project

February
2017

Environmental
Decision

Spring 2017

Anticipated
Construction
Start

**TO BE
DETERMINED**

We Are Here

***This project schedule and dates are subject to change and based on available funding.**



Public Hearing Next Steps:

- After the public hearing, TxDOT will review public comments received from this hearing regarding the proposed alternative
- The public hearing report will be posted to the txdot.gov, keyword “US 59 Wharton County” when the analysis is complete
- It is anticipated that the public hearing report will be completed in April 2017



Public Hearing Process

- **Open House – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm:**
 - Review project layouts and Question/Answer with project staff
 - Fill out a public hearing speaker card at the registration table if interested
- **Public Hearing – 6:30 pm:**
 - Brief presentation and formal public comment period:
 - The formal comment period is to present verbal comments
 - Speakers will have three minutes to provide comments
 - In accordance with TxDOT public hearing policy, TxDOT will not verbally respond to verbal comments given during the formal comment period
 - Responses to collected comments will be addressed in the Public Hearing Summary Report
 - Following the presentation, staff will be available at the layouts for questions and answers



Options for Commenting

1. Give comment cards to TxDOT staff tonight
2. Provide verbal comments during formal comment period:
 - Raise your hand or see a staff member to receive and complete a **Speaker Registration Card**
 - When your name is called, proceed to the microphone or raise your hand if you need assistance
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes
 - A court reporter will record your comment
3. Mail comments to:

Director of Transportation Planning and Development
Texas Department of Transportation
403 Huck Street
Yoakum, TX 77995
4. Submit electronic comments online:

Email written comments to jeffery.vinklarek@txdot.gov



For more information and updates about this project, visit txdot.gov keyword “US 59 Wharton County” or scan the code with your tablet or phone.

Deadline for comments for inclusion in public hearing report: February 24, 2017