



WELCOME!

Why Am I Here?

- Learn and ask questions about the proposed projects
- Review purpose and need for projects
- Review the proposed projects
- Provide comments and feedback on the proposed projects



Project Purpose and Need

What are we trying to do?

- Convert the existing lanes of US 59 to a controlled access facility
- Provide frontage roads
- Meet Interstate standards

What problems are we trying to address?

- Safety
- Increasing traffic volumes



Two Projects

El Campo North

- From SH 71 to Business 59 north of El Campo

El Campo South

- From Business 59 south of El Campo to SH 71

Why Two Projects?

- Limited available funding
- Projects are on different schedules
- Community leadership prioritized south project



What is Being Proposed?



- Existing mainlanes and overpasses would remain the same
- Existing east/west connectivity will be maintained at FM 1163, SH 71, and FM 1162
- Frontage roads would consist of two 12' lanes, 10' outside shoulders, 4' inside shoulders, and a grassy ditch on each outside edge
- Ramps to facilitate movement between the mainlanes and frontage roads
- Bicycle use allowed on the 10' outside shoulder of the frontage roads
- 5' sidewalks



Environmental Studies

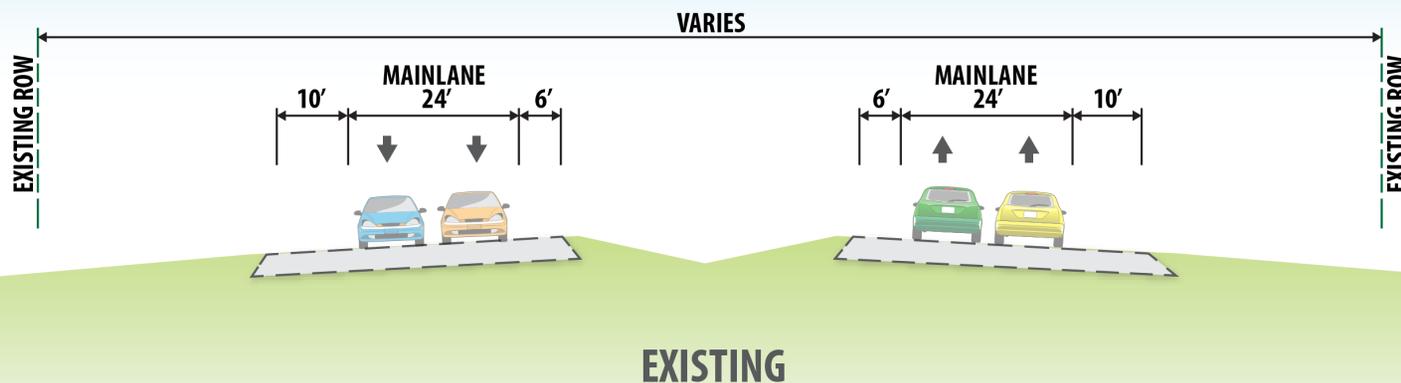
An environmental study called an Environmental Assessment, or EA, is underway for both projects. The details of the preliminary studies include:

| Anticipated Environmental Impacts | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | El Campo North | El Campo South |
| Proposed Right-of-Way | 47.4 acres | 15.3 acres |
| Displacements | None | None |
| Air Quality Impacts | None | None |
| Federally-Listed Species/Habitat | None | None |
| Cultural Resources Impacts | None | None |
| Traffic Noise Impacts | None | None |
| Hazardous Materials | Yes | None |
| Wetlands | 0.05 acre | 0.02 acre |
| Waterbodies (Creeks, Canals) | 7 | 1 |



Existing US 59

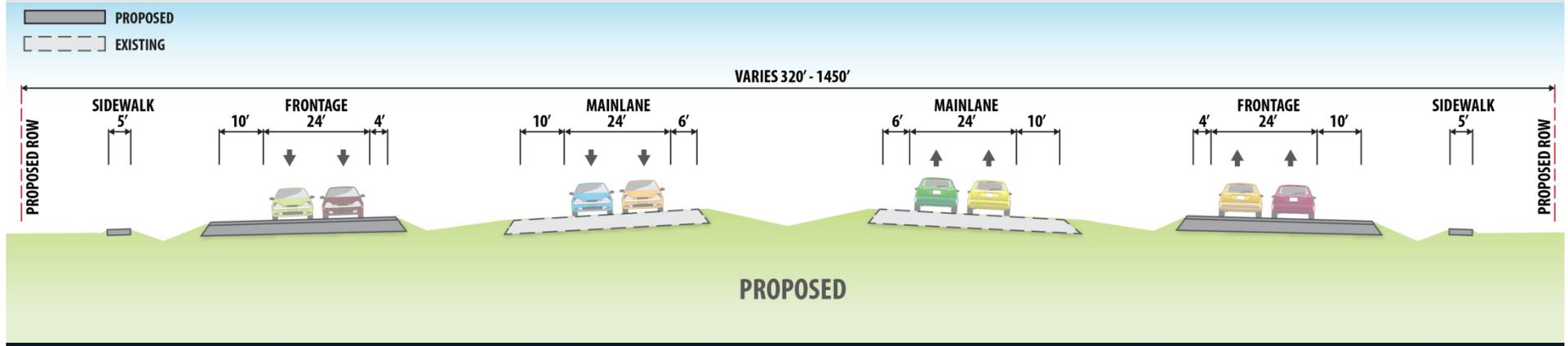
- Mainlanes
 - Four 12' travel lanes (two in each direction)
 - 6' inside shoulders
 - 10' outside shoulders
- Grassy median
- Access roads in some locations





Proposed US 59

- Mainlanes
 - Four 12' travel lanes (two in each direction)
 - 6' inside shoulders and 10' outside shoulders
- Frontage Roads
 - Four 12' travel lanes (two in each direction)
 - 4' inside shoulders and 10' outside shoulders
- Two 5' sidewalks (one in each direction)



US 59 Through El Campo



Please submit all comments by **Friday, May 16, 2014**

How Can I Make Comments?

- Submit a written comment form tonight
- Email written comments to paul.reitz@txdot.gov
- Mail written comments to:
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Texas Department of Transportation
403 Huck Street
Yoakum, Texas 77995
- Fax written comments to:
361-293-4372
ATTN: Paul Reitz, P.E.



Project Schedule*



* This project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.



Next Steps

- Compile and consider community input from tonight's public meeting
- Prepare two Environmental Assessment documents for El Campo North and El Campo South projects