

US 281 Premont Relief Route

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Why a Relief Route is Needed for US 281 in Premont

In 2012, the I-69 Advisory Committee, led by citizen volunteers, recommended the development of I-69 in Texas to relieve traffic congestion caused by a growing population, provide safer travel through the state, improve emergency evacuation routes, and promote economic development in the region. US 281 in South Texas is part of the national I-69 route. Today, over 150 miles of I-69 have been designated as Interstate Texas.

To continue developing I-69 Texas, TxDOT is improving existing highway routes to Interstate quality. US 281 in Premont is part of the I-69 Texas system, and before this road can be designated as an Interstate, US 281 in Premont must be upgraded to Interstate standards. To minimize overall impacts to Premont including homes and businesses, a relief route east of Premont has been identified as the preferred solution to upgrade US 281 in Premont to an Interstate quality road.

Project Purpose

The US 281 relief route in Premont will be constructed to Interstate standards. With the completion of the US 281 improvement project in Falfurrias, Premont has the only stoplight on US 281 between George West and the Rio Grande Valley. The new relief route will provide a non-stop route through South Texas and prepare US 281 to be designated as I-69 Central.

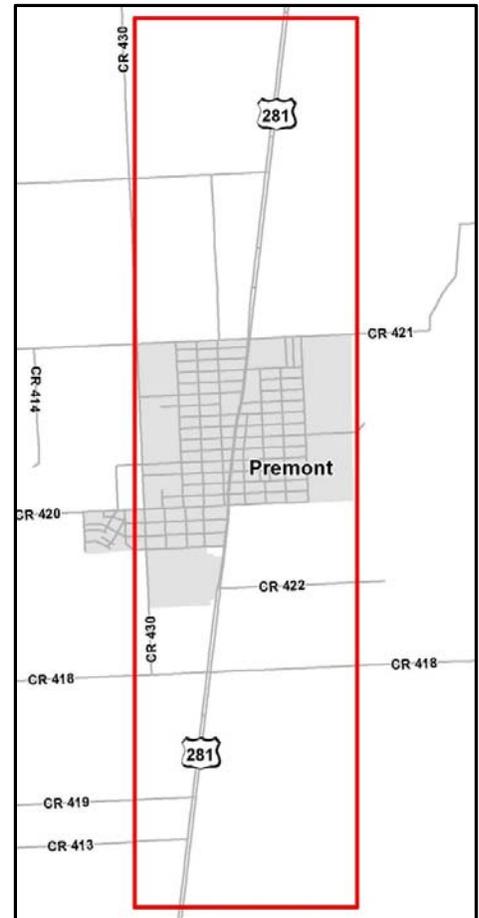
Project Timeline

The environmental study for the US 281 relief route is nearing completion and has included several public involvement opportunities. The design of the proposed project has been modified based on community feedback and available funding. The environmental study and project design are anticipated to be completed in Spring 2015. This public hearing is being held to gather community feedback on the recommended project and design prior to environmental approval.

Project Cost

The US 281 relief route project is anticipated to cost about \$58 million with funding coming from Proposition 14 bonds.

Comments will be accepted through January 7, 2015.
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