



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



I-69 SYSTEM (I-369) HARRISON COUNTY/MARSHALL ROUTE STUDY

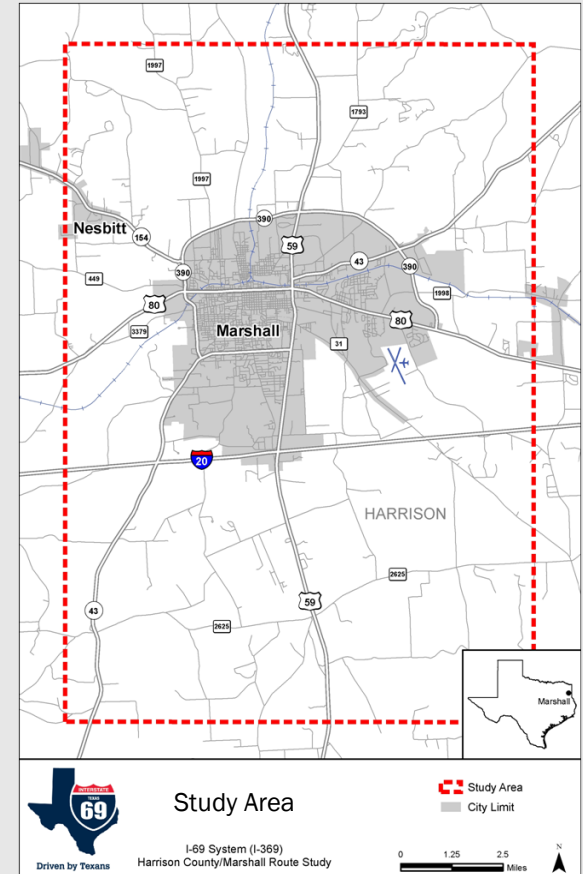
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Route Study Overview

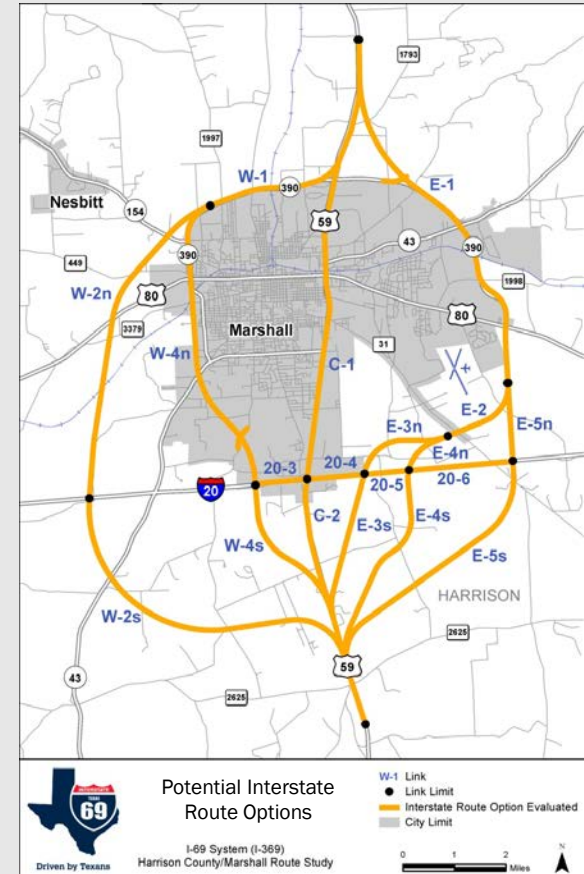
- Identified as an I-69 Segment Committee priority
- Existing US 59 through Marshall does not currently meet Interstate standards
- The Route Study is to determine an Interstate route option for advancing I-369 in Marshall area
- Working group led grass roots public outreach process to:
 - Establish goals for I-369
 - Provide guidance on route option locations
 - Conduct public outreach
 - Provide recommendation on option to carry forward



Working Group Goals and Route Locations

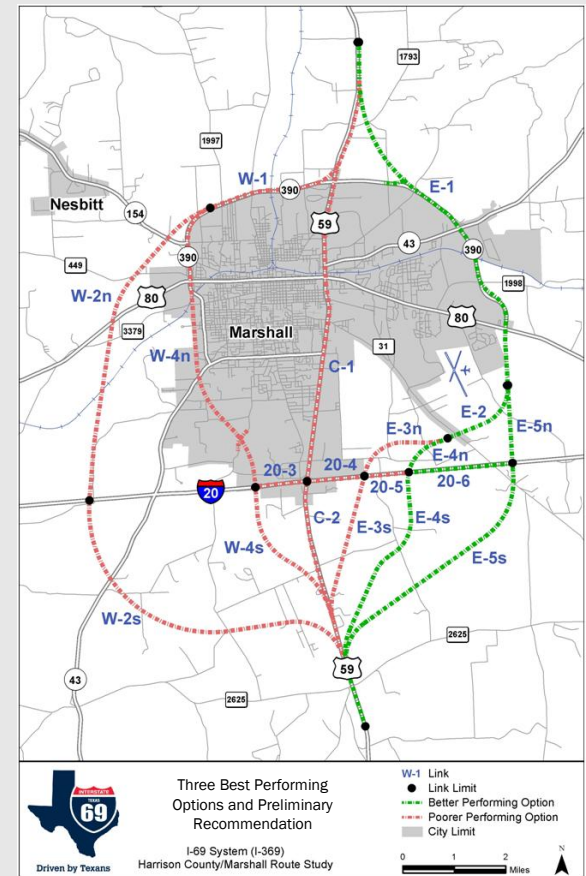
Working group goals for establishing I-369

- Traffic and Safety
 - Serve high traffic and truck volumes
 - Serve expected traffic growth
 - Address safety concerns
 - Improve travel times
- Connectivity
 - Provide for multi-modal connections
 - Provide connection and access to major transportation facilities
- Community Impacts
 - Maximize the use of the existing US 59 footprint to the greatest extent possible while seeking to reduce program costs and impacts to private property
 - Incorporate public input
 - Support local economic development plans and goals (retail, industrial, and commercial) by providing access and connectivity to the regional roadway network



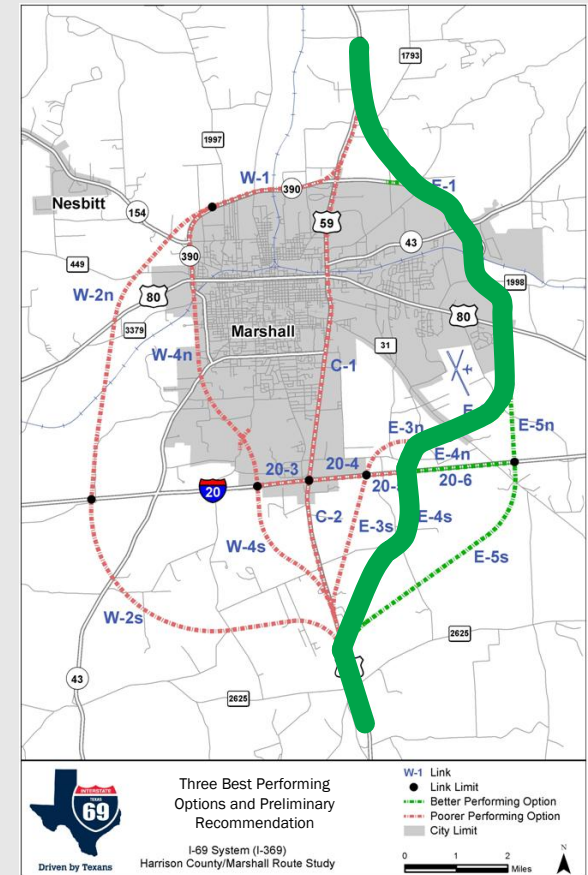
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Public Outreach Activities and Results

Robust public outreach process led by Working Group

- One-on-one meetings with citizens
- PowerPoint presentations at local civic group and government meetings
- Distributing printed materials
- Online survey
- Webpage
- On-going displays at public facilities
- Posts on social media outlets
- Hyperlinks on webpages
- Public open house



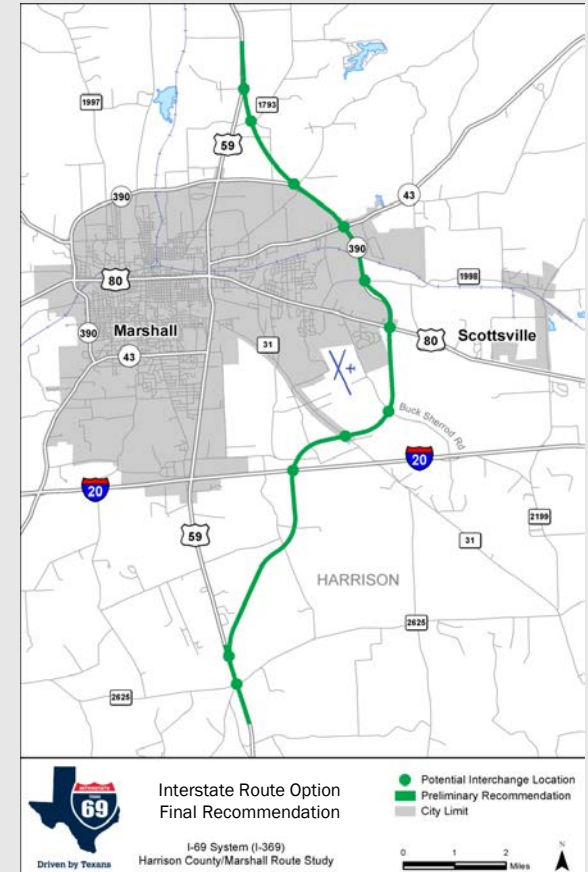
- *1400 Citizens reached directly*
- *11 Formal presentations*
- *2 On-going displays*
- *269 Attended open house*
- *105 Survey participants*
- *122 Written comments*



- *70% of survey participants “strongly agreed” or “agreed” with Working Groups recommendation.*

Working Group Final Recommendation and Next Steps

- Working Group reached consensus on the final recommended route option to the east.
- Environmental studies should consider:
 - Further study of northern and southern tie points
 - Further study moving east
- Next steps
 - Identify funding sources
 - Complete the environmental and schematic design process including further refinements



Questions?