



Proposed US 90 Crossover Removal Project

Control Section Job Number (CSJ): 0028-06-089

From Keith Road west to SH 326 in Jefferson County

Virtual Public Meeting | Nov. 15, 2022



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Welcome to the TxDOT Beaumont District US 90 Crossover Removal Project Virtual Public Meeting pre-recorded video presentation.

TxDOT is proposing to remove 26 of the 42 median crossovers spanning 11.7 miles on US 90 from Keith Road west to SH 326 in Jefferson County. Please note that you can click on the "pause" button anytime to allow more time to review the information.



HELP #EndTheStreakTX

End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

[TxDOT.gov](https://www.txdot.gov) (Keyword: #EndTheStreakTX)



#EndTheStreakTX Toolkit



Your safety is very important to TxDOT, and we can all do our part. Help TxDOT end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways. 4,495 people lost their lives on Texas roadways in 2021. There's been a death every day on Texas roads for more than 21 years straight—that's over 70,000 people. And that's a streak we want to break.

Here's what you can do:

- Buckle up: Seat belts are your first line of defense.
- Drive the speed limit, or slower, depending on road or weather conditions.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Plan a sober ride home.
- When driving, put your phone away or set it to "Do Not Disturb."

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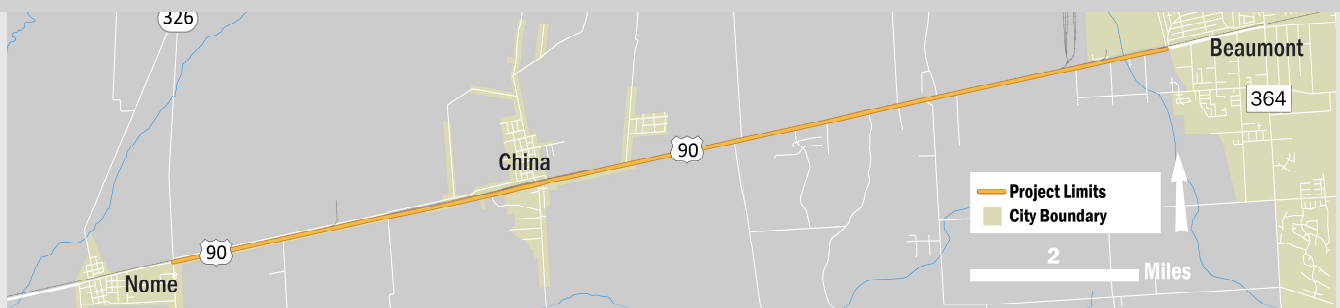
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On behalf of the TxDOT Beaumont District thank you for watching this virtual public meeting video that was shared with the public starting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022.

We will cover the following areas:

- A review of the proposed project
- An overview of the project location and a map showing the crossover locations that TxDOT is proposing to remove and those that will remain
- Project background and benefits
- An overview of some crash data facts
- The project schedule and construction considerations
- How to provide input – including encouraging the public to visit our online engagement site that allows you to leave comments on a digital map and take a survey
- Adjournment – we'll conclude this video presentation

Project Location and Overview



Proposed project improvements include:

- Removing 26 median crossovers spanning 11.7 miles on US 90
- Removing crossover pavement markings and signage
- Keeping existing ditches and grass medians in the same alignment

No right of way or land acquisitions are needed for this project.

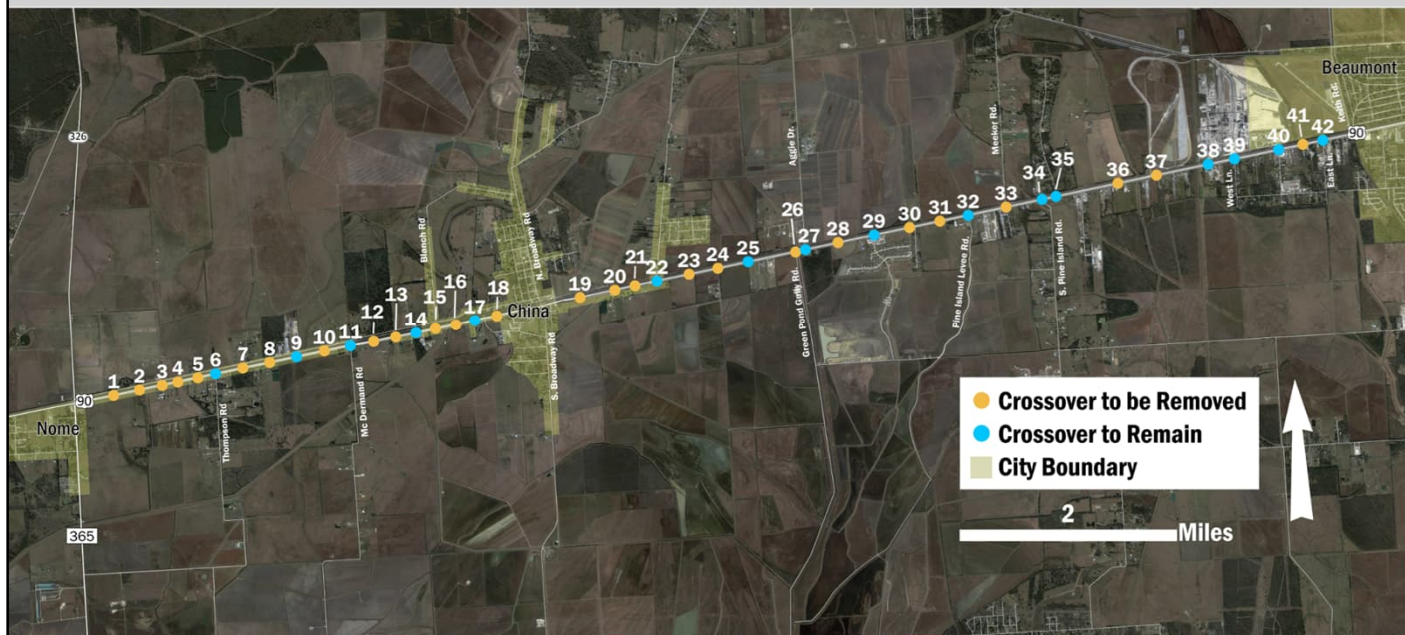
TxDOT's Beaumont District is proposing to remove 26 of the 42 median crossovers spanning 11.7 miles on US 90, from Keith Road west to SH 326 in Jefferson County.

Project improvements include:

- Closing 26 of the 42 existing crossovers spanning 11.7 miles on US 90
- Removing crossover pavement markings and signage - and
- Keeping existing ditches and grass medians in the same alignment

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Proposed Crossovers to be Removed or Remain



US 90 Crossover Removal Project

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This map shows a more detailed look at the crossovers that are being removed. You can view this map, zoom in and provide comments by visiting our online engagement site, which features an interactive map. You can view this by visiting the US 90 Crossover Removal project page and we'll provide more information on how to access that information shortly.

Pictured here are the blue crossover locations that will remain in place. The crossover locations shown in orange are being proposed for removal.

Project Background and Benefits



- Purpose is to reduce crashes, better align with current design standards and shape this corridor for future enhancements
- Crossover locations based on crash data, spacing of existing crossovers and input from stakeholders
 - TxDOT collaborated with local stakeholders - such as local emergency management - in August 2022
- Safety is improved by limiting openings in the median to minimize conflict points
- Proposed crossover spacing is .75-mile spacing on average - remaining well within current guidance as outlined by the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), which states that crossings be spaced at a maximum of two miles

Let's highlight some background about this project and anticipated benefits:

- Purpose is to reduce crashes, better align with current design standards and shape this corridor for future enhancements
 - This project was also selected as a Highway Safety Improvement Project
- The crossover locations are based on crash data, spacing of existing crossovers and input from stakeholders
 - TxDOT also collaborated with local stakeholders - such as local emergency management - in August 2022
- Safety is improved by limiting openings in the median to minimize conflict points
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Crash Data Information (2017-2021)



Areas highlighted represent crash hot spots:

- Five fatalities along US 90 project limits
 - Three fatalities at intersection locations
- 279 crashes* reported along US 90 project limits
 - 42 crashes* at intersection locations

** includes injury and non-injury crashes*

Let's take a look at some crash data information, which was collected between 2017 and 2021. TxDOT used this crash data as one important element in determining the proposed crossover locations that would be removed. You'll see on this map that there are certain areas that are highlighted that represent the crash "hot spots." The red areas show the highest number of crashes along the project limit area. There were five fatalities along the US 90 project limit area, and three fatalities at the intersection locations. We also looked at the total number of injury and non-injury crashes. There were 279 crashes along the US 90 project limit area and 15 crashes at the intersection locations.,

Estimated Project Schedule and Construction Considerations



Project Schedule

- Environmental clearance obtained
- Upon approval, construction estimated to start in Fall, 2023*
- Construction is expected to last for approximately four months (ending in early 2024)

Project Funding

\$925,000

Access

During the construction process – lane closures will take place at specific locations as the crossovers are removed, but access will always be maintained.

* Project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.

TxDOT anticipates that upon approval, construction is estimated to start in Fall of 2023 and would last for approximately four months – tentatively ending in early 2024. The cost is estimated at \$925,000. During the construction process, lane closures will take place at specific locations as the crossovers are removed, but access will always be maintained.

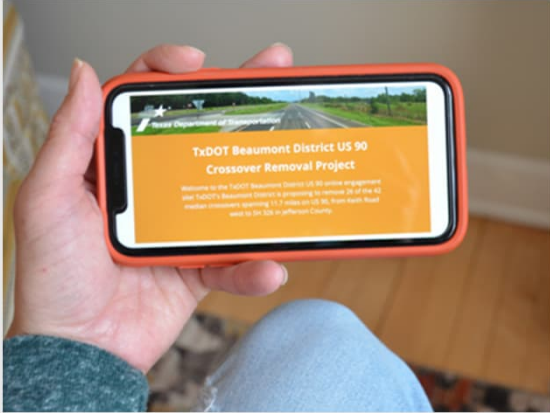
At the time of construction, this will likely be the only project currently being constructed along this stretch of US 90. There will be a resurfacing project to be constructed that will share similar limits to this project. The exact start date is unknown; however, this project may begin during this project.

TxDOT does understand construction is frustrating and can be an inconvenience at times to drivers; however, the department must keep up with the growing demands of the increased population as well as keep the state highway system as safe as possible by continuing to make improvements to roadways and bridges. Many factors go into timing road construction projects. This includes engineering design, working with affected property owners, coordinating with local agencies, bidding process, and scheduling. Add to this - weather and other unforeseen construction factors that cannot always be anticipated. We will continue to keep you informed as much as possible throughout the process.

Online Engagement Site



An online engagement site is available to review the crossovers on a digital map, take a survey and submit feedback.



Access the online engagement site at:
www.TxDOT.gov, search "US 90 Crossovers" or scan the QR code with your phone or device.



TxDOT has created an online engagement site where you can learn more about the project, view an interactive map and fill out a brief survey. You can access the engagement site from TxDOT.gov by searching US 90 Crossovers and clicking on the online engagement site. You can also access the site by aiming your device's camera at the QR code shown on this video.

How to Provide Input



Please submit your comments regarding the project by using one of the three methods below by **Friday, Dec. 2, 2022**.



Online Engagement Site

Visit to submit comments on a digital map, take a survey and provide comments; learn more at www.TxDOT.gov, search US 90 Crossovers



Email

Email us at bmtprojects@txdot.gov



Mail

Mail comments to:
US 90 Crossovers Project Manager
TxDOT Beaumont District
8350 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77708

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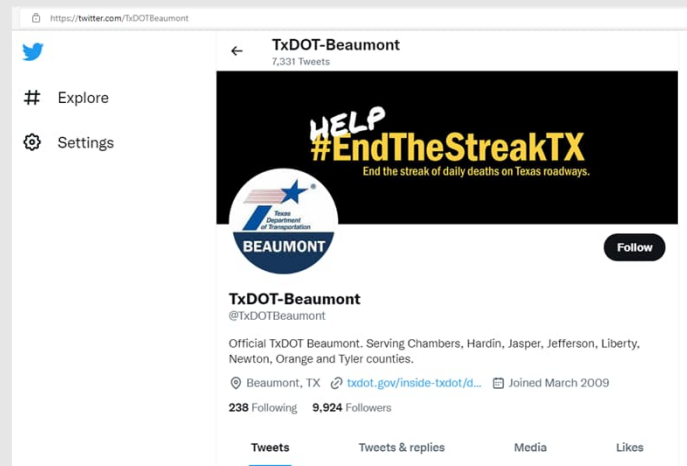
You can submit comments through one of the following three ways:

- Our online engagement site at www.TxDOT.gov, keyword search US 90 Crossovers. The online engagement site provides you a way to submit comments directly to a digital map, take a survey and learn more.
- Via email to bmtprojects@txdot.gov
- Or by mail to the TxDOT US 90 Crossovers Project Manager, TxDOT Beaumont District, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77708

Quick Contacts – Engage TxDOT Online



- Contact the TxDOT Beaumont District office with any questions about the project Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (409) 898-5745
- Email bmtprojects@txdot.gov
- Follow us: Twitter-Beaumont: twitter.com/TxDOTBeaumont
- Like us: TxDOT Facebook: facebook.com/TxDOT



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And don't forget to follow us on Twitter for ongoing road closures and construction updates on the Beaumont District Twitter page. You can also keep up with TxDOT news on our Facebook page



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Thank you for watching. Don't forget to submit your comments by Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, and to view the project information available online.

Thank you again and please, stay safe.

This concludes our video presentation, and the virtual public meeting presentation is now adjourned.