

US 281 LAMPASAS TO EVANT

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT

Project Description

The US 281 Lampasas to Evant project is approximately 28 miles long and is located within Lampasas and Coryell counties. The project is located along US 281 between US 183 in the city of Lampasas and continues northward to the Hamilton County Line in the city of Evant.

Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety and improve mobility while addressing the long-term needs of the corridor and the demands of a growing population.

In 2020, the population of Texas was estimated to be 29.1 million. By 2050, the population is expected to surpass 42 million residents if migration continues at the same rate seen from 2010 to 2020 – an increase of over 44 percent.

US 281 was originally constructed between 1934 and 1935 and was last upgraded to provide periodic passing lanes in 2012. Improvements are needed to keep pace with the growing population and the resulting need for safe and reliable (passenger and freight) transportation options.

TxDOT conducted a statewide study of the US 281 corridor from San Antonio to Wichita Falls. The findings identified that improvements to the US 281 corridor are needed in the next five to ten years to address safety and mobility needs. The study also found that lowering the crash rate was needed on US 281, specifically from Lampasas to north of Adamsville.

Crash History

TxDOT has continued to monitor crash data since the last open house in November 2023. US 281 from Lampasas to Evant had a rate of about 107 total crashes per 100 million vehicle miles from 2013 to 2022, which is about 1.5 times higher than the 2022 statewide average of 68 total crashes per 100 million vehicle miles for rural US highways. Excessive speed is by far the most frequent contributing factor to crashes at

33%, with distracted driving, animal collisions and fatigue among the other factors. No fatalities on US 281 were associated with crashes involving animal collisions from 2013 to 2022.

Project Process


There are several steps in the project development process. Initial steps, which have been completed, included data collection, constraints mapping, and developing of preliminary alternatives. The preliminary alternatives were presented for public review and comment at the first open house in February 2023. During the second open house, in November 2023, the refined route alternatives, the relief route options, and results of the initial alternatives analysis were presented for public review and comment. Input received at these open houses was considered, and a preferred route option has been identified. The preferred route option will be presented at the third open house in April 2024. Next, detailed project-specific environmental studies and investigations will be performed and required environmental documentation prepared. A public hearing on the project, if held, would likely occur in 2025 with the environmental decision anticipated shortly afterwards. These dates are subject to change.


Your Input is Requested

Stakeholder input is welcome and will be carefully considered throughout the project. Please visit the project webpage at www.txdot.gov and search: US 281 Lampasas to Evant or use your phone or tablet to scan the QR code on the right.

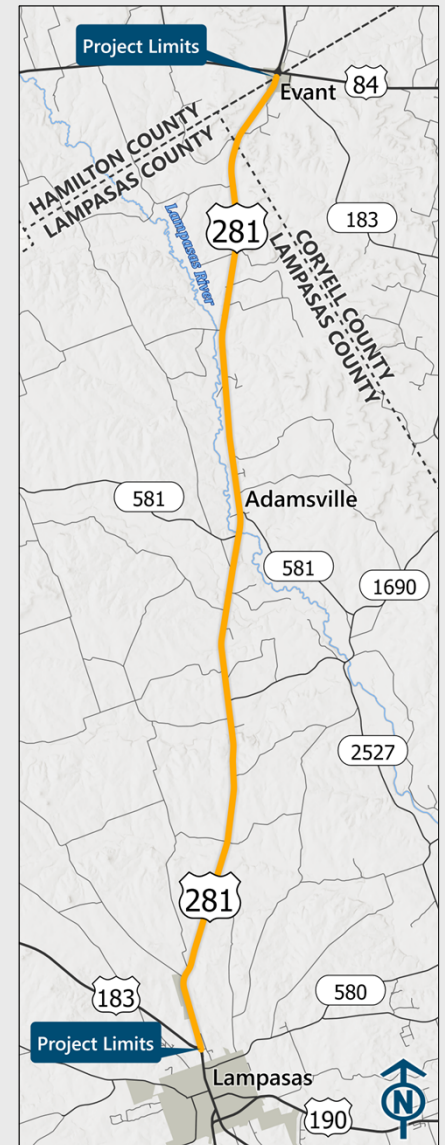
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Project Area Map



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