



**FAQ**

**What is a Feasibility Study?**

I-345 runs approximately 1.4 miles along the east side of downtown Dallas between the I-30 and SH 266 junctions and also carries the US-75 designation. TxDOT regularly reviews its existing infrastructure to ensure it still meets the needs of the traveling public. As part of this proactive review process, TxDOT is facilitating a feasibility study to determine long term plans for I-345. This study incorporates stakeholder input, traffic data, current and future development plans, environmental impacts, and other factors.

**What is the purpose of the I-345 Feasibility Study?**

As Dallas County population continues to grow and I-345 reaches its current life span, it is necessary to plan for the future of the roadway. This study will help to determine the future of I-345.

**When will the I-345 Feasibility Study be completed?**

It is estimated the study will be complete by the end of 2022.

**Is the existing bridge safe? How much has been invested in inspection, maintenance, and repairs to the I-345 bridge?**

The existing bridge was recently rehabilitated with a \$30 million project. It is regularly inspected and will be maintained for the duration of its service life.

**When will you build the recommended alternative?**

I-345 is primarily a bridge structure. Maintenance can be done on the bridge as needed to extend the useful service life but eventually it is likely the bridge will need to be replaced. The feasibility study will help determine long-term plans. Schedule and funding have not been identified for this corridor. After this study, a multi-year schematic and environmental process will begin, followed by construction plans and ultimately construction of the recommended alternative. Traffic would be maintained during construction. If any changes are proposed for the project, they will need to be updated in the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Mobility Transportation Plan (MTP), TxDOT's unified transportation plan (UTP), City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan (if necessary), and funding identified.

**Has TxDOT decided the future of I-345?**

A decision has NOT been made regarding the future of I-345. The feasibility study has assessed several conceptual alternatives for I-345. The public is encouraged to actively participate in the public involvement process by attending

public meetings and submitting comments. All feedback will be incorporated into the final study report.

**What is the funding source and projected cost for any improvements to I-345?**

Currently, no funding has been identified for I-345. It takes time to get a project from conception to construction. TxDOT is working proactively to develop a plan should the funding become available, we are ready to move forward. A preliminary estimated cost of construction for each alternative was prepared in advance of the June 2021 public meetings. The evaluation matrix presented a relative comparison, using dollar signs, of each alternative compared to the No Build/Leave I-345 As-Is alternative. Updates to the build alternatives, along with associated cost estimates, are being refined in coordination with the feedback from the June 2021 public meetings, City and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) coordination. An update will be provided at the next series of public meetings as part of the evaluation matrix.

**Are the ramps set or are they subject to change based on public involvement, further traffic evaluation and coordination?**

The ramps and everything presented in the alternatives are still subject to change. Your input is appreciated and will be considered as the feasibility study proceeds. An opportunity to comment will be provided during the next series of public meetings.

**Has the decision been made to remove the interstate?**

No, a decision has not been made to remove I-345. The feasibility study is assessing the recommended alternative for I-345 and will incorporate stakeholder input, traffic data, current and future development plans, environmental impacts, and other factors.

**Will you need additional Right of Way (ROW)?**

No, none of the alternatives propose any additional ROW beyond the existing state ROW footprint.

**How will DART's proposed D2 line impact plans for I-345?**

TxDOT is working closely with DART to ensure that proposed DART projects would not impede any of the alternatives for I-345. Detailed engineering is ongoing to ensure that there is no conflict, even if I-345 were depressed or below-grade.

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TxDOT and DART meet regularly to discuss future projects and are committed to working together as plans solidify for DART and I-345.

### How is TxDOT making decisions for I-30 with consideration to potential changes to I-345?

TxDOT and the City are working closely to coordinate the I-30 and I-345 projects. The project teams are coordinating file sharing, design coordination and understanding both projects' history. TxDOT Project Managers are invited to the coordination meetings for each project to stay updated as the projects progress.

The I-30 design, like I-345, is being closely coordinated with the City of Dallas, NCTCOG, DART and stakeholders.

### What is the next phase of the project?

The next phase of the project is an approved schematic, environmental documentation, and update of the NCTCOG MTP to be consistent with the recommended alternative at the conclusion of the I-345 Feasibility Study. The I-345 Feasibility Study summary will be available online.

As part of the schematic and environmental analysis, the recommended alternative will be further updated based on more detailed study. There will be opportunity to comment during the next phase of the project. The recommended alternative access and configuration will be set during that phase.

### What public involvement has TxDOT conducted to date?

The first series of public meetings were held in December 2019. A stakeholder survey was also conducted during this time to get public input on the roadway. To keep public involvement progressing during the pandemic, the study team held 92 virtual stakeholder listening sessions as well as continual agency coordination.

TxDOT held a second series of public meetings in June 2021 with two in-person meetings and a virtual meeting. The same material was presented at both kinds of meetings, including a Study Overview, Environmental Constraints Map, Conceptual Alternatives, Traffic Demand Analysis, Origin and Destination Analysis, Traffic Volume Analysis, Evaluation

Matrix, Project Partnerships, and 2019 Survey Results. The intent of this series of meetings was to gather public input on the conceptual alternatives. A survey and comment cards were available for this purpose.

### How many more meetings and comment opportunities are there before the I-345 Feasibility Study is complete?

We are planning one additional series of public meetings in Spring/Summer 2022. The third series of public meetings will present public feedback received since the last series (June 2021), refinements to the alternatives, and an updated evaluation matrix. By the end of the I-345 Feasibility study in 2022, the feasibility study report will propose one recommended alternative to proceed on to the next phase of schematic and environmental analysis.

### Will there be a virtual component to the Spring/Summer 2022 public meetings?

Virtual and in-person options will be available for the Spring/Summer 2022 public meeting, similar to the June 2021 series of meetings.

### I attended public meetings in June and provided comments. When will a response to my comment be provided?

The summary for the June 2021 public meetings will be posted to the project website ([www.345study.com](http://www.345study.com)) in February 2022. All comments received within the comment period are included in Contents A - Comment Response Matrix.

### How can I stay informed?

Contact TxDOT's Public Involvement Specialist with questions or concerns regarding the study or to be added to the mailing list to stay up-to-date and be informed of future public meetings:

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You can also review information presented at the meetings by visiting [www.345study.com](http://www.345study.com).