

Winter 2020 Update



Study Update

Since the last public meeting in December 2019, the team has been busy! Here are just a few things we've been doing:

- Conducting one of the largest traffic studies in TxDOT's history.
- Held one-on-one listening sessions (virtually) with approximately 100 individual stakeholder groups*.
- Holding frequent collaboration meetings with DART, City of Dallas and NCTCOG to work together for the best holistic transportation solutions for the city.
- Assessing the more than 1,300 comments that were received at the last public meeting.
- Developing conceptual alternatives (what the highway could look like).

All of this information and more will be presented at the next public meeting series **.







I-345 Public Involvement by the Numbers

Public Meeting Update

Through the listening sessions as well as input received from the previous public meeting series, TxDOT understands that this is a critical infrastructure project and is important to a lot of people for a lot of different reasons. With that, having both an in-person and virtual option to reach as many people as possible is imperative to the success of this study.

All options to conduct the meetings are currently being explored and vetted to find a solution for both staff and attendees to participate safely. We are targeting to hold meetings this spring, but we are very mindful of the pandemic and the safety of our community still holds the highest priority. Stay tuned for updates on an in-person meeting. Until then, continue reading for some information about what will be presented at the public meetings.

Public Meeting Materials

TxDOT will have a variety of physical and virtual exhibits in a safe, socially distanced environment to guide you through the study that will be informative for those new to the study or who need a quick refresher, including:

- Study Overview: Learn where we are in the study process, what the study includes, and other basic information.
- Survey Results: With more than 1,300 respondents, find out what the public thinks about I-345 and its future.
- **Traffic:** Examine how each alternative might impact travel times in and around Downtown Dallas using several visual tools including interactive travel times.
- Alternatives: What could I-345 look like? View 2D and 3D displays of each alternative, including a revised footprint and typical sections.
- **Evaluation Matrix:** Learn what TxDOT considers and includes in the decision-making process and what that means for selecting the final alternative such as:
- Safety improvements
- Engineering analysis
- Traffic analysis
- Existing and planned developments
- Stakeholder and public input
 Impacts to neighborhoods
- Walkability/bike access
- Right of way
- Cost and economic impacts
- Other planning efforts
- Land use and park land
- Environmental justice

Attendees will also have the opportunity to give feedback and take a new survey to tell us what they think about the corridor. Still want to know more? The TxDOT team will also be available to answer questions attendees might have.

Be the first to know when the public meeting is scheduled by joining our e-mail distribution list! If you received this newsletter via email then you are set. If not, please send your email address to 345study@txdot.gov with the Subject: Add Me to Your I-345 Mailing List.

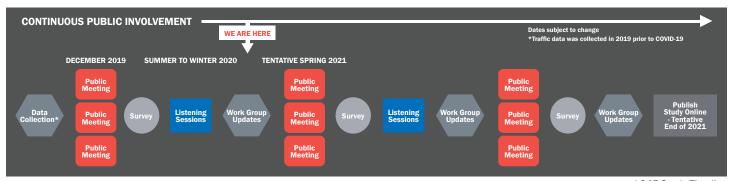
^{*}Stakeholder groups include elected officials, neighborhood groups, civic associations, and other agencies.

^{**}Meeting dates dependent on COVID-19 safety guidelines.



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I-345 Study Timeline

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the I-345 feasibility study and why are you doing this now?

As part of a proactive review process, TxDOT is facilitating a feasibility study to determine long-term plans for I-345. TxDOT will present 3-4 alternatives, including how each will impact traffic patterns and commute times at the next round of public meetings. The goal is to have one recommended alternative at the end of the study.

When will you build the recommended alternative?

I-345 will reach the end of its service life in the next 25 years. The feasibility study will help determine long-term plans and if any improvements need to be made to the structure. Schedule and funding have not been identified for this corridor. Projects must go through a multi-year feasibility and environmental review process. If any changes are proposed for the roadway, they will need to be placed in the region's current mobility plan, accounted for in local transportation plans and funding identified.



Aerial of I-345 Study Area

Has TxDOT made a decision regarding the future of I-345?

A decision has NOT been made regarding the future of I-345. The feasibility study will assess several conceptual alternatives for I-345. The public is encouraged to actively participate in the public involvement process by attending public meetings, submitting comments and taking surveys. All feedback will be incorporated into the final study report.

How can I stay informed?

Contact the TxDOT project manager 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 **345study.com**.