



Virtual Public Meeting US 377 Audio Transcript

US 377

From North of BUS 377E to US 380 Denton County, Texas
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VIDEO SLIDE PRESENTATION

[AUDIO 1.1R]

Welcome to the US 377 Virtual Public Meeting. Today's Public Meeting is being hosted Virtually to meet local requirements for stay-at-home and social distancing currently in-place in our community. This Virtual Public Meeting website is hosted online by the US 377 Project Team and the Texas Department of Transportation. All content will be available through May 13, 2020. This Virtual Public Meeting serves to meet the National Environmental Policy Act requirements for Public Meetings for the US 377 reconstruction project from North of Business US 377 East in Pilot Point, Texas to US 380 in Cross Roads, Texas.

[AUDIO 1.2R]

Please feel free to pause this presentation at any time to allow more time to view the information.

[AUDIO 2.1R]

The purpose of today's US 377 Virtual Public Meeting is to hear from you. You will have opportunities through the Virtual Public Meeting website to view the US 377 Project Schematic Design and Project Information to gain a clear understanding of the proposed highway improvement project.

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[AUDIO 2.2R]

Please explore and view the US 377 project design and information hosted on today's US 377 Virtual Public Meeting website by clicking through each tab on the left side of the webpage.

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[AUDIO 2.3]

Please provide your comments on the proposed highway improvement to the project team. You will find four methods for providing your comments on the Virtual Public Meeting's comment section.

[AUDIO 2.4]

First, a phone number has been established to receive your comments via voice mail.

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[AUDIO 2.5]



Second, a web-based comment form is available for you to type your comments and submit them through this Virtual Public Meeting website.

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[AUDIO 2.6]

Third, a comment form is available for download. Fill out the comment form and mail it in.

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[AUDIO 2.7]

Fourth, a number of appointments are available to call project design team members to discuss the project.

[Audio 2.8]

We need to hear from you if you disagree with the project or a specific element of the project, and we need to hear from you if you support the project.

[AUDIO 3R]

The Texas Department of Transportation (or TxDOT) has oversight of the programming, planning, design, environmental compliance, and construction of the US 377 project. The US 377 project design and development is sponsored by Denton County. The County and its consultant, Teague Nall and Perkins, are working in partnership with TxDOT to deliver the roadway improvement. Once construction of the project is complete, TxDOT will continue to own and maintain the roadway.

[AUDIO 4.1]

The US 377 project location is northeast of the City of Denton in Denton County.

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[AUDIO 4.2]

The project's north limit is north of Business US 377 East at the Grayson County line. The project's south limit is at US 380. The project extends through the following communities: the City of Pilot Point, the City of Aubrey, the City of Krugerville, and the Town of Cross Roads. The project is approximately 14 miles in length.

[AUDIO 5]

Construction of the US 377 project is expected to cost approximately \$120 million dollars. The project will require an additional 62 acres of ROW from both public and private landowners adjacent to the project. The project is expected to benefit and impact landowners, cities, towns, schools, churches, business owners, the travelling public, and many other stakeholders, with the primary objective that the roadway improvements are to enhance mobility, safety, and air quality.

[AUDIO 6]



The existing roadway is a two-lane rural highway. Some portions of the existing roadway have a center two-way left-turn lane. The existing roadway utilizes shoulders and bar ditches contained within a 120' existing right-of-way footprint.

[AUDIO 7]

US 377 will be reconstructed from a two-lane rural highway to a six lane divided urban boulevard. Wide outside shared-use lanes will accommodate bicyclists. Sidewalks are provided for pedestrians. A raised center median separates opposing lanes of traffic and provides space to accommodate protected left turn-lanes. Storm water runoff will be collected in enclosed drainage systems.

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The reconstruction of US 377 requires a minimum 140' wide right-of-way footprint; wider rights-of-way will be necessary at major intersections and at stream crossings. The proposed reconstruction will require additional right-of-way adjacent to the existing US 377 roadway.

[AUDIO 8.1]

The design team has evaluated US 377's proposed alignment to promote safety and mobility while minimizing impacts to adjacent properties and businesses. The team evaluated three options to meet these goals. The three options include:

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[AUDIO 8.3]

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[AUDIO 8.5]

The broad scale approach of how to widen the roadway was adjusted in specific, localized areas to further reduce impacts to businesses and properties.

[AUDIO 9]

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Each City and Town has provided input to the design team to consider and incorporate to further the design's geometric development. The design team has been in contact with other stakeholders that have helped provide insight to local concerns and issues.

[AUDIO 10.1R]

The US 377 Project Team is planning the following project milestones to complete the Preliminary or Schematic Design.

Today you are participating in the Project's Virtual Public Meeting.

This summer, the Design Team will incorporate input from TxDOT and the Virtual Public Meeting to complete the development of the schematic design and the required environmental documentation for the US 377 project.

A Public Hearing will be held later in 2020 to present the final Schematic Design and Environmental Document to the public for final comments.

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Once the project is environmentally clear, TxDOT will begin the processes of acquiring right of way and relocating utilities.

The US 377 project is scheduled to be ready to let in Spring 2023. "Letting" is when TxDOT notifies the construction community that a project is ready to be bid on.

Construction on a project begins after the letting process is complete.

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WEBSITE – WELCOME TAB

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WEBSITE – TYPICAL SECTIONS TAB

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WEBSITE – PROJECT DESIGN TAB

[AUDIO SCHEMATIC]

The US 377 Schematic Design is depicted on twelve separate schematic sheets that provide information about the US 377 project's design. Each Schematic Sheet contains a border on the left side that provides basic information about the roadway and its design. The plan view (top half of each sheet) depicts the project's design features including roadway footprint, number of lanes, intersections, needed right of way, and major drainage crossings. The profile view (bottom half of each sheet) provides a view of the proposed roadway's vertical design or grade at the roadway's centerline.

Please use the US 377 key map to identify which schematic sheet that you wish to view.

WEBSITE – COMMENT AND CONTACT TAB

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