



Virtual Public Meeting

Woodrow Road

From Slide Road to State Loop 493

Lubbock County Better, Safer Roads Program
CSJs: 0905-06-115 and 0905-06-116

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Welcome to the Lubbock County Woodrow Road public meeting pre-recorded presentation. As the first project in the Lubbock County Better, Safer Roads project, TxDOT, in partnership with Lubbock County, is proposing to construct the Woodrow Road from Slide Road to State Loop 493 by converting the existing two-lane rural roadway to a 5-lane urban roadway with curb and gutter and a continuous left turn lane and upgraded intersections.

Virtual Public Meeting in Response to Public Health

The “in-person” public meeting has been changed to a virtual format in response to the COVID-19 outbreak:

The virtual public meeting on the Lubbock County and TxDOT websites provide the same information as the in-person meeting:

- Project information
- Estimated timeline
- Process for submitting comments
- Key contacts

Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT 1 Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.
People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT 2 Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.
People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

FACT 3 Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.
For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT 4 You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:
• Fever
• Cough
• Shortness of breath
Seek medical advice if you
• Develop symptoms
AND
• Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT 5 There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.
• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
• Stay home when you are sick.
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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Given the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, Lubbock County is conducting this virtual public meeting to avoid in-person contact. At this time, the online format will be in lieu of an in-person public meeting.

The presentation will cover the same information the County would have shared at an in-person public meeting. However, the comment process will be different and that will be explained shortly. All project information can be found on the Lubbock County website at www.co.lubbock.tx.us, and on the TxDOT website at www.txdot.gov.

Woodrow Road Virtual Public Meeting - Welcome



Woodrow Road looking west from SL 493



The Honorable Curtis Parrish
Lubbock County Judge



Jennifer Davidson, P.E., CFM
Lubbock County
Director of Public Works

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My name is Octavio Saenz and I would like to welcome you and thank you for watching this virtual public meeting pre-recorded presentation that is being shared with the public today Thursday, August 27, 2020. I am serving as your presenter on behalf of Lubbock County. Jennifer Davidson is the Lubbock County Director of Public Works and is the Sponsor of this project.

Please listen now to this short message from the Lubbock County Judge, the Honorable Curtis Parrish... [PLAY AUDIO FILE HERE]

Virtual Public Meeting Agenda



- 1 Welcome
- 2 Project Overview
- 3 Environmental Overview
- 4 Project Schedule and Next Steps
- 5 Public Comment Process
- 6 Adjourn



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During this virtual public meeting we will be covering the following areas:

- Project overview
- Environmental overview
- Project schedule and next steps
- The public comment process – and this will be a little different than our in-person public meetings.....more information on that later – and then
- Adjournment



The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT

Prior to December 16, 2014 the Federal Highway Administration, otherwise known as FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from the FHWA for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This memorandum of understanding was renewed on December 9, 2019. This review and approval process applies to this proposed project.

This virtual public meeting, presented by Lubbock County and TxDOT, is being provided to share information and to encourage comments from the public regarding the proposed Woodrow Road project. Notices for this meeting were published on the Lubbock County website, TxDOT website and in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal on Sunday, August 9, 2020. The notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and elected public officials. Additional outreach methods for this virtual public meeting included a postcard mailer, local media and social media.

How to Submit Your Verbal Comments



- Verbal Comment Option will be available on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 starting at 6 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, Sept 14, 2020
- Phone: **(806) 319-6148**
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Lubbock County is committed to continuing our efforts to gain public feedback about this project. We understand this virtual public meeting format is a bit different, so let's take a few minutes and explain the comment process – the most important part of this video.

Given our current COVID-19 situation, Lubbock County is asking the public to provide their input through verbal and written comments.

The first way you can share your input is to provide your verbal comments – similar to an in-person public meeting. The verbal comment option is available starting at 6 p.m. today Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. Please call (806) 319-6148 and leave a voicemail with your comment during the 15-day comment period. Your comments will be recorded and a response will be included in the virtual public meeting summary report. The voicemail system allows you to record a voicemail up to three minutes long, similar to the time provided during our standard in-person public meeting practice.

How to Submit Your Written Comments



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2. **Mail:**

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Comments must be received or postmarked **on or before**
Monday, Sept. 14, 2020
to be included in the Public Meeting Summary Report

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In addition to providing the verbal comment voicemail option, Lubbock County is also encouraging written comments. Comments must be received or postmarked by Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, to be included in the virtual public meeting summary report. You can submit written comments in the following ways:

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More importantly, please be sure to submit your written and verbal comments no later than Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, which is 15 days after the original Aug. 27, 2020 meeting date. The responses to your comments submitted during the comment period will be included in the virtual public meeting summary report. This report will be posted to the Lubbock County website within the next few months.

We appreciate your understanding with this comment process.

You may contact Lubbock County or Kimley-Horn with any questions about the project during the project development process. The contact for Lubbock County is Jennifer Davidson, and the contact for Kimley-Horn is Sean Cudnoski. Their contact information is at the end of this presentation

Now, let's start talking about the project details.

Woodrow Road Project Location Map



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The Woodrow Road project is approximately 4.7 miles long. This includes the overall limits for the schematic and environmental approval according to the Federal process. Once this goes to construction it will be built in two phases. Phase one will be from State Loop 493 to Indiana Avenue and Phase two will be from Indiana Avenue to Slide Road. The Woodrow Road project includes:

- Widening the existing 2-lane rural roadway to a 5-lane Urban arterial with curb and gutter
- Upgrading and widening the major intersections
- Parallel drainage channels along select portions of the corridor
- The addition of mailbox turnouts for safer mail delivery
- A signalized intersection at County Road 2330
- Safety lighting at major intersections

You can view these designs in more detail on the Lubbock County and TxDOT websites.

Why is the Project Needed?



Need for the Proposed Project

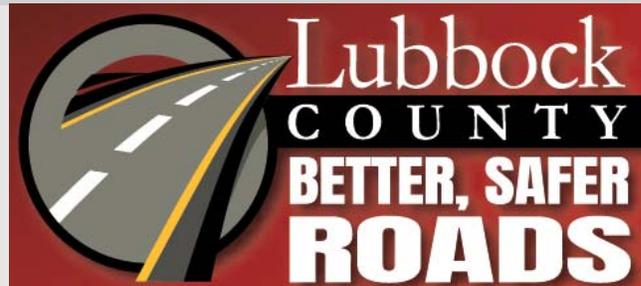
- Development in the area
- Increasing traffic volume through the corridor
- Improve safety and efficiency of travel

Purpose of the Proposed Project

- Improve safety and efficiency of travel
- Provide better access to emergency services
- Provide safer routes to school and work
- Decrease traffic congestion
- Increase quality of life

Purpose of the Public Meeting

- To inform the public of the status of the project
- Present the current design so that the public can determine the projects potential to affect their lives and property
- To develop a record of public views and opinions to accompany recommendations for the final project.



"Woodrow Road is one of the most dangerous and congested county roads in our County. But more importantly a significant portion of the traffic on Woodrow Road are young drivers driving to and from Lubbock-Cooper High School. It is imperative that we widen this road, not only for the quality of life for those who travel it daily, but for the safety of our citizens."

Bill McCay
Commissioner Precinct 1

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Why is this project needed?

This project is needed to improve safety and efficiency of travel due to on-going development and increasing traffic.

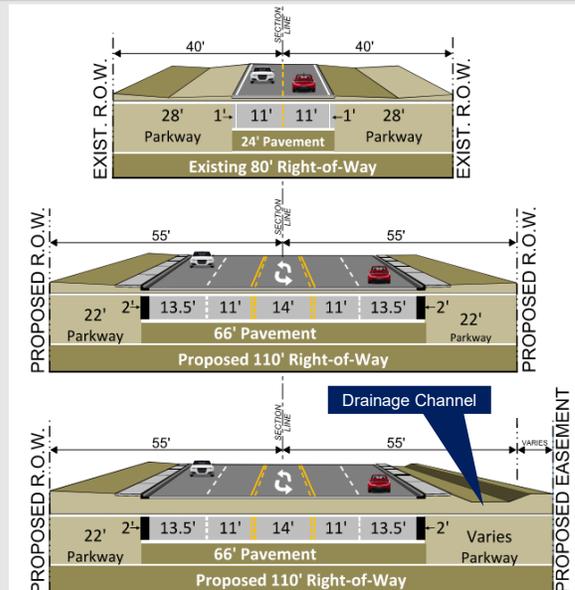
The purpose of the proposed project is to increase mobility by adding travel lanes which would facilitate the safe and efficient movement of goods and people within Lubbock and Lubbock County. This project would also provide safer routes to school and work, decrease traffic congestion, especially in front of the Lubbock Cooper schools in Woodrow (the third-fastest growing school district in Texas), thus increasing the quality of life and providing peace of mind of parents with young drivers.

The purpose of the public meeting is to inform the public of the status of planning on the project and present Lubbock County's recommendations based on studies performed to date. To describe the recommended roadway project design so that the public can determine the project's potential to affect their lives and property and to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

Woodrow Road Design Overview



- **Typical Section**
 - Existing Right of Way is 80'
 - Proposed Right of Way needed is 110'
 - Drainage Channels are needed in some locations
- **Additional Right of Way will be required**



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These are the typical sections for the Woodrow Road. The existing right of way is generally 80-feet-wide or 40-feet north and south of the section line. The proposed right of way needed for this project is generally 110-feet, which is 55-feet north and south of the section line. There are some portions of the corridor where the required 55-feet is already provided so additional right of way will not be needed through those areas.

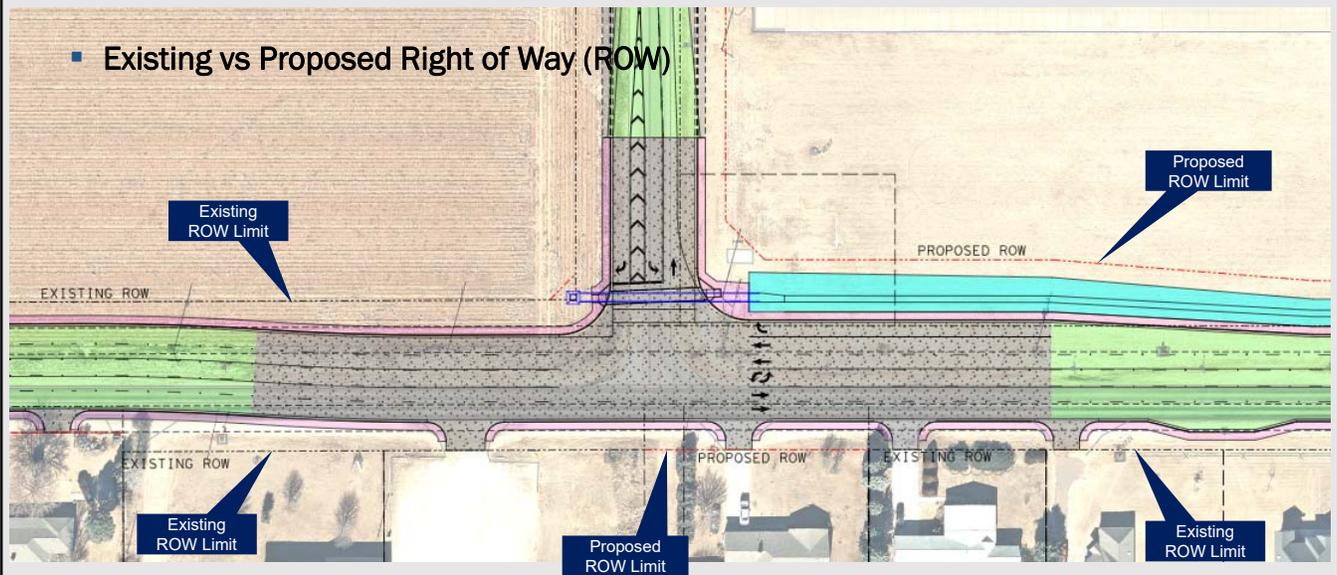
In addition, in order to prevent standing water in the roadway during heavy rain events, parallel drainage channels will be needed through some sections of the corridor. In these instances, the right of way required will be more than 55-feet on that side.

It should be pointed out that the design team has optimized the design to require the fewest parcels required to lessen the impact to the adjacent properties as much as possible.

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- Existing vs Proposed Right of Way (ROW)



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As you have a chance to open and review the preliminary design documents, pay attention to the black dashed lines. These are the existing right of way lines and existing property lines. Right of way is commonly abbreviated as “R-O-W”. Where you see a red dashed line, that color indicates where right of way will be needed. This means that as of the printing of these documents, right of way will only be needed where a red line indicates “Proposed ROW”

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This is a still image of our 3D flythrough which is available to view on the public meeting web page. This give a much better visual of how the Woodrow Road corridor will change by widening the road to 5-lanes.

Once completed, Woodrow Road and connecting intersections, such as this one at State Loop 493, will be much safer for the traveling public, be able to handle much more traffic load during peak times, especially at the beginning and end of the school day, and will provide much better emergency services access.



How to review the preliminary design information

1. Open and view the six PDF's posted on this public meeting website
2. Click and view the Google Earth overlay
Pan and zoom for a more detailed review
3. Open and watch the virtual 3D fly-through of the Woodrow Road preliminary design



Because of the requirement for public meetings and hearings to be virtual, reviewing the preliminary design will be different. And Interacting with Lubbock County and the design team is going to be limited but again we encourage you to send us comments and questions based on the information presented. We have provided a variety of ways to review the preliminary design.

First, you will be able to click on each of the six schematic PDF's that contain the detailed preliminary design. These can be viewed and/or downloaded depending on your preference.

Second, we have provided a Google Earth overlay link that can be opened from your computer. Google Earth is a free program and if you have it installed on your computer, this method will allow you to pan and zoom to visualize the preliminary roadway, drainage and right of way requirements through the corridor. Just double-click on the Google Earth icon.

And lastly, if you're having a hard time visualizing what a 5-lane roadway may look like, we have prepared a 3D fly-through of the project as well. Again, this is based on the preliminary designs, but is a realistic representation of how the corridor will appear once completed. Just double-click on the 3D icon.



Projected Schedule

Timeline	Activity
August 2020	Public Meeting
Spring 2021	Schematic/ENV Approval
Summer 2021	Begin Purchasing ROW
Summer/Fall 2021	Begin Utility Adjustments
Spring 2022	Begin Construction Phase 1
Fall 2022	Begin Construction Phase 2
Summer 2024	End Construction

Now, lets talk about the schedule. This is the project schedule for the main remaining major milestones. Environmental studies and schematic approval is anticipated in the spring of 2021, which will open the door to start purchasing property required to build the road and associated improvements.

As mentioned at the beginning, construction will be in two phases with the first phase beginning in the spring of 2022 and the second phase following closely behind in the fall of the same year.

Construction is anticipated to be complete by the summer of 2024.

Environmental Process



- Environmental Documentation is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).



- The environmental documentation identifies social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project.



- Includes an evaluation of the following:
 - Biological Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Historical resources
 - Traffic noise
 - Community impacts

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The environmental studies being conducted for this projects comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. In addition, the environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the County and TxDOT pursuant to 23 United States Code 327. This also includes the Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.

The environmental evaluation of potential impacts by the proposed project to the natural and human environment include:

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Historical Resources
- Traffic Noise
- Community Impacts

Right-of-Way Acquisition Information



- Total right of way needed = 128 acres
- Only 26 acres of additional right of way is anticipated for this project
- 12 acres of drainage easements
- No residential or commercial displacements.
(no homes or businesses)



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Of the 128 acres of right of way needed for this project, only 26 acres of additional right of way is anticipated. That means that much of the right of way needed is existing which means no impact to those adjacent properties. The design has been adjusted to minimize the amount of new right of way needed where possible.

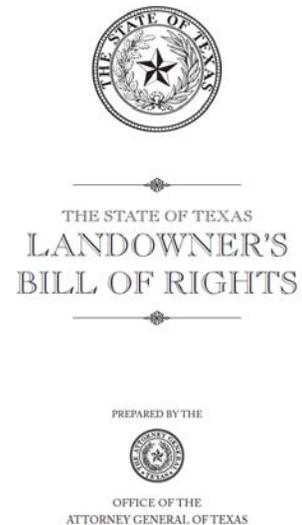
The best news of all is that for this entire 4.7 mile corridor, there will be no residential or commercial displacements. This means that no home or business owners will have to relocate due to this proposed project.

For those properties affected by additional right of way needs, the design team will be contacting you in the near future to discuss the exact locations, widths and the process involved, including timing and your rights.

Lubbock County Right-of-Way Acquisition Process



- Landowners Bill of Rights
 - Available on this public meeting website



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As much as your County and community leaders feel this is an important and much needed project for the improved safety of the traveling public through this corridor (and the other reasons stated previously), it is also important that you know, not only can you help make this project a success but also how this project might impact you and the rights you have as a property owner in Texas.

We invite you to review more information about the Right-of-Way Acquisition Process and the State of Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights brochures. A link to view or download this brochure has been provided on this public meeting website.

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Secondly, Please don't hesitate to contact Lubbock County or Kimley-Horn with any questions about the project. It must be noted that in order for your verbal comment to be on the public meeting record, they must be provided using the call-in method previously discussed.

In closing, we want to remind everyone that you can call or email these project contacts Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. with any questions or comments at any time in the project development process.

And don't forget to click on the Lubbock County website for current information about the project.

This concludes the virtual public meeting presentation. Thank you!