



I-35 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

FM 3002 IN TEXAS TO ROGERS ROAD/MILE MARKER 3 IN OKLAHOMA

OPEN HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

FACTS ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Location:

Cooke County, Texas and Love County, Oklahoma

Proposed Project Length:

Approximately 24 miles

Proposed Project Limits:

FM 3002 to Rogers Road/Mile Marker 3

Proposed Design:

- Two additional lanes in each direction
- Realignment of portions of the roadway
- Two new bridges over the Red River
- Removal of the northbound Red River bridge
- Conversion of the southbound Red River bridge to a frontage road
- Realignment of a rail corridor for approximately 6.5 miles
- Conversion of two-way frontage roads to one-way
- New right-of-way

Welcome to Tonight's Open House

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to the Open House to provide updates on the current status of the I-35 Improvement project in Valley View, Texas. The purpose of this meeting will be to present to the public and collect comments on the proposed changes in the realignment of the BNSF rail line within the Valley View section of the I-35 Improvement Project since the February 2015 Open House. In addition, we will be presenting and collecting comments on the proposed changes in access at 3rd Street in Valley View, Texas.

Representatives from TxDOT and the study team are available to answer individual questions. Public comments are encouraged.

Project Summary

TxDOT is planning improvements for the widening of I-35 from FM 3002 in Cooke County, Texas to Rogers Road/Mile Marker 3 in Love County, Oklahoma to update the roadway to current design standards and provide congestion relief for expected future traffic increases. These improvements will require the relocation of a portion of the BNSF rail line within the City of Valley View, Texas.

As part of the planning process, TxDOT is conducting an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed widening of I-35 and realignment of the BNSF rail line. An EA is a report that documents the existing social, economic and environmental conditions, assesses effects of the proposed alternative and identifies potential mitigation. The EA will also evaluate the effects of a no-build alternative.

Changes in Access at 3rd Street

Access at 3rd Street and the I-35 Frontage Road will be closed (red circle; see next page for map). Residents who usually use 3rd Street to access I-35 Frontage will still have access via:

- FM 922
- Mill Street
- 2nd Street
- 4th Street

Emergency response times will not be impacted.

BNSF Rail Realignment*

Coordination with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to avoid impacts to the Ray Roberts Fee Area and Texas Parks and Wildlife, Wildlife Management Area required additional analysis of proposed BNSF rail realignment. As a result, two new rail realignment alternatives are being carried forward for further analysis.

BNSF Rail Realignment Alternative 3:

- Splits from the existing alignment north of Ritchey Road. The relocated track would shift approximately 3,354 feet from its existing location at FM 922.
- 5.5 miles of realignment
- Grade separation at FM 922
- Requires South Pecan Creek Trail/Ritchey Road to be realigned for approximately 0.7 miles
- No impacts to the Ray Roberts Fee Property

BNSF Rail Realignment Alternative 4:

- Splits from the existing alignment north of Ritchey Road. The relocated track would shift approximately 875 feet from its existing location at FM 922.
- 4.5 miles of realignment
- Rail road would be grade separated over FM 922
- No impacts to the Ray Roberts Fee Property

**See map insert for additional detail*

How to Stay Involved in the Proposed Project

Additional public involvement opportunities will be provided throughout the study process. Once FHWA approves the Draft EA, a public hearing will occur to solicit comments from the public. A Final EA will be prepared addressing all comments with an expected Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This process is expected to be completed during 2018.

Submit comments to:

Texas Department of Transportation
c/o Stephanie Manry
1601 Southwest Parkway
Wichita Falls, Texas 76302

All mailed comments must be postmarked by October 13 2017. Comments may also be emailed on or before October 13, 2017, to: MyProjectsWichitaFalls@txdot.gov

Next Steps

- Consider public comments
- Finalize environmental analysis
- Project decision from TXDOT/ FHWA for the final approved Environmental Assessment
- Complete final design
- Begin right-of-way acquisition
- The first phase of construction is anticipated in 2019, and construction time is approximately three years



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