



United States Highway (US) 287 Public Hearing

From east of SH 360 to west of US 67
Ellis County, Texas

CSJs: 0172-04-049; 0172-13-009



Sept. 19, 2024

Hello and welcome to the Public Hearing for US 287 from east of SH 360 to west of US 67. This hearing has been convened by the Texas Department of Transportation and is being held to receive and consider comments from the public.

Please note, you may pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to review the information.

HELP #EndTheStreakTX

End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

TxDOT.gov (Keyword: #EndTheStreakTX)



November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways and over 80,000 people have lost their lives since then. That's a streak we want to break. Help TxDOT End the Streak of roadway fatalities by buckling up, driving the speed limit, putting down your phone and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.



I'm Travis Campbell, Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the TxDOT Dallas district. Thank you for joining us as we conduct this virtual public event. Understanding how our projects impact communities is important to TxDOT. The following presentation will provide instruction on how you can connect with us and provide vital input about this project. We will continue to work closely with stakeholders, communities and the public as we move forward. Thank you for your time and interest in improving our transportation system and we look forward to receiving your comments.

Public Hearing Purpose and Protocol

- Inform the public of project status and present recommendations based on studies performed to date.
- Describe the project so those attending can determine the project's potential to affect their lives and property.
- Provide the public an opportunity to see information and provide feedback.
- Develop a record of public views and participation.



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You may have attended previous public hearings conducted by TxDOT.

For the benefit of those who have never participated before, we will explain why the Department conducts a public hearing.

A public hearing has four essential purposes:

1. Inform the public of the status of planning on the project and present the recommendations based on studies performed to date.
2. Describe the project so those attending can determine the project's potential to affect their lives and property.
3. Provide the public an opportunity to see information and provide feedback.
4. And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

This public hearing is being held in compliance with both federal and state laws.

Following this hearing, the Department will proceed with the preparation of the final environmental documentation. Your statements and comments will be addressed in this document and will be given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendation and design for the US 287 from east of SH 360 to west of US 67 project.

Viewing the Project Information

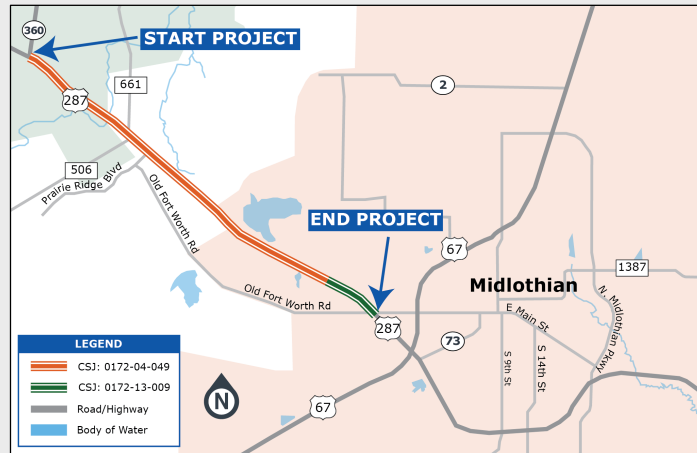
Websites:

- www.keepitmovingdallas.com
Under "Public Hearings/Meetings"
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Direct website link to the posted materials

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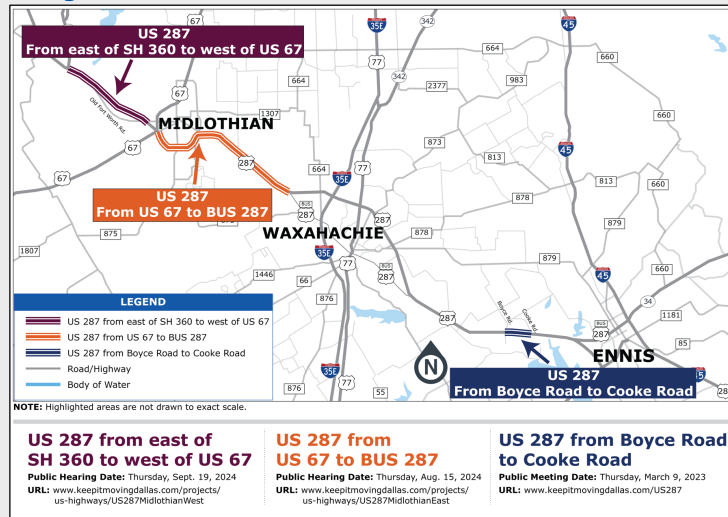
The proposed US 287 Project is from east of SH 360 to west of US 67, a distance of approximately 4.2 miles. The design schematic and environmental documentation for the US 287 Project are available for inspection and reproduction at the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Office, or online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com. The information on this website is the same information being shown in this presentation.

Project Location Map



This project is for US 287 from east of SH 360 to west of US 67. The proposed improvements include constructing frontage roads in each direction and the addition of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Adjacent Projects



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Three projects along US 287 in this area are in the planning phase. The project for this public hearing is shown in purple.

A public hearing was held for the orange project in August 2024, and a public meeting was held in March 2023 for the blue project. Additional information about both projects can be found at keepitmovingdallas.com.

Project Purpose and Need

Project Purpose:

Improve safety, increase mobility and meet current design standards.

Project Need:

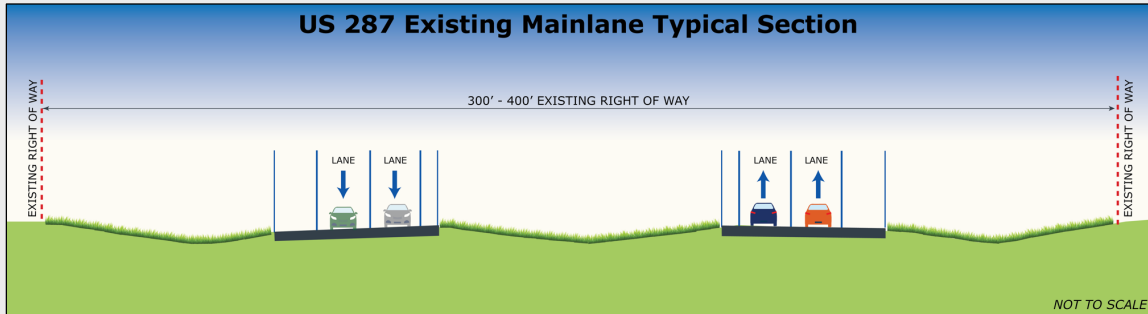
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The purpose of the US 287 from east of SH 360 to west of US 67 project is to improve safety, increase mobility and meet current design standards.

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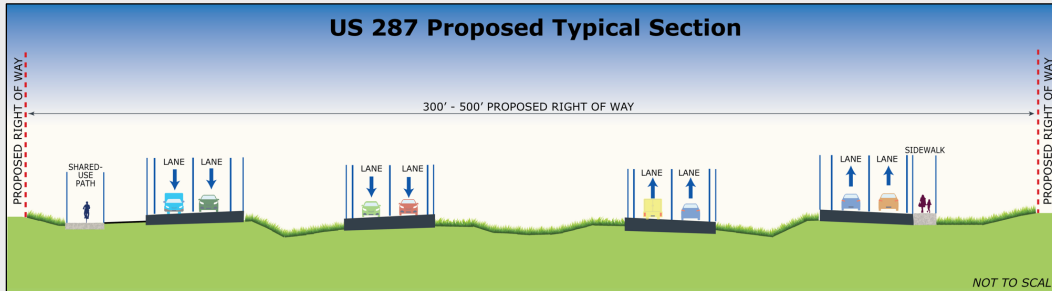
Existing Typical Section



- Consists of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction with 4-foot inside shoulders and 10-foot outside shoulders
- Existing right of way is 300- to 400-feet-wide
- No existing sidewalk, bicycle or pedestrian facilities

The existing roadway right of way is 300- to 400-feet-wide and consists of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, northbound and southbound US 287. There is a 4-foot shoulder on the inside of both northbound and southbound lanes and a 10-foot outside shoulder on both sides. There are no existing sidewalk, bicycle or pedestrian facilities.

Proposed Typical Section



- Construction of two new 12-foot-wide frontage roads in each direction
- Addition of a six-foot sidewalk on the southbound side and a ten-foot shared-use path on the northbound side of the frontage roads of US 287
- Interchange improvements
- Proposed right of way ranges from 300- to 500-feet

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The proposed project includes a right of way of 300- to 500-feet with a 40-foot median. The proposed improvements maintain the two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction for mainlanes and maintaining the current shoulder widths. The new construction includes two 12-foot-wide frontage roads in each direction. The proposed project also includes the addition of a six-foot sidewalk on the southbound side and a ten-foot shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians on the southbound side of US 287.

Interchange improvements would also be completed at US 287 from east of SH 360 to west of US 67.

Project Cost and Schedule



Anticipated Ready to Let Date
2028



*Estimated Construction Cost**
\$310M

**Project is currently unfunded for construction and cannot let until funding is identified; however, right-of-way acquisition can proceed even if the project is not funded for construction.*

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The US 287 from east of SH 360 to west of US 67 project is anticipated to be "Ready to Let" by 2028. "Ready to Let" is when TxDOT notifies the construction community that a project is ready to be bid on after all right of way is acquired and utilities are relocated. Construction on a project begins after the letting process is complete. The total construction cost for the project is approximately \$310 million. The project is currently unfunded for construction and cannot let until funding is identified; however, right-of-way acquisition can proceed even if the project is not funded for construction.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation

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.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido, llevado a cabo por TxDOT en virtud de 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado el 9 de diciembre del 2019, y ejecutado por la FHWA y TxDOT.

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Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, or 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 FHWA to review and approve certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This agreement was updated on December 9, 2019.

Environmental studies will be conducted for the proposed US 287 project to support an environmental clearance in accordance with NEPA. These environmental analyses are necessary to identify, avoid, and minimize effects to the Human and Natural Environments.

Technical environmental documentation was approved for further processing by TxDOT and was coordinated with other public agencies. Notices for this public hearing were advertised in The Midlothian Mirror and Al Dia, on the TxDOT.gov website under "Hearings and Meetings Schedule", and on Keepitmovingdallas.com under "Public Hearings / Meetings." The TxDOT Public Information Office also prepared a news media release to advertise the public hearing. The TxDOT technical reports will be made available for your review on the project website once they are completed.

Environmental Review/Impacts Addressed



Air Quality



Community Impacts



Cultural Resources



Hazardous Materials
Sites



Traffic Noise



Vegetation &
Wildlife

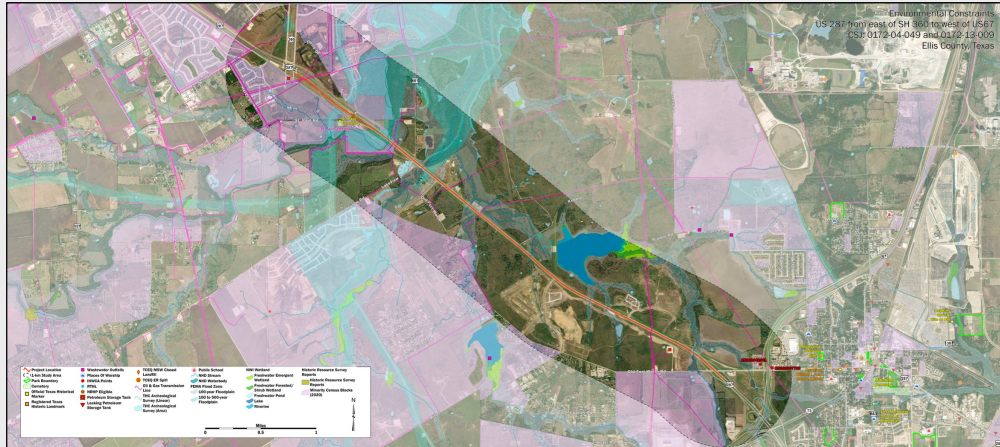


Water Resources

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The technical documentation for this project addresses the potential environmental impacts identified during the preliminary engineering of the proposed project. These areas of potential impacts included natural, social, and cultural resources. This slide shows a list of all resources that were evaluated during the environmental analyses. The following slides include a summary of those findings.

Constraints Map



To view a full-size environmental constraints map, please visit the project page at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/us-highways/US287MidlothianWest

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Preliminary environmental constraints have been identified and have been further evaluated as part of the technical studies phase of the proposed project. The environmental constraints identified thus far in the proposed project area include streams and wetlands, floodplains, historical markers, public parkland, cemeteries, archeological sites, and potential hazardous materials sites. To view a full-size environmental constraints map, please visit the project page at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/us-highways/US287MidlothianWest.

Noise Barrier

Traffic Noise

- Preliminary noise mitigation analysis results: two noise barriers are proposed.
- Final location and look of the noise barrier will be further refined and voted on during future noise workshops.

Cultural Resources

- National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible property
 - Western Kountry Klub in Midlothian, TX under Section 4(f)
 - The parking lot and building would remain intact
 - Recommend a finding of no adverse effect
 - Finding of de minimis impact under Section 4(f) would be feasible

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A Traffic Noise Analysis was accomplished in accordance with TxDOT's (and FHWA approved) Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise. Based on the analysis results, two noise barriers were determined feasible and reasonable under the analysis for this project. The noise barriers proposed within the project limits is shown on the schematic at this public hearing and on the website. Final decisions about noise barrier locations and look will be further refined and voted on during future noise wall workshops.

The proposed project would result in a potential impact to a National Register of Historic Properties (NRHP)-eligible property, the Western Kountry Klub at 5728 Lakeview Drive, Midlothian, TX 76065 under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Although the proposed undertaking does meet the requirements of constructive use, the parking lot and building remain intact. Therefore, project historians recommend a finding of no adverse effect, and a finding of de minimis impact under Section 4(f) would be feasible.

In conclusion, the studies, analyses, and evaluations performed indicate the proposed project would not result in significant environmental impacts.

Right of Way

Proposed Right of Way & Displacements:

- The proposed project would require the acquisition of approximately 40 acres of right of way
- The proposed project would potentially displace one non-residential structure
- Right-of-way acquisition will be in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970

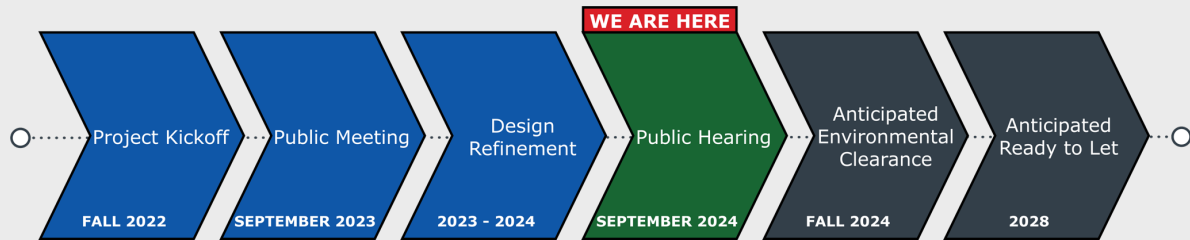
Please visit the project website for more information about the TxDOT right of way process.

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A total of approximately 40 acres of new right of way would be required to complete the proposed improvements as well as the potential displacement of one non-residential structure.

All right-of-way acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. Brochures, including two booklets titled "The Purchase of Right of Way," and "Relocation Assistance," are also available on the project website. These booklets contain detailed information to inform you of your rights and provide information about the TxDOT right-of-way acquisition process.

Project Timeline



Dates are approximate and subject to change.

The public comment period for this public hearing ends Friday, Oct. 4, 2024. Following this hearing, documentation of this public hearing will be reviewed by TxDOT. Final environmental clearance is expected by Fall of 2024.

As mentioned earlier, the project has an anticipated Ready to Let Date of 2028. This concludes the environmental evaluation portion of this presentation.

How to Submit Comments

Please submit your comments regarding this Public Hearing using any of the methods below.

Comments must be received or postmarked by **Friday, Oct. 4, 2024**, to be included in the Public Hearing Summary.

For general questions about the presentation, please contact TxDOT Project Manager Jordan Mrayyan, P.E., at Jordan.Mrayyan@txdot.gov.



Comment Online

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Mail-In Comments

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Comments will be accepted in a variety of ways as shown on the screen. If you would like to leave a verbal comment, please call the number shown here.

Comments must be received or postmarked by Oct. 4, 2024, to be included in the official public hearing record.

All substantive comments and questions will be fully considered and responded to in the project record and made part of the final environmental document for this proposed project. This document will then be made available for public review online at the project website.

Thank you for participating!



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We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest concerning the proposed design of the US 287 project. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration.

Thank you very much.