

Welcome



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Para información adicional con respecto al proyecto o para hacer preguntas, por favor marque a (972) 960-4400.

Virtual Public Meeting

US 285 South

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022

From I-20 in Pecos to I-10 in Fort Stockton

CSJs: 0139-05-049, 0139-06-023,
0139-07-026 and 0139-08-042

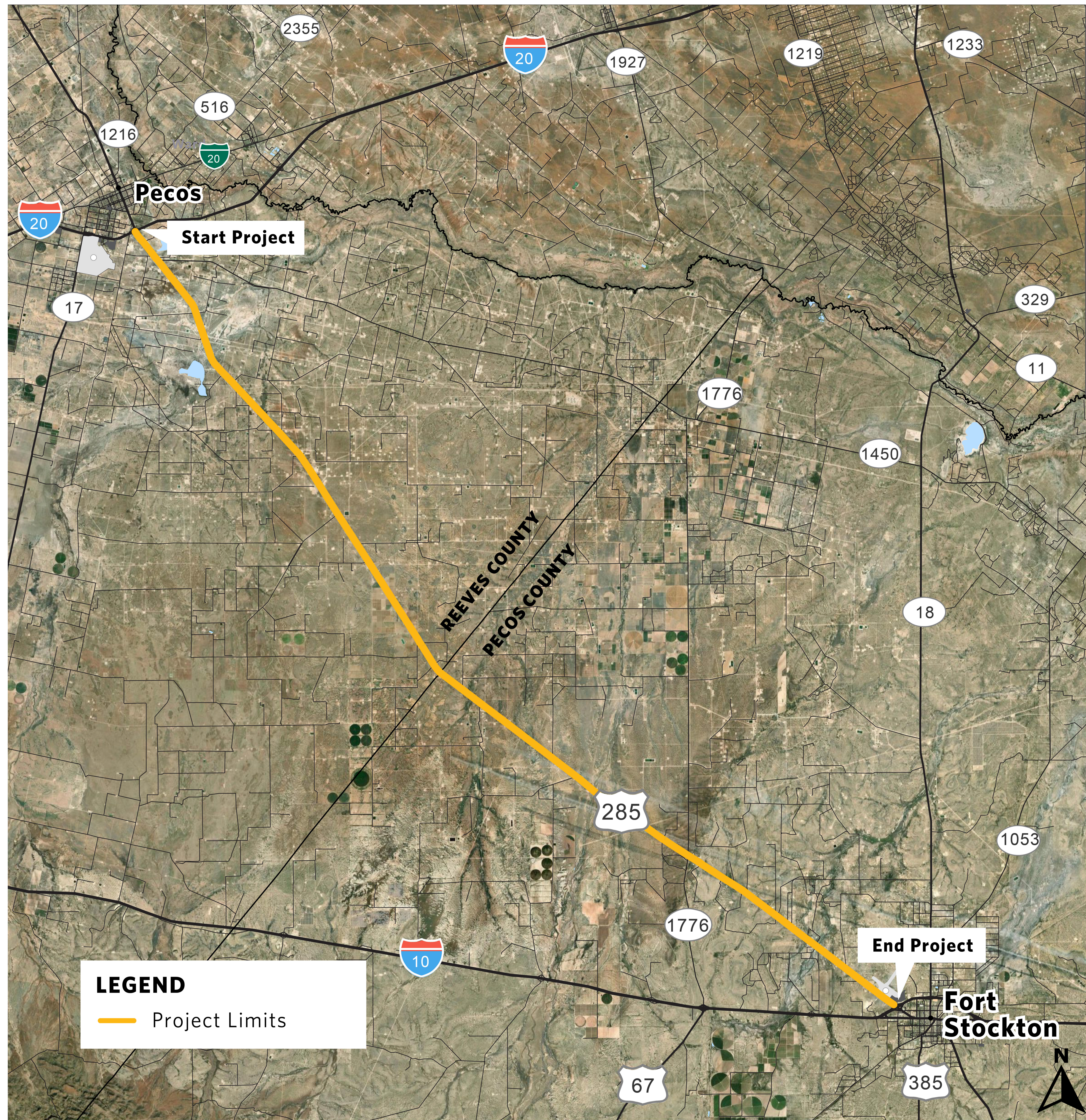
Reeves and Pecos counties, Texas

Why am I here?

- Learn about the project
- Review information regarding the study area
- Provide your input

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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.

What is TxDOT currently considering?



The US 285 South project includes US 285 from I-20 in Pecos to I-10 in Fort Stockton.

- Project is approximately 49.3 miles.
- Proposed improvements are anticipated to include:



Upgrading US 285 from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with a median or barrier.



Increasing the overall safety of the corridor and improving mobility.

Estimated construction cost
\$400.2 million

Estimated right of way and utility relocation cost
\$40 million

Existing rural roadway section



Proposed rural, four-lane divided



US 285 South traffic volume and crash analysis

TRAFFIC VOLUME

↑ 29%

Traffic is expected to increase 29% from 2019 to 2030.

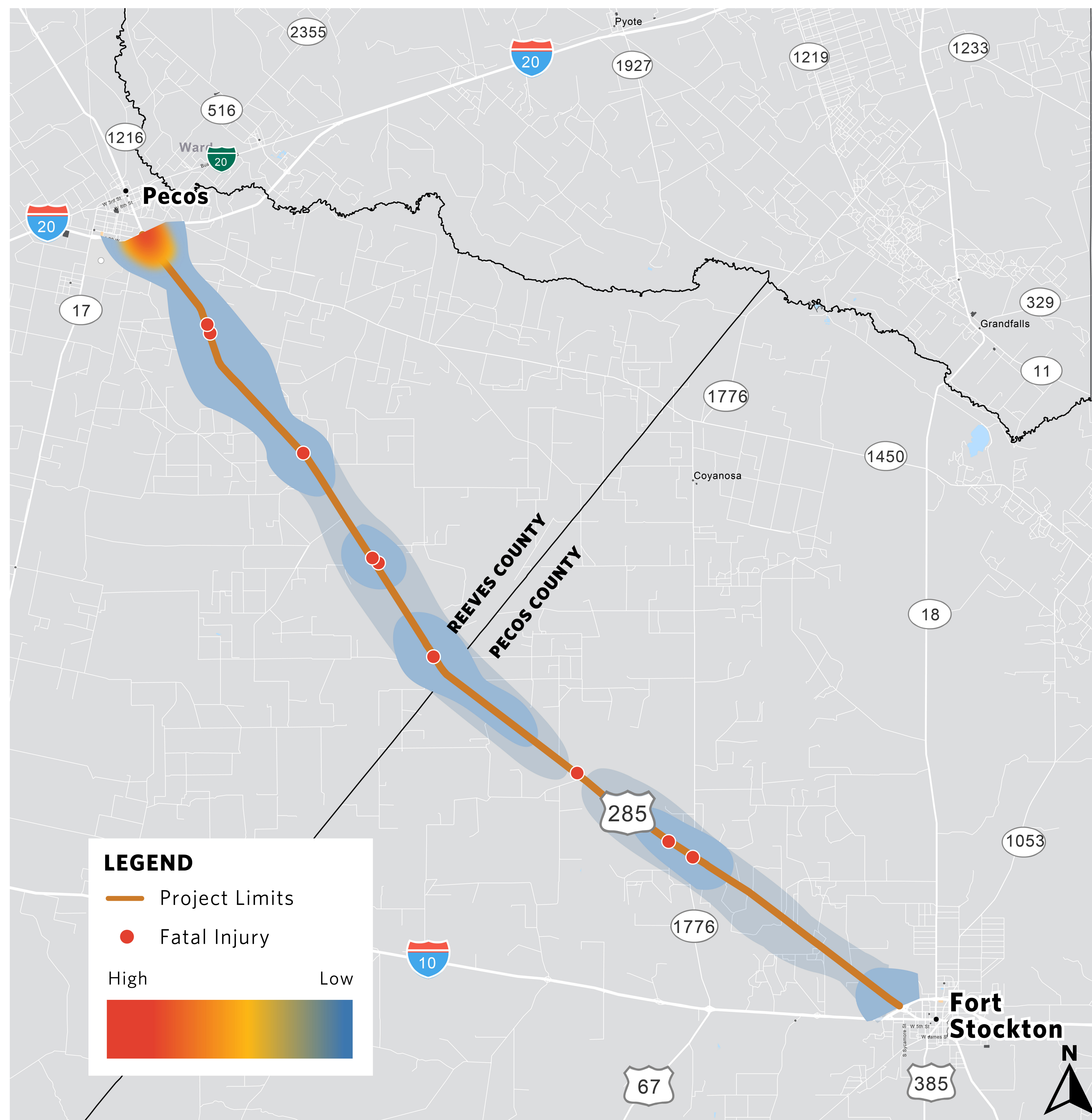
🚛 29%

On average 29% of the traffic volume is truck traffic.

FM 2007 to FM 1776 has 40% of traffic from trucks.

Source: Statewide Traffic Analysis and Reporting System (STARS II) and Statewide Planning Map.

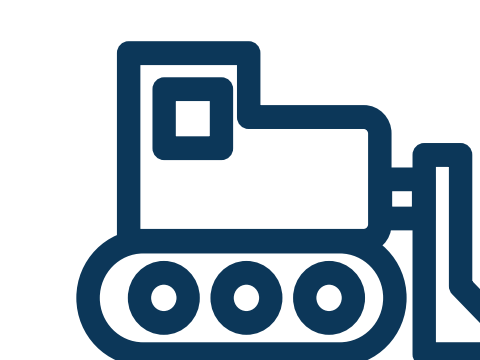
CRASH HEAT MAP



Source: <https://cris.dot.state.tx.us>.

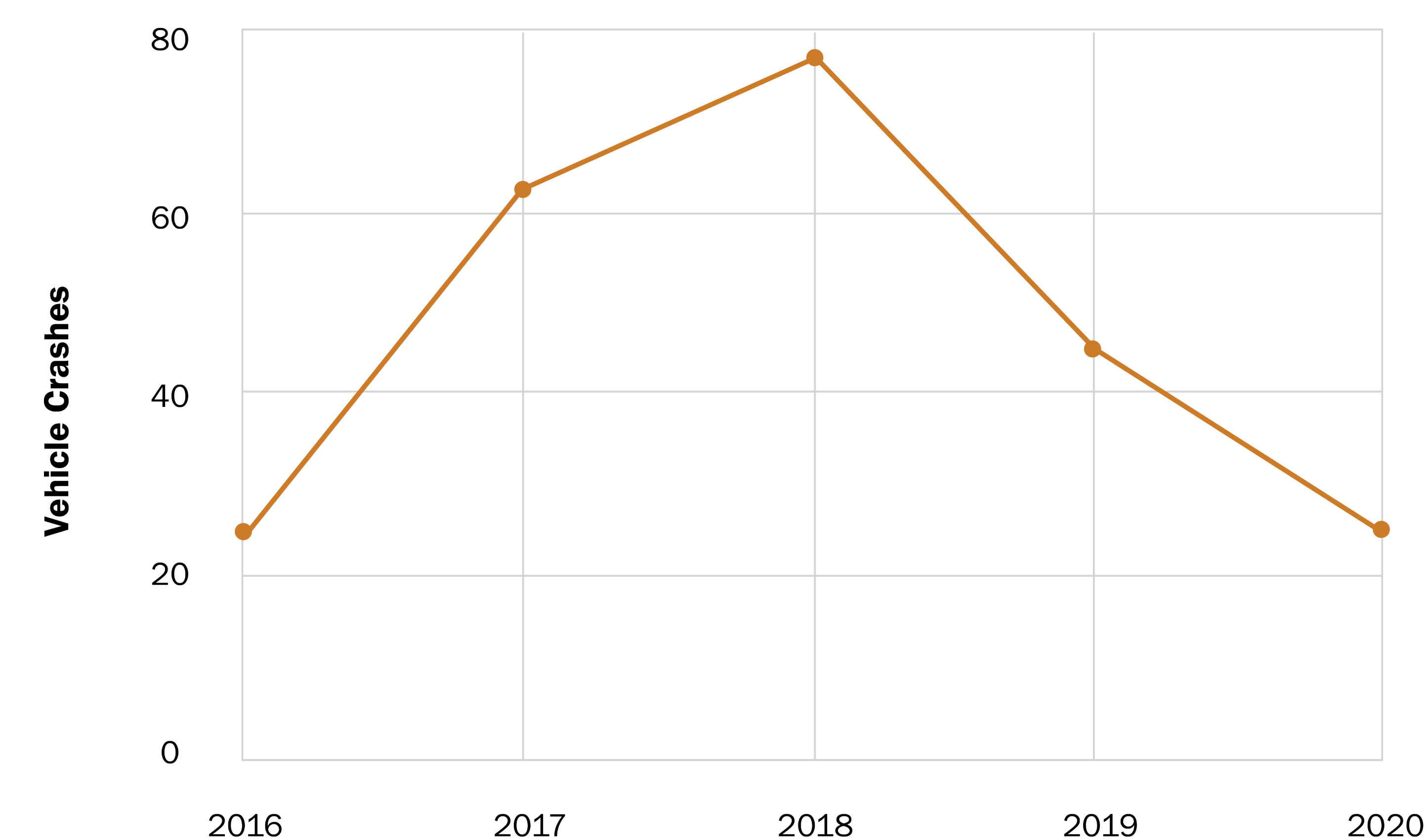


2018 had the highest number of crashes.



Crashes have decreased since 2018, likely due to reduced speeds due to construction and passing lane improvements.

CORRIDOR CRASH DATA 2016 - 2020



TIME OF DAY CRASHES



17.8%
of crashes occurred between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m.



18.4%
of crashes occurred between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Texas Department of Transportation is initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the US 285 South project in Reeves and Pecos counties, Texas.

- An environmental analysis is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). TxDOT will prepare an EA for actions in which the significance of the environmental impact is not clearly established.
- The primary purpose of an EA is to help TxDOT determine whether or not an environmental impact statement (EIS) is needed.
- The end result of an EA is either a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) or a recommendation that an EIS must be prepared.

The analysis presented in the EA evaluates impacts to the human and natural environment, including:



Water Resources



Air Quality



Traffic Noise



Community Impacts



Vegetation & Wildlife



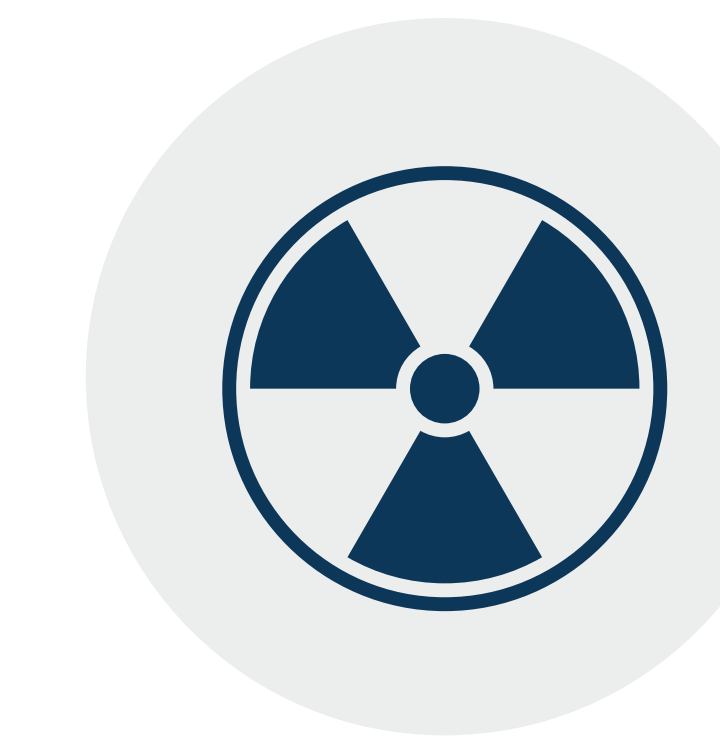
Threatened & Endangered Species



Indirect & Cumulative Impacts



Historical & Archeological Resources



Hazardous Material Sites



Land Use & Parkland

Potential environmental constraints










LEGEND

- Project Limits
- Railroad Commission Well
- Railroad Commission Pipeline
- Waterways/Wetlands
- ✈ Pecos Municipal Airport
- ✈ Fort Stockton Pecos County Airport
- 🏌 Desert Pines Golf Course

LEGEND	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
	Adds improvement beyond planned levels	Adds improvement as planned	Adds limited improvement	No change	Minimize adverse conditions	Less favorable conditions	Unfavorable conditions

IMPROVEMENT ALTERNATIVES

CONSTRAINTS	EAST	WEST	EAST/WEST HYBRID	NO-BUILD
 Safety Lowers number of crashes by updates to current design standards, and enhancements for incident management and emergency access.	3	3	3	-3
 Sustainability Through improved freight efficiency and reduced lifecycle maintenance costs.	2	2	2	0
 System Compatibility (Planning) Compatibility with and accommodation of planned connecting highway network improvements.	2	2	2	-2
 Mobility Roadway Capacity, Freight Reliability, System Connectivity.	2	2	2	-1
 Right-of-way Impacts Impacts to existing properties.	-2	-3	-1	0
 Community and Environment Impacts to the adjacent community and the environment.	-3	-3	-2	0
 Cost Effectiveness Construction costs and utility relocation impacts.	-3	-3	-2	0
Ranking Totals	1	0	4	-6

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

Your comments are vital for TxDOT to understand your interests, concerns, and needs within the project limits. TxDOT will read, discuss, and consider your comments and overall feedback. It is for this reason, we ask for you to take a moment and provide comments within the interactive comment map.

Access the online interactive map [here](#).

Feel free to explore the map and provide multiple comments at your convenience. Thank you for your input.



DETAILED DIRECTIONS FOR LEAVING A COMMENT

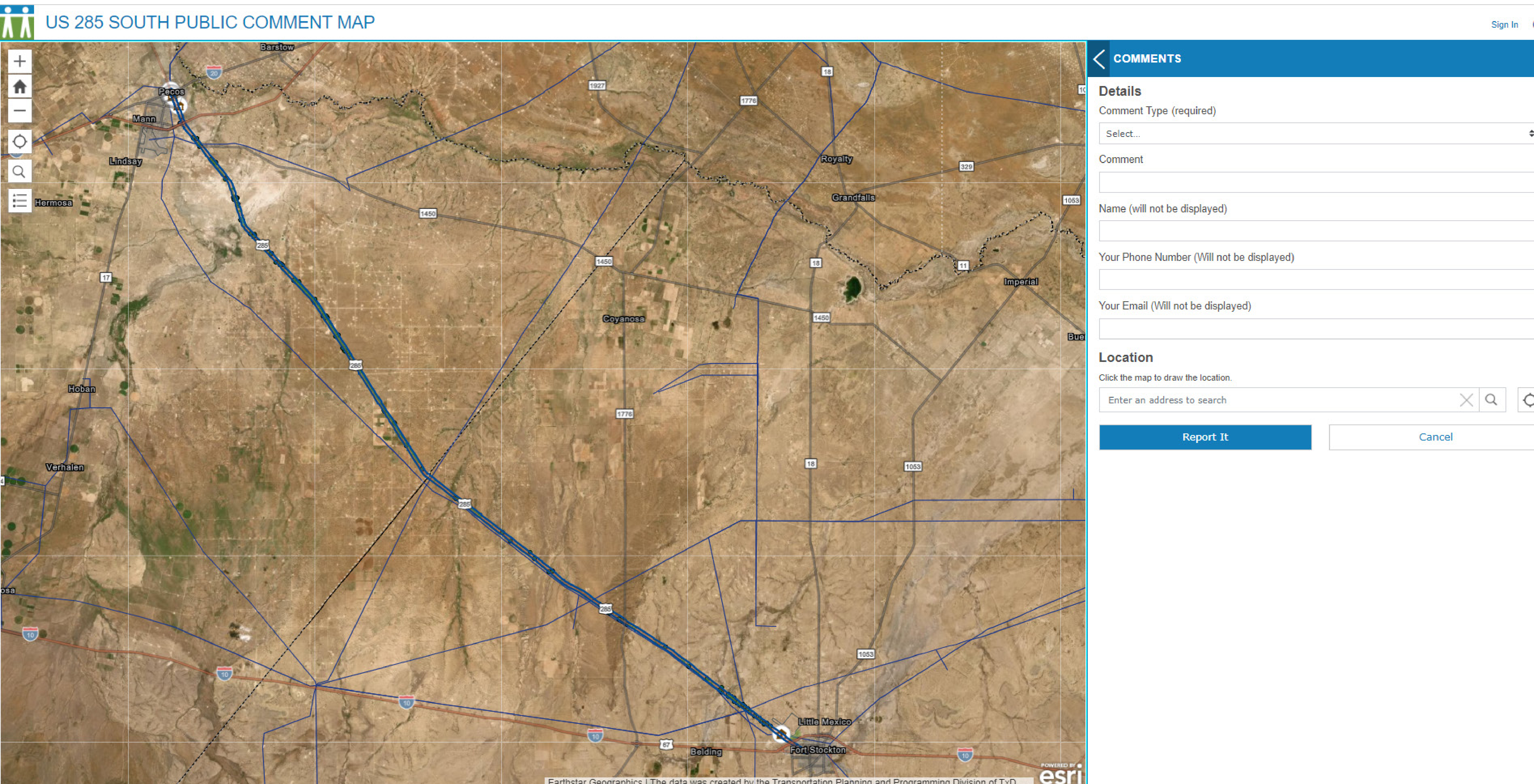
To access the online interactive comment map, click [here](#) and a new browser window will open.

Once there, click “[proceed as guest](#).”

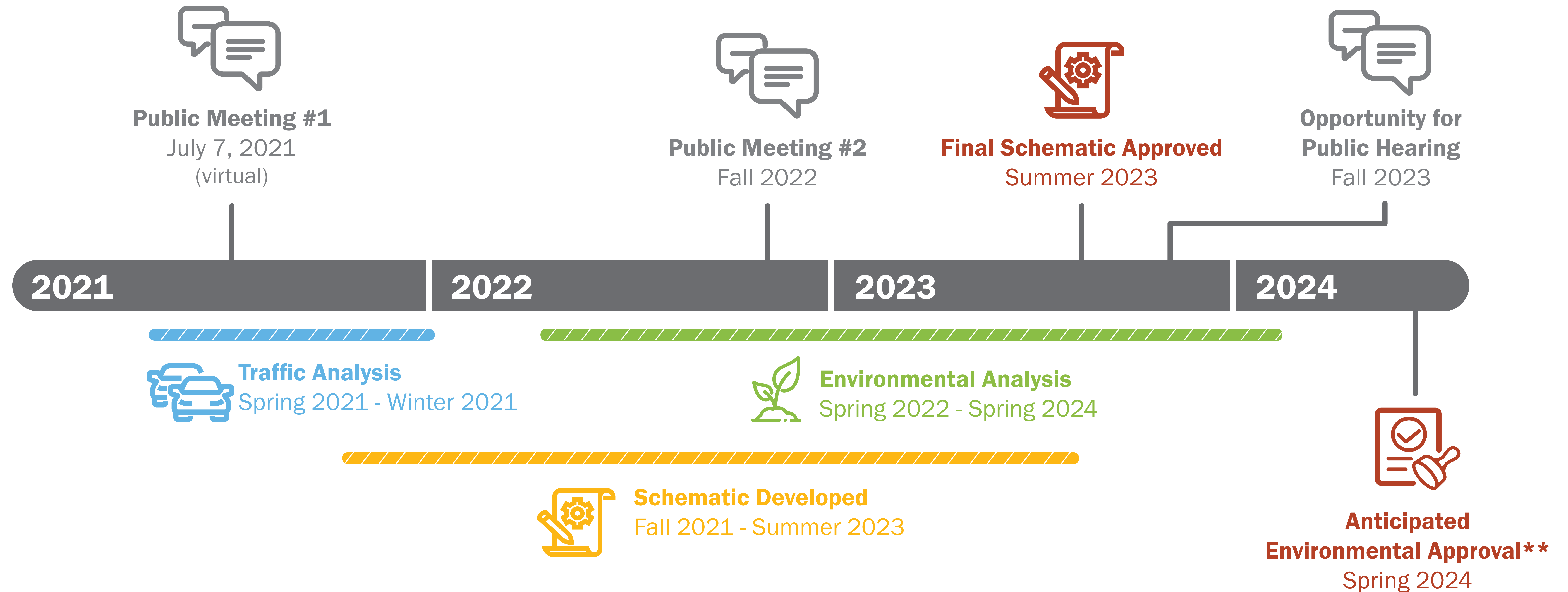
You will see an interactive map on the left. You can zoom in and click through the map to see locations, streets, and other participant's comments.

To leave a comment, please follow these steps:

- 1 Click “submit comment” on the right side in blue.
- 2 You should see a comment form with a prompt to indicate a location for your comment. A location can be provided by clicking on the map at the spot where you would like to leave your comment.
- 3 Once the location field has been populated, please let us know what type (category) of comment you intend to provide.
- 4 After a comment has been categorized, please leave a detailed comment within the comment box.
- 5 If you would like for TxDOT to contact you regarding your comment, please fill out your contact information. Any contact information provided will be kept private.
- 6 Once your comment is completed, click “report it.” Doing so will send the comment to TxDOT.



PROJECT MILESTONE DATES*

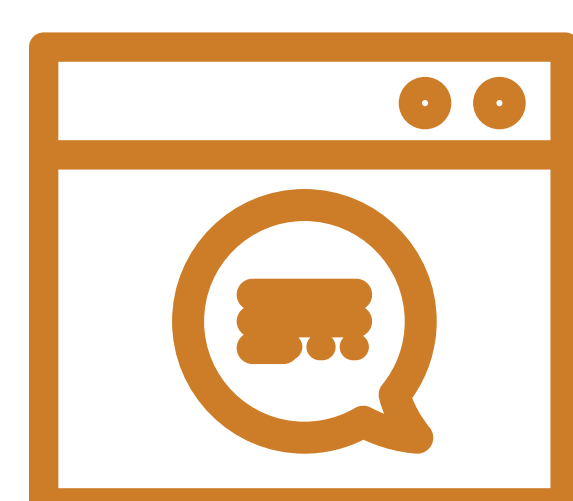


*Subject to change

**Approval dependent on project funding.

How to provide input and contact us

Please submit comments regarding the US 285 South project using any of the methods below. To be included in the public meeting summary, comments should be submitted or postmarked by Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.



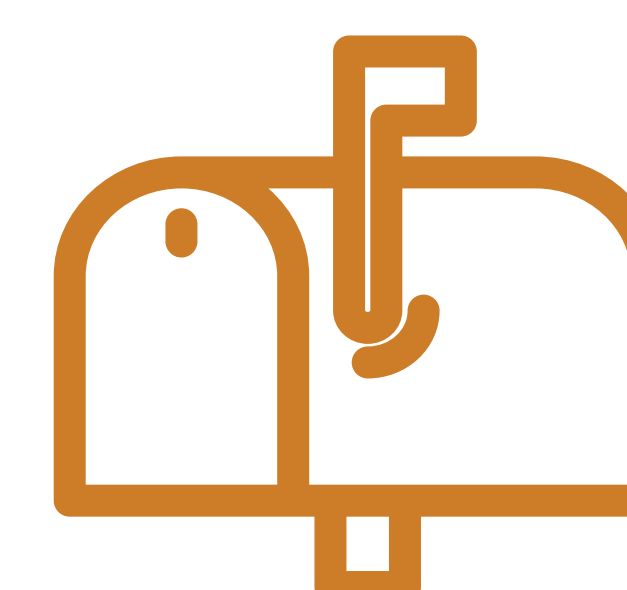
Online Comment Form

Click the comment button on the virtual public meeting page below this meeting room.



Email

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Interactive Comment Map

Access by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions or need additional information throughout the project development process, please contact:

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The proposed project may require additional right of way, subject to final design considerations.

Additional information will be available at future public meetings, and we welcome your input.

TxDOT provides manuals on Landowner's Rights and the acquisition process.



THE STATE OF TEXAS
LANDOWNER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

This Landowner's Bill of Rights applies to any attempt to condemn your property. The contents of this Bill of Rights are set out by the Texas Legislature in Texas Government Code section 402.031 and chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code. Any entity exercising eminent domain authority must provide a copy of this Bill of Rights to you.

1. You are entitled to receive adequate compensation if your property is condemned.
2. Your property can only be condemned for a public use.
3. Your property can only be condemned by a governmental entity or private entity authorized by law to do so.
4. The entity that wants to acquire your property must notify you that it intends to condemn your property.
5. The entity proposing to acquire your property must provide you with a written appraisal from a certified appraiser detailing the adequate compensation you are owed for your property.
6. If you believe that a registered easement or right-of-way agent acting on behalf of the entity that wants to acquire your property has engaged in misconduct, you may file a written complaint with the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) under section 1101.205 of the Texas Occupations Code. The complaint should be signed and may include any supporting evidence.
7. The condemning entity must make a bona fide offer to buy the property before it files a lawsuit to condemn the property—meaning the condemning entity must make a
8. You may hire an appraiser or other professional to determine the value of your property or to assist you in any condemnation proceeding.
9. You may hire an attorney to negotiate with the condemning entity and to represent you in any legal proceedings involving the condemnation.
10. Before your property is condemned, you are entitled to a hearing before a court-appointed panel of three special commissioners. The special commissioners must determine the amount of compensation the condemning entity owes for condemning your property. The commissioners must also determine what compensation, if any, you are entitled to receive for any reduction in value of your remaining property.
11. If you are unsatisfied with the compensation awarded by the special commissioners, or if you question whether the condemnation of your property was proper, you have the right to a trial by a judge or jury. You may also appeal the trial court's judgment if you are unsatisfied with the result.



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**STATE
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OF
RIGHT OF WAY**



Right of Way Division



EL ESTADO DE TEXAS
DERECHOS DEL PROPIETARIO

Esta Declaración de Derechos del Propietario se aplica a cualquier intento de expropiar su propiedad. El contenido de esta Declaración de Derechos fue establecido por la Legislatura de Texas en la Sección 402.031 del Código Gubernamental de Texas y en el Capítulo 21 del Código de Propiedad de Texas. Cualquier entidad que ejerza autoridad de dominio eminente debe proporcionarle una copia de esta Declaración de Derechos del Propietario.

1. Usted tiene derecho de recibir compensación adecuada si su propiedad es expropiada.
2. Su propiedad solamente puede ser expropiada para uso público.
3. Su propiedad solo puede ser expropiada por una entidad gubernamental o una entidad privada autorizada por la ley para hacerlo.
4. La entidad que quiere adquirir su propiedad debe informarle a usted de que quiere expropiar su propiedad.
5. La entidad que propone la expropiación de su propiedad debe darle a usted una evaluación escrita por un tasador certificado detallando la compensación adecuada que se le debe a usted por su propiedad.
6. Si cree que un agente registrado de servidumbre o derecho de paso que actúa en nombre de la entidad que desea adquirir su propiedad ha incurrido en mala conducta, puede presentar una queja por escrito ante la Comisión de Bienes Raíces de Texas (TREC) bajo la sección 1101.205 del Código de Ocupaciones de Texas. La queja debe estar firmada y puede incluir cualquier evidencia de respaldo.
7. La entidad que propone la expropiación de su propiedad debe hacer una oferta de buena fe para comprar la propiedad antes de presentar una acción legal para expropiarla - esto
8. Usted puede contratar a un tasador u otro profesional para determinar el valor de la propiedad o para que le ayude en cualquier proceso de expropiación.
9. Usted puede contratar a un abogado para negociar con la entidad expropiadora y para que lo represente en los procesos legales relacionados con la expropiación.
10. Antes de que la propiedad sea expropiada, usted tiene derecho a una audiencia ante un panel asignado por la corte que incluye a tres comisionados especiales. Los comisionados especiales deben establecer cuánto tiene que pagarle a usted la entidad expropiadora como compensación por expropiar su propiedad. Los comisionados también deben determinar la compensación, si es necesaria, a la que tiene derecho usted por una disminución en el valor de su propiedad restante.
11. Si usted no está satisfecho con la compensación establecida por los comisionados especiales, o si tiene dudas sobre si la expropiación se llevó a cabo correctamente, tiene derecho a un juicio ante un juez o jurado. Si no está satisfecho con el dictamen del juez o jurado, puede apelar la decisión.



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