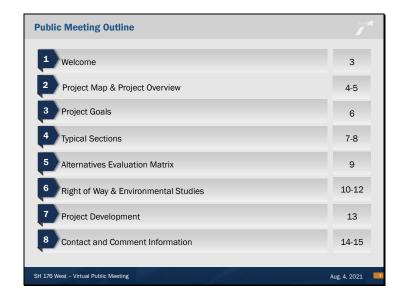


Welcome to the second SH 176 West Virtual Public Meeting, which has been pre-recorded. We appreciate your interest and involvement in this project. Your input is critical to the project development process, and we look forward to receiving feedback and comments from you. This meeting will discuss the proposed improvement project from NW 9999 to FM 1788 east of the city of Andrews in Andrews County, Texas.



November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for nearly 22 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family.





This presentation will discuss the project overview, project goals, typical sections, alternative evaluation matrix, environmental studies, project right of way, and comments deadline for this virtual public meeting.



Thank you for joining us. My name is Tracy Michel and I serve as part of the consultant team.

The purpose of this second virtual public meeting, presented by TxDOT, is to share information and encourage comments from the public regarding the proposed SH 176 West improvement project.



This slide shows the project location map.

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Project Overview	$\mathbf{\bar{z}}^{\star}$
 SH 176 from NW 9999 to FM 1788 east of Andrews is approximately 40 miles in length. 	
Proposed improvements to SH 176 would include:	
 Widening to a four-lane divided highway with two lanes in each directive well as both inside and outside shoulders; 	on as
 a wide center median; and 	
 median openings, as needed. 	
 No widening or other improvements are anticipated within the city of Andrews. 	
 Project studies are being conducted to analyze improvement for safety a avoid and minimize impact to landowners, the community, and the environment. 	nd to
Total estimated construction cost: \$256 million.*	
*Subject to change	
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The project limits for SH 176 West are from NW 9999 to FM 1788 east of Andrews. The project is approximately 40 miles in length.

TxDOT is proposing improvements to SH 176 that include widening to a four-lane divided highway with two lanes in each direction as well as both inside and outside shoulders, a wide center median, and median openings, as needed.

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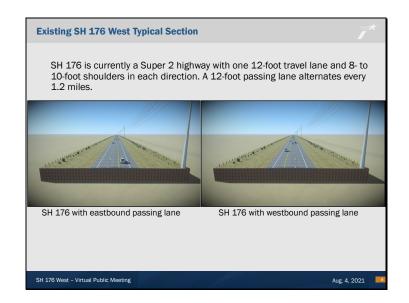
Note that project details are subject to change.

The estimated construction cost for the project is \$256 million. Funding has not been secured at this time.





The goal of the proposed project is to improve safety and increase mobility along the corridor due to decreased safety and mobility associated with truck and vehicular traffic along SH 176 in Andrews County.



Within the project limits, SH 176 is currently a Super 2 Highway with one 12-foot travel lane and 8 to 10-foot shoulders in each direction. A 12-foot passing lane alternates every 1.2 miles.

The illustration on the left depicts existing SH 176 with an eastbound passing lane. The illustration on the right shows SH 176 with a westbound passing lane.



The proposed typical section for SH 176 would be a four-lane divided highway with two 12-foot lanes in each direction.

SH 176 West Constraints		Improvement Alternatives			
	North	South	Mixed	No-Build	
Safety	3	3	3	-3	
Sustainability	2	2	2	0	
System Compatibility (Planning)	2	2	2	-2	
Mobility	2	2	2	-1	
Right-of-Way Impacts	-3	-2	-1	0	
Community and Environment	-3	-3	-2	0	
Cost Effectiveness	-3	-3	-2	0	
RANKING TOTALS	0	1	4	-6	
 >3 = Adds improvement beyond planned l 2 = Adds improvement as planned 1 = Adds limited improvement 0 = No change -1 = Minimize adverse conditions -2 = Creates less favorable conditions -3 = Creates unfavorable conditions 	levels				

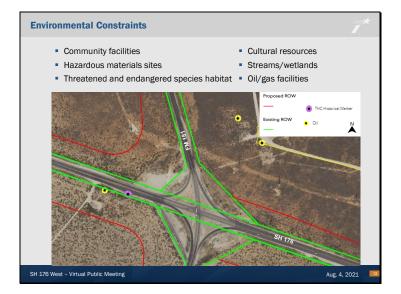
We considered options to expand SH176 to a divided four-lane roadway. One of the options was to add the new lanes to the north side of the existing roadway. The second option we considered was to add the new lanes to the south side of the existing roadway. We determined that a combination of both north widening and south widening was preferred. Additionally, options for improvements at major cross-streets were also considered to improve safety and mobility at these intersections.

An evaluation matrix was used to help score the improvement alternatives as shown on this slide. The preferred alignment provided the fewest impacts throughout the entire SH 176 corridor. Some of the major criteria evaluated included: safety, sustainability, system compatibility, mobility, right-of-way, community and environment, and cost.



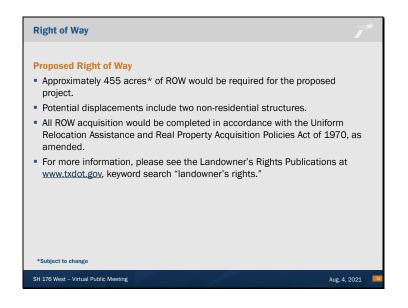
As the project is being designed, environmental documentation will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Air quality, traffic noise, social and community impacts, hazardous materials, biological resources, water resources, and historic and archaeological resources will all be analyzed for impacts during the environmental review.



Our alternatives analysis considered environmental constraints including community facilities, hazardous materials sites, cultural resources, parkland, streams and wetlands, floodplains, water wells, oil and gas facilities, utilities, and sensitive habitat. The environmental constraints map is available for download and review on the SH 176 virtual public meeting web page.

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Approximately 455 acres of new right of way would be required for the proposed project. Potential displacements include two non-residential structures. 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.

To access Landowner's Rights publications, please visit www.txdot.gov, and enter "landowner's rights" in the keyword search.



This slide shows the anticipated timeline for the SH 176 West project. Note, this schedule is subject to change. We are currently at the second public meeting for the project. Public input received will help to shape the project design. The project design and environmental documents are anticipated to be completed in 2023. An opportunity for a public hearing will follow in late 2023 to present the final project design and environmental findings. The final approval of the schematic design and environmental documentation is dependent upon project funding. Funding for the proposed project has not yet been identified.





The public may provide comments on the SH 176 West project in the following ways:

- You may fill out an online comment form available on the project web page.
- You may leave a comment on the interactive map which may be accessed at: <u>www.txdot.gov</u> <u>– Keyword search: "SH 176 West"</u>
- Email comments to SH176W@emailatg.com
- Download the comment form from the website, print, and mail them to Garver, Attn: SH 176 West, 500 W. 7th Street, Suite 803, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, August 19, 2022, which is 15 days from the beginning of the virtual public meeting. Comments received after this date will not be included in the official public record. Please ensure that your comment is received or postmarked by this date.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Clint Jumper, Project Consultant Engineer, at (432) 200-8502 or by email at SH176W@emailatg.com.

Thank you for attending this virtual public meeting.