



US 290 Design-Build Project Pre-Procurement Industry Workshop

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Corridor Location and Project Limits

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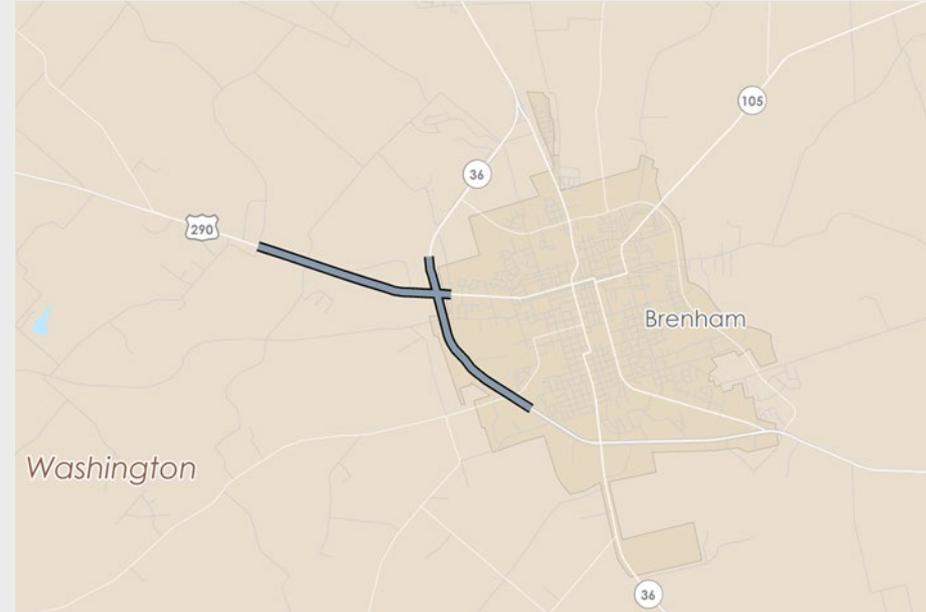
US 290 DB Construction Limits:

From: FM 389 (Prairie Lea Street)

To: CR 49 (Windy Acres Road)

Location: Washington County

Project Length: 3.25 miles





Project Overview

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- Realign and reconstruct mainlanes of US 290
- Improve safety with hurricane route evacuation operational upgrades
- Construct direct connectors associated with the US 290/SH 36 interchange
- Improve operational function of frontage roads
- Improve local and regional access and mobility to accommodate future growth
- Construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Project Need & Purpose

- Improve operational and safety enhancements along the corridor, and at the US 290/SH 36 interchange
- Modernize the corridor to accommodate current and future traffic while improving the hurricane evacuation route
- Improve local and regional access and mobility by providing direct connectors along US-290 at SH 36
- Provide safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the corridor



Project Objectives

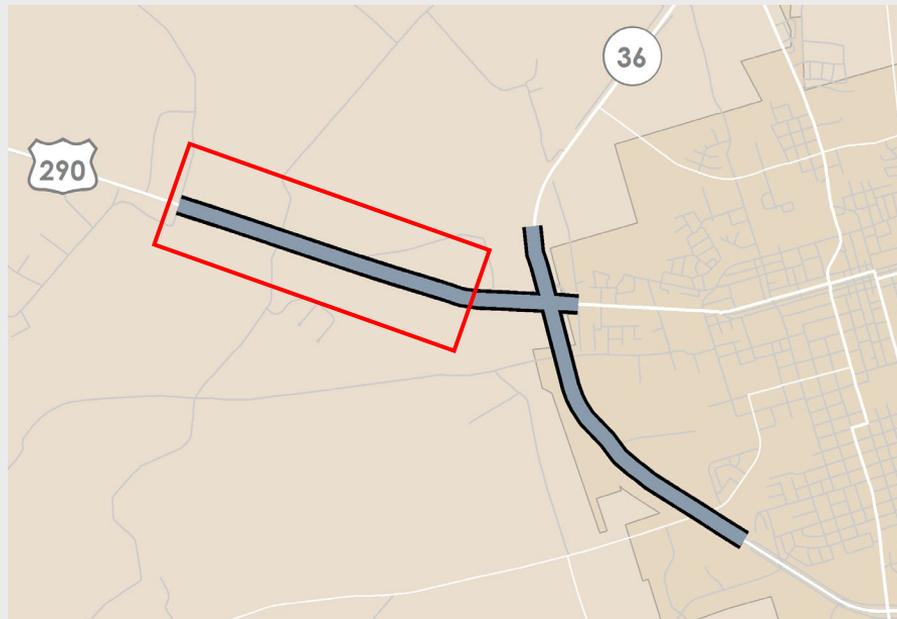
- Improve overall mobility, operational efficiency, safety, accessibility, and emergency response within the Project area by providing additional capacity to meet current and future travel demands;
- Implement and clearly communicate to the public a Project traffic control plan that minimizes travel delays during construction and maintenance;
- Construct a resilient highway system that functions during extreme weather events and to reduce flooding in the Project area;
- Maintain a safe environment for the public and Project personnel, including the provision of escape routes for hurricanes, flooding, etc.;
- Complete the Project on schedule, on budget, and to the highest degree of quality possible to optimize the operational life cycle performance of the Project;

Project Objectives

- Ensure that the Project respects and preserves the local environment by minimizing any negative impacts, contributing to air quality attainment goals in the region, and fulfilling the commitments made in the environmental evaluations;
- Serve and preserve the neighborhoods and businesses along the corridor while enhancing connectivity;
- Ensure continuous communication and maintain commitments to the public and stakeholders throughout Project delivery; and
- Minimize the impacts to utilities within the Project right of way.

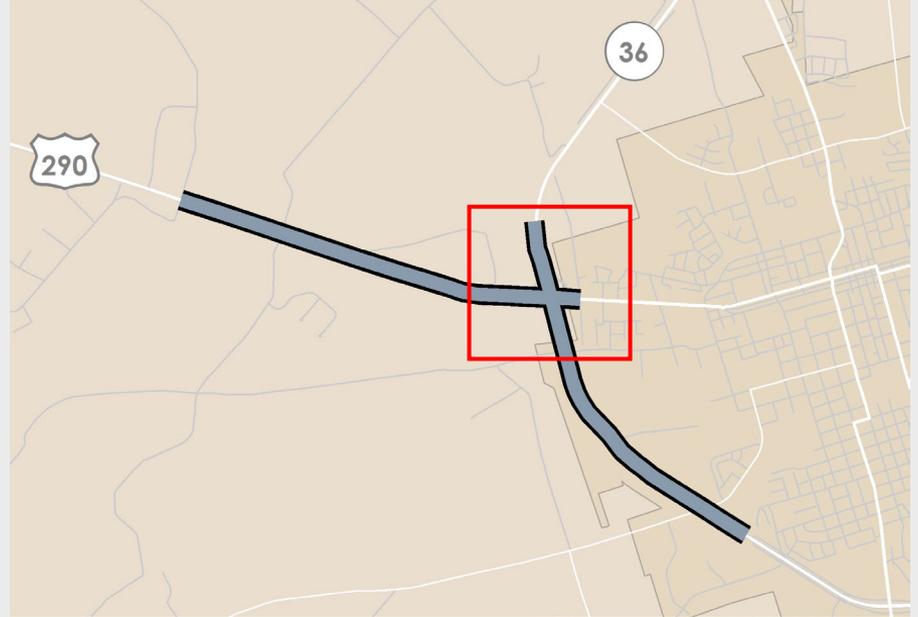
Project Limits Along US 290 West

- Improve safety and operational efficiency along US 290
- Upgrade the intersection of US 290 with Berlin Road
- Construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Allow for future expansion of US 290



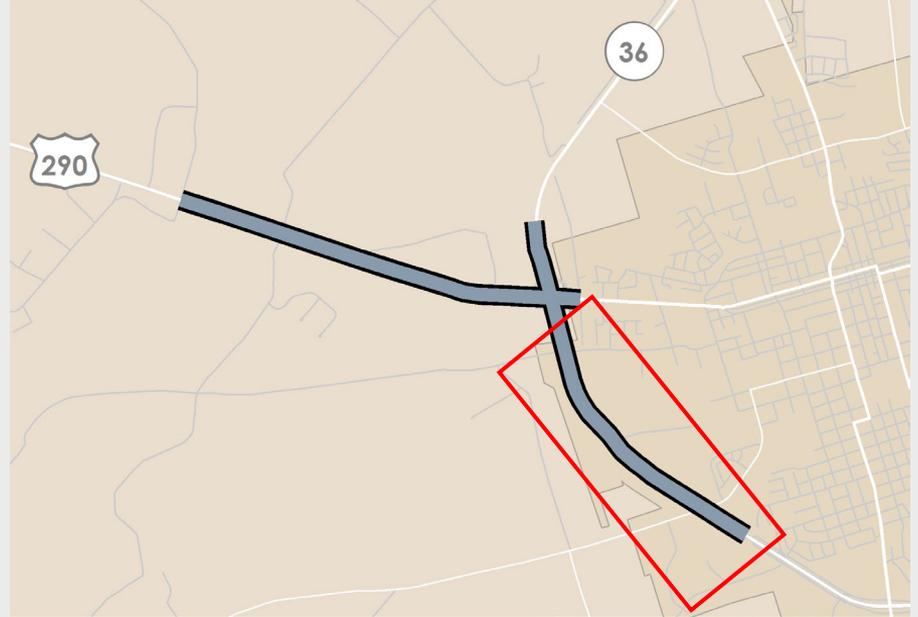
Project Limits At US 290/SH 36 Interchange

- Construction of two direct connectors along US 290
- Operational improvements along frontage roads
- Upgrade the intersection with Westwood Lane
- Provide access to Old Mill Creek from both US 290 and SH 36
- Construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities

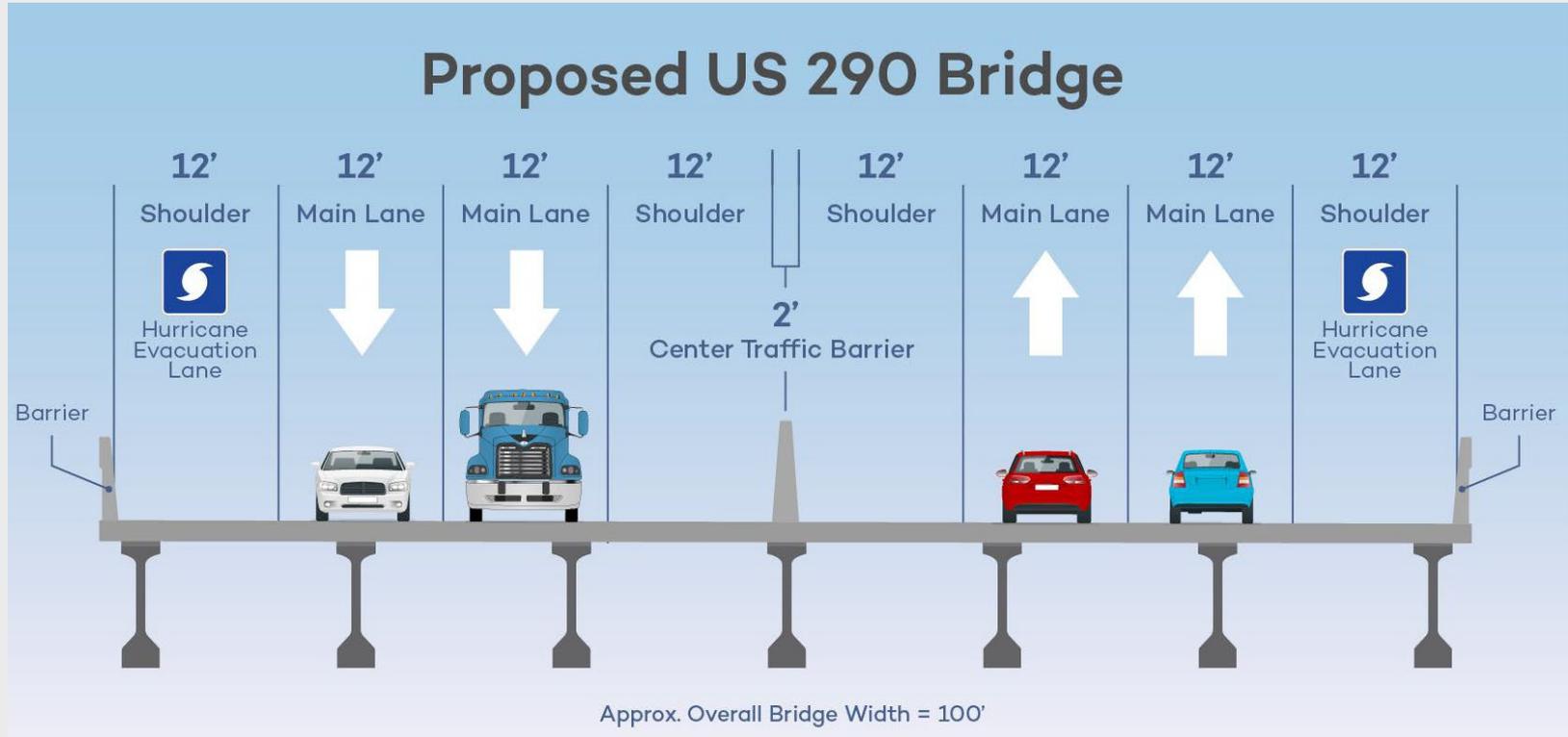


Project Limits along US 290 East

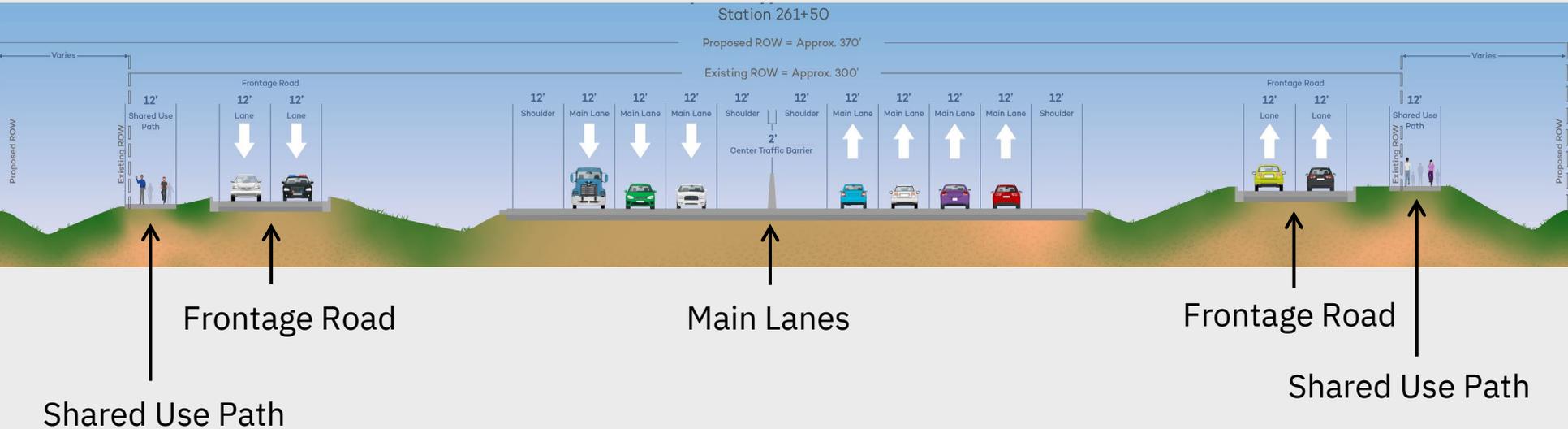
- Improve safety and operational efficiency along US 290 and SH 36
- Operational improvements along frontage roads with improved access for adjacent businesses
- Additional capacity improvements at FM 389
- Construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities



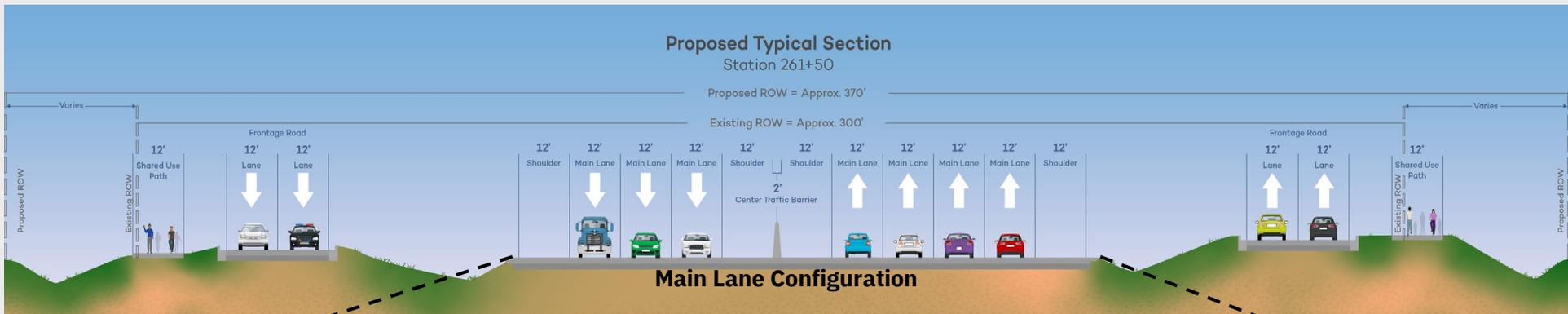
Typical Roadway Section



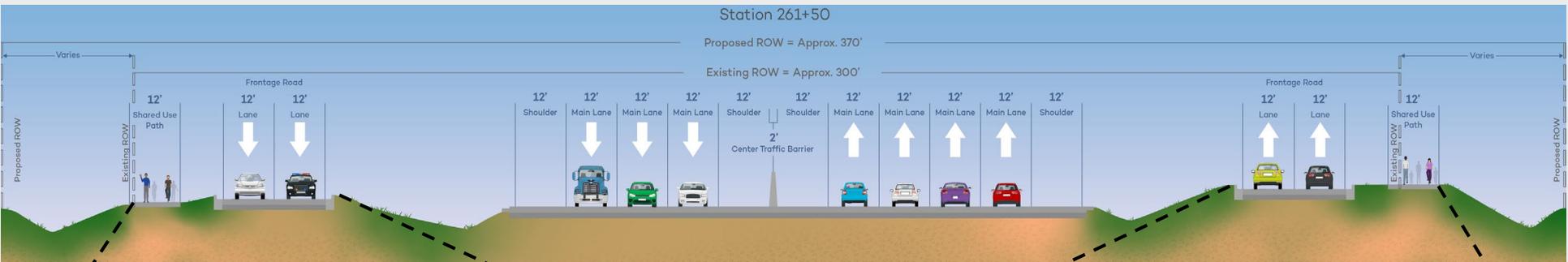
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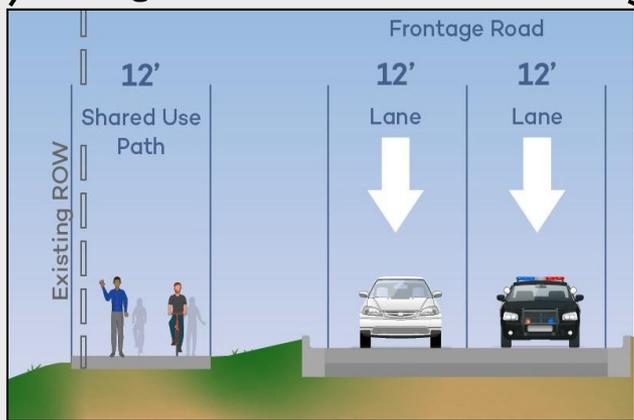
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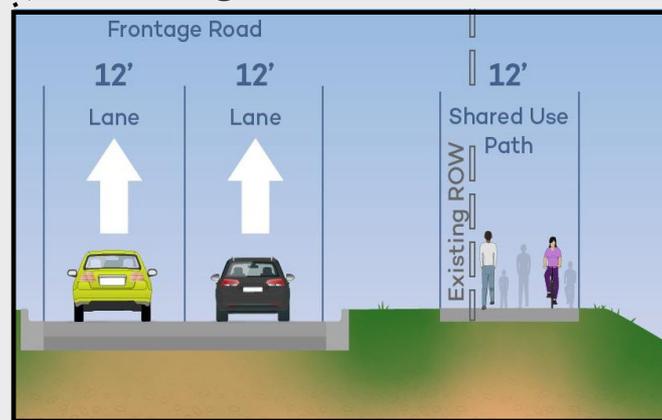
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Frontage Road and Shared Use Path



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Project Risks and Challenges

Project Challenges

- Utility coordination and relocation
- Maintenance of Traffic during Hurricane/Weather events
- Cemetery Site and individual parcel site investigations
- Coordination with adjacent businesses to maintain access throughout construction
- Right of Way – DB Contractor will be responsible for any ROW outside of the Schematic ROW

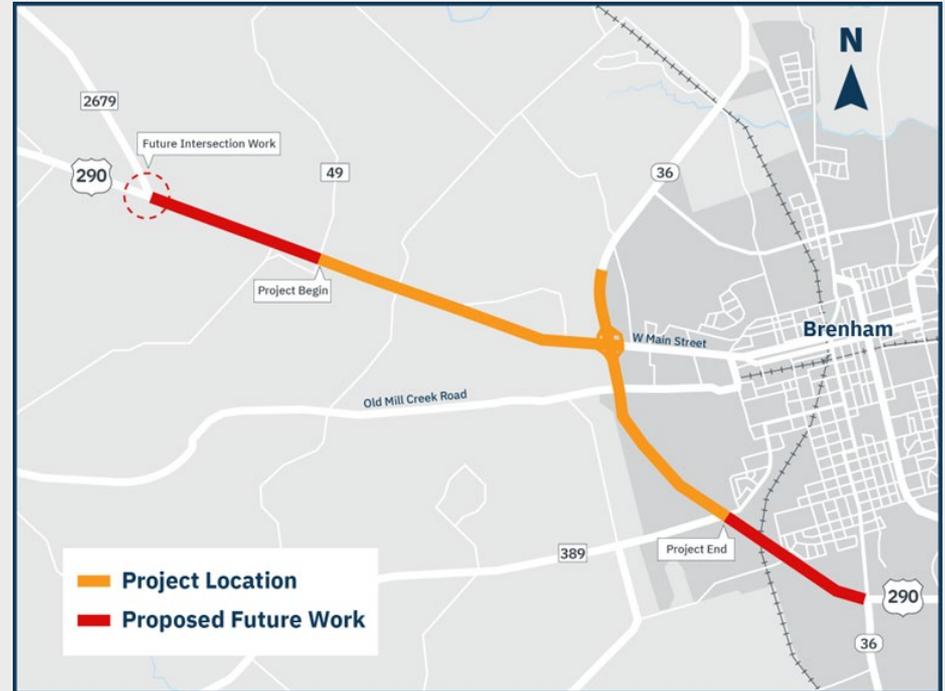
Project Funding

- Project CSJ: 0186-06-082
- The proposed project is included in the following:
 - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
 - 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP)
- Total Estimated Construction Cost: \$332 Million*
- Funding provided utilizing both federal and state funds
 - UTP Funding Categories 3DB, 4 and 1

**Not overall estimated DB Project Costs*

Proposed Adjacent Projects

- Intersection improvements at US 290 and FM 2679
 - Pavement and signal upgrades
- Other projects are in various planning stages. Currently will be delivered as design-bid-build





Project Status

Project Status

- Contract Delivery Method
 - DB Project with a 5-year Performance Warranty
- Project Cost Estimate
 - Design-Build Contract (DBC) cost of approximately \$387M
- Railroad
 - No Exhibits needed; BNSF notified of traffic control
- Other Due Dilligence
 - Geotechnical
 - Final Report complete Fall 2026
 - Drainage and Pavement Design
 - H&H models and final reports provided in RIDs
 - Environmental
 - Re-evaluation #2 pending
 - USACE 404 Permit cleared

Project Status - Utility

- Approximately 200 potential conflicts listed in Preliminary Utility Matrix
- Potential Advance Utility Relocation
 - Energy Transfer – Transmission Pipeline
- Table below lists the Utility Providers within the Project Limits

Utility Owners	Utility Type
City of Brenham	Sanitary Sewer, Water, Gas, Electric
Bluebonnet Electric	Electric Distribution
Energy Transfer	Gas Transmission Pipeline
AT&T, Altice/Suddenlink, Lumen/CenturyLink	Telecommunications
Central Washington County WSC	Water

Project Status - Right-of-Way

- All parcels will be acquired by the District (excluding DB Contractor – Designated ROW)

Parcels	Status
Total Number of Parcels (In Fee)	86
Total Parcels "Acquired"	42
Parcels "Acquired and Ready for Construction"	37
Parcels "Acquired but Pending Relocation"	5
Parcels "In Negotiations"	1
Parcels in "ED Proceedings" & In Process	33
Parcels in "ED Proceedings with a PUA" & In Process	10



Pre-Procurement Partnering Process

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- Early engagement of industry partners
 - Design-Build (DB) Project Planning Cadence document (see QR code)
 - Informal mentions of upcoming project to:
 - Associated General Contractors (AGC)
 - American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
- TxDOT project pre-procurement website (see QR code)
 - Early sharing of reference information documents (RIDs)
 - Draft contract term sheets
 - Risk allocation
- Opportunity for feedback



DB Project Cadence



**US 290 DB
Pre-Procurement Website**



Small Design-Build Project Process

Small Design-Build Project Process

- Shorter and streamlined design-build processes and procedures
- Utilizes 5-year Performance Warranty in lieu of Capital Maintenance Contract (CMC)
- Requires only Project Manager to have previous design-build experience
- Reduces the number of Key Personnel positions
- Lesser emphasis on design-build specific qualification and team experience
- Other Changes
 - Reduce page number RFQ
 - Elimination of Project Reference Forms
 - Omits Proposer requested additional SUE investigations
 - Single scope in lieu of Base Scope with potential options
 - Removal of PSQAF



Project Procurement

Project Procurement Schedule

US 290 Design-Build Project *

- January 2027 – Commission Action/Issue RFQ
- February 2027 – Issue RFQ
- March 2027 - Qs Due
- May 2027 – Commission Action/Issue RFP- Shortlist
- May 2027 - Draft RFP Issuance
- August 2027 – Final RFP Issuance
- January 2028 - Proposals Due
- March 2028 – Commission Action/Conditional Award
- June 2028 - Contract Execution

**All projected dates subject to change*

Design-Build Procurement Process

US 290 Design-Build (DB) Project*

Winter 2026

Winter 2027

Spring 2027

Summer 2027

Fall 2027

Industry
Workshop

Request for
Qualifications
(RFQ)

QS
Evaluations
(Shortlisting)

Draft
Request for
Proposals
(RFP)

Proposal
Evaluation /
Conditional
Award

- Two step procurement process
 - Request for Qualifications
 - Request for Proposals (shortlisted firms)

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DB Procurement Process

- Industry Workshop held on January 22, 2026
 - Offeror feedback and comments to workshop due [February 12, 2026](#)
 - Offeror feedback and request for One-on-One meetings due [April 3, 2026](#)
 - Pre-Procurement Partnering One-on-One Meetings – Week of [May 4, 2026](#)
 - Planning 2nd Round of One-on-One Meetings – [Early Fall 2026](#)
 - All feedback and comments must be submitted via the Project mailbox at TxDOT-BRY-ALD-US290DB@txdot.gov
 - Please note all feedback and comments submitted to TxDOT in response to this invitation is subject to the Confidentiality/Public Information Act.
 - Participation at the one-on-one meetings will be limited to design-build teams, prime contractors, and lead engineering firms.

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Design-Build Pre-Procurement Schedule



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Changes to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

Major Changes to DBE Program

- Interim Final Rule (IFR), ["Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in Airport Concessions Program: Implementation Modifications"](#)
 - States must reevaluate and recertify all new and existing members in TUCP
 - Requires all small business concerns to demonstrate social, economic disadvantage based on individualized experiences without reliance on race or sex.
 - No goal setting until reevaluation is complete
 - Limited compliance requirements until reevaluation is complete
 - Prompt payment, termination regulations remain enforceable
 - No CUF, GFE requirements
 - "Race-neutral" and "race-conscious" now "DBE-neutral" and "DBE-conscious"



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

PLEASE PROVIDE COMMENTS & FEEDBACK FOR THE
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VIA THE PROJECT EMAIL:

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