

US 190 Feasibility Study

Frequently Asked Questions



About the US 190 Feasibility Study

US 190 is a major east-west highway that serves Belton, Temple, Rogers, and Little River-Academy. At the request of local officials, the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO), with support from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is conducting a feasibility study to explore options for upgrading, and possibly relocating, US 190 between FM 1670 (west of I-35) and FM 437 in the city of Rogers. The study will investigate creating a more efficient connection to serve the community and improve local mobility. The study began in February 2017 and is anticipated to take approximately one year to complete.

What is the purpose of the feasibility study?

The purpose of the study is to identify alternative route options that could be advanced into further environmental study and design.

Who is on the working group and what is their role?

KTMPO is forming a working group specifically for the US 190 Feasibility Study that includes local county and city elected officials and agency representatives from Bell County, Belton, Temple, Killeen, Little River-Academy and Rogers. The working group will meet throughout the duration of the project and will help the project team identify problems and opportunities for transportation improvements. The working group will provide input on the study as it progresses, assisting the project team in narrowing the alternatives.

How will the routes be developed and selected?

Once the preliminary route alternatives are identified, the community will be invited to a public meeting to provide additional input on the route alternatives and the criteria to be used to evaluate the alternatives. Public feedback will then be considered, along with the technical and engineering feasibility, to identify three primary route alternatives. The three route alternatives would be the starting point for any future phases of project development, including an environmental study, should the project advance.

Who is the lead?

KTMPO is leading the study with support from TxDOT and CP&Y (a planning and engineering consultant). KTMPO will host the project web page.

What is the project timeline?

The study began in February 2017 and will take approximately one year to complete.

How are the improvements funded? Would US 190 be tolled?

TxDOT is funding the US 190 Feasibility Study. It is not known at this time how future environmental studies or construction would be funded. Currently, it is not anticipated that US 190 would be a toll road, but that decision will be made at a later date.

How does this relate to the I-14 Study?

The US 190 Feasibility Study is completely independent from the I-14 study and is designed to serve regional priorities and initiatives. The community has asked TxDOT to prioritize bringing US 190 up to current interstate highway standards. In the future, this section may become part of the I-14 project or may remain a distinct regional project.

How can I participate?

A community open house will be held later in the process to encourage additional input from the community. Go to www.KTMPO.org for the most up to date information.