

**Notice of Public Meeting**  
**US 281 Hamilton Truck / Relief Route**  
US 281 from 1.25 miles north of CR 203  
(Leon River) to State Highway (SH) 36  
US 281 from SH 36 to CR 506  
AND SH 36 from US 281 to SH 36  
**CSJ(s): 0251-01-064, 0251-02-050, and 0183-03-054**  
**Hamilton County, Texas**

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*Rachel Lareb Gearlin*  
County Clerk, Hamilton Co., Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing the installation of a new location roadway (Hamilton Truck / Relief Route) for US 281 from 1.25 miles north of CR 203 (Leon River) to State Highway (SH) 36 and US 281 from SH 36 to CR 506 and SH 36 from US 281 to SH 36 in Hamilton County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an in-person and online virtual public meeting addressing this project. **The same information will be available at the in-person and virtual meeting.**

**In-Person Meeting**

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Junior H.S. Cafeteria  
400 S. College Street  
Hamilton, TX 76531



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**Virtual Meeting**

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026  
Project Website: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)  
Search Keywords  
"US 281 Hamilton"

The in-person meeting will occur on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, at the Hamilton Junior High School Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. from 7:30 p.m. and will be an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. Staff will be available to answer questions and accept comments. The virtual meeting can be viewed starting Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, by 5:30 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website listed above. You can also access the project website by scanning the QR code or by doing a keyword search for "US 281 Hamilton". Website materials will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation that includes both audio and video components, and other meeting exhibits. The virtual public meeting is not a live event, and the materials can be viewed at your convenience. If you do not have internet access, you may call 254-867-2700 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials. **Please note the materials will not be available for review until Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. online.**

The project would be approximately 16.7 miles in length. The proposed Hamilton Truck / Relief Route would be a four-lane divided roadway with non-continuous two-lane frontage roads and access ramps to major cross-streets. The proposed Hamilton Truck/Relief Route would require additional right of way to accommodate the construction of the project. Environmental studies are ongoing to determine the environmental impacts associated with constructing the Truck / Relief Route.

Any maps and drawings presenting the project and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Waco District Office, 100 S. Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704. Project and study materials are also available online on the project website.

The in-person and virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at 254-867-2836 no later than 4 p.m.

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CST, Monday, Feb. 9, 2026. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodation may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the project and study are requested and may be submitted by mail to US 281 Project Team, C/o Bartlett & West, 9330 LBJ Frwy, Ste. 1150, Dallas, TX 75243. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [us281.hamilton@bartwest.com](mailto:us281.hamilton@bartwest.com). All comments must be received on or before Friday, Feb. 27, 2026. Responses to comments received will be available online at TxDOT.gov, keyword search "US 281 Hamilton" once they have been posted.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the project and study, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Abram VanElswyk, P.E., at 254-867-2700.

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 July 17, 2025 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

# US 281 Hamilton Truck/Relief Route Project

## FACT SHEET

### Project Overview

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing the installation of a new location roadway US 281 Hamilton Truck / Relief Route (CSJs 0251-01-064, 0251-02-050, and 0183-03-054) spanning from 1.25 miles north of CR 203 (Leon River) to SH 36, US 281 from SH 36 to CR 506, and SH 36 from US 281 to SH 36 in Hamilton County, Texas.

### Project Details

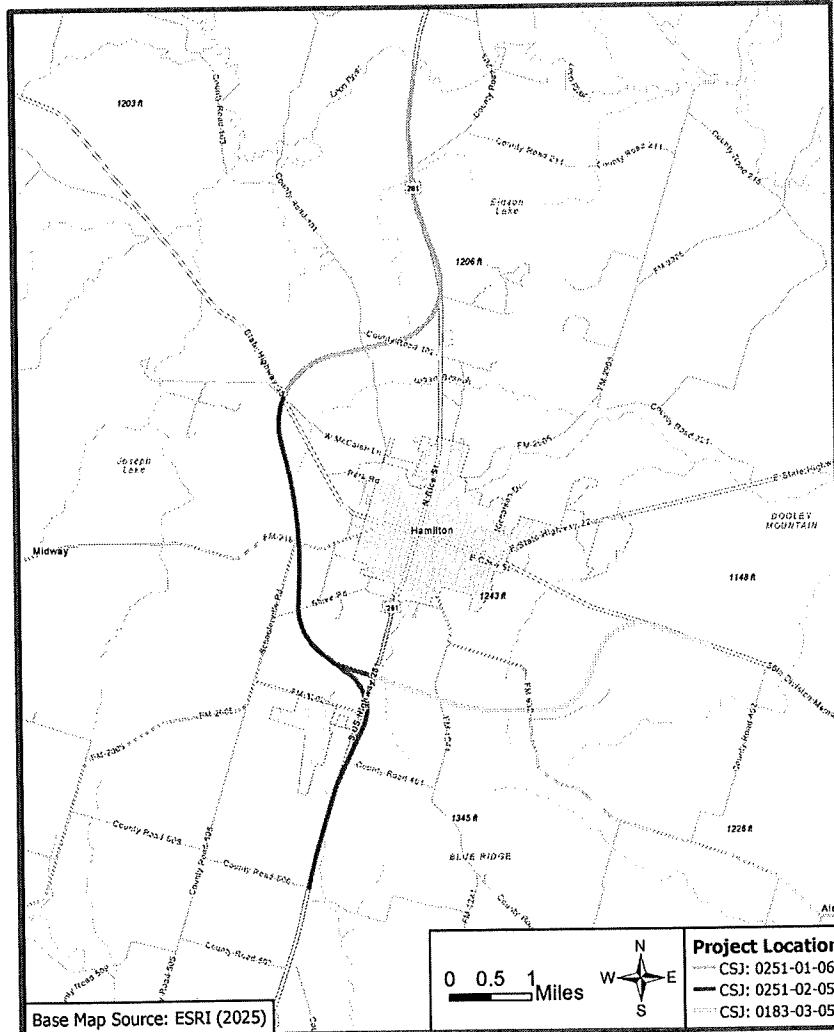
- Approximately 16.7 miles
- A prior TxDOT US 281 Hamilton Truck/Relief Route Feasibility Study produced a study- recommended alignment
- Schematic design and environmental analysis phases are ongoing
- The Truck/Relief Route is proposed to be a four-lane divided roadway with 12-foot-wide lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders, non-continuous two-lane frontage roads, and access ramps
- Construction estimated to begin in 2029

### What is the project purpose?

The US 281 Hamilton Truck/Relief Route project will alleviate US 281, SH 36 and SH 22-related traffic congestion with a solution which accounts for:

- Mobility
- Safety, including hazardous truck cargo
- Traffic Operations
- Natural and Human Environments

### Project Location Map



### Questions or Comments

■ 254 – 867 – 2700

✉ [US281.Hamilton@bartwest.com](mailto:US281.Hamilton@bartwest.com)

🌐 [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) | keywords: "US 281 Hamilton"

## What is the current phase of the Truck/Relief Route?

The project's Schematic Design and Environmental Analysis phase is ongoing. A prior US 281 Truck/Relief Route Feasibility Study phase explored multiple route alignment options and produced a study-recommended Truck/Relief Route alignment. The Design process explores optimal locations for access ramps, bridges, and livestock passes beneath elevated segments of the Truck/Relief Route.

## How are the environmental aspects being considered?

The project is identifying environmental features that could potentially be impacted by the proposed T/RR alignment. An environmental constraints map has been prepared as one tool to avoid sensitive environmental sites or minimize impacts to the sites which include businesses and residences, cemeteries, floodplains and streams, historic structures, houses of worship, public facilities, and species-specific vegetation.

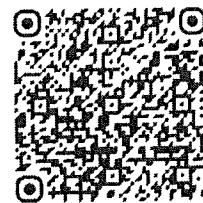
## What helpful info can the public provide TxDOT during this phase of the project?

Comments from landowners, business owners and residents are welcome. Their unique perspective can provide valuable insight on designing the Truck/Relief Route project.

## What are the next steps?

TxDOT will refine the schematic design based on comments received at the public meeting. After a subsequent public hearing is conducted by TxDOT and after the supporting environmental documents have been approved, TxDOT will determine post-schematic Truck/Relief Route construction plans.

**Scan the QR code to learn more about the project!**



## Project Milestones

