



US Business 77 Corridor Study

Background

The Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been conducting a study along US Business 77 (BUS 77) from the Brazos River to the I-35 interchange in Lacy-Lakeview. The highway is 70 years old and will need major maintenance and reconstruction in the coming years. The intent of the Corridor Study is to determine whether BUS 77 should remain as a highway or whether the long-term design should be something different.

Outreach Highlights

Throughout the project, the MPO has shared information about the study and collected input from residents, business owners, and other community members through several outreach efforts including:

- Conducting business visits along the corridor
- Holding a four-day public workshop with two public meetings
- Conducting a survey at the Family Expo hosted by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Facilitating three meetings with the Project Steering Committee
- Holding two community leader meetings regarding the Waco Dr. & BUS 77 interchange

Through input collected and working through several concepts, the plan now shows BUS 77 as a four-lane boulevard with the following features:



Boulevard Design

- Open-ditch drainage
- Medians and openings
- Roadway edge treatments for driveway access and parking areas
- Sidewalks and/or multi-use paths along the roadway

Concept for BUS 77
South of Behrens Circle

Proposed typical section with center drainage



Next Steps

A series of public meetings are being held in September 2016 to share project information and collect a final round of input. The open comment period begins September 15, 2016 and closes October 17, 2016. All comments can be sent to CEvilia@wacotx.gov.

After the public meetings the plan will be presented to the cities of Waco, Bellmead, and Lacy-Lakeview before going to the MPO Policy Board for approval in November.

After adoption, the process of implementation can unfold in various stages, according to funding capabilities of local, regional, and state agencies and private interests. Necessary steps include:

- Updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to add the new configuration
- Schematic design off the corridor, including specific drainage and driveway treatments
- Prioritize corridor segments to advance into final design
- Identify funding sources for strategic construction of corridor segments



Potential Growth and Appearance Concept for BUS 77 near US 84 (Potts Interchange)

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