

# US 87 & US 83

NEW MEXICO TO I-10

Districts: San Angelo, Abilene, Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo

STATEWIDE AND  
RURAL CONNECTIVITY  
KEY CORRIDORS

TPP Division

The Texas Department of Transportation’s (TxDOT’s) Statewide Rural Connectivity Initiative is focused on systematically upgrading rural corridors on the Texas Highway Trunk System (TTS) to four-lane divided or better highways. The objective is to provide safe, reliable, high-speed travel between economic activity centers – e.g., major cities, oil and gas production areas, deep-draft sea ports, land ports of entry, and agricultural areas - in Texas while supporting the economic health of communities along the corridors. Communities along rural connectivity corridors are defined as small and medium size cities outside urbanized areas that benefit from improved access to markets throughout the state.

The Statewide and Rural Connectivity Task Force guides and provides strategic direction on the prioritization of Key Corridors on the TTS for upgrade to four lane divided or better highways.

US 87 and US 83 from the New Mexico State Line to I-10 is one of the Key Corridors identified for improvement to a four-lane divided or better corridor. This Key Corridor serves international freight movement, links agriculture and energy production areas with major markets, connects to tourism areas, shares designation with the National Highway System (NHS), the Energy Sector, the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) and the Freight Network, and is part of the future I-27 and I-14 systems.

### Safety Along Corridor



Between 2018-2022

Number of  
Crashes

4,413

Number of  
Fatal Crashes

73

Source: TxDOT Crash Records Information System (CRIS)



Investments Needed to  
Address Crash Hotspots

\$9 M (Preliminary Estimates)

Source: TxDOT Road Inventory and TxDOT Crash Records Information System (CRIS)

Crash hotspots are locations where crash rates are equal to or higher than 90 crashes per hundred million VMT.

### Key Corridor Supports Texas’ Economic Prosperity and Communities



Socio-economic Demographics

1.3 M people 581.2 K jobs

Source: 2022, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau  
Includes county that the corridor traverse plus adjacent county



Support Agriculture Sector’s  
Contribution to Texas GDP\*

\$4.6 B (20%)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (2022 GDP in current dollars)  
Includes establishments primarily engaged in growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, harvesting fish and other animals from a farm, ranch or their natural habitats.



Annual Average Daily Traffic

700 - 50 K

Source: 2022 TxDOT Roadway Inventory Annual Data



Support Energy Sector’s  
Contribution to Texas GDP\*

\$72.9 B (16%)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (2022 GDP in current dollars)  
Includes establishments that extract naturally occurring mineral solids, such as coal and ores; liquid minerals, such as crude petroleum; and gases, such as natural gas.



Annual Average Daily Truck Traffic

600 - 6K (~24% of all traffic)

Source: 2022 TxDOT Roadway Inventory Annual Data



Support U.S./Texas truck trade  
with Mexico\*

\$2.5 B (63%)

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics Transborder Freight Data  
Includes value of truck trade processed at Laredo, Eagle Pass, and Del Rio ports of entry (POE) in 2022.

\* Includes county that the corridor traverse plus adjacent county

### Key Corridor Characteristics

The Texas Highway Trunk System (TTS) is a network of rural highways that aims to improve rural mobility, connect major activity centers (i.e., connections to communities over 20,000 population and connections to commerce), and provide access to ports of entry into Texas. The goal is to upgrade these highways to 4-lane or better divided highways.



Total Corridor  
Length

488 mi

To TTS Standards

4+ Lane Divided

406 mi

Not to TTS Standards

2 Lanes

59 mi

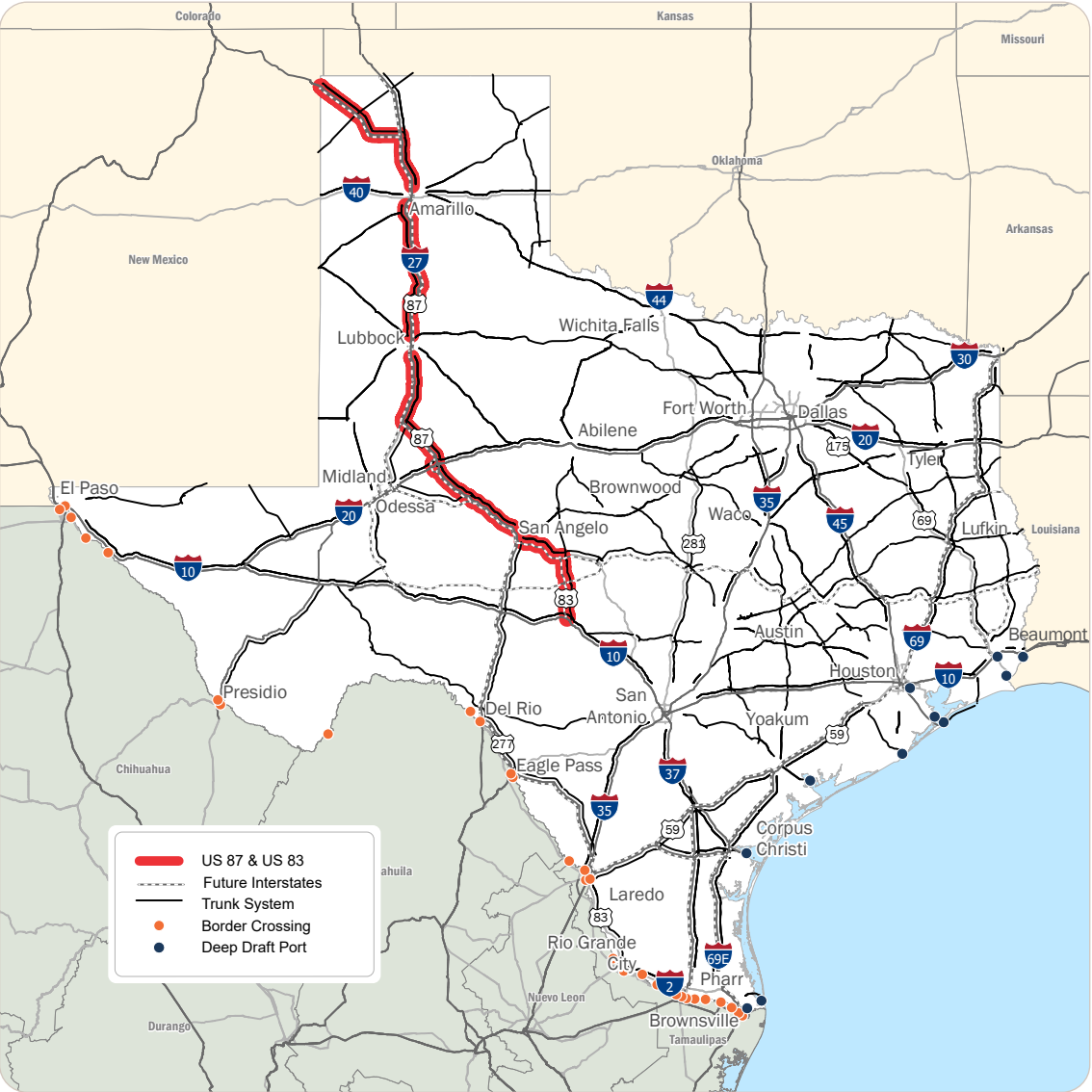
4 Lanes  
Undivided

23 mi

Total

82 mi

Source: 2022 TxDOT Roadway Inventory Annual Data



### Improvements since 2019 (4+ lane divided)



Completed

0 mi

Source: Sitemanager



Under  
Construction

0 mi

Source: 2024 UTP, Sitemanager, TxDOTCONNECT



Fully  
Funded

40.8 mi  
(\$187.9 M)

Source: 2024 UTP, TxDOTCONNECT



Partial/  
Unfunded

19.9 mi  
(\$165.4 M)

Source: 2024 UTP, TxDOTCONNECT