US 87 & US 83

NEW MEXICO TO I-10

Districts: San Angelo, Abilene, Lubbock, Amarillo

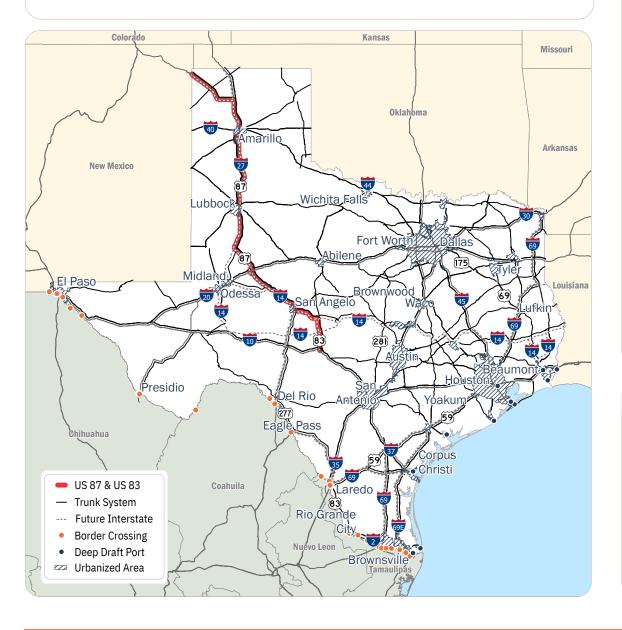
STATEWIDE AND **RURAL CONNECTIVITY** KEY CORRIDORS

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 TTS provides 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. These 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 by the Statewide and Rural Connectivity Program for improvement to a four-lane divided 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.

Key Corridor Supports Texas' Economic Prosperity and Communities



Socio-economic Demographics

1.3 M people **595.6** K jobs



Support Agriculture Sector's Contribution to Texas GDP*

\$4.6 B



Annual Average Daily Traffic

3K - 55 K



Support Energy Sector's Contribution to Texas GDP*

\$72.9 B



Annual Average Daily Truck Traffic

800 - 7K (~24% of all traffic)



Support U.S./Texas truck trade with Mexico

\$6.5 B

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

489 mi

To TTS Standards

4+ Lane Divided

407 mi

59 mi

2 Lanes

4 Lanes Undivided

23 mi

82 mi

Not to TTS Standards

Total

Safety Along Corridor

In 2023, statewide rural crashes occur 1.8 times as often on undivided highways than on divided highways. Rural undivided roadways account for 2 in 3 rural crashes and 3 in 4 rural fatalities.



Between 2019-2023

Number of Crashes

Number of Fatal Crashes

4,397 70



Investments Needed to Address Crash Hotspots

\$341.7 M (High-level Estimates)

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

Key Corridor Improvements



Completed (Since 2019)

0 mi

Construction 0.5 mi

Under

(\$6.4 M)

Partial/

Unfunded



Fully Funded 47 mi (\$336.7 M)

40 mi (\$66.0 M)