



FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE KENDALL GATEWAY STUDY AND WHAT ARE THE “NEXT STEPS”?

TxDOT is currently presenting the feasibility study results to the Boerne City Council and the Kendall County Commissioners Court. Thereafter, the feasibility study report will be refined per comments from the public and finalized for City Council and Commissioners Court concurrence. No project has been identified or funded. The feasibility study was prepared to identify viable transportation corridors in the study area to alleviate existing and future traffic congestion, as requested of TxDOT through a September 2015 Joint Resolution with the Boerne City Council and the Kendall County Commissioners Court. One of the potential outcomes of this feasibility study is to be used as a planning tool to identify potential preservation of right-of-way opportunities for the recommended concepts, before ongoing development eliminates these possibilities.

2. IS THE STUDY CALLING FOR CONDEMNATION OF A 300-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT ENCIRCLES BOERNE?

No, the study is not calling for any condemnation. The recommended concepts are not “all or nothing” – the recommendations do not have to be accepted in totality. TxDOT would not proceed with a project that the City/County does not support. The study is only a recommendation. If the City/County only support part of the study and asks TxDOT to continue with only part of it, then that is the most that TxDOT would do. If there are specific elements the City/County want changed (i.e. tweaks to the concepts), we would include a record of that in the feasibility study for future reference. Please note that the alignment of the recommended concepts or portions thereof would likely need to be refined during the environmental phase of the project when detailed analysis would yield specific avoidance and minimization requirements.

3. IS THE WIDTH OF THE ROADWAY GOING TO BE 300-FOOT OR WIDER? WILL IT BE A TWO-LANE OR FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY?

TxDOT used 300 feet as a width for planning purposes only. This is not set in stone. The decision regarding right-of-way width and lane configuration would be driven by the need and available funding.

4. IS THE KENDALL GATEWAY GOING TO BE A TRUCK AND HAZARDOUS CARGO ROUTE?

Trucks already use SH 46 and would be able to use other new or improved roads within Kendall County as well. SH 46 is not a designated hazardous cargo route and there is no plan to create a designated hazardous cargo route in Kendall County.

5. WHY HAVEN'T YOU PREPARED ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES TO ASSESS POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO HISTORICAL SITES, CAVES, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES?

If a project is identified and funded, TxDOT would proceed with the next phases of project development (i.e. environmental and schematic design) where detailed analysis would be conducted for a number of resources including archaeology, noise impacts, and wetlands/streams, to name a few.

6. WITH SO MANY OTHER CONGESTED HIGHWAYS IN TEXAS, WHY ARE WE EVEN STUDYING KENDALL COUNTY?

In September 2015 through a Joint Resolution, the City of Boerne and Kendall County officially requested TxDOT's assistance to identify viable transportation corridors in the study area to relieve existing and future traffic congestion. The Kendall Gateway Study is a feasibility study that was prepared as an early planning tool. Kendall County was ranked as the 5th fastest growing county in the United States in 2017. Between 2010 and 2040, over 29,411 residents are projected to be added to Kendall County, which is an 88 percent population increase. This kind of population growth translates directly into traffic congestion and an associated demand for transportation improvements.

