

# I-45 NORTH WALKER COUNTY PROJECT (SEGMENT 3)

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BRYAN DISTRICT



## PROJECT DETAILS

**Limits:** From 2.1 miles south of FM 1696 to 0.8 miles north of FM 2989

**County:** Walker

**Length:** 10.9 miles

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## PROJECT HISTORY

The I-45 North Walker County Project is Segment 3 of the larger I-45 Corridor Program, which has been created to improve safety and mobility along 90.4 miles of I-45 through Walker, Madison, Leon and Freestone counties. It helps serve as the main connection between Dallas and Houston. I-45 is also a major freight corridor and hurricane evacuation route. Segment 3 begins 2.1 miles south of FM 1696 and extends approximately 10.9 miles northwest to the Walker County line (approximately 0.8 miles north of FM 2989).

## PROJECT PURPOSE

The I-45 North Walker County Project proposes to update the roadway to current design standards, increase its capacity to accommodate future traffic volumes, and improve access for local travelers.

## PROJECT GOALS

- Improve:
  - Safety and mobility;
  - Freight movement;
  - Hurricane evacuation effectiveness; and
  - Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.
- Increase truck parking at rest areas.
- Minimize need for utility relocations and right-of-way acquisitions.

## CURRENT STATUS

- Planning and engineering are in the early stages of development.
  - Planning includes a detailed environmental review, and the identification of right-of-way needs.
- Public involvement will continue throughout project development.

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed improvements include:

- Adding one mainlane in each direction.
- Converting two-way frontage roads south of FM 1696 to one-way frontage roads.
- Updating the roadway to current TxDOT design standards.
- Replacing bridges and increasing vertical clearance to 19 feet.
- Improving traffic flow at interchanges (including the use of innovative intersections).
- Providing wide shoulders on frontage roads to allow for bicycle use.