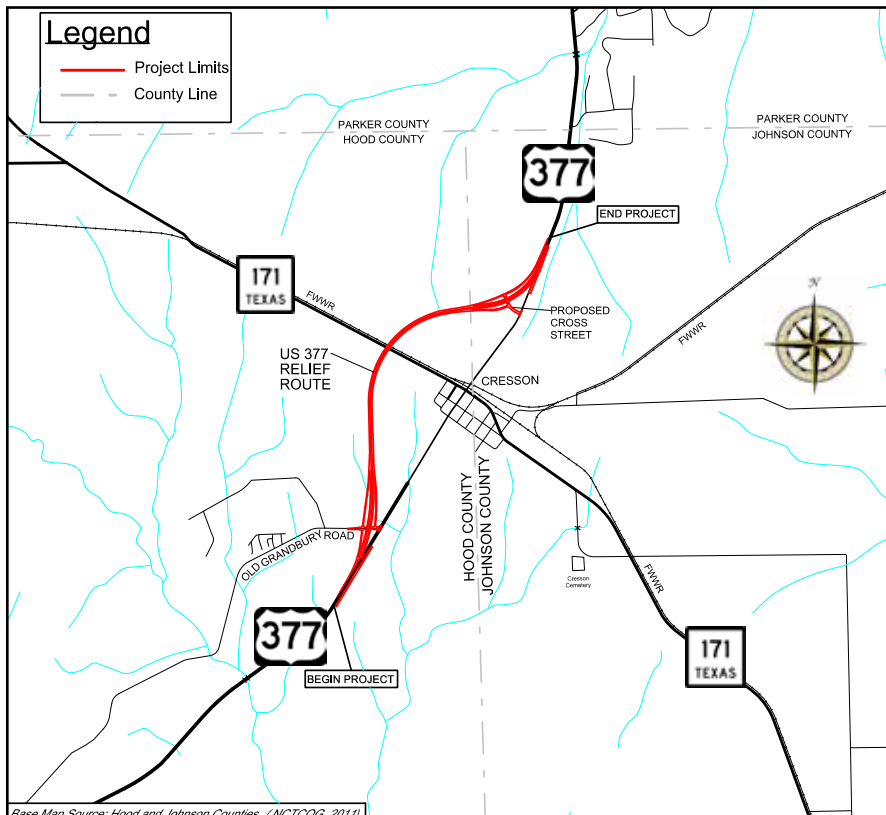


US 377 CRESSON RELIEF ROUTE BEGINS EARLY 2019

August 2018 UPDATE



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will construct a three-mile relief route west of the city of Cresson. The relief route will be a new four-lane divided highway on US 377 beginning one mile south of the intersection of US 377 and SH 171 and ending one mile north of the same intersection.

PROJECT UPDATE

- **Right-of-way acquisition:** TxDOT has made offers on all 10 parcels. One parcel has been acquired, and TxDOT is negotiating the remaining.
- **Utility relocation:** There are 14 utilities consisting of underground water, sewer, telecommunications, gas lines and overhead electric. TxDOT continues to work with all utility companies on their relocation plans.
- **Railroad agreement:** Fort Worth and Western Railroad (FWWR) has approved an agreement with TxDOT's Railroad Division for bridge construction over the FWWR switching yard.
- **Construction plans:** The plans are complete. Construction will begin early next year in coordination with a groundbreaking event.
- **Contract:** Pending TxDOT Commission approval, the contract will be awarded to Zachry Construction Corporation of San Antonio in August.

PROJECT FACTS

- Project limits: one mile south of SH 171 to one mile north of SH 171
- Funded with federal, state and local participation
- Cost: \$61 million
- Award to contractor: August 2018
- Est. construction: 2019
- Est. completion: 2022

NEED FOR PROJECT

- Busy FWWR at-grade railroad crossing and nearby rail switching yard impacts on US 377 traffic flow
- Proximity of the at-grade railroad crossing on US 377 to the SH 171 intersection
- A high level of truck traffic leads to congestion along US 377
- 20,500 vehicles per day travel on US 377 in Cresson. This is projected to increase to 33,900 vehicles per day in 2035



Hood County Area Office
(254) 965-3511