

Why Improvements Are Needed for FM 2444 (Staples Street)

FM 2444, from Oso Parkway to SH 286 (Chapman Ranch Road) serves both local and commuter traffic traveling to SH 286, downtown, Kingsville and the Rio Grande Valley. Residential growth and development in the area has increased the number of vehicles on the road. As traffic and congestion increases, upgrades are needed to improve the safety and mobility of the roadway.

In addition, recent flooding events have led to the over-topping of the roadway with water from the Oso Creek. By raising the elevation of the roadway in this area drainage can be improved and would reduce the frequency of flooding.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to improve safety, drainage and reduce congestion along FM 2444 from SH 286 to Oso Parkway.

Construction would be completed in phases. The initial (interim) phase would be built to meet today's traffic and safety needs. Additional (ultimate) improvements would be built in the future as needed to address increasing traffic and development.

Initial/Interim improvements: (Project design details available on Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization website)

- The addition of a travel lane in each direction from SH 286 to Oso Parkway.
- The addition of shoulders from SH 286 to the South Texas Botanical Gardens entrance.
- A continuous center turn lane from SH 286 to just east of the South Texas Botanical Gardens entrance.
- A center median from just east of the South Texas Botanical Gardens entrance to Oso Parkway.
- A traffic signal at SH 286, at Kitty Hawk/Country Creek Road, and at Oso Parkway.
- A new bridge east of the South Texas Botanical Gardens.
- Sidewalks from CR 43 to Oso Parkway.
- Curb and gutter and an underground storm drain system for drainage from CR 43 to just east of the South Texas Botanical Gardens.

Ultimate improvements when needed in the future:

- Complete the upgrade of the roadway to a boulevard section with a raised center median and left turn openings at street intersections.
- Extend sidewalk, curb and gutter and underground storm drain system to SH 286

Project Timeline

- Completion of Environmental Studies – Summer 2013
- Project let for construction – August 2013
- Construction is expected to last about 2 years.

Project Construction

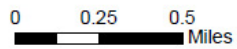
Approximately 12.4 acres of additional ROW would be acquired. The estimated construction cost for the 3.5 mile long project is approximately \$20 million.

Public Input

TxDOT encourages public input. Comments and/or concerns may be directed to:

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FM 2444 (Staples St.)
Project Location Map

