

5.5 Sub-Area corridor Study

Growth within the Sherman-Denison Study Area continues unabated. The Transportation Policy Board recognizes the need to pro actively plan for the transportation needs within the study area. These efforts ensure that its road network carrying capability keeps pace with future traffic growth and the development of abutting properties. In the near future, numerous facilities will need to be assessed to determine functionality. To that end, sub-area corridor studies may need to be conducted.

Recent openings of retail destinations (i.e. Sherman Towne Center and Sherman Commons in Sherman), office complexes (Cigna office building in Denison) and the planned opening of a regional hospital (Texoma Medical Center with its ancillary doctors offices) between Sherman and Denison, all situated along US 75, confirm the need to address congestion issues along major thoroughfares. While existing (US 75) and planned road facilities (SH 289 extension – possible Dallas North Tollway) adequately address north south traffic. The lack of east/west facilities (with the exception of US 82) will exacerbate congestion issues.

Because of special traffic generators including the Grayson County Airport, the (potential) new jail at the same facility, Grayson County College, the planned TMC Hospital (with its ambulance and patron users) as well as existing and planned residential growth along the FM 691, the system will be taxed with operational and access issues. The Board has selected this sub-area as its first priority.

This sub-area corridor study will analyze existing and future conditions, and evaluate the potential effect of collector/distributor lanes.