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Train track problem to be solved by overpass on Aquarena Springs Drive

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Imagine that you are a Texas State University student running late to your early morning class. You manage to hop onto a tram hoping that you can walk into your classroom without the professor noticing that you are tardy. Suddenly, you hear it: the foreboding blare of a train horn.

An unexpected train crossing is an inconvenience well-known by students, staff, faculty and even residents of San Marcos alike.

The Texas Department of Transportation is working on the Loop 82 Overpass Project to improve traffic flow in spite of daily train crossings.

Among the project plans is a bridge structure on Loop 82, also known as Aquarena Springs Drive, which will be located directly beside Bobcat Stadium and bypass the railroad tracks when it is completed.

According to the city of San Marcos, the project's completion is expected to improve traffic for commuting students and residents of San Marcos.

But it seems that before improvements can be made in order to remove one major hurdle, many hurdles have sprung up in the form of lane closures, the closing of bus stops and removal of parking spaces.

Texas State student Arleen Gomez says that the buildup of traffic due to lane closures on Aquarena Springs Drive make trips around town frustrating.

Arleen Gomez:

Some things that make it inconvenient for me is that I have to drive a whole other route to go to places. If I want to go to the store, I can't go that way anymore because there's too much traffic.

Let's just say I don't take that route and I have to go that way, oh my goodness. It's so jammed.

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Texas State Athletics says that the Loop 82 Overpass Project is expected to be completed late 2017.