

## Gatesville, I Hear You

"There needs to be a crosswalk or possibly just a pedestrian light at hwy 36 for our citizens walking or on bikes, scooters to get to Walmart before someone is hurt."

### TxDOT Safety Study (Gatesville)

- TxDOT has studied **the intersection at Hwy 36 & Old Osage Road** for possible safety improvements.
- This is the *only* documented TxDOT activity related to Hwy 36 in Gatesville.
- It does **not** include the Walmart crossing area.

### TxDOT Project Records

- The only project near Walmart is a **Walmart remodel** (interior/exterior), not a transportation or pedestrian project.

## Coryell County Commissioners Court

- The Court *has* discussed **federal pedestrian-safety grants**, but **no location-specific mention** of Hwy 36/Walmart.

## City of Gatesville

- No published minutes or agenda items show:
  - Citizen concerns about Hwy 36 pedestrian safety
  - Council directives to City Manager regarding TxDOT crosswalks
  - Any formal communication with TxDOT on this topic

**Concise takeaway:** Yes — Coryell County **has** discussed federal pedestrian-safety grants, and the record is clear: the Commissioners Court debated whether to apply for the **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** federal program, which includes **pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, bike lanes, striping, and temporary pilot safety projects**. The county ultimately **declined to apply** in the 2025 cycle. This is the strongest documented evidence of pedestrian-safety grant discussion in Coryell County.

Below is a structured, citation-supported summary of everything known.

## What Coryell County Has Discussed About Federal Pedestrian-Safety Grants

# 1. SS4A Federal Grant Program (U.S. Department of Transportation)

The SS4A program funds planning and implementation projects to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries, including **pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements**. Eligible projects include:

- pedestrian crossings,
- sidewalks,
- bike lanes,
- demonstration safety projects,
- traffic-calming devices,
- leading pedestrian intervals,
- safety action plans.

## 2. Coryell County Commissioners Court — SS4A Discussion (June 10, 2025)

Coryell County **actively discussed** applying for SS4A funding. Key points from the meeting:

- The county's **2024 SS4A application** (which included stream-crossing improvements) was **not funded**.
- Consultants recommended shifting to a **demonstration-activities application**, which would include:
  - **pedestrian crossings,**
  - **sidewalks,**
  - **bike lanes,**
  - **road striping,**
  - **curve improvements,**
  - **education materials.**
- Commissioners expressed concerns about:
  - limited county benefit (many pedestrian projects fall within cities/school districts),
  - administrative bandwidth,
  - cost-share requirements.
- The Court **voted not to apply** for the SS4A grant in that cycle.

**Why this matters:** This is direct evidence that Coryell County has formally discussed federal pedestrian-safety grants — including pedestrian crossings — even though they did not pursue funding that year.

## 3. Regional Pedestrian-Safety Grant Covering Coryell County (2026)

The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) received **\$548,000** in federal funding to update its regional Safety Action Plan and launch **temporary road-safety pilots** across seven counties, including Coryell. Planned interventions include:

- **leading pedestrian intervals at crosswalks,**
- **traffic calming devices,**
- **temporary pedestrian-safety pilots,**
- **school-zone and pedestrian-corridor improvements.**

**Why this matters:** Even though Coryell County did not apply independently, the region *still* received federal pedestrian-safety funding that can affect Coryell County roads.

## Summary of All Findings

- Coryell County **has discussed** federal pedestrian-safety grants — specifically SS4A.
- The Court reviewed options for **pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, bike lanes, and striping.**
- The county **declined to apply** in 2025 due to administrative and cost concerns.
- A **regional federal grant** (CTCOG) *does* include pedestrian-safety pilots in Coryell County.
- These discussions show that pedestrian safety — including crossings — is an active topic in county and regional planning.