

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE
Guadalupe Street (Loop 82) Bridge Replacement
Hays County

On Thursday, April 26, 2012, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the City of San Marcos, will conduct a project information Open House to discuss the proposed replacement of the Loop 82 (Guadalupe Street) bridge over Willow Springs Creek in San Marcos. The Open House will be held in the San Marcos Public Library Multi-Purpose Room between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The San Marcos Public Library is located at 625 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

The proposed project consists of the removal and replacement of the existing bridge on Loop 82 over Willow Springs Creek and reconstruction of the approaches. The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety and mobility in the project area while improving the conveyance of floodwaters. The existing 78-year old, 4-lane bridge is considered "functionally obsolete" due primarily to substandard lane widths for the volume of traffic utilizing the structure. In addition, the existing box culvert structure acts as an impediment to stormwater discharge.

The replacement structure would be a three span, concrete slab and beam bridge. The proposed bridge, which would comply with current safety and design standards, would provide four 12-foot-wide travel lanes (two in each direction), two 5-foot-wide bicycles lanes (one in each direction), and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on each side of the roadway. The project would be constructed within the existing 95-foot-wide right-of-way; no additional right-of-way or easements would be required. The existing road profile would be adjusted (raised slightly) to direct bridge drainage to inlets located within the approaches. Approximately 70 feet of channel will be excavated to a depth of approximately 2-feet to enhance flood conveyance.

The purpose of the Open House is to share project information with the public and to obtain public input to be considered during development of the project. Exhibits showing the preliminary project lay-out and typical sections, and other information about the proposed project, will be available for review at the Open House. Prior to the Open House, the exhibits are available for review at the San Marcos Public Library (625 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666) and at the TxDOT South Travis Area Office (9725 S IH 35, Austin, Texas 78744). A formal presentation will not be made during the Open House, but project team members will be available to answer questions.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the Open House and provide input on the project. Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested and may be presented either at the Open House or in writing after the Open House. To be included in the official record of the Open House, written comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, May 7, 2012. Written comments may be mailed to Environmental Coordinator, TxDOT Austin District, P. O. Drawer 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426 or faxed to (512) 832-7157.

Persons interested in attending the Open House who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the City's Engineering/Capital



Improvements Department (512.393.8136) at least two business days prior to the Open House. Because the meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be directed to the Engineering/Capital Improvements Department at least two days prior to the Open House. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

