



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Presidio-Ojinaga International Port of Entry
From US 67 and Puerto Rico Street in Presidio, Texas to the
International Demarcation Line on the Rio Grande
Presidio County, Texas
CSJ: 0104-10-006

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday June 7, 2016, at the Presidio Activity Center, 1200 East O'Reilly Street, Presidio, Texas 79845. The purpose of the hearing is to provide information about the proposed improvements to the Presidio-Ojinaga International Port of Entry (POE) from the intersection of United States (US) 67 and Puerto Rico Street in Presidio, Texas to the International

Demarcation Line in the Rio Grande. Displays will be available for viewing at 4 p.m. (CST) with the formal hearing commencing at 5 p.m. (CST).

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility by preventing the disruption of southbound traffic during large cargo crossings. Additionally, the project is intended to improve pedestrian safety and mobility. The existing bridge consists of two, 12-foot-wide travel lanes, one in each direction, flanked by approximately 5-foot-wide sidewalks. The existing US 67 roadway near the POE generally consists of 12-foot-wide travel lanes with variable shoulder widths. TxDOT proposes to construct a new two-lane twin bridge structure for southbound traffic into Mexico. The twin structure would be located immediately upstream of the existing bridge and would be similar to the existing bridge in length and width. The proposed structure would accommodate two, 12-foot-wide southbound travel lanes and a 10-foot-wide walkway to accommodate pedestrian traffic bound for Mexico. The existing bridge and roadway would be reconfigured to carry northbound traffic into the U.S. on two lanes, along with inbound pedestrians on the existing walkway. The proposed southbound lanes would connect to the new bridge and



would generally mirror the existing roadway. The existing right-of-way width varies from approximately 80 feet to 285 feet. The project would not require additional right-of-way.

Maps showing the project location and design, environmental document, and other information relative to the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday at the TxDOT Alpine Area Office (2400 N. SH 118, Alpine, TX 79830, (432) 837-3391) and Monday through Thursday at the TxDOT Presidio Maintenance Office (FM 170 East, Presidio, TX 79845, (432) 229-3753), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This information will also be available for review at the hearing.

Any interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person at the hearing, by mail to: **Blanton & Associates, Inc., Attn: Presidio International POE, 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734**, or by email to: kjohnson@blantonassociates.com. Comments must be received on or before Friday June 17, 2016 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English and a Spanish translator will be present. Persons interested in attending the hearing who require special accommodation are encouraged to contact TxDOT El Paso District Public Information Office, Blanca Del Valle, at (915) 790-4200. Requests should be made at least four days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Ms. Rebecca Reyes at (915) 790-4205 or Mr. Tony Uribe, TxDOT Project Manager, at (915) 790-4407.