



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Val Verde County, in association with TxDOT, will conduct a public hearing and open house for the purpose of discussing the proposed construction of an approximately 2.0 mile long access road from Box Canyon Road to the Amistad Acres Subdivision in Val Verde County, Texas. An open house will be held from 5:00PM to 7:00PM with the Public Hearing beginning at 6:00PM on March 10, 2015 at the Val Verde County Court at Law, located at 207 East Losoya Street in Del Rio, Texas.

The purpose of this project is to create a dedicated Val Verde County roadway that will route traffic from Box Canyon Road to the Amistad Acres Subdivision. The proposed access road will also eliminate the need for subdivision traffic to pass through private property. The typical roadway section will consist of two 10-foot lanes and two 4-foot shoulders (28-foot total pavement width) for the limits of project. This project will be within an approximately 50-ft. wide right-of-way easement on two properties, requiring 10.27-acres of roadway easement.

This Public Hearing is being held in accordance with Chapter 26-Protection of Public Parks and Recreational Lands of the Parks and Wildlife Code because this project will result in impacts to approximately 1.04 acres of the Amistad National Recreation Area at two locations. The first area is a 2,800 linear foot segment of the existing right-of-way just east of the entrance into Amistad Acres Subdivision. The second area is a crossing of Box Canyon drainage located approximately 4,150 feet south of the northern project terminus at Box Canyon Road.

The purpose of the open house and public hearing is to inform the public about the project and encourage the public to comment and ask questions. Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information including the draft *Environmental Assessment (EA), Section 4(f) De Minimis Report*, and other relevant project documents will be available for public inspection. During the open house the public will be able to discuss the project in an informal manner with Val Verde County officials, TxDOT staff, and project consultants. Your comments can be submitted either verbally or in writing and will become part of the official public hearing record. The comments will be responded to in writing after the hearing and will be considered when making project related decisions.

Plans showing the design and location of the project, the EA document prepared for the project, and other pertinent information are on file and available for inspection at the Val Verde County Judge's office located at 400 Pecan Street. Information regarding the tentative schedules for the proposed construction may also be obtained by contacting Eloy Padilla, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge.



Individuals interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are requested to contact Eloy Padilla at least five (5) business days prior to the hearing. The hearing will be conducted in English; therefore any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least five business days prior to the Public Hearing. Val Verde County will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. Spanish speaking staff will be present at the hearing.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 17, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Verbal or written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented either at the hearing or submitted on or before 5:00 PM on March 20, 2015 to Brian Gottschalk with Adams Environmental, Inc. at 12000 Crownpoint, Suite 120, San Antonio, Texas 78233.