



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

for
IH 20
Midland County

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed improvements to the Interstate Highway (IH) 20 corridor from east of Lamesa Road to east of State Highway (SH) 158 in Midland. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Midland County Horseshoe Multipurpose Arena, Building C, located at 2514 Arena Trail in Midland. Displays will be available for public viewing beginning at 5:30 p.m. **A presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m.**

The proposed project would reconstruct and widen the IH 20 frontage roads from two lanes to three lanes (the additional lane would be a through lane) near Farm-to-Market (FM) 715 and SH 158; extend and widen on/off ramps; reverse the eastbound on-ramp near Lamesa Road to an off-ramp; and reverse the eastbound off-ramp near FM 715 to an on-ramp. These improvements would improve the turning movements at the FM 715 and SH 158 intersections. The proposed improvements are approximately 1.8 miles in length. The existing right of way width varies but is 300 feet typically. No new right of way will be needed. No relocation of residences and businesses are expected. The project does not encroach on a floodplain, wetland or sole-source aquifer recharge zone.

The project is needed because the current ramp geometry, combined with higher traffic volumes and low level of service (LOS) at the FM 715 and SH 158 intersections, causes traffic to queue on to the IH 20 main lanes. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce ramp congestion and the potential hazard of traffic queuing on to the IH 20 main lanes by improving intersection operations and ramp configurations.

Design drawings, environmental documentation, and other information about the proposed project will be available for review at the Public Hearing along with project personnel to help answer any questions. In addition, this information will be available for public review beginning five (5) business days prior to the hearing at the Odessa District Office of TxDOT located at 3901 E. Highway 80 in Odessa, Texas.

Verbal and written comments may be presented at the hearing or submitted within 10 business days after the hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the attention of: Matt C. Carr, P.E., Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT, Odessa District, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761. All written comments must be received by 5:00 pm, April 1, 2014, to be included with the official public hearing transcript for the project.

Persons interested in attending the hearing that have special communication needs, including requests for language interpreters or physical needs, should contact Gene Powell at (432) 498-4746 at least two business days prior to the hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.