



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
FM 707
From FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Road) to US 83
CSJs: 0663-01-024
Taylor County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing improvements to FM 707 (Beltway S) from FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Road) to US 83 in the city of Abilene and Taylor County. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6 p.m.**

To log into the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov, and in the keyword search enter "FM 707." Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Wednesday, October 11, 2023. If you do not have internet access, you may call (325) 676-6973 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate physically instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Wylie West Junior High School Cafeteria, 4010 Beltway S., Abilene, Texas 79606.**

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information and receive feedback regarding the proposed recommended alternative for this 2.6-mile segment of FM 707. The proposed project would widen the existing two-lane, undivided roadway to a five-lane section with a continuous center two-way-left-turn lane with proposed sidewalks on the north side. This improvement is aimed at enhancing safety and mobility along the corridor for all modes of traffic including vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (325) 676-6973.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Abilene District office, located at 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas, 79601 or by calling (325) 676-6973. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov, with keyword search "FM 707". These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Alaisha Montanez, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at (325) 676 - 6817 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, September 18, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to WSP USA, Attn: FM 707, 1601 S. Mopac Expressway, Suite 325, Austin, TX 78746. Written comments may also be submitted by email to FM707@WSP.com. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before



Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, using the keyword search mentioned above once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Zachary Hall, E.I.T., Transportation Planning and Development, TxDOT Abilene District, by email at Zachary.Hall@txdot.gov or by phone (325) 676-6973.

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.