



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, Nov. 29, 2022, 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, Dec. 14, 2022. 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 in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review 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, Nov. 29, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Wylie West Junior High School cafeteria, 4010 Beltway S., Abilene, Texas 79606.**

The meeting is to discuss improvements to this 2.6-mile segment of FM 707 aimed at improving safety and mobility along the corridor for all modes of traffic – vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle. TxDOT hopes to obtain feedback from the public on corridor issues and potential improvements for FM 707 in this area. Initial project studies would evaluate and analyze improvements based on the public's input while avoiding and minimizing impacts to landowners, the community, and the environment.

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 Lisa Tipton, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at (325) 643-0431 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022. 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, Dec. 14, 2022. 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, 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.