



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
United States Highway 83
From US 83/US 277 at Farm to Market 3034
CSJ: 0033-05-089, Etc.
Jones and Taylor counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve United States Highway (US) 83/US 277 at Farm to Market (FM) 3034 from 800 feet north of West Summit Road in Taylor County to 0.8 miles north of FM 3034 in Jones County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a 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. 9, 2021 at 4 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov Keywords: **US 83 at Abilene**. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (325) 676-6960 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 from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the TxDOT Abilene District Office's Training Center, 4250 N. Clack St., Abilene, Texas 79601.**

The proposed project would include a new US 83/US 277 overpass bridge at the intersection with FM 3034. The US 83 mainlanes and frontage roads would be reconstructed but remain a four-lane divided highway with two-lane frontage roads. To accommodate the new FM 3034 exit and entrance ramps to and from US 83, FM 3034 would be realigned to the north of the existing intersection allowing for appropriate weaving distance for highway traffic movements.

The Business US 83 connector to US 83 mainlanes would be realigned to allow for an exit ramp from northbound US 83 mainlanes to merge with the connector to provide access to FM 3034. A new entrance ramp would be added to provide access from Business US 83 to the US 83 mainlanes. In addition to these improvements, the US 83 east frontage road would be converted to a one-way roadway south of FM 3034, but would remain a two-way roadway north of FM 3034. The west frontage road will remain two-way. Due to the proximity of the nearby median opening north of the existing US 83/277 at FM 3034 intersection, it is proposed to close this median opening.

A future shared-use path along the west frontage road is planned as part of the statewide TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Network. This project will require the purchase of 12.1 acres of right of way with no impacts to building structures.

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) 676-6960.

The proposed project may involve construction in wetlands.

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 at 4250 N. Clack St., Abilene, Texas 7960, or by phone at (325) 676-6960. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov Keywords: US 83 at Abilene. 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 Project Manager Eric Welch at (325) 676-6960 no later than 4 p.m. CT, on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021. 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 the TxDOT Abilene District Office, 4250 N. Clack St., Abilene, Texas 79601. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Eric.Welch@txdot.gov. All comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov 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 Project Manager Eric Welch at Eric.Welch@txdot.gov or at (325) 676-6960.

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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.