



Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

State Loop 335, Segment C-2
From FM 1719 (Western Street) to Echo Street and
US 87 from north of Hastings Avenue to south of Cherry Avenue
CSJs: 2635-04-040 and 2635-01-040
Potter County, TX

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization are proposing to improve State Loop (SL) 335 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 1719 (Western Street) to Echo Street and U.S. Highway 87 from north of Hastings Avenue to south of Cherry Avenue in Potter County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a virtual Public Hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by March 28, 2024, at 5 p.m.**



Scan the QR Code on the left or visit
<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>
and search "SL 335 Segment C-2"

To log onto the virtual Public Hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>. Following the virtual Public Hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Friday, April 12, 2024. If you do not have internet access, you may call (806) 356-3296 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 hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written or verbal comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 6 – 9 p.m. at Diversity Church, 5631 Pavillard Drive, Amarillo, TX, 79108.**

For both the virtual Public Hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (806) 223-1171 to provide verbal testimony (up to three minutes) starting Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 5 p.m. through Friday, April 12, 2024, 11:59 p.m. Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and written comments received by the deadline will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at the link above.

The proposed project would consist of improving an existing four-lane roadway along SL 335 to a four-lane divided roadway with ramps, four direct connectors planned as an ultimate connection to/from US 87 north of SL 335, one-way frontage roads, and grade separations over intersecting cross streets. The proposed project would also provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations via an 11-foot shared-use path adjacent to each frontage road.

The proposed project along US 87 north of SL 335 would consist of improving the existing four-lane divided roadway to allow for connections from the four direct connectors planned as an ultimate connection to/from SL 335 and provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations via an 11-foot shared-use path adjacent to each frontage road.

The proposed project along US 87 south of SL 335 would consist of improving the existing four-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, including a striped 5-foot bicycle lane with 2-foot delineated separation along the outer edge of each frontage road and 6-foot sidewalks adjacent to each frontage road.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace 44 residences and 3 non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling Brandon Vinson, P.E., TxDOT Amarillo District at (806) 356-3296.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: historic resource studies resulted in recommendations of four private properties as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The proposed project would not adversely affect any of these four resources. Consequently, no use of Section 4(f) historic sites would result from the proposed project.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

The draft EA, 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 Amarillo District Office, 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110, or by phone at (806) 356-3296. Project materials are also available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>. These materials will also be available for review at the in-person hearing option.

The virtual Public Hearing 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 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 are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual Public Hearing or the in-person option, contact Brandon Vinson, P.E., Amarillo District, at (806) 356-3296 no later than 4 p.m. CT on March 22, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Amarillo District Office, Attention Blair Johnson, P.E., 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110. Written comments may be submitted by email to AMA_Project_Input@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be received on or before 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (806) 223-1171 and verbally provide testimony from 5 p.m. on March 28, 2024, until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html> once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Brandon Vinson, P.E., Amarillo District, via phone (806) 356-3296 or AMA_Project_Input@txdot.gov.

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.