



Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

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**FM 2720 Improvement Project
From SH 21 to SH 142
CSJs: 0805-05-004 and 0805-02-008
Hays and Caldwell Counties, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve 7.2 miles of FM 2720 from SH 21 to SH 142 in Hays and Caldwell counties, Texas. 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 June 1, 2023, at 5 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, keyword search "FM 2720 Improvement Project." Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until **June 16, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.** If you do not have internet access, you may call (512) 832-7000 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 Thursday June 1, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lockhart Junior High School, located at 500 City Line Road, Lockhart, TX 78644.**

The proposed project would improve 7.2 miles of FM 2720 from SH 21 to SH 142 in Hays and Caldwell counties, including intersection improvements at CR 235. The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety, improve connectivity and improve mobility by providing additional roadway capacity to meet current and future traffic demands due to population growth and increased traffic volumes. Throughout the project limits, the existing roadway is two lanes. The preliminary plans would widen the roadway to a four-lane undivided roadway with a center two-way left-turn lane from SH 21 to just south of CR 228, a four-lane divided roadway from south of CR 228 to just south of CR 235, and a two-lane roadway with a center two-way left-turn lane from south of CR 235 to SH 142. This is consistent with TxDOT's statewide plan to upgrade FM 2720 to add mainlanes and shoulders.

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 Austin District office by calling (512) 832-7000.

Any environmental documentation or studies, 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 Austin District office, located at 7901 N I-35, Austin, TX 78753 and by calling (512) 832-7000. Project materials



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are also available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “FM 2720 Improvement Project.” 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 Bradley Wheelis, Southwest Communications Director, at (512) 832-7060 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday May 26, 2023. 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 Stantec, ATTN: FM 2720, 8401 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78757. Written comments may also be submitted by email to FM2720Project@gmail.com. Verbal comments may be submitted by calling (512) 348-8261. All comments must be received on or before Friday, June 16, 2023. 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 Brandon Hobbs, Austin District Environmental Coordinator at (512) 832-7001, or via email brandon.hobbs@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.