



**Notice
Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option**

**I-35
From SE Inner Loop to RM 1431
CSJs: 0015-09-186, 0015-09-187
Williamson County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing improvements to I-35 from SE Inner Loop to RM 1431 in Williamson County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual hearing will be available at www.mobility35openhouse.com beginning on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9 a.m.** The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (512) 832-7138 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 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, review hard copies of project materials, ask socially-distanced questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at TxDOT Georgetown Area Office, 2727 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown, Texas 78626.** Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only. Individuals wishing to attend the in-person must call (512) 766-3472 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to have an appointment and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain appropriate occupancy within the hearing room.

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (512) 501-5451 to provide verbal testimony at 9 a.m. on June 11, 2021 through 11:59 pm on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments 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 www.mobility35openhouse.com.

This project proposes to reverse entrance/exit ramps along the southbound I-35 frontage road between SE Inner Loop and RM 1431. It would remove the Westinghouse Road bridge and construct a new I-35 bridge over Westinghouse Road, improve the intersection at I-35 and SE Inner Loop as well as construct a westbound to southbound continuous flow intersection (CFI) at Westinghouse Road. The project length is 4.4 miles. The project will also reconstruct bridges, add pedestrian and bicycle paths, and make additional safety and mobility improvements within the project limits. The existing right-of-way width is typically 400 to 1175 feet.

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 (512) 766-3472.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

At least part of the proposed project would occur within the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone.

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 **TxDOT Georgetown Area Office, 2727 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown, Texas 78626**. Project materials are also available online at www.mobility35openhouse.com. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person 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 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 hearing or in-person option, please contact Nic Barbera at (512) 766-3472 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, June 7, 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 SE Inner Loop Project Team, Michelle Cooper, P.E., 1608 W. 6th St., Austin, TX 78703. Written comments may also be submitted by email to info@mobility35.org. **All written comments must be received on or before June 26, 2021.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (512) 501-5451 and verbally provide testimony from 9 a.m. on June 11, 2021 until 11:59 pm on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at www.mobility35openhouse.com 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 Michelle Cooper, P.E., Project Manager at (512) 832-7138 or Michelle.Cooper@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 Dec. 16, 2014, reauthorized by a subsequent MOU on Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.