



Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting with an In-Person Option

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MoPac (Loop 1) Expressway
from Cesar Chavez Street to Slaughter Lane
CSJ: 3136-01-176
Travis County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) are proposing to improve MoPac (Loop 1) Expressway from Cesar Chavez Street to Slaughter Lane in Travis County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT and the Mobility Authority will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option.

The virtual meeting will consist of meeting materials for view and download and will include visual components. The meeting materials and presentation will be posted online by Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, by 5 p.m. and will remain online until Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025. To log on to the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address during the date and time indicated above: www.voh.MoPacSouth.com. Please note that the meeting materials will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call 512-342-3299 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail, email, or submitted online as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT and the Mobility Authority are providing an in-person option in an open house format for individuals who would like to attend in person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same meeting materials delivered in the online public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions to project staff and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Austin High School cafeteria, 1715 W Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78703.**

The Mobility Authority is proposing to add express lane(s) along approximately 8-miles of the south MoPac (Loop 1) Expressway from Cesar Chavez Street to Slaughter Lane in Austin, Travis County, Texas. The Mobility Authority and TxDOT launched the environmental study in 2013 to identify a mobility solution to this stretch of congested highway that improves mobility for drivers, transit riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians in a manner that promotes environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Additional right of way is not anticipated, though temporary construction easements will be needed outside of existing right of way.

The proposed project may impact the following property protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Zilker Park. TxDOT anticipates making a *de minimis* determination under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of Zilker Park may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project could involve construction in a floodplain. A majority of the proposed project would occur within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

Project materials are available online at MopacSouth.com.

The virtual and in-person public meeting will be conducted in English. Interpreters or document translators may be provided upon request. Special accommodations can also be requested by persons with disabilities. For interpretation or translation services or for other special accommodations, the public may contact the project team at (512) 342-3299 no later than 4 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 6, 2024 for the in-person meeting and no later than 4 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 20, 2024 for the virtual meeting.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, c/o the MoPac South Environmental Study, 3300 N. I-H-35, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78705. Written comments may also be submitted by email to mopacsouth@ctrma.org, or online on the virtual open house website, voh.mopacsouth.com. All comments must be received on or before Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025. Responses to comments received will be available online at MoPacSouth.com once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact the MoPac South project team at 512-342-3299.

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.