



Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting

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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.

The virtual meeting will consist of meeting materials for view and download, and will include both audio and visual components. The meeting materials and presentation will be posted online by Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 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.voh.MoPacSouth.com. Please note that the meeting materials will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public meeting, the website will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Jan. 7, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. 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.

The Mobility Authority is proposing to add one-to-two express lanes 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.

Although additional right of way may 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 by calling the MoPac South project team at 512-342-3299.

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. Most of the proposed project would occur within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

Project materials are available online at MopacSouth.com.

The virtual public meeting 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, please contact the Mopac South Project team at 512-342-3299 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Wed. Nov. 17, 2021. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time to arrange.

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. IH-35,

Suite 625, Austin, TX 78705. Written comments may also be submitted by email to mopacsouth@ctrma.org. All comments must be received on or before Fri. Jan. 7, 2022 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.