



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
US 290 FROM OAK HILL TO DRIPPING SPRINGS
From RM 1826 in southwest Austin to RM 12 in Dripping Springs
CSJs: 0113-08-087, 0113-07-070
Travis County and Hays County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen and improve US 290 between FM 1826 and RM 12 in Travis and Hays counties. 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 Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, at 5 p.m.**

To view the virtual public meeting presentation and project information, go to www.txdot.gov at the date and time indicated above and type the keywords "US 290 from Oak Hill" into the search box on the top right of the webpage or visit www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html. The virtual public meeting will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

If you do not have internet access, you may call (512) 340-1184 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. Please state your name, inquiry and a callback number. A project team member will reply to your call.

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 Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dripping Springs Ranch Event Center, located at 1042 Event Center Dr, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.**

The proposed project would reconstruct and widen approximately 13-miles of US 290 from RM 1826 in southwest Austin to just west of RM 12 in Dripping Springs. The roadway would transform from an existing four-lane, undivided roadway to a six-lane divided facility with adjacent frontage roads and shared use paths.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace 12 residences and 83 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 Austin District Office by calling (512) 832-7000.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and would involve an action in a floodplain. At least part of the proposed project would occur within the Edwards Aquifer Contributing zone.



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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 Austin District Office, 7901 N Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78753.

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 Melody Goeken at (512) 340-1184 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024. 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 TxDOT Austin District Office, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, TX 78761. Written comments may also be submitted by email to US290W@gmail.com. All comments must be received on or before Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024. 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 Solomon Bekele, P.E., PMP, TxDOT Austin District at (512) 832-7374 or Solomon.Bekele@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.