



## **Notice**

### **Opportunity for a Public Hearing**

#### **US 77 AT FM 485 OVERPASS**

**CSJs: 0209-05-045**

**Milam County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the Lead Agency proposing to improve safety at the intersection of US 77 with FM 485 by replacing the existing at-grade crossing with a grade-separated interchange, in Milam County, north of Cameron, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately one mile along US 77, from 0.52 miles north of FM 485 to 0.53 miles south of FM 485. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 this notice is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. 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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Currently US 77 is a two lane undivided roadway with 12-ft travel lanes bounded by 10-ft paved shoulders and open ditches. FM 485 is a two lane rural roadway that has 12-ft travel lanes bounded by 3-ft paved shoulders and open ditches. The existing ROW on US 77 is between 150-200 feet wide; existing ROW on FM 485 is 100 feet wide. The existing intersection is at grade and is currently a four-way stop.

The proposed project would grade separate US 77 over FM 485 along the existing US 77 alignment. US 77 would have two 12-ft travel lanes with two 10-ft to 12-ft shoulders. There would be four access ramps for the intersection that are 14-ft lanes with 4-ft to 6-ft shoulders. At the intersection there would be a 12-ft through lane and a 12-ft turn lane bounded by 4-ft and 6-ft shoulders. On FM 485 there would be two 12-ft travel lanes with a 12-ft center turn lanes, bounded by 8-ft shoulders. The proposed ROW on US 77 would be between 386-434 feet wide; proposed ROW width on FM 485 would be 100 feet wide. The proposed work would require approximately seven acres of additional ROW.

Although additional right-of-way is required, no residential or non-residential structures will be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below or online at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/forms-publications/consultants-contractors/publications/row.html>.

The project would not impact any section 4(f) properties or historical resources. There would be no encroachments on floodplains or impacts to wetlands. There would be no impacts to State and Federally Listed Threatened or Endangered Species. Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and

5:00 p.m. at TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 N. Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803, (979) 778-9764 and online at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/bryan/us-77-fm-486.html>

Any interested person may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before June 9, 2019, to the TxDOT Bryan District Office, C/O James Norment, Environmental Specialist at: TxDOT, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, Texas 77803-5190. However, if you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project contact Mr. Steve Higgins, P.E. at (979) 778-2165 or by email at [Steve.Higgins@txdot.gov](mailto:Steve.Higgins@txdot.gov)