



Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

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US HIGHWAY 190 IMPROVEMENTS
from FM 2657 to Big Divide Road
CSJ: 0231-01-064
Lampasas County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Brownwood District is proposing improvements to US Highway (US) 190 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 2657 to Big Divide Road in Lampasas County, Texas. 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 Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov, keyword search “**US 190 at Big Divide.**” Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Monday, July 3, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (325) 643-0416 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 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 Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Taylor Creek Elementary School, 2096 Big Divide Road, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522.**

The proposed project improvements would extend 2.3 miles along US 190 from FM 2657 to 1.04 miles west of Big Divide Road and would also include improvements to Big Divide Road for 400 feet north of US 190. The proposed highway improvements include the construction of a controlled access freeway with two 12-foot main lanes in each direction, eastbound and westbound, divided by a 24-foot median with a concrete traffic barrier. Eastbound and westbound frontage roads would be constructed as one-way roads with two 12-foot lanes and would be separated from the main lanes by grassy medians; drainage would remain in open ditches. Eastbound off-ramps would be included at Big Divide Road and FM 2657 with a westbound off-ramp at Big Divide Road; and an eastbound on-ramp and westbound on-ramp included at Great Hills Drive. New grade-separated concrete overpass bridges would be constructed at Big Divide Road and Great Hills Drive.

The proposed project would require approximately 40 acres of additional right of way and potentially cause displacements. 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 can be found by going to <https://www.txdot.gov/business/right-of-way/landowner-bill-of-rights.html>.

The proposed project could involve construction in wetlands.

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 the TxDOT Brownwood District, 2495 Highway 183 North, Brownwood, Texas 76802. Call (325) 643-0416 for an



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appointment. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “**US 190 at Big Divide.**” These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

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 Lisa Tipton at (325) 643-0413 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, June 12, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Brownwood District Office, 2495 Highway 183 North, Brownwood, Texas 76802, attention: Jodie Kelly. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov. **All comments must be received on or before Monday, July 3, 2023**, to be included in the official meeting record. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “**US 190 at Big Divide**” once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, or virtual meeting with in-person option, please contact Jodie Kelly, Planner, at (325) 643-0416 or by email at Jodie.Kelly@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.