



## Notice

### Virtual Open House with Two In-Person Options

#### US 281 LAMPASAS TO EVANT

From US 183 (Lampasas) to Hamilton County Line (Evant)

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Lampasas and Coryell Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen US 281 from US 183 (Lampasas) to the Hamilton County Line (Evant) in Lampasas and Coryell Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be presenting the preferred option for the project by conducting an online virtual open house with two in-person options. **The virtual open house will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Monday, April 22, 2024, at noon.** To log onto the virtual open house, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 281 Lampasas to Evant". The presentation will be available for viewing and commenting at the web address indicated above. **Comments must be received by Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. to be part of the official open house records.** If you do not have internet access, you may call Jodie Kelly at 325-643-0416 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing two in-person meeting options for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. A short presentation will be delivered at 6 p.m. followed by a live question and answer session. In-person attendees will be able to review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. The in-person options will be held on **Monday, April 22, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Evant ISD Gym, 339 Memory Lane, Evant, TX 76525** and on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at New Covenant Church, 1604 Central Texas Expressway, Suite A, Lampasas, TX 76550.** Both meetings will present identical information and materials. You only need to attend one of the meetings to receive information regarding the project.

The project proposes to widen US 281 between US 183 (Lampasas) and the Hamilton County Line (Evant) with two additional travel lanes for a total of four lanes (two lanes in each direction), improve safety by separating traffic with a grassy median, and add median crossovers to facilitate access to and from both sides of the highway. Median crossover locations have been determined and are available for comment. A narrower roadway section has been considered at specific locations with significant existing constraints. The total length of the project is approximately 28 miles.

The proposed project will require additional right of way adjacent to the existing corridor and will require some displacements. The acreage for proposed right-of-way acquisition has not yet been determined and is pending completion of the final design. 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 district office by calling 325-646-2591.

The virtual open house and in-person options 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 open house or in-person options, please contact Lisa Tipton, at 325-643-0413 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Wednesday, April 17, 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 online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov); by mail to the TxDOT Brownwood District Office, 2495 HWY 183 N, Brownwood, TX 76802; email to [Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov](mailto:Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov); or by comment cards at both in-person open house options. To leave a verbal comment, you may call the project voicemail hotline at 512-270-0284 between Monday, April 22, 2024, at noon and Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 17, 2024 to be included in the official open house record. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "US 281 Lampasas to Evant" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, virtual open house, or in-person options, please contact Jodie Kelly, TxDOT Planner at [Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov](mailto:Jodie.Kelly@txdot.gov) or 325-643-0416.

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.