



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 conducting an online virtual open house on the proposed project 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, Nov. 6, 2023 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, 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 on or before Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 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. TxDOT staff will deliver a presentation 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, Nov. 6, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Evant ISD Gym, 339 Memory Lane, Evant, TX 76525 and on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023 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 Nov. 6 and Nov. 14 meetings replace the open houses originally scheduled in July.**

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. Exact median crossover locations have not yet been determined. A narrower roadway section may be considered at specific locations with significant existing constraints. The total length of the project is approximately 28 miles.

The proposed project would require additional right of way adjacent to the existing corridor and may require some displacements that have not yet been identified. 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, Nov. 1, 2023. 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 Brownwood District Office, 2495 HWY 183 N, Brownwood, TX 76802; email to 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, Nov. 6, 2023 at noon and Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. All comments must be received on or before Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 to be included in the official open house record. Responses to comments received will be available online at 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 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.