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## Notice and Opportunity to Comment

### SH 286 from south of FM 2444 to FM 70 and FM 70 from SH 286 to US 77

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### Nueces County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to construct passing lanes and widen shoulders on State Highway (SH) 286 from south of Farm to Market (FM) 2444 to FM 70, and also on FM 70 from the SH 286/ FM 70 intersection to U.S. Highway (US) 77 in Nueces County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.104 this notice is affording an opportunity to comment as part of the environmental review process for this project. If you are a property owner, you are receiving this notice because records indicate that you own property that (1) would be acquired (in part or in whole) for this project, or (2) is adjacent to the project.

The proposed project would construct passing lanes and widen shoulders on SH 286 and FM 70. The total length of the proposed project would be approximately 26 miles. The existing SH 286 and FM 70 roadway consists of two 12-ft travel lanes in each direction with 1-ft shoulders, with one section of existing passing lanes on FM 70. The proposed project would add 12-ft passing lanes in sections, throughout the project limits and widen shoulders to 10-ft on each side of the roadway. In addition, ditches would be regraded and drainage structures (culverts) would be widened where needed. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and mobility along SH 286 and FM 70.

The width of the existing ROW varies from 80 to 100 feet. The usual proposed ROW would be 150 feet wide. The proposed project would displace four single-family residences and no commercial structures. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits, and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

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 the TxDOT Corpus Christi District, 1701 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78416, (361) 808-2300, and at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) using keywords "FM 70." Additionally, responses to comments received will similarly be on file and available for inspection once they have been prepared.

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You are invited to speak in person with TxDOT representatives and design engineers within the following timeframes and location options:

<b>Wednesday, January 22, 2020</b>	<b>Thursday, January 23, 2020 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b>	<b>Thursday, January 23, 2020 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.</b>	<b>Friday, January 24, 2020</b>
<i>Call to schedule an appointment at your property, business, or residence.</i>	<i>Call to schedule an appointment at:</i> <b>South Texas Botanical Gardens &amp; Nature Center - Larger Classroom</b> 8545 South Staples Corpus Christi, TX 78413	<i>Call to schedule an appointment at:</i> <b>City of Bishop Council Chambers</b> 203 E. Main Street Bishop, TX 78343	<i>Call to schedule an appointment at your property, business, or residence.</i>
<b>Please call our consultant, Linda Vela, to select your preferred time and confirm your attendance at (210) 349-3273 or email <a href="mailto:lvela@pozcam.com">lvela@pozcam.com</a>.</b>			

You may also submit written comments covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Comments must be received in writing on or before Monday, February 3, 2020. Comments may be mailed to the TxDOT Corpus Christi District Office, Transportation Planning & Development Department, c/o Kimberly Amy, 1701 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78416, or emailed to the following email address: [FM70@pozcam.com](mailto:FM70@pozcam.com).

If you have any questions regarding the proposed project, please contact Jason Alvarez, TxDOT Project Manager, at 361-808-2495, or [Jason.Alvarez@txdot.gov](mailto:Jason.Alvarez@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.