



Notice Affording Opportunity for a Public Hearing

SH 44

From West of FM 3386 to East of FM 1694

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Nueces County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to widen State Highway (SH) 44 from west of Farm-to-Market (FM) 3386 (McKinzie Road) to east of FM 1694 (Callicoate Road) in Nueces County. The proposed project is approximately 2.3 miles long. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 and §2.108, this notice advises the public that draft environmental documents are available for public review and that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

TxDOT is proposing to upgrade the existing four-lane divided highway to a four-lane divided freeway with frontage roads. On and off ramps would be constructed as well as overpasses at FM 24 (Violet Road) and County Road (CR) 61. Additional right-of-way (ROW) would not be required. The proposed project would enhance safety and mobility by providing additional travel lanes and connecting the existing freeway sections to the east and west of the proposed project. Approximately 650 linear feet of stream feature and 1.5 acres of potential jurisdictional waters of the US were identified within the project limits. Anticipated impacts would be authorized under US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit 14.

Environmental documentation and 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 Office: 1701 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78416. The information is also online at the TxDOT website:

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.

Any interested citizen 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 Monday, March 19, 2018 to the TxDOT Corpus Christi District Office, Transportation Planning and Development, 1701 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78416.

If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the opportunity for the public hearing, contact Environmental Coordinator Kimberly McGlaun at (361) 808-2509 or kimberly.a.mcglau@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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.