



NOTICE
VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING WITH IN-PERSON OPTION
FM 917
From West of Avenue F to East of SH 174
CSJs: 1181-02-033 & 1181-03-036
Johnson County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the City of Joshua, is proposing to improve Farm-to-Market 917 (FM 917) from West of Avenue F to East of State Highway 174 (SH 174) in Johnson County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting with an in-person option on the proposed project. 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 **Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 4 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.TxDOT.gov KEYWORDS: FM 917 from West. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call 817-370-6772 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, for further information.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the virtual public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions, and submit written comments. The in-person option will be held on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Plum Creek Elementary located at 500 Plum St., Joshua, TX 76058.**

The proposed improvements to FM 917 include realigning and widening FM 917 in downtown Joshua, Texas extending from just west of Avenue F eastward to east of SH 174. The proposed project includes replacement of an at-grade Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad crossing with a railroad grade separation (underpass) along with realigning and widening FM 917 from the existing two-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway with curb and gutter. The project would also include enhancements to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety and connectivity within the downtown Joshua area.

The proposed improvements would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace 15 residences and 1 non-residential structure. 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 ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling Project Manager Thomas Marquardt, P.E. at (817) 370-6772.

Project materials including public meeting response to comments, environmental studies and documentation, maps and drawings showing the project location and proposed improvements recommended to accommodate future traffic growth, and other information regarding the proposed project will be made available online at www.TxDOT.gov, KEYWORDS: FM 917 from West, as the project progresses.

The virtual public meeting with in-person options will be conducted in English and Spanish. 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 are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person options, please contact TxDOT Project Manager Thomas Marquardt, P.E. at 817-370-6772 no later than 4 p.m. Central Time, Thursday, August 4, 2022. 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 TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, Attention: Thomas Marquardt, P.E., 2501 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Thomas.Marquardt@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, August 24, 2022.** Responses to comments received will be available online at www.TxDOT.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Thomas Marquardt by phone at 817-370-6772 or email: Thomas.Marquardt@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 the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.