



**Notice  
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option**

**SH 144  
From FM 56 to US 67  
CSJs: 0386-01-028  
Somervell County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to realign SH 144 and construct a new bridge across the Paluxy River from near FM 56 to US 67 in Somervell County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. **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 Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 5:00 PM.** To log onto the virtual public meeting go to [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) (keyword search "SH 144 Glen Rose"), after the date and time indicated above. The presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 5:00 PM. If you do not have internet access, you may call (817) 370-3513 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Somervell County Expo Center at 202 Bo Gibbs Boulevard, Glen Rose, TX 76043.**

The proposed SH 144 realignment project is approximately 2.7-miles of new location roadway including construction of a new bridge across the Paluxy River near Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas. The project's intent is to improve the access and mobility of SH 144 by constructing a new bridge across the Paluxy River. A feasibility study was conducted in June 2020 to determine the need for and viability of a second bridge crossing over the Paluxy River along SH 144 near the city of Glen Rose in Somervell County, Texas. The purpose of the proposed second crossing is to reduce congestion and provide an alternative route in case of emergency.

Proposed improvements are described below:

**From Existing SH 144 to the Proposed New Paluxy River Bridge**

Interim – Two 12-foot lanes with no shoulders, an eight-foot sidewalk and a 10-foot shared-use path

Ultimate – Four 12-foot lanes with no 12-foot left turn lane, no 12-foot right turn lane, an eight-foot sidewalk and a 10-foot shared-use path

**New Bridge Across the Paluxy River**

Interim – Two 12-foot-wide lanes, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, two 16-foot wide inside shoulders, an eight-foot-wide sidewalk, and a 10-foot wide shared-use path

Ultimate – Four 12-foot-wide lanes, two 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, an eight-foot-wide sidewalk, and a 10-foot wide shared-use path

**From the New Paluxy River Bridge to US 67**

Interim – Two 12-foot-wide lanes, Two 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, an eight-foot-wide sidewalk, and a 10-foot wide shared-use path



## **Template for a Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option**

Ultimate – Four 12-foot-wide lanes, two 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, an eight-foot-wide sidewalk and a 10-foot wide shared-use path

Intersection improvements are proposed at FM 56 and CR 312. The proposed project right-of-way (ROW) would include a grassy center median (two to 26-feet wide) that would accommodate the future construction of the ultimate roadway and bridge. The proposed right of way width is 120-feet wide. The total proposed ROW acreage is estimated at 78acres.

Although additional right-of-way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT District Office by calling (817) 370-3513.

The proposed project has the potential to impact the following properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Possible historic structure on Van Zandt Rd close to the intersection with CR 312; and the picnic and open area at the intersection of Van Zandt Rd and CR 312.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and involve an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Fort Worth District Office located at 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Project materials are also available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) (keyword search "SH 144 Glen Rose"). These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option 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 public meeting or in-person option, please contact Emmanuel Navarro, P.E., Project Manager, at (817) 370-3513, no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, May 22, 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 Fort Worth District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Emmanuel Navarro at [Emmanuel.Navarro@txdot.gov](mailto:Emmanuel.Navarro@txdot.gov). All comments must be received on or before June 15, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Emmanuel Navarro, P.E., Project Manager, (817) 370-3513 or at [Emmanuel.Navarro@txdot.gov](mailto:Emmanuel.Navarro@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.