



SH 144 Public Meeting Video Script

SLIDE 1 – Title

Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation's prerecorded virtual public involvement presentation. We appreciate your interest in the project and welcome each of you. Please note that you may pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to view the slides, and you may also pause the presentation and navigate forward or backward as needed. In this presentation, we will cover the public involvement purpose, project overview, environmental, and right of way considerations. This is followed by an explanation of how to provide comments for the proposed project and adjournment.

Slide 2 – End the Streak TX

November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for nearly 22 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family. Thank you and please enjoy the rest of this presentation.



SLIDE 3 – Welcome

My name is Ricardo Gonzalez, and I serve as the Director of Transportation, planning and development for the Fort Worth District of the Texas Department of Transportation, better known as TxDOT. Your input on the proposed improvements is valuable and will help benefit the community and shape the final project recommendations. The virtual public materials and project information can be found at www.txdot.gov by typing the project keyword in the search box in the upper right-hand corner. After the project information is presented, we would appreciate your feedback.

SLIDE 4 – Public Meeting Displays

Please note that the Public Meeting Displays can also be viewed in person at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office on the following days: Friday, May 26th thru Thursday, June 15th. In-person viewing will be by appointment only. Please call (817) 370-3513 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment and receive more detailed instructions.

SLIDE 5 – Public Meeting Displays

A full version of the Public Meeting Displays is also available for download at www.txdot.gov. Search “SH 144 Glen Rose” when looking for the Public Meeting Displays on our website.



SLIDE 6 – Agenda

Today’s presentation will cover the purpose of this public meeting, project goals, project overview, proposed design alternatives, environmental, Right of Way, anticipated schedule and how to provide comments.

SLIDE 7 – Public Meeting Purpose

This public meeting is convened by the Texas Department of Transportation and is being held to present updates and information regarding the project design for the SH 144 project South of FM 56 to US 67. Environmental documents are being created in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

You may have attended previous public meetings conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation. However, for the benefit of those of you who have never attended one, I would like to explain why the Department conducts a public meeting. The public meeting is meant to present the project to the public, share information about the project design, communicate effectively and timely with the public and our partners and offer the opportunity to provide input that could benefit the project.



SLIDE 8 – Project Goals

The SH 144 Feasibility Study identified the need and viability of a second bridge crossing over the Paluxy River. This placement was voted on by the public during the feasibility study. The second crossing would provide an alternative route in case of emergencies and reduce congestion. This project is determining the best layout.

SLIDE 9 – Project Overview

This project extends 2.7 miles South of FM 56 to US 67 within Glen Rose, Texas, in Somervell County.

SLIDE 10 – Right of Way A

There are two alternative Right of Ways for this project. Alternative A is approximately 78.34 acres including two buildings on a commercial property, one residential property with adjacent structures and one recreational vehicle located on property within the Right of Way.

SLIDE 11 – Right of Way B

Alternative B is approximately 76.94 acres including ten buildings on a commercial property, one residential property with adjacent structures, one recreational vehicle and two storage shelters located on property within the Right of Way.



SLIDE 12 – Existing Roadway

Presently, SH 144 has two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with 5-foot-wide shoulders and no sidewalks.

SLIDE 13 – Proposed Typical Section- Interim from the New Paluxy River Bridge to US 67

The goal of the project along the sections of SH 144 from existing SH 144 to the proposed new Paluxy River Bridge is to widen and reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway. The interim roadway will have two 12-foot lanes, two 10-foot shoulders, an eight-foot sidewalk and a 10-foot shared-use path.

SLIDE 14 – Proposed Typical Section- Ultimate from the New Paluxy River Bridge to US 67

The goal of the project along the sections of SH 144 from existing SH 144 to the proposed new Paluxy River Bridge is to widen and reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway into a four-lane roadway with 12-foot-wide lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders. We also plan to add an eight-foot sidewalk and 10-foot-wide Shared-Use Path.

SLIDE 15 – Proposed Typical Section- Interim New Bridge Across the Paluxy River

The goal of the project is to create a second SH 144 bridge crossing. The interim bridge will have two 12-foot lanes, two 16-foot shoulders, two 10-foot shoulders, an eight-foot sidewalk and a 10-foot shared-use path.



SLIDE 16 – Proposed Typical Section- Ultimate New Bridge Across the Paluxy River

The goal of the project regarding the second SH 144 bridge crossing is to create a four-lane bridge with 12-foot-wide lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders. We also plan to add a 10-foot-wide Shared-Use Path.

SLIDE 17 – Proposed Typical Section- Interim from existing SH 144 to the proposed new Paluxy River Bridge

The goal of the project along the sections of SH 144 from the New Paluxy River Bridge to US 67 is to widen and reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway into a four-lane roadway. The interim roadway will have two 12-foot lanes, two 5-foot shoulders, an eight-foot sidewalk and a 10-foot shared-use path and one-foot of pedestrian rail on each side.

SLIDE 18 – Proposed Typical Section #1- Ultimate from existing SH 144 to the proposed new Paluxy River Bridge

The goal of the project along the sections of SH 144 from the New Paluxy River Bridge to US 67 is to widen and reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway into a four-lane roadway. The first section will have 12-foot-wide lanes and five-foot wide shoulders. We also plan to add an 8-foot-wide sidewalk and a 10-foot-wide Shared-Use Path (SUP).



SLIDE 19 – Proposed Typical Section #2- Ultimate from existing SH 144 to the proposed new Paluxy River Bridge

The second section will have two 12-foot-wide lanes, two 12-foot-wide turning lanes and two five-foot wide shoulders. There will also be an 8-foot-wide sidewalk and a 10-foot-wide Shared-Use Path (SUP).

SLIDE 20 – Environmental Process

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 (FHWA) and TxDOT.

SLIDE 21 – Environmental Process

Environmental documents are being prepared in accordance with NEPA and includes evaluations of air quality, archeological resources, biological resources including threatened and endangered species and habitat, community impacts and environmental justice, floodplains and floodways, hazardous materials, indirect and cumulative impacts, non-archeological historic resources, traffic noise and waters of the United States, including wetlands.



SLIDE 22 – Environmental Process

The proposed project has the potential to impact vegetation, wildlife, bicycle/ pedestrian accommodations, water resources and traffic noise.

SLIDE 23 – Environmental Process Constraints

This is a map of the environmental process constraints within the project area. The legend indicates color and symbol meanings.

SLIDE 24 – Environmental Process

Agency Coordination is being managed by the following agencies: The Texas Historical Commission (THC), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

SLIDE 25 – Right of Way

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 is a law that was designed to ensure that anyone who owned property needed for a public purpose is treated fairly. The law establishes guidelines for the acquisition of property and the relocation of displaced individuals and businesses.



It is the policy of TxDOT that individuals impacted by transportation systems expansion shall not be denied benefits excluded from participation or otherwise be subjected to discrimination based on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, handicaps or national origin.

SLIDE 26 – Right of Way

Each impacted property owner is offered “just compensation” for the property needed for the project. To arrive at this value, independent appraisers were hired to prepare detailed appraisals and establish value. A written offer to the property owners is made based on the value determined in the appraisals. Property owners are given a minimum of 30 days to consider the offer.

If you are interested in learning more, Right-of-Way Brochures are available on the TxDOT Website.

SLIDE 27 – Anticipated Schedule

The project schedule is set to kick off as follows: Selection of preferred alternative in Summer of 2023, a public meeting in Summer of 2024 and a public hearing in Fall of 2024.

SLIDE 28 – Share Your Input

Following the public meeting, the Department will proceed with the preparation of the final environmental documentation. Your statements and comments will be addressed in this document and given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendation and



design for this Project. TxDOT is committed to continuing our efforts to gain public feedback about this project. Comments will be accepted in several ways.

You can submit a written comment via email to Emmanuel.Navarro@txdot.gov, or via mail to Fort Worth District Office, Attention Emmanuel Navarro, P.E., Project Manager, 2501 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133.

The public may also call 817-370-3513 during regular office hours or email project staff to ask questions about the project at any time in the project development process.

Comments must be received or postmarked on or before Thursday, June 15th, 2023, to be included in the official hearing documentation.

SLIDE 29 – Thank you

Ladies and gentlemen, we sincerely appreciate your attendance and interest in the proposed design of the SH 144 Project. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration. Please do not forget to submit your comments by Thursday, June 15th, 2023.

Thank you, this concludes the formal presentation.