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US 81/US 287 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING WITH IN-PERSON OPTION THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

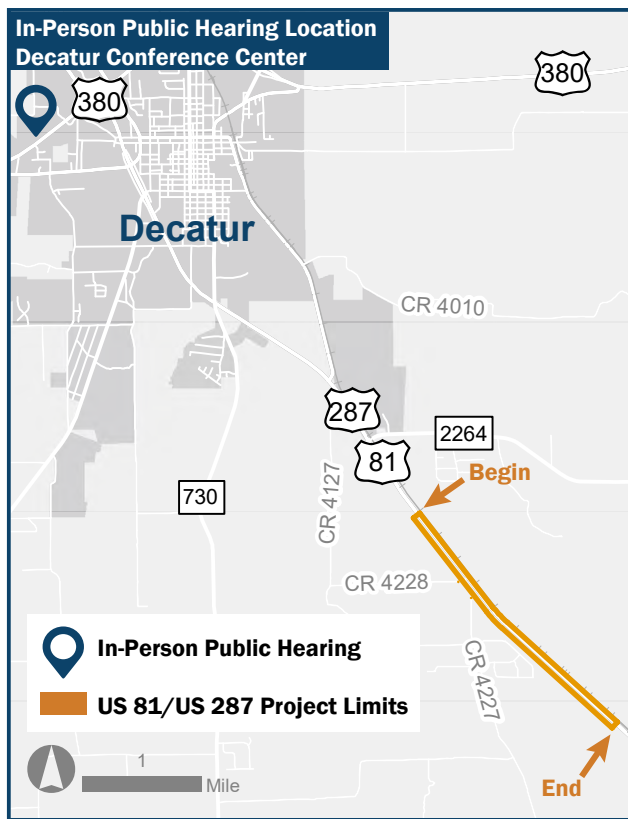


VIRTUAL OPTION

Join us at www.TxDOT.gov, Search: "US 81 at CR 4228"
Presentation posted online beginning at 3 p.m. on
May 26, 2022 until June 10, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

IN-PERSON OPTION

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Decatur Conference Center, Chisholm Suites
2010 W. US Hwy 380, Decatur, TX 76234



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing intersection improvements and roadway reconstruction to US 81/US 287 from north of CR 4228 to south of NRS Ranch Road in Wise County, Texas. The proposed project would include reconstruction of the US 81/US 287 mainlanes, adding ramps and one-way frontage roads, and a new grade-separated crossing at NRS Ranch Road. Proposed improvements would involve the conversion from a four-lane divided rural highway to a controlled access highway. The proposed mainlanes and one-way frontage roads would each consist of two 12-foot lanes in each direction. The mainlanes would have 10-foot outside and 6-foot inside shoulders. The frontage roads would have 10-foot outside and 4-foot inside shoulders. The project is approximately 2.404 miles long. A separate project will provide crossover improvements and add acceleration or deceleration lanes to improve safety ahead of the proposed project.

The existing right of way width is 350 feet. The proposed project is anticipated to require approximately 1.35 acres of new right of way. New denial of access would be required along the frontage roads from adjacent properties at new ramp junctions. Although additional right-of-way is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the Fort Worth District office. The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and would involve an action in a floodplain.

TxDOT will host a virtual public hearing with in-person option to present the proposed project design and receive input on the improvements. 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 TxDOT Decatur Area Office at 1710 W US 380, Decatur, TX 76234, (940) 626-3400. Project materials are also available online at www.TxDOT.gov SEARCH: US 81 at CR 4228. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option. If you choose to attend the in-person public hearing, please call or text (940)799-9077 for scheduling an appointment.

The virtual public hearing with 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 hearing with in-person option, please contact Dr. Francis A. Smith, P.E., at (817) 370-6708 no later than 4 p.m. CT, May 23, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange. If you do not have internet access, you may call (817) 370-6708 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the public hearing process.

SUBMIT COMMENTS OR TESTIMONY

- Email comments to:
Francis.Smith@TxDOT.gov
- Call (940) 799-9077 to provide verbal testimony
- Written comments can be mailed to:
Carl L. Johnson, P.E. District Engineer
TxDOT Fort Worth District Office
2501 S W Loop 820
Fort Worth, TX 76133

QUESTIONS?

- Dr. Francis A. Smith, P.E.
Francis.Smith@TxDOT.gov
or (817) 370-6708



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All written and verbal comments must be received on or before June 10, 2022.

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.