



Notice
Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
US 81/US 287 Rhome to Avondale
From north of Pioneer Road to south of Avondale Haslet Road
CSJs: 0013-08-111 & 0014-15-076
Wise and Tarrant Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Fort Worth District is proposing improvements to United States Highway 81/US 287 from north of Pioneer Road to south of Avondale Haslet Road, a distance of approximately 10 miles, in Wise and Tarrant Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The same information will be available at the in-person and virtual hearing.**

In-Person Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Chisholm Trail Church's
Family Life Center
300 Chisholm Creek Parkway,
Rhome, TX 76078



Virtual Public Hearing

Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 5 p.m. through
Friday, June 2, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.
Project Website: www.txdot.gov
Search Keywords:
"US 81/US 287 Rhome"

The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The virtual hearing can be viewed from Tuesday, May 16, 2023 starting at 5 p.m. through Friday, June 2, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website listed above. To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to www.txdot.gov and search keywords: "US 81/US 287 Rhome" or access by scanning the QR code above. If you do not have internet access, you may call the Project Manager, Saba El-Hawi, P.E., at (817) 370-3562 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., 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 virtual public hearing which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Chisholm Trail Church's Family Life Center, located at 300 Chisholm Creek Parkway, Rhome, Texas 76078.**

The proposed 10-mile project would reconstruct the US 81/US 287 main lanes from north of Pioneer Road to Avondale Haslet Road and reconstruct and add an additional main lane (three main lanes in each direction) south of Avondale-Haslet Road to the southern project limit. The proposed project also includes the construction, or reconstruction, and conversion of frontage roads to create a continuous one-way system within the project limits. The frontage roads would include two travel lanes on either side of US 81/US 287, left turn lanes at cross streets, and adjacent shared use paths for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations within the project limits. The proposed project also includes new overpasses at County Road 4840 and Future Northstar Parkway, a new underpass at Ramhorn Hill Road, and new direct connectors at State Highway 114 East. Additionally, the proposed project would include operational improvements to existing cross streets, ramps, and auxiliary lanes. The proposed project is not currently funded and may be constructed in phases through break-out projects based on funding availability.

The proposed project would require approximately 16 acres of new right of way; however, no residential or non-residential displacements are anticipated 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 TxDOT Fort Worth district office at (817) 370-6500.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and 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 TxDOT Fort Worth District Office located at 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX, 76133. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov and search keywords: "US 81/US 287 Rhome". These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing 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 hearing or in-person option, please contact Matthew Berrones at (817) 370-3604 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, May 11, 2023. 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 the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, Attn: Saba El-Hawi, P.E., 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX, 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Saba.ElHawi@txdot.gov. Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (682) 235-9933 and verbally provide testimony from 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2023. All comments must be received on or before Friday, June 2, 2023. Responses to written comments received and public testimony will be available online at the project website once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Saba El-Hawi, P.E., by phone at (817) 370-3562 or by email at Saba.ElHawi@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.