



Notice of In-Person Public Meeting with Virtual Option Farwell Railroad Bridge Project Parmer County, Texas



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District, in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), is conducting a public meeting to allow the public to comment on the proposed Farwell-Texico Railroad Bridge Project. The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input on revisions made to a schematic design previously presented in June 2023.

This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting two in-person public meetings on the proposed project with a virtual option. The in-person meeting will consist of a presentation and will include the opportunity for the public to review the schematics on display and submit questions or comments to project staff. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 at 4 p.m. (CST) and will remain available for viewing with an opportunity to provide comments until Friday, March 8, 2024. To view the pre-recorded presentation, go to www.TxDOT.gov at the date and time indicated and enter "Farwell Railroad Bridge Project" in the keyword search box. 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 Kylan Francis, P.E., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 806-748-4490 or Julia Perschnick, P.E., at 806-748-4518 to ask questions.

The first in-person public meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (CST) at the Farwell ISD Administration Building located at 805 Ave. G, Farwell, TX, 79325. There will be a second opportunity to attend an in-person public meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (MST) at the Texico ISD Cafeteria located at 520 N. Griffin St., Texico, NM 88135. Both in-person opportunities will contain the exact same information.

The purpose of the meeting is to share with the public the revisions made to the previous Alternative #1. That alternative, and now the sole alignment proposed, would improve mobility to US 60/70/84. TxDOT and NMDOT would like to discuss the proposed design improvements with the communities of Farwell, TX and Texico, NM. It is the hope of both agencies to engage in conversation and gain input and commentary on the revisions proposed. The result of the previous route study conducted a part of the June 2023 public involvement led to the elimination of the elevated crossing for US 60 and FM 292, known as Alternative #2. The main goal of either design was to develop a feasible bridge that improved mobility and safety for the traveling public at one of the existing railroad crossings in Farwell, TX.

The presentation and script will be available in English and Spanish. TxDOT will have headsets available for simultaneous Spanish interpretation available at both public meetings. TxDOT will also have project staff on-site that speak Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translated because English or Spanish are not your primary language, 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 are a person with a disability who requires accommodation to participate in the in-person or virtual public meeting, please contact Dianah Ascencio, TxDOT Lubbock District Public Information Officer, at 806-748-4472 no later than 4 p.m. (CST), Thursday, Feb. 10, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Lubbock District ENV Office, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404. Written comments may also be submitted by email to LBB_projects@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or postmarked by Friday, March 8, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.TxDOT.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the virtual meeting with in-person option, please contact Kylan Francis, P.E., Director of TP&D, by calling 806-748-4490, or by email at LBB_projects@txdot.gov.