



## Notice of In-Person Open House Farwell-Texico Railroad Bridge Project



Parmer County, Texas and Curry County, New Mexico

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District, in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), is hosting an open house on the proposed Farwell-Texico Railroad Bridge Project. The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input on a new schematic design that was not presented at the public meetings held in June 2023 and February 2024.

The in-person open house will allow the public to review the schematics on display and submit questions or comments to project staff. Meeting materials will remain available on the project open house meeting page after May 9, 2024. To view meeting materials, go to [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov) and enter "Farwell Railroad Bridge Project" in the keyword search box. Please note that additional documents may be placed on the project meeting page up until public meeting date. 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 in-person open house will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (MST) at the Texico Community Center located at 211 N Griffin St., Texico, NM, 88135. This open-house style meeting allows the public to come and go as they choose and to review the proposed design schematics.

The purpose of the meeting is to share with the public a new design alternative that has been developed apart from previous alternatives. The new alternative would improve mobility to US 60 and US 70/84 while reducing displacements, relocations, and acquisitions. TxDOT and NMDOT would like to discuss the new proposed design improvements with the communities of Farwell, Texas and Texico, New Mexico. It is the hope of both agencies to engage in conversation and gain input on the revisions proposed. The result of the previous route study conducted separately from the June 2023 public involvement led to the elimination of the elevated crossing for US 60 and FM 292, known as Alternative #2. The public meetings conducted in February 2024 have provided both agencies with supplemental concerns that lead to a new proposed design. The main goal of any presented design is to develop a feasible bridge that improves mobility and safety for the traveling public across railroad crossings in the communities.

There is no presentation scheduled for this public meeting as this schematic is a preliminary proposal. Input from the public is being sought to determine which alignment to further develop. If this design has been favored over the previous design alignments, an official sit-down presentation public meeting with a virtual option will be provided in the summer of 2024.

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), Monday, May 6, 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](mailto:LBB_projects@txdot.gov). All comments must be received on or postmarked by Friday, May 24, 2024. 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 regarding the virtual meeting with in-person option, please contact either Kylan Francis, P.E., Director of TP&D, by calling 806-748-4490, or Julia Perschnick, P.E., Advanced Planning Engineer, by calling 806-748-4518 or by email at [LBB\\_projects@txdot.gov](mailto:LBB_projects@txdot.gov).