



## Notice of Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Open House Farwell Railroad Crossing Route Study Parmer County, Texas



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District is conducting a route study to identify potential improvements to either US 60/70/84 or FM 292 in Parmer County, Texas. This route study is being conducted to identify which existing railroad crossing in Farwell, Texas could be replaced with a bridge spanning the existing BNSF railroad.

This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 4 p.m. (CST) and will remain available for viewing with an opportunity to provide comments until Friday, June 30, 2023. To log into the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), and enter "Farwell Railroad Crossing" in the keyword search box. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. The virtual public meeting will remain active until Friday, June 30, 2023 with project documents and information available for viewing. 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 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 online public meeting, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. The first in-person open house will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, 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. TxDOT will be providing a second opportunity to attend an in-person open house on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 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 three alternatives for improving mobility to US 60/70/84 and FM 292 when there is railroad traffic. TxDOT would like to discuss the alternatives with the communities of Farwell, TX and Texico, NM and engage in conversation to allow the public to provide input and commentary. The alternatives being delivered to the public are a part of the route study being conducted to develop feasible mobility and safety improvements for the traveling public at one of the existing railroad crossings in Farwell, TX. As a result of the route study, TxDOT will identify if either of the improvement concepts would minimize impacts to the community and natural environment when practicable.

The pre-recorded presentation will be in English and Spanish, TxDOT will have employees on-site that speak Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator 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 you are a person with a disability who requires accommodation to participate in the 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, June 1, 2023. 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 TP&D 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). Verbal comments may be left at (903) 224-8390. All comments must be received on or postmarked by Friday, June 30, 2023. 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 Kylan Francis, P.E., Director of TP&D, by calling (806) 748-4490, or by email at [LBB\\_projects@txdot.gov](mailto:LBB_projects@txdot.gov).