

Notice of Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

US 70/84 Railroad Crossing Elimination 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 proposing to construct an overpass for US 60/70/84 in conjunction with three removals of surface railroad crossings in the communities of Farwell, Texas and Texico, New Mexico. This notice advises the public that there will be 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 4:30 PM CT on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at www.txdot.gov. To view meeting materials, go to 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 the public meeting date. If you do not have internet access, you may call Ayssa Trevino at 806-748-4417 or Louis Matta, P.E., at 575-291-9005 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday, to ask questions. To access project materials during the development process please call either project staff member or email LBB_Projects@txdot.gov.

Additionally, both agencies are providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. The in-person option will be held in a traditional public meeting format and attendees can view an in-person presentation by project staff, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of both agency staff members, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. MT at the Texico Community Center, 211 N Griffin St., Texico, NM, 88135.**

The purpose of this public meeting is to share with the public an altered design that has been developed apart from previous alternatives. The revisions address concerns brought to both agencies at previous engagement events. The revisions proposed would improve mobility to SH 348 and 1st Street. TxDOT and NMDOT will discuss the new proposed design improvements with the communities of Farwell, Texas and Texico, New Mexico. The main goal of any presented design is to develop a feasible railroad crossing elimination project that improves mobility and safety for the traveling public across railroad crossings in the communities.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace zero residences and seven non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT or NMDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the project meeting page or at the public meeting. The public may also request information by emailing ~~us at~~ LBB_Projects@txdot.gov to gather information from the appropriate state agency.

Any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative 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. CT at the TxDOT Lubbock District Office, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404. Project materials will also be available online at www.TxDOT.gov. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person public meeting.

The online pre-recorded presentation and its script will be available in English and Spanish. The in-person public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. There will be staff at the in-person public meeting who speak Spanish. 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 an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please call 806-748-4472 no later than 4 p.m. CT Monday, Oct. 14, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required

as some services and accommodation may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

La reunión pública se llevará a cabo en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o usted es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para asistir a y participar en la reunión pública, por favor póngase en contacto con Ayssa Trevino, al número 806-748-4417 a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, lunes 14 de octubre del 2024. Por favor sepa que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Lubbock District Environmental 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 before Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, to be included in the public meeting documentation. 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 proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact either project representative:

Kylan Francis, P.E., TxDOT Lubbock District Transportation and Planning Director at 806-748-4490.

Louis Matta, P.E., NMDOT District 2 Assistant Engineer-Engineering at 575-291-9005.

Ayssa Trevino, TxDOT Lubbock District Environmental Coordinator at 806-748-4417.

Or email us at LBB_Projects@txdot.gov.

The lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act for the proposed project is the Federal Highway Administration.