



Notice
Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
SH 7 (MAIN ST)
at Lanana Creek Bridge Replacement
CSJ: 0118-08-085
Nacogdoches County, Texas

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to replace the existing bridge at SH 7 (Main St) and Lanana Creek from 443 feet west of the Lanana Creek Bridge to 327 feet east of the Lanana Creek Bridge in Nacogdoches County, 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 virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, by 5PM, and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/lufkin/sh7-at-lanana.html>. If you do not have internet access, you may call (936) 634-4433 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. The in-person option will be held in an open house format. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing 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 in-person option will be held on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Nacogdoches Exposition and Civic Center, 3805 NW Stallings Drive, Nacogdoches, Texas 75964.**

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (936) 633-4319 to provide verbal testimony immediately following the conclusion of the virtual public hearing presentation at 7 p.m. on Aug. 1, 2024, through 11:59 pm on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024. Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/lufkin/sh7-at-lanana.html>.

The proposed bridge replacement on SH 7 (Main St) at Lanana Creek in Nacogdoches, Texas Nacogdoches County will consist of replacing the existing structure with a 4-lane bridge, with two 12-foot lanes in either direction, 4-foot shoulders, and 6-foot sidewalks on either side of the road. The proposed project will extend for approximately 0.146 mile. Existing Right-of-Way (ROW) varies from 60 – 70 ft and the proposed ROW will vary from 120 – 165 ft.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace 0 residences and 7 non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT 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 TxDOT district office by calling (903) 799-1311.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following properties Parcels 22851 and 24285 protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Parcel 22851 is owned by the City of Nacogdoches and contains portions of the Lanana Creek Trail. Liberty Hall is also present on parcel 22851, however, Liberty Hall does not qualify as a 4(f) property. Parcel 24285 is owned by the City of Nacogdoches and contains the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden.

The proposed project would require 0.27 acres of permanent ROW and temporary closure of the Lanana Creek Trail at the intersection of SH 7 and Lanana Creek. ROW is required to accommodate the construction and location of the proposed bridge. Approximately 0.35 acre of permanent ROW would also be required from the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden at the location of SH 7 and University Drive. TxDOT anticipates making a *de minimis* determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the Lanana Creek Trail and Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project would involve 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 Lufkin District Office, 1805 North Timberland, Lufkin, Texas 75901, (936) 634-4433. Project materials are also available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/lufkin/sh7-at-la-nana.html>. 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 Rhonda Oaks – Public Information Officer, Lufkin District at 936-633-4395 or Rhonda.Oaks@txdot.gov no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday July 29, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

El audiencia pública virtual y opción presencial 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 audiencia pública virtual y opción presencial, por favor póngase en contacto con Rhonda Oaks - Oficial de información pública, distrito de Lufkin, al número 936-633-4395 o Rhonda.Oaks@txdot.gov no más tardar que 4 p.m. hora central, Lunes Julio 29, 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 Lufkin Office, 1805 North Timberland, Lufkin, Texas 75901. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Scott.Wahlberg@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be received on or before Aug. 16, 2024, to be included in the public hearing summary report.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (936) 633-4319 to provide verbal testimony immediately following the conclusion of the virtual public hearing presentation at 7 p.m. on Aug. 1, 2024, through 11:59 pm on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be

available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/lufkin/sh7-at-la-nana.html> once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Scott Wahlberg – Environmental Specialist, (936) 633-4319, Scott.Wahlberg@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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.