



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
US 259 Widening
From SH 204 to Rusk County Line
Control Section Job (CSJ): 0138-06-047
Nacogdoches County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen US 259 from SH 204 to Rusk County line in Nacogdoches County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online 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 including a link to submit online written comments. The presentation and meeting materials will be posted online by Tuesday, April 26, 2022, by noon.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, visit: www.txdot.gov and **Search:** US 259 Widening. If you do not have internet access, you may call 936-633-4383 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. The public is encouraged to provide comments by mail or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of or in addition to 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 in-person option will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center, located at 3805 NW Stallings Dr., Nacogdoches, Texas 75964.**

The proposed project would widen US 259 in Nacogdoches County from SH 204 to the Rusk County Line. The approximately seven-mile-long project will provide two 12-foot northbound travel lanes and two 12-foot southbound travel lanes, 10-foot outside shoulders and a 16-foot continuous two-way left-turn lane. The proposed project will also require widening the existing right of way by an average of 45 feet. Additional improvements have been included based on feedback from the October 13, 2020 virtual public meeting such as reconfiguring the SH 204 intersection and adding right-turn lanes at FM 2664, FM 1087 and SH 204. This project would reduce congestion, enhance freight mobility along US 259 and provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace three residences and two 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 936-633-4383.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and in the floodplain.

Any maps and drawings showing the project location and design and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection online at www.txdot.gov and **Search:** US 259 Widening. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.



The virtual public meeting and in-person option will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish 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 meeting or in-person option, please contact Rhonda Oaks, at 936-633-4395 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Lufkin District Office, 1805 North Timberland Dr., Lufkin, TX 75901. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov. In addition, you may leave a recorded voicemail at (936)463-8690. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Jennifer Adams, project manager at 936-633-4383 and Jennifer.Adams@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 FHWA and TxDOT.