



NOTICE

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING WITH IN-PERSON OPTION US 59/US 259 NORTH NACOGDOCHES (FUTURE I-69) FROM FM 343 TO 1.2 MILES NORTH OF US 259 IN NACOGDOCHES CSJS (PROJECT NUMBERS): 2560-01-085, 0175-07-059, 0175-07-060, 0138-06-046 NACOGDOCHES COUNTY, TEXAS

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to upgrade US 59 and reconstruct the US 59/US 259 interchange to meet interstate standards from FM 343 to 1.2 miles north of US 259 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, May 17, 2022, by noon.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, visit www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 59/US 259 North". 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, phone, or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person. 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 study materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center located at 3805 NW Stallings Drive, Nacogdoches, TX 75964.**

The proposed project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility, due to increasing traffic, congestion, and a high number of traffic crashes. The proposed project would extend for a total of 2.5 miles along US 59 from FM 343 to 1.2 miles north of US 259 in Nacogdoches. The proposed project would include the construction of concrete barrier-divided mainlanes along US 59 that consist of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction, 10-foot-wide inside shoulders, and 12-foot-wide outside shoulders. Northbound and southbound US 59 frontage road construction would include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a four-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder. A 10-foot shared-use path would also be constructed along proposed US 59 frontage roads and six-foot sidewalks would be constructed along US 259. The project would include reconfiguring the US 59/US 259 interchange to provide new director connector bridges for northbound US 59 and southbound US 259.

The proposed improvements, subject to final design considerations, would require approximately 55 acres of additional right of way and potentially displace 15 residences and 6 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 project may involve construction in wetlands. Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project study location and design, 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 TxDOT Lufkin District Office, 1805 N. Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901, (936) 634-4383.

The virtual public meeting 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 meeting or in-person option, please contact Rhonda Oaks, TxDOT Lufkin District, at (936) 633-4395 no later than 4 p.m. CT, May 11, 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 project study are requested. These may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Lufkin District Office, 1805 N. Timberland Drive, 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) 337-3980. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, June 1, 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 project study or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact, Jennifer Adams, I-69 Project Manager and Environmental Coordinator, (936) 633-4383, Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov.