



Notice

Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option US 59/US 259 NORTH NACOGDOCHES (FUTURE I-69) From Stallings Drive/LP 224 to 1.3 miles north of US 259 in Nacogdoches CSJs: 2560-01-085, 0175-07-059, 0175-07-060, 0138-06-046 Nacogdoches County, Texas

TxDOT is proposing to upgrade US 59 and reconstruct the US 59/US 259 interchange to meet interstate standards from Stallings Drive/Loop 224 to 1.3 miles north of US 259 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 public hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024 at 5 p.m.** To view the virtual public hearing, 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.

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, Sept. 5, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center located at 3805 NW Stallings Drive, Nacogdoches, TX 75964.**

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call 936-337-2353 to provide verbal testimony immediately following the conclusion of the virtual public hearing presentation at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, 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 www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 59/US 259 North."

The US 59/US 259 North Nacogdoches (Future I-69) project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility, due to increasing traffic, congestion, and a high number of traffic crashes. This project is anticipated to bring US 59 and the US 59/US 259 interchange up to current interstate standards by converting it to a controlled access roadway and reconfiguring the interchange. The proposed project would extend for a total of 3.8 miles along US 59 from Stallings Drive/Loop 224 to 1.3 miles north of US 259 in Nacogdoches and 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-wide outside shoulder. A 10-foot shared-use path would also be constructed along proposed US 59 frontage roads and 10-foot-wide shared-use path and six-foot sidewalk would be constructed along US 259. The project would include reconfiguring the US 59/US 259 interchange to provide new flyover bridges for northbound US 59 and southbound US 259 and a location for truck parking between Stallings Drive/LP 224 and FM 343.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace 15 residences and 11 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. 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 TxDOT Lufkin District, 1805 N. Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901, 936-633-4383.

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, TxDOT Lufkin District, at (936) 633-4395 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

La audiencia pública virtual 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, por favor póngase en contacto con Rhonda Oaks, TxDOT Distrito Lufkin, al número 936-633-4395 a más tardar a las 4 p.m. hora central, el viernes 30 de agosto, 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 District Office, 1805 N. Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be received on or before Friday, Sept. 20, 2024.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call 936-337-2353 and verbally provide testimony from 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, until 11:59 pm on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024. 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 www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 59/US 259 North."

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Jennifer Adams, Advance Transportation Planning Director, 936-633-4383, Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this study 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.