



Notice

Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option US 59 Livingston Upgrade (Future I-69)

**From 0.39 miles south of FM 1988 to 1.90 miles south of SL 116 on US 59, and
0.10 miles west of FM 350 North to 0.10 miles east of Briar Way on US 190**

CSJs: 0177-01-115, 0176-05-193, 0213-03-110 & 0213-04-054

Polk County, Texas

TxDOT is proposing the following improvements in Polk County, Texas: improve US 59 from 0.39 miles south of FM 1988 to US 190, including an interchange at US 59/FM 1988 (CSJ: 0177-01-115); improve US 59 from US 190 to 1.90 miles south of SL 116, including an interchange at US 59/BUS 59 (CSJ: 0176-05-193); and improve US 190 from 0.10 miles west of FM 350 North to 0.10 miles east of Briar Way, including an interchange at US 190/US 59 (CSJs: 0213-03-110 & 0213-04-054). This notice advises the public that for this proposed project, TxDOT will be conducting a virtual public meeting with an in-person option. **The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at 5 p.m.** To view the virtual public meeting, visit www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 59 Livingston." 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 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 Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Polk County Commerce Center, located at 1017 Hwy 59 Loop North, Livingston, TX 77351.**

The proposed project is anticipated to enhance safety, improve mobility and connectivity, provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route, and provide system connectivity to I-69. The proposed project would involve the reconstruction of US 59 mainlanes, ramps and frontage roads to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69. Proposed improvements would also include revising the configuration of the US 190, BUS 59 North, and BUS 59 South/FM 1988 interchanges, in addition to new frontage road connections crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad just north of BUS 59/FM 1988 and just south of BUS 59 North. The proposed project runs just over 6 miles and extends from 0.39 miles south of FM 1988 to 1.9 miles south of SL 116 in Polk County. It would include the construction of cable barrier-divided mainlanes along US 59 that consist of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction, 6-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 4-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder. A 10-foot shared-use path would also be constructed along the proposed US 59 frontage roads.

The proposed project may, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 12 acres of additional right of way and potentially displace nine residences and five 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 may impact Greenfield Cemetery, which is protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Greenfield Cemetery was originally known as the IS Memorial Park Cemetery. Impacts to the cemetery are not anticipated but may occur depending on the final design and coordination with stakeholders along US 59.

The proposed project may impact Joe Pedigo Park, located at 925 US 59 Bypass North in Livingston, Texas. Impacts to the park are not anticipated but may occur depending on the final design and coordination with stakeholders along US 59. 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 Joe Pedigo Park may be submitted as described below.

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 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. Friday, Sept. 27, 2024. 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 N. Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov. **All comments must be received on or before Friday, Oct. 18, 2024.** Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 59 Livingston."

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual public meeting 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 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.