



## Notice

### Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

### WORLD TRADE BRIDGE EXPANSION

### World Trade Bridge Port of Entry (POE) to the International Boundary with Mexico (Rio Grande)

CSJ: 0922-33-213

Webb County, Texas



The City of Laredo, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to widen the existing Bridge and construct an additional eight-lane Bridge for northbound traffic adjacent and parallel to the existing eight-lane World Trade Bridge. The project would extend for approximately 1,479 feet from the International Boundary with Mexico (Rio Grande) and the World Trade Bridge Port of Entry (POE). This notice advises the public that the City of Laredo in cooperation with TxDOT and FHWA will be conducting an online virtual public meeting with an in-person option. **The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:00pm.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Type the keyword "World Trade Bridge" into the search box. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 11:59pm. If you do not have internet access, you may contact Ramon Chavez, City Engineer for the City of Laredo, at (956) 791-7346 or [rchavez@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:rchavez@ci.laredo.tx.us) between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, an in-person option will be available for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of 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 from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Barbara Fasken Recreation Center located at 15201 Cerralvo Drive, Laredo, TX 78045.**

The proposed project would widen the upriver side of the existing Bridge and construct a new approximately 1,479-foot-long span adjacent downriver. The new Bridge would be located on 6.07 acres of right-of-way (ROW) to be acquired by the City. Temporary construction easements would be utilized consisting of 0.31 acres on the north side of the existing Bridge and 3.1 acres on the south side of the proposed new Bridge. The widening of the existing Bridge would add two southbound lanes within existing City-owned ROW, bringing the total number of lanes on the Bridge to 10. Two lanes on the existing Bridge would be dedicated for northbound FAST trucks. The new span would have eight northbound lanes and a safety walkway and would feature additional lighting, electronic signage, and a hazmat collection system. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below.

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 City of Laredo, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, TX 78040. Project materials are also available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Type the keyword "World Trade Bridge" into the search box. 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. 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 Ramon Chavez, City Engineer for the City of Laredo, at (956) 791-7346 or [rchavez@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:rchavez@ci.laredo.tx.us) no later than 4 p.m. CT, Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Please

be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the City of Laredo to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Raba Kistner Inc. Attn: Brady O'Neal, 12821 West Golden Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78249. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://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 Ramon Chavez, City Engineer for the City of Laredo, at (956) 791-7346 or [rchavez@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:rchavez@ci.laredo.tx.us).

The lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act for the proposed project is the Federal Highway Administration.