



SH 115 North Project Virtual Public Meeting – Sept. 29, 2021 Audio Narration Script

Station 1: Welcome

Welcome to the State Highway 115 North Project virtual public meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and receive public input about potential improvements to State Highway 115 from State Highway 128 in Andrews County to State Highway 349 in Dawson County. Please sign in by clicking the pen icon on the right side of the table. Providing your contact information will allow us to keep you informed as the project progresses.

You may view and download the project fact sheet by clicking the “download cloud” icon on the left side of the table.

The virtual meeting room contains several informational stations. A thumbnail for each station is shown at the bottom of your screen.

You can move between stations at any time by clicking the station thumbnails; or you may click the arrows shown at the left or right side of your screen.

At each station, you will see a “magnifying glass” icon below each informational exhibit board. You can click this icon to zoom in and view the exhibit boards in more detail.

To view the virtual meeting with audio narration, press the audio button below the exhibit boards at each station. You can pause the audio narration at any time.

Station 2: Project Overview

State Highway 115 is a key energy and freight corridor in the Permian Basin.

Station two provides a summary of the roles this project serves within the Permian Basin. Station two also provides a project location map and outlines proposed highway improvements and project goals.

Station 3: Traffic and Safety

Station three highlights traffic and safety issues along the State Highway 115 corridor. Information on traffic volumes and data regarding crashes and crash statistics is provided on the exhibit boards.

Station 4: Typical Sections

Station four illustrates the existing State Highway 115 roadway section and what the highway would look like with proposed improvements. The existing highway with one-lane in each direction could be widened to allow two-lanes in each direction separated by a safety median.

The improvements, which would require the purchase of additional right of way, would also provide wider safety shoulders on each side of the highway.

Station 5: Environmental Process and Documentation

Here at station five, you can see some of the environmental issues that will be considered in the planning process. There are three environmental constraint maps provided at this station that display three separate segments of the project area. You can click the magnifying glass below each exhibit board to zoom in and view some of the environmental constraints that have already been identified.

Station 6: Project Timeline

Station six provides an anticipated timeline for the project. We are currently in the early stages of project planning. We intend to have a second public meeting in late 2022 and an opportunity for a public hearing in 2024.

An environmental decision on the project is anticipated in late 2024. If the project is approved and funded, a date for project construction will be determined. Project funding has not been identified. This timeline is subject to change.

Station 7: Interactive Comment Map

Station seven provides an interactive way to comment on the project. Please review the instructions on the exhibit board labeled “Interactive Comment Map.” The board will instruct you to click on the laptop screen located on the table.

After clicking the “Interactive Map” icon, a new window will open, and you will be able to view the project map and provide input and comments at specific locations along State Highway 115. Think of this as a paper map and your comment as a sticky note that can be placed anywhere on the map. Please share anything you want us to know about the location or the project. Your input is appreciated and will help us make this project better.

Station 8: How to Comment & Contact Information

Station eight provides information on how to comment by email or mail. It also provides a point of contact for asking questions or requesting additional information.

To comment by email, click the “at” icon on the left side of the table. This will open a draft email from your email account. The State Highway 115 North Project email address and subject line are pre-populated. You may enter your comments in the body of the email and click “send” to submit your email comment. Your email will close. You will need to click the blue “x” at the top right of your screen to return to the virtual meeting room.

If you would like to print the comment form and mail it back with your written comments, click the “mail envelope” icon in the center of the table. You should see the fillable comment form open. You may type your comments, print and mail your comment form. Be sure to print your comment form double-sided. Now, you can fold, seal, apply postage and mail your comment to the project post office box address. Alternatively, you can print the comment form, double-sided, hand-write your comment and then mail the form, following the same steps. Click the blue “x” at the top right of the screen to close the window and return to the virtual meeting room.

Comments must be received or postmarked by **Friday, October 15, 2021**, to be included in the official public meeting record.

You may download all of the meeting materials, including the exhibit boards and maps, by clicking the “file folder” icon on the right side of the table. A window will open, and you can click the “downward arrow with the underline” at the top right of your screen. This will allow all materials to download to your computer at the file location you choose. Click the blue “x” at the top right of the screen to close the window and return to the virtual meeting room.

Please don't forget to comment by **Friday, October 15, 2021**.

Station 9: Measuring the Effectiveness of Public Involvement

At station nine you will find a survey for Measuring the Effectiveness of Public Involvement.

Coordination with the public is fundamental to the development of transportation plans and projects. This outreach is key for securing adequate funding for transportation infrastructure and building public support for transportation projects.

Please take a moment to complete the survey. This survey will be used as part of a national study to evaluate the effectiveness of public involvement efforts and improvements that may be needed.

Thank you for participating in the State Highway 115 North Project virtual public meeting.