



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting
SH 349
From CR 140 (in Midland) to Spur 576 (in Rankin)
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Midland and Upton counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Odessa District is proposing to widen State Highway 349 (SH 349) from County Road (CR) 140 in Midland to Spur 576 in Rankin in Midland and Upton counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting the second virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 5 p.m.**

To log into the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, and keyword search "SH 349 Virtual Public Meeting." The meeting will consist of a virtual room and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until **Friday, July 16, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.** If you do not have internet access, you may call Gilysa Garcia at (512) 829-7133 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for assistance with accessing project materials (any time during the project development process). Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

The SH 349 corridor, from CR 140 in Midland to Spur 576 in Rankin, is about 50 miles in length. The proposed improvements to SH 349 would include widening to a 4-lane divided highway, with two lanes in each direction, with a center median or barrier and turn lanes throughout the entire length of the project.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace a limited number of residential and 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 by calling Doug Hagemeyer at (512) 264-1095.

The proposed project may involve construction in wetlands and may involve an action in a floodplain. Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at www.txdot.gov, using the keyword search mentioned above.

The virtual public meeting 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, please contact Gilysa Garcia at (512) 829-7133 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday, June 25, 2021. 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 Blanton & Associates, Attn: SH 349, 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78734. Written comments may also be submitted by email to SH349@blantonassociates.com. All comments must be received on or before Friday, July 16, 2021. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, using the keyword search above once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual public meeting, please contact Robert Sutton, P.E., the project consultant engineer, at (713) 394-5777 or rsutton@walterpmoore.com.

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.