



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting
US 285 North

From the New Mexico State Line to Business Interstate 20 (BI-20) in Pecos, Texas

CSJs: 0139-01-021, 0139-02-030, 0139-03-046, and 0139-04-052

Reeves and Culberson Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing improvements to US 285 North from the New Mexico state line to BI-20 in Pecos, Texas. The project passes through Reeves and Culberson counties. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual meeting is scheduled to begin at noon on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.TxDOT.gov, and keyword search "US 285 North."

The virtual meeting will consist of a virtual room and will include visual components. Please note that the meeting materials will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public meeting, the meeting materials will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Friday, July 2, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (432) 360-3172 to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

The proposed project would include widening to a four-lane divided highway with two lanes in each direction as well as both inside and outside shoulders, and a wide center median and/or barrier. In addition, median openings would be provided as needed for intersecting roads and large traffic generators as warranted. Median openings will include left turn/deceleration lanes. The proposed project is approximately 52 miles long.

The proposed project could, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace residences and/or 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 (432) 360-3172. The proposed project could involve construction in wetlands or floodplains, however, that has not been determined.

Project materials will be made available online at www.txdot.gov, using the "US 285 North" keyword search. A mailed copy of the virtual public meeting materials can be obtained by calling (432) 360-3172.

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 the project team at (432) 360-3172 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday, June 11, 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 Jacobs, US 285 North TxDOT Project, Attn: Will Barresi, 1999 Bryan St., Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75201. Written comments may also be submitted by email to US285North@Jacobs.com or via the online comment form in the virtual public meeting. Verbal or text-in comments can be submitted by calling or texting (432) 360-3172. All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, July 2, 2021. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, using the keyword search mentioned above, once they have been prepared. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact the project team at, (432) 360-3172, and US285North@Jacobs.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.