



Notice of Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

US 285 North – Project 2, from SH 302 to RM 652

CSJ: 0139-03-046, Reeves County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Odessa District is proposing improvements to US 285 from SH 302 to RM 652 in Reeves County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project 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 Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, by 5 p.m., and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public meeting, go www.txdot.gov, keyword search “US 285 North — Project 2.” If you do not have internet access, you may call 432-498-4645 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 Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Reeves County Civic Center, 1500 S. Cedar St., Pecos, TX 79772.**

The proposed project would include widening approximately 24 miles of US 285 to a four-lane divided highway with two lanes in each direction. In addition, an interchange is proposed at RM 652 in Orla. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width ranges from approximately 150 – 200 feet, while the proposed ROW width would range from approximately 237 – 382 feet in most areas. Improvements would include a wide center median with median openings, turn lanes, and acceleration lanes as needed.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace zero residences and eight 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 TxDOT’s Odessa District office by calling 432-498-4645.

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 TxDOT Odessa District office 3901 E. Highway 80, Odessa, TX 79761. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “US 285 North — Project 2.” 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 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 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 Maryann Cedillo, public information officer, Odessa District, at 432-498-4746 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, Nov. 25, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

La reunión pública virtual y opción presencial se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o traductor de documentos porque el inglés no es su idioma principal o tiene dificultad comunicándose efectivamente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si tiene una discapacidad y necesita asistencia, se pueden coordinar arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o es una persona con una discapacidad y requiere una adaptación para asistir a y participar en la reunión pública virtual o la opción presencial, por favor contacte a Maryann Cedillo, oficial de información pública, Distrito de Odessa, al 432-498-4746 a más tardar a las 4 p.m. hora central, del lunes 25 de noviembre de 2024. Por favor tenga en cuenta que se requiere aviso previo ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones podrán requerir tiempo para que el TxDOT los organice.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Jacobs Engineering, Attn: Chris Hoff, P.E., 1999 Bryan St., Suite 3500, Dallas, TX 75201, or by email to US285North@Jacobs.com. **All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024.** Responses to comments received will be available online at www.TxDOT.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Gabriel Ramirez, P.E., advanced planning engineer at 432-498-4645 or Gabriel.Ramirez@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.