



NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING
Proposed Improvements to Loop 286 in Paris, Texas – Lamar County
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing short-term and long-term improvements to Loop 286 around Paris, Texas, a total project length of approximately 15.5 miles. **This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project.** The virtual public meeting will begin on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation explaining the proposed project, which includes both audio and visual components, along with other exhibits and materials for the public to review. The virtual public meeting materials will be posted to www.Loop286.com on July 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. and will remain available online through the comment period deadline of July 31, 2020. If you do not have internet access, you may call the TxDOT project manager, Duane Good, P.E., at (903) 737-9282 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by electronic survey, mail, or email as explained below.

The purpose of the Loop 286 project is to improve safety, increase regional mobility, improve traffic operations, and address roadway deficiencies. Maps showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available online at the website listed above.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace four residences and seven non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for 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 the TxDOT district office by calling (903) 737-9300. TxDOT is currently conducting environmental studies to determine the effects of proposed short-term improvements on the community and natural environment. Environmental documents will be available for public review prior to project completion.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be in English. If you have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, please contact the TxDOT Paris District Public Information Office at (903) 737-9213 at least two working days prior to the virtual meeting. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written or electronic comments from the public are requested and will be accepted for a period of 15 calendar days after the virtual meeting. **All comments must be received on or before Friday, July 31, 2020.** Written or electronic comments may be submitted by:

Electronic Survey: Available at www.Loop286.com under “How to Provide Comments”

Mail: Attention: Duane Good, P.E.
TxDOT Paris District Office
1365 North Main Street
Paris, TX 75460

E-mail: Duane.Good@txdot.gov

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Duane Good, P.E., by phone at (903) 737-9282, or by email at Duane.Good@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.