



Notice of Public Meeting
Proposed Loop 286 Improvements Project
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 in-person public meeting on the proposed project with a virtual option to discuss the two short-term projects and the environmental review process. The same information will be available at the in-person and virtual meeting.

In-person Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 2-7:00 p.m.
Celebrate It
4195 Pine Mill Road, Paris, TX 75462

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. through
Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.
www.Loop286.com

The in-person meeting will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. in an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience, hard copy materials will be available, and staff will be available to answer questions. The virtual meeting can be viewed Tuesday, July 26, 2022 starting at 2 p.m. through the end of the comment deadline on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website at www.Loop286.com and will include a pre-recorded presentation with audio and video components, along with an interactive map. The virtual public meeting is not a live event. If you do not have internet access, you may call (903) 737-9213 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to ask questions and access project materials. **Please note materials will not be available until July 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

The update on the two short-term projects will include design schematics. The environmental documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public review prior to project completion. The purpose of the Loop 286 Improvements project is to improve safety, increase regional mobility, improve traffic operations, and address roadway deficiencies. The Northeast project, which would extend from Stillhouse Road to Lamar Avenue, proposes reconstructing the four existing mainlanes and adding two-lane frontage roads in either direction as well as an overpass at North Collegiate Drive. The Southeast Loop project, which would extend from SH 19/SH 24 to FM 905, proposes expanding the roadway to five lanes with a median left turn lane and shared use path, as well as improvements to the intersection of South Collegiate Drive near Paris High School. The proposed projects would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace one residential unit and three 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.

All meetings 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 participate in the meetings, please contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at (903) 737-9213 no later than July 21, 2022. Advance notice is required as services and accommodations require time to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and can be submitted at the public meeting, online at the project website, by email to Duane.Good@txdot.gov, or by mail to Duane Good, P.E., TxDOT Paris Office, 1365 North Main Street, Paris, TX 75460. Verbal comments may be submitted by leaving a voicemail at (903) 246-9536. **All comments must be received or postmarked before Wednesday, August 10, 2022.** If you have any questions about the proposed project or the public meetings, please contact TxDOT project manager Duane Good, P.E. at (903) 737-9282 or Duane.Good@txdot.gov. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for the 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.