

NOTICE OF IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH A VIRTUAL OPTION



US 82 (West of Clarksville) Project
From West Division Street in Blossom to BU 82/SH 37 Junction in Clarksville
CSJs: 0045-11-042 and 0045-12-086
and
US 82 (East of Clarksville) Project
From FM 114 East of Clarksville to the Red River/Bowie County Line
CSJ: 0046-01-065

Lamar and Red River Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Paris District is proposing improvements to United States Highway (US) 82 from West Division Street in Blossom to the Business (BU) 82/State Highway (SH) 37 Junction in Clarksville (US 82 (West of Clarksville) Project) and from Farm to Market Road (FM) 114 east of Clarksville to the Red River/Bowie County Line (US 82 (East of Clarksville) Project) in Lamar and Red River counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting two in-person public meetings with a virtual option.

The meeting dates, times and locations are listed below. **The same information will be available at both the virtual and in-person meetings**, including a pre-recorded video presentation with audio and visual components.

In-Person Public Meetings:

Meeting Details

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Detroit High School Gymnasium

610 1st Street Northwest, Detroit, Texas 75436

*Open House

Meeting Details

Thursday, July 13, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Avery ISD Cafeteria

150 San Antonio Drive, Avery, Texas 75554

*Open House

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to Friday, July 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html

*Not a live event

The in-person public meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. Staff will be available to answer questions and receive written comments. The virtual meeting can be viewed Tuesday, July 11, 2023, starting at 5:30 p.m. through Friday, July 28 at 11:59 p.m. To access the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov and search "Hearings and Meetings." The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation that includes both audio and video components, along with other exhibits. The virtual public meeting is not a live event and the materials can be viewed at your convenience. If you do not have internet access, you may call Daniel Taylor, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (903) 784-1357 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.

The proposed improvements consist of widening US 82 to a four-lane divided highway in rural areas and a five-lane arterial with a continuous left-turn lane in suburban areas in Lamar and Red River counties, Texas. The US 82 (West of Clarksville) Project extends from West Division Street in Blossom to the BU 82/SH 37 Junction in Clarksville, a total project length of approximately 20.2 miles. The US 82 (East of Clarksville) Project extends from FM 114 east of Clarksville to the Red River/Bowie County Line, a total project length of approximately 16.8 miles. The existing typical right of way (ROW) width ranges from 80

to 120 feet and from 80 to 225 feet for the US 82 (West of Clarksville) Project and US 82 (East of Clarksville) Project, respectively. The proposed typical ROW width ranges from 108 to 280 feet and from 108 to 264 feet for the US 82 (West of Clarksville) Project and US 82 (East of Clarksville) Project, respectively.

The proposed US 82 (West of Clarksville) Project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace one non-residential structure. The proposed US 82 (East of Clarksville) Project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace seven residences and four 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 the TxDOT district office by calling (903) 737-9300.

The proposed projects would involve construction in wetlands and actions in floodplains.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project locations and designs, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed projects are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Paris District Office, 1365 N. Main Street, Paris, Texas 75460. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/paris/us82-clarksville-loop.html. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person meetings.

The in-person public meetings with a virtual option 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 in-person public meetings or the virtual option, please contact the TxDOT Paris District Public Information Office at (903) 737-9213 by no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, July 6, 2023. 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 projects are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Paris District Area Engineer and Maintenance Facility, Attn: Daniel Taylor, P.E., 3600 NW Loop 286, Paris, Texas 75460. Comments may also be submitted by email to Daniel.Taylor@txdot.gov and by voicemail at (903) 689-3461. All comments must be received on or before Friday, July 28, 2023. Public meeting documentation, including responses to comments received, will be available on the meeting notice page at www.txdot.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed projects or in-person meetings or the virtual option, please contact Daniel Taylor, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, by phone at (903) 784-1357 or by email at Daniel.Taylor@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for these projects 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.
