



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
I-69 Connector Corridor Feasibility Study
From I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77
CSJ: 0921-02-353
Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting a corridor feasibility study from I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77 in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed study with an in-person option. The virtual meeting will consist of a virtual meeting room and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by **Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 at 12 p.m. CT**. To log onto the virtual public meeting, please visit www.TxDOT.gov at the date and time indicated above and enter the keyword "Virtual Public Meeting - I-69 Connector". Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until **Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. CT**. If you do not have internet access, you may call (512) 829-7133 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access study materials during the study process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing two in-person options for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. The first in-person option will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Endowment Center 107 Sunflower Rd. Edinburg, TX 78542. The second in-person meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Combes Community Center 21626 Hand Rd, Combes, TX 78535. 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 study materials, ask questions to TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. Room capacity may be limited at the in-person meetings. Both meetings will provide the same information.

The goal of the study is to examine existing and new location transportation corridors between I-69C/US 281 and I-69E/US 77 with the objectives being to: alleviate traffic congestion on I-2, provide additional capacity and infrastructure to meet future population growth and travel demand, provide an additional hurricane evacuation route in the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV), improve mobility, and enhance the overall connectivity of the transportation network in the LRGV.

Environmental documentation, maps and drawings showing the study location, and other information regarding the study are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Pharr District Office, 600 W. I-2, Pharr, TX 78577. To make sure someone is available at the office please schedule an appointment by calling Margil Maldonado, Jr., P.E. at (956) 702-6134. Study materials are also available online at www.TxDOT.gov. 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 and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively, 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 or in-person option, please contact Norma Robledo at (956) 702-6100 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday, Oct. 29, 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 study are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Pharr District Office, 600 W. I-2, Pharr, TX 78577. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Robin Gelston at Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov. In addition, comments may be added electronically in the virtual public meeting room. All comments must be postmarked before **Friday, Nov. 19, 2021**. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.TxDOT.gov once they have been prepared.

Additionally, TxDOT has prepared an interactive survey to receive additional detailed public input on the primary corridor alternatives. The survey will be available starting on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 at 12 p.m. CT at www.TxDOT.gov keyword search "I-69 Connector". The survey will be active until Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed study or the virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Margil Maldonado, Jr., P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (956) 702-6134 or by email at Margil.Maldonado@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.

