



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
SH 107 From SH 495 to FM 2220
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Hidalgo County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Pharr district is proposing to widen approximately 9.7 miles of SH 107 from SH 495 (Griffin Parkway) to FM 2220 (Ware Road) in Hidalgo 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 be held on **Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at 5 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address (www.txdot.gov) at the date and time indicated above and type "SH 107" into the search box at the top right corner of the webpage. The meeting will consist of a virtual room and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. The presentation will remain available until **Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.** If you do not have internet access, you may call Kim Johnson at (512) 567-9270, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to ask questions regarding the virtual meeting. In addition, she can help you access project materials during the public meeting comment period. Formal comments may be provided by voicemail, mail or email as explained below.

In addition to the virtual public meeting, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in-person instead of online. 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 from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. The in-person option will be held on **Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the TxDOT Pharr Area Office, 521 W. Ferguson Pharr, TX, 78577-1231. Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment, only. Individuals wishing to attend the in-person option must call Isaac Garza, P.E. at (956) 702-6248 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to wear a face mask, submit to a temperature check prior to entry, have an appointment, and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside to ensure the appropriate occupancy is maintained within the meeting room.

This approximately 9.7-mile section of SH 107 from SH 495 to FM 2220 is currently four lanes in each direction. TxDOT is proposing to widen the existing roadway and provide a raised median. TxDOT will consider the location of left-turn bays and crossovers along the project length. Additionally, TxDOT is requesting input on the preferred location of a shared-use path. Improvements would be done within the existing 170-foot right of way, and no new right of way or easements are expected to be needed for the project.

No residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (956) 702-6100.

The proposed project may involve construction in wetlands and is within a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available on Jan. 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. at www.txdot.gov by typing the keyword "SH 107" in the search box. These materials will also be available in hard copy 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 are not your primary languages or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English or Spanish, 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, you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend, or if you want to participate in the in-person option, please contact Isaac Garza, P.E. of the TxDOT Pharr District office at (956) 702-6248 no later than **5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 20, 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 project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Blanton & Associates, Inc., Attn: SH 107 Project, 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704. Written comments may

also be submitted by email to SH107Project@blantonassociates.com. Verbal comments may be submitted by phone by leaving a voice message at (956) 332-2570. All comments must be postmarked or received on or before Thursday, Feb. 10, 2021. Responses to comments received will be available online at the web address noted above once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Isaac Garza, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (956) 702-6248 or Isaac.Garza@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.