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From Nolana Loop to I-2
CSJ: 1429-02-036
San Juan, Hidalgo County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to redesign FM 1426 (N. Raul Longoria Rd.) from Nolana Loop to I-2 from the existing four lanes with a continuous left turn lane to six lanes with a raised median and shared use path in San Juan, 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 public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Monday, April 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov enter keyword search "FM 1426 (N. Raul Longoria Rd.)" at the date and time indicated above. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call Isaac Garza, P.E. at (956) 702-6248 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT provides 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 virtual public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Multi-Purpose Center at 509 E. Earling Rd., San Juan, TX 78589.**

TxDOT is proposing to redesign FM 1426 (N. Raul Longoria Rd.) from Nolana Loop to I-2 from an existing four-lane roadway with a continuous left turn lane to a six-lane roadway with a raised median and a 10-foot-wide shared use path in each direction in San Juan, Hidalgo County, Texas. The existing FM 1426 (N. Raul Longoria Rd.) right of way (ROW) width varies from 80 feet to 120 feet wide throughout the length of the project. The proposed ROW width would be 150 feet. The purpose of the proposed FM 1426 (N. Raul Longoria Rd.) project is to improve safety, enhance mobility, and reduce congestion.

The proposed project would be subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace 27 residences and 17 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 Ramon Jimenez at (956) 702-6287.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following properties: the John Doedyns Elementary and Arnoldo Cantu, Sr. Elementary School. TxDOT could potentially make a de minimis determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comments on the effects of the proposed project to the activities, features, or attributes of the schools may be submitted as described below.



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Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT Pharr District Office. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov enter keyword search "FM 1426 (N. Raul Longoria Rd.)". These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person meeting 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 is not your primary language or 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 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 no later than 4:00 p.m. CT, Monday, April 8, 2024, by phone at (956) 702-6161. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Pharr District Office, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, TX 78577. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jorge.Espinoza@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov enter keyword search "FM 1426 (N. Raul Longoria Rd.)" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Isaac Garza, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, by phone at (956) 702-6248 and/or by e-mail at 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.