



**Notice**  
**Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option**  
**"I" ROAD**  
**From Rancho Blanco Road to Military Highway (US 281)**  
**CSJ: 0921-02-363**  
**HIDALGO County, Texas**



The City of Pharr, in cooperation with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing to widen and reconstruct "I" Road from Rancho Blanco Road to Military Highway (US 281) in Hidalgo County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the City of Pharr will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 at 4 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [www.pharr-tx.gov](http://www.pharr-tx.gov) or [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) (keyword: I Road). Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Friday, Sept. 24, 2021 at 5 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call Omar Anzaldua, Jr., P.E., Pharr City Engineer, at (956) 402-4000 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.

Additionally, the city 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 city staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pharr City Council Chambers, 118 S. Cage Blvd, Pharr, TX 78577.**

The scope of the project would include widening and reconstructing 4.5 miles of "I" Road from a varying 24 to 48-foot rural road to a 50-foot rural road within a mostly existing 100-foot-wide right of way (ROW). The proposed road would include two 11-foot travel lanes, a 12-foot continuous left turn lane, two 8-foot shoulders, and a 10-foot shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrians. Drainage would be provided by roadside ditches. The project would include left turn lanes at major intersections. A total of 2.08 acres of proposed ROW would be required.

Although additional right of way would be required, 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 City of Pharr by calling (956) 402-4000.

The proposed project is anticipated to replace various existing irrigation structures within the Louisiana-Rio Grande Canal Irrigation Company, a national registered historic district. A portion of the project crosses the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) levee, a registered historic property. TxDOT anticipates making a *de minimis* determination for these uses under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the irrigation company or IBWC floodway may be submitted as described below. No impacts to wetlands are anticipated. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

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 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the City of

Pharr office at 118 S. Cage Blvd., Pharr, TX 78577. Call Omar Anzaldua, Jr., P.E, at (956) 402-4000 to schedule an appointment. Project materials are also available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) (keyword: I Road) and [www.pharr-tx.gov](http://www.pharr-tx.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 neither English nor Spanish are your primary languages or you have difficulty communicating effectively in one of these languages, 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 Omar Anzaldua, Jr., P.E., City Engineer, at (956) 402-4000 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Sept. 3, 2021. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the city to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the City of Pharr, Attn: Omar Anzaldua, Jr., P.E., 118 S. Cage Blvd., Pharr, TX 78577. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [omar.anzaldua@pharr-tx.gov](mailto:omar.anzaldua@pharr-tx.gov). All comments must be received on or before Friday, Sept. 24, 2021. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.pharr-tx.gov](http://www.pharr-tx.gov) or [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) 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 Omar Anzaldua, Jr., P.E., City Engineer, at (956) 402-4000 or [omar.anzaldua@pharr-tx.gov](mailto:omar.anzaldua@pharr-tx.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.*