



Notice

Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

PHARR-REYNOSA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE EXPANSION Pharr Port of Entry (POE) to the International Boundary with Mexico (Rio Grande)

CSJ: 0921-02-479

Hidalgo County, Texas

The City of Pharr, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to construct an approximately 1.35-mile long twin bridge west of and adjacent to the existing Pharr International Bridge (PRIB). The project is located between the international boundary with Mexico (Rio Grande River) and the existing Pharr Port of Entry (POE). This notice advises the public that the City of Pharr, in cooperation with TxDOT and FHWA, 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 Monday, May 2, 2022 at 12 p.m. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: <https://pharr-tx.gov> (scroll down to PUBLIC NOTICE / AVISO PÚBLICO). You can also view this presentation at www.txdot.gov. Type the keyword "Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge" into the search box. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call Maria Rangel, Assistant Director of Engineering for the City of Pharr, (956) 402-4221, Maria.Rangel@pharr-tx.gov between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online will be provided. 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 the City of Pharr, TxDOT, and FHWA staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday May 3, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pharr City Hall, Commissioners' Room, 118 S. Cage Blvd., 2nd Floor, Pharr, Texas 78577.**

The proposed project would add a second adjacent 'twin' structure, which would consist of a 1.35-mile-long structure upriver (west) of the existing PRIB, built within City of Pharr-owned right of way. Construction would include four 12-foot travel lanes with a six-foot sidewalk on the west side with features that would include two crossovers, additional lighting and electronic signage that would facilitate the flow of traffic, reduce wait times and enhance safety. 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, 118 S. Cage Blvd, Pharr, Texas 78577. Project materials are also available online at <https://pharr-tx.gov> (scroll down to PUBLIC NOTICE / AVISO PÚBLICO) and at www.txdot.gov keyword "Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge." 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. 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 virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Maria Rangel, Assistant Director of Engineering for the City of Pharr, at (956) 402-4221 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the City of Pharr to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Raba Kistner, Inc. Attn: Sam Blanco, 12821 West Golden Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78249. Written comments may also be submitted by email to sblanco@rkci.com. To leave a comment on voicemail, please call (956) 224-8055. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at <https://pharr-tx.gov> (scroll down to PUBLIC NOTICE / AVISO PÚBLICO) 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 Maria Rangel, Assistant Director of Engineering, City of Pharr, at maria.rangel@pharr-tx.gov or (956) 402-4221.

The lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act for the proposed project is the Federal Highway Administration.