

Welcome

State Highway (SH) 68

Public Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2023

1414 North Alamo Road, Edinburg, Texas

Why am I here?

- Learn about the proposed new highway
- Provide comments on the proposed project

Need (What problems are we trying to address?)

SH 68 is needed because:

- there are limited north-south roadways in the area
- population is projected to increase substantially in the future
- projected increase traffic volume on current north-south roadways
- there is limited emergency evacuation capacity of the state highway system in the south Texas region

Project Purpose (What are we trying to do?)

- accommodate population growth and higher traffic volumes
- relieve the burden on the limited number of existing north-south roadways,
- provide an alternate north-south evacuation route during emergency events

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Assignment to TxDOT

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.

Environmental technical reports prepared for the proposed project assessed potential impacts to the following resource categories:

- **Biological resources, including threatened and endangered species and their habitats**
- **Water resources, including waters of the U.S. and wetlands**
- **Cultural resources, including historic and archeological resources**
- **Hazardous materials**
- **Traffic noise**
- **Community resources, including Environmental Justice populations**
- **Air quality**
- **Resources protected under Section 4(f) of the DOT Act and Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code**
- **Indirect and Cumulative Impacts**

- **Consultation with USFWS would be conducted for impacts to listed species.**
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit for impacts to waters of the U.S., if necessary**
- **Historic Hidalgo County Irrigation District #2**
 - **Potential Section 106 Impacts (Federal Law)**

No contributing features are anticipated to be adversely affected under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
 - **Potential Section 4(f) Impacts (Federal Law)**

Anticipated to be a *de minimis* determination under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966

How to Provide Comments



Submit comments by:

- **Emailing:** eduardo.saenz@txdot.gov
- **Calling:** (956) 457-5654 to leave verbal testimony
- **Downloading and filling out a comment card and mailing it to:**

TxDOT Pharr District Office

Attn: Eduardo Saenz, P.E.

600 W. I-2

Pharr, TX 78577

- **Online:** Visit www.txdot.gov, search “SH 68”

While comments are always welcome, they must be received on or before

Friday, March 10, 2023, to be included in the official meeting documentation.

You may call project staff at (956) 702-6170 during regular office hours or email project staff at any time in the project development process.

Stay Informed

**Visit: SH 68
Project Office**

**4711 S. Alamo
Road, Suite 106**

**Edinburg, TX
78542**

**Tuesday and
Wednesday
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
(or at other times
by appointment)**

(956) 460-9299

**Visit: TxDOT
Pharr District**

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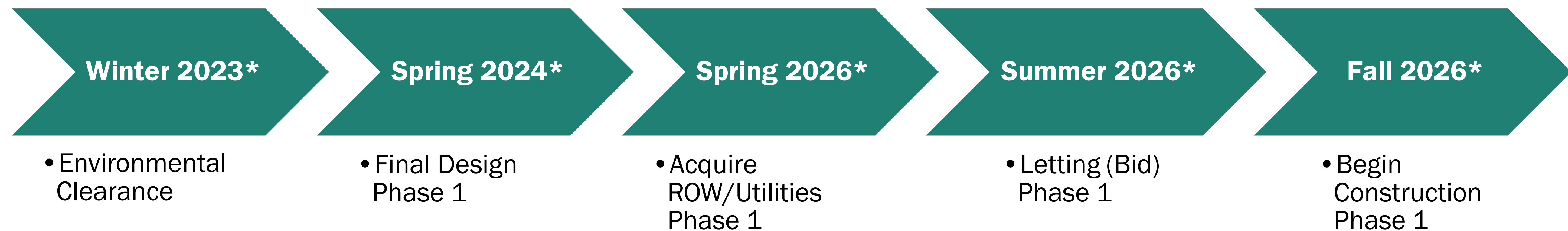
Project Schedule

Funded for Construction starting in 2026*

Project Funding – Phase 1

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Ongoing Public Involvement



* Project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.