



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
SH 16 AT RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING
From Tilley Street to Draper Street
CSJ: 0482-01-037
Jim Hogg County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve the railroad crossing on SH 16 from Tilley St. to Draper St. in Jim Hogg County, TX. 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 consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov "**SH 16 at Railroad Grade Crossing**". Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021. If you do not have internet access, you may call Epigmenio Gonzalez at (956) 702-6127 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, 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, 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 Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Jim Hogg County Courthouse, 102 E. Tilley Street, Hebbbronville, TX 78361.**

TxDOT is evaluating potential safety and mobility improvements to SH 16 in Hebbbronville, TX from Tilley St. to Draper St. by adjusting the grade differential at the Kansas City Southern (KCS) railroad crossing.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 0.25 acres of additional right of way, approximately 0.1 acre of temporary construction easements and potentially displace four to five commercial structures and one non-residential structure. 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 Pedro Escobar at the TxDOT district office by calling (956) 702-6179.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

Environmental documentation, maps and drawings showing the study location, and other information regarding the study are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Pharr District Office, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, TX 78577. To make sure someone is available at the office, please schedule an appointment by calling Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E. at (956) 702-6127. Study materials are also available online at www.txdot.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 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 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 Norma Robledo at (956) 702-6100 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021. 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, Attn: Robin Gelston, Environmental Supervisor, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, TX 78577. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Monday, Nov. 29, 2021. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov "SH 16 at Railroad Grade Crossing" 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 Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E., Director of Transportation Operations, by phone at (956) 702-6127, or by email at Epigmenio.Gonzalez@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.