



Notice of Public Meeting **US 281 at SH 186/FM 1017 to FM 3066** **Hidalgo County and Brooks County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing widening the existing facility from a 4-lane divided highway to an interstate standard with four lane divided urban freeway, two main lanes in each direction, and two-lane frontage roads in each direction. The proposed improvements also include overpasses with turnarounds at various locations. The total distance of the project is approximately 43 miles.

Meetings Details:

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Lasater Elementary School Cafeteria
200 W. Bennett
Falfurrias, Texas 78355
Open House: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Presentation and Public Comment: 6:00pm

Thursday, October 25, 2018
Brewster School Cafeteria
22420 FM 1017
Edinburg, Texas 78541
Open House: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Presentation and Public Comment: 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to allow the public the opportunity to view project related information and provide comments on the proposed improvements. The presentation content will be the same for both meetings.

It is planned to construct 4 lanes divided (2 main lanes each direction) and 2 lane frontage roads in the interim. The ultimate section would add an additional 2 main lanes (1 lane each direction) to be constructed as traffic warrants in the future. The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance mobility, safety, and improve traffic operations along US 281 future I-69 Corridor. The goal is to construct the project within the existing right-of-way (ROW) however; additional ROW may be required to upgrade the facility based on a chosen feasible alternative alignment.

Location maps, geometric design, and other pertinent project information will be presented at the meeting and also available for public viewing from Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Pharr District Office located at 600 West Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577.

All interested members of the public are invited to attend this meeting to provide input regarding the proposed improvements. Verbal and/or written comments may be presented at the public meeting. Written comments must be submitted by November 9, 2018 to TxDOT, either in person or by mail to TxDOT Pharr District, Attn: Robin Gelston, 600 W. I-2, Pharr, TX 78577. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (956) 702-6110 or by e-mail to Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov. For additional information, please call Melba Schaus, P.E., Project Manager with TxDOT at (956) 702-6181.

The public meetings will be conducted in English, with Spanish translation services available. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Norma Robledo with TxDOT at (956) 702-6161. Requests should be made at least five (5) business days prior to the public meetings. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. For more information about the project please visit www.txdot.gov, keyword: US 281 Hidalgo County and Brooks County.

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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.