



## Notice

### Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

#### Loop 1604 Improvement Project

from State Highway (SH) 16 to Interstate Highway (I) 35

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Bexar County

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to expand Loop 1604 from State Highway (SH) 16 to Interstate Highway (I) 35 in Bexar County, Texas.

This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. The virtual public hearing will be available online beginning at 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020. To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "Loop 1604 from SH 16." Project staff will give a presentation (English and Spanish) in a pre-recorded video that includes both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the date listed above.

The public hearing presentation and other hearing materials will remain available for viewing at the web address listed above until Friday, Sept. 25, 2020.

TxDOT proposes to expand Loop 1604 from a four-lane expressway to ten-lane expressway by adding two general purpose lanes and one high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction. The layout of auxiliary lanes and entrance and exit ramps would be reconfigured. The interchange at I-10 would be modernized by removing the cloverleaf connectors, adding direct connectors, and replacing the signalized frontage road intersections with a continuous flow configuration. The project would also include accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians, water quality protection and other highway features. All improvements would be located within the existing right of way and easements. The project would not include any toll components.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain. The proposed project would occur within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge, Transition, and Contributing Zones.

In addition to the virtual public hearing, 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 hearing, review hard copies of project materials, and leave written comments. You may call Scott Nelson at (210) 615-5876 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday no later than Sept. 4, 2020, to set an appointment.

The in-person option will be held at the TxDOT San Antonio District Office Building 2 located at 4615 Northwest Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229. Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to wear a face mask, submit to a temperature check prior to entry, have an appointment, and follow social distancing practices.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Scott Nelson, TxDOT Project Manager, at (210) 615-5876 or by email at [scott.nelson@txdot.gov](mailto:scott.nelson@txdot.gov). The draft EA, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "Loop 1604 from SH 16." These materials will also be available for review during the virtual public hearing or at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English except for the public hearing presentation, which is in English and Spanish. 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 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 hearing or in-person option, please contact Nancy Gates at (512) 419-5303 or by email at [nancy.gates@aecom.com](mailto:nancy.gates@aecom.com) no later than 4 p.m. CDT, at least three business days before the virtual public hearing and in-person option. 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 are requested and must be received or postmarked by Sept. 25, 2020, for inclusion in the public hearing record using one of the following methods:

- Complete a written comment card and submit it at the in-person option
- Mail a comment to: AECOM, PO Box 201088, Austin, TX 78720-1088 Attn: Nancy Gates
- Email a comment to: 1604N-Improvements@aecom.com

In addition, members of the public may call (210) 714-0330 and verbally provide testimony at any time from 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official responses to comments received, and will be available online on the project website once they have been prepared.

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.