



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment
and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
Loop 1604
From Farm to Market (FM) 78 to Interstate Highway (I) 10 East
CSJ: 2452-03-111
Bexar County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to expand approximately five miles of Loop 1604 from FM 78 to I 10 East 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 consist of a pre-recorded video presentation with audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by 5 p.m. on September 29, 2021. To log onto the virtual public hearing go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, and enter “Loop 1604 from FM 78” in the search box.** If you do not have internet access, you may call Mr. Clint Ray, Project Manager at (726) 222-5753 or by email to cray@jmt.com 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 pre-recorded presentation delivered in the online public hearing, 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 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on September 30, 2021 at the TxDOT San Antonio District Office located at 4615 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78229.**

TxDOT requests the public to provide comments on the project either verbally or in writing. For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, the public may call (210) 714-0330 to provide verbal comments from 5 p.m. on September 29, 2021 through 11:59 p.m. on October 15, 2021. Written comments may also be provided by mail to TxDOT Loop 1604 East Project, c/o Ximenes & Associates, Inc., 500 Sixth Street, San Antonio, Texas 78215 or by email to loop1604eastproject@xa-sa.com. All written comments must be postmarked no later than October 15, 2021. TxDOT will consider and respond to all comments in a public hearing document which will be included in the project record and made available online at www.txdot.gov and found by searching “Loop 1604 from FM 78.”

The virtual public hearing 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 hearing or in-person option, please contact Ximenes & Associates at (210) 354-2925 or email icalderon@xa-sa.com no later than 4 p.m., September 22, 2021. Please be aware that advanced notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

The proposed project would expand Loop 1604 from a four-lane divided highway to four lane expressway with main lanes, frontage roads and sidewalks. The frontage road shoulders would accommodate bicyclists. The intersections of Loop 1604 with FM 78 and Lower Seguin Road would be reconfigured and new overpasses would be constructed at various cross streets. The project area includes a section of Loop 1604 located within the city limits of Converse and San Antonio. Proposed improvements would require approximately 51 acres of proposed right of way and would vary from 355 to 693 feet wide. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and displace residential and non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for displacees and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from Mr. Scott Laplante at (713) 501-0968 and at slaplante@srls.net.

The draft EA, 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 TxDOT San Antonio District Office. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov by searching "Loop 1604 from FM 78."

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.