



**Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
SH 46
From Farhills Drive to FM 3159/Smithson Valley Road
CSJ's: 0215-07-027 and 0215-01-044
Comal County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with the City of Bulverde and Comal County, is proposing to improve SH 46 from Farhills Drive to FM 3159/Smithson Valley Road in Comal County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project on July 25, 2018 at the GVTC Auditorium, 36101 FM 3159, New Braunfels, TX 78132. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed improvements would expand SH 46 from two to six lanes and the addition of sidewalks and bicycle accommodations. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility on SH 46 between Farhills Drive and FM 3159/Smithson Valley Road to accommodate current and future traffic volumes.

The proposed right-of-way width varies for a majority of the project from 130 to 185 feet; however, approximately 330 feet is needed at the FM 3159/Smithson Valley Road intersection. The proposed project would result in one commercial displacement and no residential displacements. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacements, as well as information about the tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT San Antonio District Office, located at 4615 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229. This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, submitted in person, sent by mail to the SH 46 Improvement Project at P.O. Box 5459, Austin, Texas 78763, or emailed to sh46info@gmail.com.

Comments must be received on or before August 9, 2018 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, are encouraged to contact Albert Castro Public Involvement Specialist at (210) 660-4546. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Richard De La Cruz, TxDOT Project Manager, at (210) 615-6434. For more information, visit www.txdot.gov and keyword search "SH 46 – Bulverde".

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.