



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-person Option
US 83
From Concho County Line to US 190 North of Menard
CSJ: 0035-05-059
Menard County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) San Angelo District is proposing to widen United States Highway (US) 83 from Concho County line to US 190 North of Menard in Menard County, Texas. 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 Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at noon.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov and search "US 83 North of Menard". Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call Russell Pehl, P.E., CFM, TxDOT Project Manager, at (325) 944-1501 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 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, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Menard High School Community Center located at 303 Travis Street, Menard, TX 76859.**

The proposed project would extend for approximately 10.6 miles along US 83, which currently consists of a rural two-lane undivided highway with alternating Super-2 passing lanes within a 120-foot-wide right of way. The proposed project would evaluate alignment alternatives to widen US 83 within a 370-foot-wide right of way. The proposed project would be constructed in two phases; Phase I (interim design) would primarily widen US 83 to a four-lane divided highway; Phase II (ultimate design) would widen US 83 to a controlled-access interstate system by constructing frontage roads on either side of the interim design mainlanes.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and an analysis will be conducted to determine whether the proposed project would result in impacts to environmental resources or result in potential displacements as the project develops. 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 the TxDOT San Angelo District Office by calling Russell Pehl, P.E., CFM, TxDOT Project Manager, at (325) 944-1501.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any 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 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT District Office at 4502 Knickerbocker Road San Angelo, TX 76904, and (325) 944-1501. Project materials will also be available for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting 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 meeting or in-person option, please contact Karen Threlkeld, Public Information Officer, TxDOT San Angelo District, at 325-947-9205 no later than 4:00 p.m. CT, Monday, Dec. 4, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Blanton & Associates/ICF, Attn: US 83, 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78734. Written comments may also be submitted by email to US83NMenard@icf.com. All comments must be received on or before Friday, Dec. 22, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov and search "US 83 North of Menard" 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 Russell Pehl, P.E., CFM, TxDOT Project Manager, at (325) 944-1501 or Russell.Pehl@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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.