Notice of a Public Hearing

CHAPARRAL ROAD

From SH 195 to Stillhouse Lake Road (FM 3481)

CSJs: 0909-36-172 & 0909-36-175

Bell County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Killeen are partnering with the City of Harker Heights, Bell County, and the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO) to improve Chaparral Road from SH 195 to Stillhouse Lake Road (FM 3481) in Bell County to alleviate congestion and improve safety. This notice advises the public that TxDOT and City of Killeen will be conducting a public hearing with both in-person and virtual options to participate.

The in-person public hearing will be held from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m. CT on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026, at Chaparral High School, 4400 Chaparral Rd, Killeen, TX 76542.** In-person attendees are welcome to come and go any time and will be able to view the same presentation provided in the virtual public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of the project team, and leave written comments.

The virtual public hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The virtual public hearing is not a live broadcast event and can be accessed online starting at 5 p.m. CT on Thursday, August 13, 2026. To view the virtual public hearing, go to www.txdot.gov/projects/hearrings-meetings.html at the date and time indicated above.

The proposed improvements include widening and realigning Chaparral Road from a two-lane undivided section to a four-lane divided section with a raised median from Featherline Road to East Trimmier Road and from Rosewood Drive to Stillhouse Lake Road (FM 3481). Intersection improvements (including traffic signals or roundabouts) at 11 locations along the roadway are also incorporated as part of the project, as well as, a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the southside of the roadway and a 12-foot-wide shared-use path on the northside of the roadway, and lighting along both sides of the road for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The proposed improvements would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right-of-way and could potentially displace [1] residential and [2] non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about relocation assistance 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 City of Killeen by calling 254-616-3176.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and would involve an action in a floodplain.

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 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 3201-A South W.S. Young Drive, Killeen, TX 76542, 254-501-7600. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The in-person and virtual public hearing options 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 Jake Smith, Public Information Officer, TxDOT Waco District, at 254-867-2836 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, Aug. 10, 2026. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Las opciones de audiencia pública presencial y virtual se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Si necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le

proporcionará uno. Si tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita asistencia, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para satisfacer la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o si es una persona con discapacidad que requiere una adaptación para asistir y participar en la audiencia pública virtual o la opción presencial, por favor comuníquese con Jake Smith, Oficial de Información Pública, Distrito de Waco, al 254-867-2836 a más tardar a las 4 p.m. hora central del lunes 10 de agosto de 2026. Por favor tenga en cuenta que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to: Chaparral Road Improvements, c/o CD&P, PO Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763. Written comments may also be submitted by email to chaparralroadproject@lja.com. **All written comments must be received on or before Friday, Aug. 28, 2026.** Additionally, members of the public may call 512-354-1499 and verbally provide testimony from 5 p.m. CT on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026, until 11:59 p.m. CT on Friday, Aug. 28, 2026. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Donald Wetzel, Project Manager,254-616-3176, dwetzel@killeentexas.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 United States Code (U.S.C.) 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.