



Notice of Public Meeting

**US 84 from FM 1695 to Spur 298 & Spur 298 from US 84 to Cheddar's Drive
CSJs: 0055-08-120, Etc.
McLennan County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing improvements to US 84 from FM 1695 to Spur 298 and Spur 298 from US 84 to Cheddar's Drive in McLennan County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will conduct a public meeting on the proposed projects and is offering both in-person and virtual options to participate in the meeting.

The in-person open house will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at SpringHill Suites by Marriott Waco Woodway, 200 Colonnade Pkwy, Woodway, TX 76712. In-person participants are welcome to come and go any time between 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. and will be able to review project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments.

The virtual open house will consist of a self-guided virtual meeting room with pre-recorded narration and will include both audio and visual components. The virtual meeting will be available online by Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov at the date and time indicated above and type the keywords "US 84/Spur 298" into the search box on the top right of the webpage. You may also use the QR code included with this notice. The virtual meeting room will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

If you do not have internet access, you may call Michael Rhodes, Environmental Coordinator, Waco District at 254-867-2739 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Proposed improvements include reconstructing frontage roads and bridges, adding auxiliary lanes; constructing intersection improvements; reconfiguring exit and entrance ramps; and improving pedestrian access. Proposed improvements also include constructing flyovers at the US 84/SH 6 interchange. Proposed improvements to Spur 298 include reconstructing, realigning, and consolidating travel lanes; constructing an overpass at New Road with exit and entrance ramps; constructing intersection improvements; and improving pedestrian access.

The proposed projects may involve action in a floodplain, and would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potential displacements. 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 Waco District Office by contacting Erin Matthews at 254-745-2139.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the projects locations and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed projects are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by appointment at the TxDOT Waco District Office, 100 S Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual and in-person 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 meeting or in-person option, please contact Michael Rhodes, Environmental Coordinator, Waco District at 254-867-2739 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, April 7, 2022. 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 from the public regarding the proposed projects are requested and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Mail: Michael Rhodes, Attn: US 84/Spur 298 Projects, 100 S Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704

Email: Michael.Rhodes@txdot.gov

All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed projects or virtual or in-person meetings, please contact Michael Rhodes, Environmental Coordinator, Waco District at 254-867-2739 or Michael.Rhodes@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 December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.