



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting
Proposed US 82 Gap Project
From Wichita/Archer County Line to FM 369
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Wichita County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Wichita Falls District is proposing to widen and improve US 82 from the Wichita/Archer County Line to Farm-to-Market (FM) 369 in Wichita County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online Virtual Public Meeting for the proposed project. The virtual meeting will begin on Sept. 22, 2020, at 5 p.m. To log into the virtual public meeting, go to TxDOT's web site www.TxDOT.gov and enter the search keywords "US 82 Wichita County" in the upper right-hand search box or you can use the following direct link <http://US82Gap.Blanton.cc>. Project staff will give a presentation, which will be a pre-recorded video that will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. The presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Oct. 7, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call the TxDOT Project Manager, Kyle Poirot, P.E. at (940) 720-7776 or email at Kyle.Poirot@TxDOT.gov to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

The existing undivided highway consists of four-lanes, with two 12-foot-wide lanes in the westbound direction, two 12-foot-wide lanes in the eastbound direction, and 4-foot-wide shoulders. The proposed project would widen approximately 3.98 miles of US 82 to construct a five-lane divided roadway consisting of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes, a 16-foot-wide center left-turn lane, and 10-foot-wide shoulders in each direction.

The existing right of way is typically 100-foot-wide and the proposed right of way would typically be 150-foot-wide. A short section near the intersections of Old State Road and State Highway (SH) 258 and US 82 would be shifted south of the existing alignment to accommodate geometric improvements and safety enhancements. The eastbound US 82 exit ramp to FM 369 would be relocated further to the east to provide geometric improvements and safety enhancements. The proposed project is located in the southwest portion of Wichita County and the western side of Wichita Falls.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace one non-residential structure. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for 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 Wichita Falls District office by calling Jana Johnson at (940) 720-7738. Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available in the virtual public meeting after the public meeting start date.

The virtual public meeting 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, these services can be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need translation or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate in the virtual public meeting, please contact Kim Johnson at (512) 567-9270 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is needed 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 the TxDOT Wichita Falls District Office, 1601 Southwest Parkway Wichita Falls, TX 76302. Written comments may also be submitted by email to MyProjectsWichitaFalls@TxDOT.gov, electronically, in the virtual public meeting. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020. 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 project or the virtual meeting, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Kyle Poirot, P.E. at (940) 720-7776 during regular office hours or by email at Kyle.Poirot@TxDOT.gov at any time during the project development process.

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.
