



**Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment and Opportunity for a Public Hearing**

**US 59 and US 77 Widening Project
From FM 236 to BU 77
CSJs: 0088-05-096, 2350-01-056
Victoria County, TX**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Yoakum District proposes improvements to U.S. Highway (US) 59 and US 77 from Farm to Market (FM) 236 to Business U.S. Highway (BU) 77 in Victoria County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The proposed project would extend for a total of 5.12 miles along US 59 and US 77 from FM 236 to BU 77. The project would include transition work on Old Goliad Road from approximately 160 feet west of US 77 to approximately 300 feet east of US 77. The proposed project would include the construction of divided mainlanes that consist of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction, and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. One-way frontage roads that consist of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 4-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder would also be constructed throughout the project limits. The proposed frontage roads would not be controlled access roads. The project would include the construction of direct connectors for US 59 northbound and southbound at BU 59. A grade separated interchange is proposed at US 77 and Old Goliad Road. The proposed project would require the acquisition of approximately 56.04 acres of right of way. No sidewalks or easements are currently proposed. No temporary or permanent easements are anticipated.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace two residences. 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 district office by calling (361) 293-4335.

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

The draft EA, 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 the TxDOT Yoakum District Office located at 403 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov, Search: US 59 and US 77.

The project materials are written 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 review the project materials or submit information, please contact Lucean Kuykendall, Yoakum District PIO at (361) 293-4436 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the project materials or submit information. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing on this project. Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are also requested. Written hearing requests and comments may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Yoakum District Office located at 403 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995, or by email to Jeffery.Vinklarek@txdot.gov. **All hearing requests and comments must be received on or before December 15, 2021.** A hearing will be held if ten or more individuals submit timely written requests for a hearing, or if an agency with jurisdiction over the project submits a timely written request for a hearing that is supported by reasons why a hearing will be helpful. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov Search: US 59 and US 77 once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact Jeffery Vinklarek by phone at (361) 293-4363 or email: Jeffery.Vinklarek@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 the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.