



Notice of Public Meeting US84/BUS I-20 Bridge Closure and Traffic Detour Abilene District

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a Public Meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2014. The meeting will be held at the TxDOT Abilene Area Office, located at 1350 N. Arnold Blvd., Abilene, TX 79603. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the closure of the US84/Bus I-20 bridge for repairs, which will involve a traffic detour for eastbound traffic exiting I-20 to travel into Abilene. Beginning at 1:00 PM exhibits and maps of the proposed project and detour will be on display at the Area Office until the beginning of the meeting. Registration for the meeting will open at 5:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. The public is invited to view the exhibits beginning at 1:00 PM. Members of the Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District staff will be available from 1:00 PM until the beginning of the meeting to answer questions and take comments. There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the proposed project presentation for the public to comment either orally or in writing.

The proposed project would consist of closing the Bus I-20 bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Old Bankhead Highway for replacement and widening. Abilene-bound traffic would be diverted to FM 3438 for the duration of the project, which is expected to last approximately 12 months. The reconstruction and detour are expected to begin in the spring of 2015. The current estimated total project cost is \$16,691,636.99. Schematic layouts showing the location and design for the proposed project, the environmental assessment, the tentative construction schedule and other related information shall be available for inspection at the Abilene Area Office, and the Abilene District Office located at 4250 North Clack in Abilene. Citizens not able to attend the meeting may view the information and comment prior to the meeting date and for ten days after the date of the meeting at either of the two locations, or by email or postal mail.

If there are any questions concerning the meeting location and time please contact Mr. Alan Hufstutler P.E., Abilene Area Engineer at (325) 690-9821.

All interested citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the public meeting. The Abilene Area Office is handicap accessible. Anyone wishing to attend the hearing with special needs please contact Ms. Mary Belle Turner at (325) 676-6817 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attn: Blair Haynie, P.E., 4250 N. Clack Street, Abilene, TX 79601, or by email at Blair.Haynie@txdot.gov. To be considered, a 10-day public comment period to submit written comments will close at the Abilene District office by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.