



Notice of Public Meeting

State Loop 335 from 34th Avenue to SE 3rd Avenue and
IH 40 from Whitaker Road to State Spur 468 (Airport Boulevard)
Randall and Potter Counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in conjunction with the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization will conduct a public meeting to present preliminary concepts of potential improvements to State Loop 335 (SL 335) from 34th Avenue to SE 3rd Avenue and to Interstate Highway 40 (IH 40) from Whitaker Road to State Spur 468 (Airport Boulevard) in Randall and Potter Counties, Texas.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the TxDOT Amarillo Travel Information Center located at 9700 E IH 40, Amarillo, Texas, 79118. In case of inclement weather, the public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the same location. An open house will begin at 6 p.m. and will provide information and display exhibits related to the project. A short presentation by TxDOT personnel will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. and the open house will reconvene after the presentation. The proposed project is needed to provide an alternative freight corridor, address hazardous cargo and materials, and to improve traffic operations, mobility, safety and connectivity

The proposed project consists of the conversion of approximately 2.5 miles of SL 335 from 34th Avenue to SE 3rd Avenue from a non-freeway section to a freeway section (with frontage roads, ramps, grade separations over intersecting cross streets, a 4 mainlane section with a provision for future expansion to an ultimate 6 mainlane section), the construction of the interchange of IH 40 with SL 335 consisting of a frontage road system, a proposed IH 40 mainlane bridge, a proposed SL 335 mainlane bridge, and associated direct connectors. The proposed project limits on IH 40 are from Whitaker Road to State Spur 468 (Airport Boulevard), a distance of approximately 3.3 miles. The proposed SL 335 bridge would be constructed to the ultimate 6 lane section, but will be striped for 4 lanes to accommodate future expansion of SL 335. Additionally, improvements along IH 40 to the mainlanes, ramps and frontage roads will be shown to accommodate the proposed interchange with IH 40 and SL 335.

The final determination of Right-of-Way (ROW) needed or residential/business relocation requirements will not be known until the schematic is refined (spring/summer of 2016).

The proposed project's tentative construction schedule can be obtained at the TxDOT Amarillo District Office located at 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, 79110.

All interested residents are invited to attend this public meeting. The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Terry Nix at (806) 356-3273. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. For additional information about the public meeting, project documentation, or for any other project-related questions, please contact Terry Nix at (806) 356-3273, or email: terry.nix@txdot.gov.

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Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the meeting or in writing after the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be mailed to Gus Khankarli, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development – Amarillo District, PO Box 7368, Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368 or emailed to: Gus.Khankarli@txdot.gov. Comments need to be postmarked no later than 10 calendar days following the meeting date, which is Friday, February 5, 2016. If the meeting is held on the alternative public meeting date due to inclement weather, comments will need to be postmarked no later than 10 calendar days following the meeting date, which is Tuesday, February 12, 2016.

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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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