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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
IH 40 at SL 335 (Lakeside Drive) Interchange

Randall and Potter Counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in conjunction with the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization will conduct a Public Hearing to present the final proposal to the interchange of Interstate Highway 40 (IH 40) at State Loop 335 (SL 335) with the limits on SL 335 from 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and on IH 40 from Whitaker Road to State Spur 468 (Airport Boulevard) in Randall and Potter counties, Texas.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the proposed project and the anticipated social, economic and environmental effects. The Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016, in the TxDOT District Office, Building H located at 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, 79110. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT and project staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a public comment period.

The proposed improvements include 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 conversion of approximately 2.5 miles of SL 335 from 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SE 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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. The proposed project limits on IH 40 are from Whitaker Road to State Spur 468 (Airport Boulevard), a distance of approximately 3.3 miles. 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 existing right-of-way (ROW) width for SL 335 between 34th Avenue and the Potter County line ranges from approximately 200 feet to 250 feet. The existing ROW width for SL 335 between the Potter County/Randall County line and SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue ranges from approximately 240 feet to 825 feet. The existing ROW width for IH 40 ranges from approximately 300 feet to 515 feet.

The proposed ROW for SL 335 width ranges from approximately 350 feet to 362 feet. The proposed ROW for IH 40 width ranges from approximately 305 feet to 417 feet. The total estimated additional ROW needed for the proposed project is approximately 42.9 acres. The proposed project would displace nine billboards, one commercial property, and one residence within the Overnite RV Park. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacements, as well as information about the tentative schedule for

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ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Amarillo District Office. Relocation assistance is available for any displaced persons and businesses. The proposed project impacts approximately 28.6 acres of the 100-year floodplain in the existing ROW and 19.7 acres in the proposed ROW. A retention basin would be constructed to ensure there are no changes to the 100-year floodplain water surface elevation. The proposed project would not encroach on any waters or wetlands.

The proposed project's environmental document and drawings showing the project location and geometric design will be presented at the Public Hearing. These documents will also be available for public inspection at TxDOT's Amarillo District Office located at 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas and at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) under the Public Meetings and Hearings section.

All interested residents are invited to attend this Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the Hearing 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 Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. For additional information about the Public Hearing, project documentation, or for any other project-related questions, please contact Terry Nix at (806) 356-3273, or email: [terry.nix@txdot.gov](mailto:terry.nix@txdot.gov).

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the hearing or in writing after the hearing. 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](mailto:Gus.Khankarli@txdot.gov). Comments must be received no later than 10 calendar days following the Hearing in order to be included in the Public Hearing record. The deadline for receipt of comments is June 6, 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.