



FM 1626 Public Hearing - January 14, 2016

Travis County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), welcomes you to tonight's public hearing concerning proposed improvements to FM 1626 from Brodie Lane to FM 2304 (Manchaca Road). The purpose of this public hearing is to provide you with information and to obtain your comments on the proposed project. Project information is attached and the last page is for your use in submitting written comments.

Please feel free to examine the exhibits on display from 5 to 6 p.m. Project staff members will be available to answer your questions during this time. A technical presentation will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the comment period.

Submitting Comments

If you wish to share comments on the proposed project, please use one of the methods below. Comments may be presented for a period of 10 days following the hearing and all comments will be taken into consideration during future project development.

Verbal Comments

- Visit the court reporter during the open house or after the presentation
- To present verbal comments publicly, please sign-up to speak at the court reporter's station

Written

- Complete the written comment card at the hearing
- Submit written comments to TxDOT by January 25, 2016
Mail: Austin District Environmental Coordinator
P.O. Box 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426
Fax: 512-832-7157
- Email comments to: agray@cdandp.com

**All comments must be received or postmarked by
Monday, January 25, 2016 for inclusion in the official hearing record.**

Thank you for attending the public hearing. Public involvement is a vital part of the project development process and we sincerely appreciate your participation.

For More Information

<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/tnr/public-works/roads>

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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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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Open House 5 to 6 p.m.

View Draft Environmental Assessment and visit with project team members

Formal Presentation 6 p.m.

By Brad Brown with RPS Klotz, the project engineer

- I. Introductions and meeting format
- II. Technical presentation, project history, and description of the proposed improvements
- III. Environmental presentation
- IV. Right-of-way acquisition and relocation assistance

Public Comments

If you are interested in making a public comment, you may sign up to speak for up to 3 minutes. Responses to comments will not be made tonight, but will be shared in the public hearing report.

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Project team members will be available after the presentation and public comment session to answer questions and visit about the proposed project.



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Travis County, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing improvements to FM 1626 from Brodie Lane to FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) to improve mobility and enhance safety. This project is also proposed to address current and projected traffic volumes, as well as pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Proposed Improvements:

The proposed project would widen this section of FM 1626 to five lanes consisting of two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, five-foot shoulders, and a continuous center-turn lane. The proposed right-of-way (ROW) width would vary from approximately 120 to 180 feet. Six-foot sidewalks would also be constructed throughout the length of the project limits on the north side of the roadway, and from Manchaca Baptist Church to Manchaca Road on the south side of the roadway.

After evaluating three build alternatives, a no build alternative, and public comments received, a hybrid of the north and center alignments is proposed. This alignment minimized the number of displacements and allowed the existing bridge to be utilized.

Schedule and Next Steps

After tonight's meeting, all comments will be evaluated and considered. Then the environmental documentation will move forward for further consideration. Upon environmental finding or approval, right-of-way negotiations could begin in early to mid-2016 and construction could begin in late 2016 to early 2017.

Funding

The total project cost is anticipated to be \$12.2 million. Travis County is responsible for the design of the road and right-of-way acquisition. TxDOT is responsible for the construction.

Updates

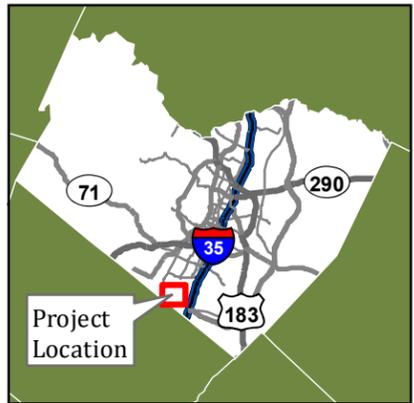
The project team will send periodic updates via email as the project progresses. If you are interested in receiving email updates on the project, please send an email to agray@cdandp.com with '1626 Updates' in the subject line.

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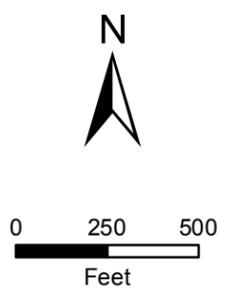
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- FM 1626 Project Limits
- - - Transition
- ~ Stream
- 100-year Floodplain

Base Map Source:
2012 NAIP Aerial Photography



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LOCATION MAP



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RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

The proposed improvements would require approximately 5.3 acres of right-of-way (ROW) acquisition. In addition, approximately 1.6 acres of permanent (slope/drainage) easements, and 0.1 acre of temporary construction easements would also be required. In total, 28 properties would be impacted by ROW acquisition. The proposed project would displace a school (classroom) building at Austin Christian Academy. A portable storage building associated with an existing commercial establishment (Cattlelacs Chainsaw Art Gallery) would require relocation (presumably, elsewhere on the same property). No residential displacements are anticipated. Additionally, property would be required from a publicly-owned recreational area located adjacent to the Manchaca Elementary School. This recreational area is a designated public property subject to Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

For each property acquired, with the exception of donated properties, an appraisal would be completed to determine just compensation under the laws of the State of Texas. The determined value would then be offered to each property owner. Each property owner would be afforded the opportunity to accompany the appraiser(s) during the inspection of the property. Land owners choosing to donate their property will be afforded the opportunity to have an appraisal of their property made, in accordance with Uniform Act requirements.

In all cases, the property owner would be reimbursed for any reasonable, incidental expenses necessarily incurred in transferring title to the property for use by TxDOT and Travis County. Expenses eligible for reimbursement generally include recording fees, closing costs and similar expenses incidental to conveying the real property to Travis County and penalty costs that are required for prepayment of any pre-existing recorded mortgage entered into in good faith encumbering the real property.

If relocations are necessary, it is the policy of TxDOT and Travis County that no family or individual would be required to relocate unless and until adequate replacement housing has been made available to all affected persons. Further, replacement housing must be offered to all affected persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. All replacement housing must be fair housing, open to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Copies of the information brochure *Landowner's Bill of Rights, Relocation Assistance*, and *State Purchase of Right-of-Way* are available at this Public Hearing. The brochure outlines the services offered and any payments for which displaced individuals, families, businesses, and non-profit organizations may be eligible to receive, such as moving expenses and replacement housing payments for residential owners and tenants. The brochure also outlines the eligibility requirements for receiving these payments. A representative from the TxDOT Austin District Right-of-Way Office and Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department (TNR), Real Estate Division are available at this Public Hearing to answer questions you may have.



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COMMENT SHEET

January 14, 2016 – Manchaca Elementary School

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please include your name and mailing address with all written comments. Comments must be received or postmarked by **Monday, January 25, 2016** for inclusion in the official hearing record. You may submit your written comments and/or letters to TxDOT using one of the following methods:

- Mail: Austin District Environmental Coordinator P.O. Box 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426
- Fax: 512-832-7157
- Email: agray@cdandp.com

This form may be used to provide written comments on this project. Any questions placed on this form will not be considered an open records request and will not be treated as such. If you have an open records request it must be submitted under a separate letter. (Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): Check each of the following boxes that may apply to you:

- I am employed by TxDOT
- I do business with TxDOT
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting on