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Notice of Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with Travis County, will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Manchaca Elementary School Cafeteria, 12120 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX 78748. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements for FM 1626 from Brodie Lane to FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) in Travis County, Texas and to receive public comment on the project. An open house with displays will be available for viewing at 5 p.m. The formal hearing will commence at 6 p.m., followed by an opportunity for public comment.

The existing facility consists of one 11-foot travel lane in each direction with zero to three-foot outside shoulders and a 14-foot center-turn lane from just east of Edgebrook Drive to Manchaca Road. The existing right-of-way (ROW) is typically 80 feet in width.

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 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. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and mobility.

The proposed improvements would require approximately 5.3 acres of additional ROW, 1.6 acres of permanent easements, and 0.1 acre of temporary easements. The proposed project would displace one commercial building; no residential displacements would occur. 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. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacements may be obtained from the TxDOT Austin District Office. Additional information may also be obtained from the Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department (TNR), Real Estate Division.

Environmental documentation, maps, and other project information will be displayed at the hearing. Project materials will be available for review Monday through Friday beginning December 15, 2015, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT South Travis Area Office located at 9725 South I-35, Austin, TX 78744 or at the Travis County TNR Office located at 700 Lavaca Street, 5th Floor, Austin, TX 78701 (note offices will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1). The information will also be available online at: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted by mail to the: Austin District Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426, by fax to 512-832-7157, or by

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email to agray@cdandp.com. Comments must be received on or before January 25, 2016 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The public hearing will be conducted in English and a Spanish translator will be present. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, are encouraged to contact Arin Gray at 512-533-9100, Ext. 12, at least two days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. For general questions or concerns, contact Tony Valdez at 512-832-7157 or Tony.Valdez@traviscountytx.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 December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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