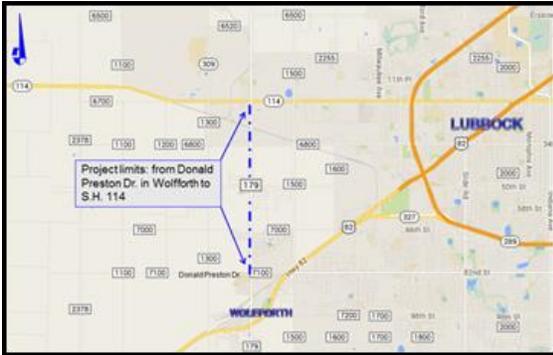




Notice Affording an Opportunity for a Public Hearing

FM 179 From SH 114 (West 19th Street) to Donald Preston Drive Lubbock County, Texas



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen FM 179 between SH 114 (West 19th Street) and Donald Preston Drive in Lubbock County, Texas. The total distance of the proposed project is approximately 4.1 miles.

The existing facility consists of two travel lanes (one in each direction) with two-foot outside shoulders. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 80 to 100-feet.

The proposed project would widen this section of FM 179 roadway from two to five lanes with 11-foot shoulders. The proposed typical ROW would be 120 to 130-feet. The purpose of the proposed project is to increase mobility and enhance safety by accommodating traffic volumes which are expected to increase on this section of FM 179 in the next 20 years. The proposed improvements would require approximately 20.5 acres of new ROW and 7.7 acres for two drainage areas. Drainage would be accomplished via vegetated roadside ditches. The proposed project would not displace any residences or commercial businesses. Information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Lubbock District Office.

Maps and drawings showing the project location and design, environmental document, tentative construction schedules, and other information relative to the project is on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Lubbock District Office located at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404.

All interested persons may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for the public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before October 30, 2015, to the TxDOT District Office, Mr. Doug Eichorst, P.E., District Engineer, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Shelley Harris, P.E., District Design Engineer, at (806) 748-4406.

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.