



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at the Frenship High School Cafeteria, 902 North Dowden Road, Wolfforth, TX. The purpose of this hearing is to present the planned improvements for FM 179 from 800 feet north of SH 114 (West 19th Street) extending south 4.1 miles to Donald Preston Drive in Lubbock County, and to receive public comment. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 6 p.m.

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 improvements would include widening the existing FM 179 roadway from two to five lanes with eleven foot shoulders. The proposed typical ROW would be 120-130 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 an additional 7.7 acres would be needed for two off-site drainage/detention 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 proposed project location and design will be displayed at the hearing. Environmental documentation for the project will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Other information about the proposed 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, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404.

All interested persons 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 either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Julia Perschnick, P.E., Transportation Engineer, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404. Comments must be received on or before Monday, December 28, 2015 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the public hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Dianah Ascencio at TxDOT (806) 748-4472. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Julia Perschnick at (806) 748-4518.

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.