



## NOTICE AFFORDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

Introduction: The TxDOT-Laredo District in cooperation with the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization, is proposing to construct a project on a section of FM 1472 (also known as Mines Road) in northern Laredo, Webb County.

TxDOT is offering the opportunity to request a public hearing covering the social, economic and other environmental effects of the proposed widening of northbound FM 1472. This approximately 1.05-mile long project would widen the northbound portion of FM 1472 from Killam Industrial Blvd. to approximately 0.3 miles north of Muller Memorial Blvd.

Project Background: In early 1990s, FM 1472 was widened from a two lane rural FM road to a four lane divided facility in anticipation of increased commercial traffic associated with the two commercial international bridges in north Laredo. In 2015 the southbound portion of this proposed project was widened to three lanes, due to funding issues the northbound portion of was not widened at that time. This project is needed to upgrade the northbound portion of this section of FM 1472 to three lanes to match the southbound side of FM 1472 in order to accommodate the heavy truck traffic in this area. When completed, this work would provide for an improved facility that can move traffic more efficiently and safely through this portion of FM 1472.

Proposed Work: The proposed work would take place on the northbound side of FM 1472. This work would involve adding an additional 12-ft. wide travel lane, an outside shoulder that varies from 4-ft. to 16-ft. wide, curb & gutter and 6-ft. wide sidewalk on the northbound side of FM 1472. This widening would take place along the outside edge of the northbound FM 1472 (east side) lanes and would involve placing 18-ft. to 27-ft. of new concrete pavement that is approximately 14 inches thick. On the section of roadway where FM 1472 is a divided facility, the existing inside shoulder (on the west side of the northbound lane) would be widened by approximately 5-ft. to 7-ft. in order to maintain two lanes of through traffic during construction. After construction is completed, this widening would result in an inside shoulder that would vary from 9-ft. to 11-ft. wide.

This proposed project would only involve widening the northbound side of FM 1472. The existing northbound FM 1472 asphalt pavement within the project limits would be rehabilitated and replaced by 14 inches of concrete pavement. The existing signalized intersections at Killam Industrial Blvd., Interamerica Blvd., and Muller Blvd. along with their associated 12-ft. wide left turn lanes located within the proposed project area would remain unchanged with the exception of replacing the existing asphalt with concrete. Drainage on the northbound side of FM 1472 would be open ditches. This project would not require any new additional ROW or easements and would take place entirely within the existing FM 1472 ROW. During construction, this proposed project will continue to have two travel lanes opened to traffic during entire construction period.

Environmental Impacts: There would be no changes to access to adjacent properties or side streets from the existing situation and there would be no business or residential

displacements or relocations. Based on all technical reports conducted for this project, this proposed project will not directly or indirectly negatively affect any floodplains, wetlands, streams, aquifers, other natural resources, noise quality or air quality. This work would not negatively impact persons in the Laredo community or neighborhoods in the project area. Due to these factors, TxDOT has determined that there would be no measurable negative impacts to the human or natural environment but would provide a much improved travel corridor in northern Laredo.

Availability of Project Information: Project maps, drawings, schedules and environmental studies and technical reports regarding this project that are recorded in the official project file are available for public inspection and review at the TxDOT-Laredo District Office at 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo during normal business days and hours of operation (Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). For answers to any environmental questions, please contact Chris Kloss at (956) 712-7445/e-mail: [Chris.Kloss@TxDOT.gov](mailto:Chris.Kloss@TxDOT.gov). For answers to questions on engineering issues, please contact Ricardo De La Parra, P.E. our project manager at (956) 712-7733/e-mail: [Ricardo.DeLaParra@txdot.gov](mailto:Ricardo.DeLaParra@txdot.gov). For answers to questions on the construction of the project, please contact the Laredo Area Engineer Carlos G. Rodriguez, P.E., at (956) 712-7701/e-mail: [Carlos.G.Rodriguez@txdot.gov](mailto:Carlos.G.Rodriguez@txdot.gov). Project maps and drawings are also available at the TxDOT website (<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved.html>). The TxDOT-Laredo District and Area Office staff will be glad to discuss this project with any interested person(s).

This project is listed on the Laredo Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is currently scheduled to go out for construction bids in August 2016 using a combination of state and federal funds. Actual construction work on this type and scale of project typically start approximately three to four months after bidding with the actual construction work anticipated to then take approximately 9-months.

Any citizen may request a public hearing by submitting a written request to the address provided below in this notice. The deadline for submitting a request for a public hearing is 5:00 PM on June 8, 2016.

**Texas Department of Transportation – Laredo District  
Attn: Chris Kloss – Laredo District Environmental Specialist  
1817 Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, Texas 78043**

*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.*