



Notice
Opportunity for a Public Hearing
US 277
From FM 3443 to SL 480
CSJs: 0300-01-080, 0300-01-097, 0300-01-100
Maverick County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to reconstruct and widen US 277 from FM 3443 to SL 480 in Eagle Pass, Maverick County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 2.75 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106, this notice is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. 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.

Currently the existing US 277 typical roadway section between FM 3443 to Foster Maldonado St. consist of four 12-ft. wide travel lanes, a 14-ft. wide Two Way Turn Lane (TWTL) and 3-ft. wide shoulders. From Foster Maldonado St to SL 480 the existing roadway transitions from the five lane roadway described above to two 12-ft. wide travel lanes with 8-ft. wide shoulders. At the entrance to the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center there is currently a 12-ft. wide right turn lane and a 14-ft wide left turn lane. Throughout the entire project limits, the existing storm water is handled through open ditches.

The proposed typical sections between FM 3443 and Foster Maldonado St. would consist of two 12-ft. wide travel lanes, two 14-ft. wide dual use lanes (outside lanes), a 16-ft. wide TWTL, 2-ft. wide curb and gutters, and 5-ft. wide sidewalks. Between Foster Maldonado St. and SL 480 the proposed typical section would consist of four 12-ft. wide travel lanes, with a 16-ft. wide TWTL and 10-ft wide shoulders, however, the location in front of the Eagle Pass Independent School District Student Activity Center the 12-ft. wide right turn lane/acceleration lanes would be maintained. A 10-ft. wide earthen berm would be constructed adjacent to the northern ROW line between Foster Maldonado St. and the Eagle Pass ISD SAC in order to provide the location of a future pedestrian path. Storm sewers would be placed along both sides of US 277 between FM 3443 and US 57; however, open ditches would be utilized for the remainder of the proposed project limits.

The existing ROW varies from 120-ft. wide (between FM 3443 and US 57) to 150-ft. wide (between US 57 and SL 480). All proposed work would take place within the existing US 277 Right of Way and this proposed project would not require any new ROW or easements nor would it result in any commercial or residential displacements. This project is anticipated to let for Construction Bids in June 2017 with construction anticipated to start around September 2017.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT Laredo District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043 or by calling Chris Kloss TxDOT Environmental Specialist at 956-712-7445.

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before January 6, 2017, to the TxDOT Laredo District Office, ATTN: Chris Kloss TxDOT Environmental Specialist, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043.