



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE



Introduction: The TxDOT Laredo District is proposing to upgrade 6.9 miles of the US 59 Loop (formerly known as Loop 20 and Bob Bullock Loop) in northeastern Laredo to a full freeway facility. This work is in cooperation with the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority. This section of the US 59 Loop (the “Loop”) is also part of the western leg of the Future I-69 system (I-69W) in south Texas. This project would be an additional and substantial phase of the ongoing work on the Loop.

This Public Meeting: TxDOT will be holding an open house public meeting to discuss this project with you and to gather your input on the project in an informal, one-on-one setting.

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

(There will not be a formal presentation, just one-on-one discussions in an open house setting)

**Where: Texas A&M International University
Zaffirini Student Success Center – Room 101
5201 University Blvd.
Laredo, Texas 78041**

Proposed Work: The proposed US 59 Loop project limits are from International Blvd. to the existing overpass at the US 59/Loop 20 intersection. The existing facility is typically a six-lane roadway with signalized intersections at the major street crossings. The proposed US 59 Loop mainlanes would consist of three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a center concrete traffic barrier, inside and outside shoulders and appropriately placed on-off ramps. The mainlanes would be constructed between new, three-lane frontage roads. Sidewalks and an adjacent multi-use bike/jogging/walking path are also proposed. Mainlane overpasses are proposed at the Airport, Jacaman, University, Del Mar and Shiloh intersections. The typical right-of-way width would be expanded from the current 150-ft. to 400-ft which would require the acquisition of approximately 182 acres. Two governmental facilities are anticipated to be displaced; impacts to other existing facilities are not anticipated to require relocations. When completed, this work would provide for an improved facility that can move traffic through this portion of the Loop with no interruptions, unlike the current situation where all traffic on the Loop has to pass through several fully signalized intersections.

This project would fully integrate with the existing and other ongoing work on the Loop including at the International Blvd. and the Spur 400 (Clark Blvd.) interchange projects that are currently under construction. All of the interrelated projects on the Loop are to be constructed to urban interstate (I-69W) freeway standards.

Availability of Project Information: Project maps and drawings regarding this project are available at the TxDOT Laredo District Office at 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo 78043 during normal business days and hours of operation (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00

p.m.). Project maps, drawings and other details are also available at txdot.gov keyword "US 59 Loop Upgrade". For answers to any environmental questions, please contact Mike Graham at (956) 712-7742/e-mail: Mike.Graham@TxDOT.gov. For answers to questions on engineering issues, please contact Ana Duncan, P.E. at (956) 712-7446/e-mail: Ana.Duncan@txdot.gov. The TxDOT-Laredo District staff will be glad to discuss this project with any interested persons.

Special Accommodations: Spanish-speaking staff will be available at the public meeting. For other special needs, please contact Raul Leal, the TxDOT public information officer (956-712-7416 / e-mail: Raul.Leal@TxDOT.gov), at least three days before the event. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. *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.*

