



### **Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen United States Highway (US) 285 from 0.6 miles north of Interstate Highway (IH) 10 to 1.8 miles north of IH 10 in the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas. The total distance of the proposed project is approximately 1.2 miles.

The existing facility consists of two travel lanes, each 12 feet wide in each direction with 10-foot outside shoulders. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is 120 feet.

The proposed project would widen this section of US 285 from two to five lanes with two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a 16-foot center turn lane, and 4-foot outside shoulders. No ROW acquisition is anticipated for this project. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide additional lanes to facilitate mixed traffic use and turning movements. The proposed improvements are needed to address mixed traffic use, as well as increased turning movements, caused by new development of State and County offices, as well as increased oil and gas activity.

Maps showing the project location and design, environmental document, tentative construction schedules, and other information relative to 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 the TxDOT Fort Stockton Area Office located at 1207 East Dickinson Boulevard, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

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 20, 2016, to the TxDOT District Office, Gary J. Law, P.E., District Engineer, 3901 East US Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Ed Goebel, P.E., Fort Stockton Area Engineer, at (432) 336-7998.

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.