



## Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Midland will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March, 17, 2015, at the Lee Freshman High School Library, 1400 East Oak Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705. The purpose of this hearing is to present the planned improvements to Fairgrounds Road from State Loop (SL) 250 to Pecan Avenue in the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, and to receive public comment. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The existing facility consists of one 12-foot travel lane in each direction with no shoulders. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from approximately 62 feet south of Wadley Avenue to 77 feet historically used for the roadway north of Wadley Avenue.

The proposed project would widen Fairgrounds Road from two lanes to five lanes. South of Wadley Avenue, Fairgrounds Road would consist of one 11-foot lane and one 14-foot shared use lane in each direction and an 11-foot continuous center left-turn lane. There would be five-foot wide sidewalks on each side of the roadway. North of Wadley Avenue, Fairgrounds Road would consist of two 12-foot lanes in each direction with a 12-foot continuous center left-turn lane. An eight-foot bike/pedestrian trail would be constructed on the west side of the roadway. The length of the proposed project is approximately 1.5 miles. The proposed typical ROW width would vary from approximately 80 feet south of Wadley Avenue to approximately 129.5 feet north of Wadley Avenue. The proposed improvements would require approximately 11.4 acres of additional ROW, of which, 10.9 acres are already owned by the City of Midland. The proposed project would not result in any residential relocations or commercial displacements. Information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the City of Midland.

As part of this project, the City of Midland is considering a Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determination for impacts to F.T. Hogan Park (Hogan Park). An approximate 10.9 acre strip of land generally located east of Hogan Park Golf Course from Wadley Avenue to Loop 250 would be required for permanent incorporation into the proposed transportation facility. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding means that the proposed project would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify Hogan Park for protection under Section 4(f). The City of Midland and TxDOT will consider comments received during this Public Hearing before making a final Section 4(f) *de minimis* determination.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed project's 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 City of Midland Engineering Office, located at 300 North Loraine, Midland, TX 79702.

All interested citizens 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 at the meeting or by mail

to the City of Midland, Mr. Matt Carr, P.E., City of Midland, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, TX 79702. Comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March, 27, 2015, in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Shellie Mitchell at (432) 685-7287. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public hearing. The City will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Matt Carr at (432) 685-7415

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.