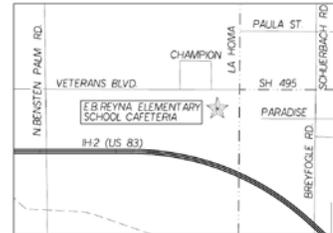




NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Veterans Boulevard (Future SH 495)
From IH-2 (US 83) to SH 364 (La Homa Road)

Hidalgo County Precinct #3 and the City of Palmview, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will hold a PUBLIC MEETING to discuss the proposed widening of Veterans Boulevard (Future State Highway (SH) 495) from IH-2 (US 83) to SH 364 (La Homa Road) in Hidalgo County, Texas. The meeting details are as follow:

Thursday, October 27, 2016
E.B. Reyna Elementary School Cafeteria
707 E. Veterans Blvd.
Palmview, Texas
Open House Period: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Presentation and Public Comment: 6:00 p.m.



The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to view the project schematic and provide comments on the proposed widening and reconstruction of Veterans Blvd. from IH-2 to SH 364; a distance of approximately 2.3 miles. The proposed project would improve safety and mobility, and provide long-term transportation improvements. The proposed project is needed to improve pedestrian accommodations, existing roadway geometry and operations, and to enhance the transportation network in the area. Veterans Blvd. is currently a 24-foot-wide rural roadway consisting of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes within an existing 65-foot-wide to 100-foot-wide Right-Of-Way (ROW). Drainage is currently handled by the use of roadside ditches. Once construction begins on this project, the roadway would be officially designated as State Highway (SH) 495.

Veterans Blvd. would be widened and reconstructed to provide an 82-foot-wide curb and gutter roadway consisting of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, a 14-foot-wide continuous two-way left turn lane, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, and five-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway within a proposed 100-foot-wide ROW. Drainage would be provided by a proposed underground storm drain system.

Storm water drainage within the project would be addressed with an existing drain called the Goodwin Drain running parallel to Veterans Blvd., approximately 0.2 miles north. The project would involve installing a concrete box from Veterans Blvd. to the Goodwin Drain, approximately 0.2 miles in length. Furthermore, the concrete box would run underneath Minnesota Road utilizing existing ROW. As part of the proposed improvements, Goodwin Drain would be widened within a proposed 150-foot-wide ROW for approximately 0.3 miles east of Minnesota Road. The remainder of the drain ditch to SH 364 would also be improved within the existing ROW.

The proposed project would require approximately 11.1 acres of additional ROW (7.1 acres for the roadway and 4.0 acres for the outfall). It is anticipated that the project would require one (1) residential relocation, nine (9) potential mobile home relocations, and no business relocations. Relocation assistance is available through the Hidalgo County's relocation assistance program. ROW acquisition and the relocation process would be conducted according to Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance Policy Act of 1970. Information about the benefits, services, and ROW acquisition schedule can be obtained at the Hidalgo County Pct. #3 office located at 724 N. Breyfogle, Mission, TX 78572.

Location maps, geometric design, and other information concerning this project will be available at the public meeting and at the L&G Engineering office located at 900 S. Stewart Road, Suite 5, Mission, TX 78572. All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting to view information and provide verbal or written input regarding the proposed project. Verbal and/or written comments may be presented at the public meeting. Written comments may also be submitted up to 15 days after the public meeting, or until November 11, 2016 to Hidalgo County Pct. #3, Attn: Norma Ceballos, located at 724 N. Breyfogle, Mission, TX 78572. Comments may also be submitted via fax at (956) 205-7009 or e-mail to norma.ceballos@co.hidalgo.tx.us. For additional information on the project, please call Damien Tijerina with L&G Engineering at (956) 585-1909.

Spanish translation services will be available. Persons interested in attending the meeting and needing special communication or accommodations, please call Ms. Alicia Rodriguez with L&G Engineering at (956) 585-1909 at least five working days prior to the meeting, or until October 20th. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. For more information about the project please visit www.txdot.gov, keyword: "Veterans Boulevard."

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 the FHWA and TxDOT.