



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FM 494 (Shary Rd)

From SH 107 to FM 1924 (Mile 3 North Road)
CSJs: 0864-01-068 & 069

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with Hidalgo County and the cities of Palmhurst, Alton, and McAllen, is proposing to improve Farm-to-Market (FM) 494 (Shary Road) in Hidalgo County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The Meeting details are:

Thursday, December 15, 2016

Sharyland Pioneer High School

10001 North Shary Road, Mission, Texas

Open House Period: 5:00 to 6:00pm

Presentation and Public Comment: 6:00pm



FM 494 is currently a 40-foot wide rural two-lane roadway consisting of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes and eight-foot-wide shoulders within an 80-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW). TxDOT is proposing to widen and reconstruct FM 494 from State Highway (SH) 107 to FM 1924. The total distance of the project is approximately 4.4 miles.

The proposed project would provide a five-lane curb and gutter roadway with four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, and a 16-foot-wide continuous left turn lane in a proposed 120-foot-wide ROW. Drainage would be provided by an underground storm drain system. An approximate 1,296-foot section of the proposed roadway, from 0.5 mile north of FM 1924 to 0.3 mile south of Mile 4 North Road, would be built within the existing 80-foot-wide ROW to avoid impacts to an eligible historical property. In this section, four 12-foot wide travel lanes and a 14-foot wide continuous left turn lane would be provided, and shoulders would not be included.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility, provide pedestrian accommodations, and complete the roadway network.

The existing 80-foot-wide ROW would be increased to 120-foot-wide. The proposed project would require approximately 20.1 acres of additional ROW. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or commercial structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below. A total of 1.9 acres of floodplains would be impacted by the proposed project. No other resources would be impacted.

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 the TxDOT Pharr District office located at 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas. Please call TxDOT Project Manager, Eduardo Saenz, P.E. at (956) 702-6100, to make an appointment. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Comments must be received up to 15 days after the hearing, December 30, 2016 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Spanish translation services will be available. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, are encouraged to contact Norma Robledo at 956-702-6161 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. For more information about the project please visit www.txdot.gov, keyword "FM 494 from SH 107".

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.