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Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes an expansion of Loop 1604 from Potranco Road (Farm to Market [FM] 1957) to FM 471 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The length of the proposed project is approximately 4.1 miles. This project was initially evaluated with a State EA; however, based on the recent inclusion of federal funding, this document has been prepared in accordance with the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The existing facility is a four-lane divided roadway with two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction and shoulders ranging in width from four feet to ten feet; the existing right of way width ranges from 340 to 400 feet. The proposed improvements would include the construction of the southbound Loop 1604 main lanes and frontage road, entrance and exit ramps, and three grade separations; the existing roadway would be converted to a four-lane expressway. Improvements would be constructed primarily within existing right of way, although approximately 3.7 acres of new right of way would be required.

The proposed project would not result in the displacement of any businesses or residences, and no adverse impacts to communities, including to minority and low-income populations, would occur as a result of the improvements. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the San Antonio District office. Additionally, the proposed improvements would not result in substantial direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts to any of the following resource categories: socioeconomic resources, hazardous materials, air quality, traffic noise, water resources, biological resources (including threatened and endangered species), or cultural resources.

Maps showing the project location and design, the environmental documents (including the draft environmental assessment), the tentative construction schedule, and other information relative to the proposed project are on file for review during regular business hours at the TxDOT San Antonio District office at 4615 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78229. In addition, the environmental assessment is available at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html> under the project name.

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 October 27, 2015, to the TxDOT District Office, Mr. Clayton Ripps, P.E., 4615 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78229. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Michael Chavez at (512) 416-2514.

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.

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