



Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is offering the opportunity to request a public hearing covering the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project to widen Farm to Market (FM) 1560 from State Highway (SH) 16 to Loop 1604, a distance of 2.1 miles in Helotes, San Antonio and Bexar Counties, Texas.

The existing road consists of two 12-foot wide travel lanes, a 12-foot wide center turn lane, and two 2-foot wide shoulders. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width ranges from 80 feet to 110 feet.

The proposed project would widen this section of FM 1560 from two to four lanes, including a center turn lane, raised medians at the approaches to SH 16 and Loop 1604, bike lanes, and sidewalks. The proposed typical ROW width would be approximately 100 feet. The purpose of the proposed project is to increase mobility and enhance safety, while addressing the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists.

The proposed improvements would require approximately 1.82 acres of additional right of way. No houses or businesses would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from TxDOT's San Antonio District office. The proposed project would cross the 100-year floodplain associated with French Creek and its tributaries. The proposed project is also located within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

Maps showing the location of the project and geometric design, the environmental document prepared for the project, construction schedule, and other information pertinent to the project are on file and available for inspection at the TxDOT San Antonio District Office, located at 4615 NW Loop 410 in San Antonio, Texas. The schematic can be viewed and downloaded at www.txdot.gov. **For specific information regarding the design, construction, or schedule of this project, contact Mr. Clayton Ripps, P.E., at 210-615-1110.**

Any interested citizen may request that a public hearing be held covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design of the project. **Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before Saturday, April 4, 2015, to the TxDOT District Office, Mr. John Bryant, 4615 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78229.**

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.