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Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing

The Victoria Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to add two lanes to create a four lane divided facility on US 77 (Zac Lentz Parkway) from 0.52 mile east of FM 1685 to 1.04 miles west of US 87 northwest of the City of Victoria, Victoria County, Texas. The total distance of the proposed project is approximately 2.49 miles.

The existing facility consists of a two lane roadway with 12 foot travel lanes and 8 foot shoulders. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is approximately 350 feet.

The proposed project would widen this section of US 77 from two lanes to four lanes providing 12 foot travel lanes (two in each direction) with 10 foot outside shoulders, 4 foot inside shoulders and 10 foot median. The proposed project would take place within the existing ROW. The roadway expansion would take place on the southeast side of the highway. Seven new bridges would be constructed adjacent to the existing bridge structures. The purpose of the proposed project is to increase mobility by improving the roadway to match the four-lane divided sections to the north and south of the project limits. The project would also improve safety along the project limits. The proposed project would not require additional ROW. The proposed project would not result in any residential or non-residential displacements. The proposed project traverses the 100-year floodplain associated with the Guadalupe River. The proposed project also crosses two waters of the U.S. and three potentially jurisdictional wetlands.

Maps showing the project location and design, environmental document, tentative construction schedules, and other information relative to the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm at the TxDOT Victoria Area Office located at 11401 US 59N, Victoria, TX 77905 and the TxDOT Yoakum District Office located at 403 Huck St., Yoakum, TX 77995.

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 July 3, 2015, to the TxDOT District Office, Mr. Paul Reitz, P.E., Director of Transportation, Planning, and Development, 403 Huck St., Yoakum, TX 77995. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Paul Reitz, P.E. at (361) 293-4300.

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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