



Notice of Public Meeting
US 83: US 84 to Runnels County Line
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Abilene District, will hold a public meeting to solicit input regarding proposed improvements along United States Highway (US) 83 from US 84 to Runnels County Line in Taylor County, Texas. The meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 17, 2019**, at the **Jim Ned CISD, 441 Graham Street, Tuscola, TX 79562**. The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. The meeting will be held in an open house format from **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** No formal presentation will be made.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide safety improvements and address current and future traffic congestion. The proposed project is 14.4 miles in length and traverses through the town of Tuscola. The existing US 83 consists of two 12-foot-wide lanes (one lane in each direction) with shoulders that vary from 9- to 12-foot-wide. The proposed improvements would widen US 83 by adding 12-foot wide passing lanes (one in each direction), median, and 6-foot-wide sidewalks in specific locations. Improvements to drainage are proposed throughout the project. The right-of-way (ROW) width for this project would vary from approximately 80 to 168 feet. The proposed project would require the acquisition of approximately 110 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW). There is potential displacement.

Maps and updated schematic design drawings showing the proposed project location, as well as the December 7, 2017 public meeting summary documentation (including comments received and responses) will be available for review at the open house meeting. Project information can also be viewed at TxDOT's website: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>

All interested persons are invited to attend this open house meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT Abilene District Office 4250 N. Clack St., Abilene, TX 79601. Comments must be postmarked or received by **Thursday, October 3, 2019** to be a part of the official meeting record.

Materials for the open house meeting will be provided in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Office at (325) 643-0413. Requests should be made at least two business days prior to the open house meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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.