

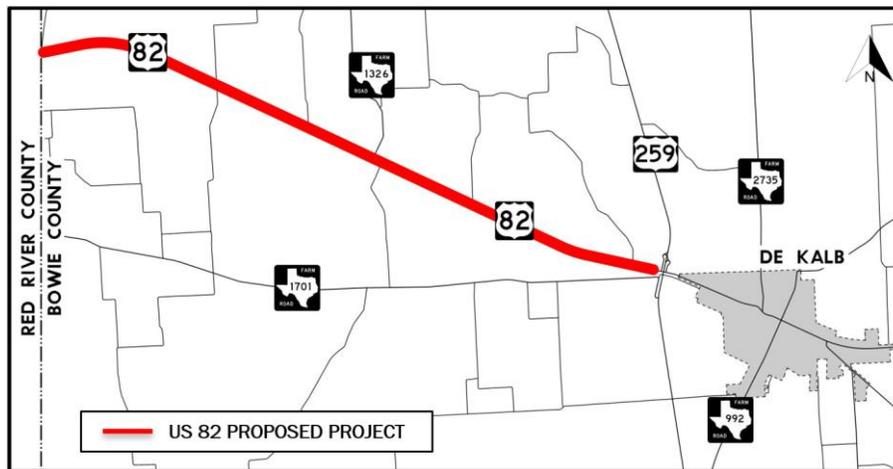


Notice of Virtual Public Meeting

US 82 West CSJ: 0046-03-040 Bowie County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen and reconstruct US 82 from the Red River County Line to 0.1 mile west of US 259 near De Kalb, Bowie County, Texas. The total length is approximately 6.87 miles. To combat the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held in a virtual format. The purpose of this virtual public meeting is to receive public comments on the proposed project.

The virtual meeting forum will be available for access on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020 by 5 p.m. This meeting will be held in a virtual meeting format (no in-person meeting). To access the virtual room for viewing of the meeting materials and maps, please visit www.txdot.gov and **Search: US 82 West Virtual Public Meeting**. If you do not have internet access, you may call (903) 799-1342 to request materials or ask questions.



The proposed improvements include widening US 82 from a 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane divided roadway with a paved median. In addition, the project will include a drainage design featuring replacement of the existing culverts and appropriate modifications to the open roadside ditches. Additional right of way will be required for this project.

As part of this project, TxDOT is considering a Section 4(f) de minimis impact determination for impacts to the Northeast Texas Trail. The proposed widening of US 82 would require the relocation of this section of trail approximately 25 feet to the south of its current location. This section of trail would also be temporarily closed during construction. A Section 4(f) de minimis finding means that the proposed project would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the Northeast Texas Trail for protection under Section 4(f). Bowie County and TxDOT will consider comments received during the environmental process before making a final Section 4(f) de minimis determination.

Maps showing the project location, design, and other information regarding the project will be available in the virtual room. If you do not have internet access, you may call (903) 799-1342 to request materials or ask questions.

Comments must be submitted via mail or e-mail on or before Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020 to be included in the official public record. To submit a comment by mail, send it to the TxDOT Atlanta District Office, Attention: Katie Martin, P.E., 701 E. Main St., Atlanta, TX 75551. For additional information, please contact Katie Martin, P.E. via phone (903) 799-1342 or e-mail: katie.martin@txdot.gov.

The US 82 West Virtual Public Meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the US 82 West Virtual Public Meeting, please contact Katie Martin, P.E., Atlanta District, at (903) 799-1342 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Sept. 11, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.