



Open House Response to Comments

FM 2304: from Ravenscroft Dr to FM 1626

February 20, 2018

Austin District

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 Chapter 3 of title 23, United States Code, Section 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 17, 2014, executed between the FHWA and TxDOT.

FM 973 Comment/Reponse Matrix

Comment Number	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment	Response
1	Christina Roman	2/20/2018	Comment Form	"My home backs up to the Manchaca Rd project. As a community..excited..[about proposed project]." "..this project could help keep drivers, cyclists, and walkers safe."	The purpose for the FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) project is to improve mobility. Thanks for your support of that purpose.
2	Dan Baker	2/20/2018	Comment Form	"sooner..the better." "evenings Manchaca southbound backs up noticeably at Ravenscroft due to the reduction to a single lane." "The [proposed] bike lanes will [improve] safety"	Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2019 and be completed by Summer 2021. The purpose for the FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) project is to improve mobility. An additional travel lane is proposed at Ravenscroft that would improve mobility at that intersection. TxDOT agrees that the proposed bike lanes would improve safety for bicyclist and motorist within the limits.
3	Leticia Estavillo	2/20/2018	Comment Form	"[existing FM 2304] to the north have 12.5 foot shoulders.." "why [does proposed project have] 8' shoulder[s]"	The city of Austin has a plan for bike lanes throughout the limits of FM 2304. TxDOT has been working with the city to ensure the proposed project on FM 2304 from Ravenscroft Drive to FM 1626 is compatible with the city's bike/ped plan. Therefore, the schematic displayed at the open house did not include an 8' shoulder but rather a 6' bike lane with a buffer between the travel lane and the bike lane of 2' feet.
4	Glen Jordan	2/20/2018	Comment Form	The project is a good idea [safer for pedestrians, improves mobility].."..[aware of] fatal pedestrian incidents on Manchaca Road. [unsure of bike safety with proposed bike lane].."	The purpose of the proposed project on FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) is to improve mobility. The added capacity for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclist would improve safety. The proposed 6-foot bicycle lanes are intended to provide a safe, well-marked alternative to vehicular traffic for community members who choose this mode of transportation. A 2-foot buffer is being provided to provide a further separation of bicycles and vehicular traffic.
5	James L. Van Wyk	2/20/2018	Comment Form	"..beneficial to all properties to have City Sewer installed prior to this construction project. I will be contacting City officials about this issue and hopefully your agency would push to tie the city funding to this project to complet them together."	TxDOT will forward the request to the City of Austin utilities for extending the sewer lines; however, City of Austin ultimately makes the decision to add and coordinate the sewer line addition. Future requests for extending the sewer lines along the project limits need to be voiced through City of Austin.

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6	Martha Johnson	2/20/2018	Comment Form	"..[need] 2 left turn lanes [to FM 1626] when travelling south on Manchaca." "..[in the future] will need 4 lanes [on] 1626 to I35/[and to] Mopac."	The proposed design of the project on FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) is compatible with the construction planned on FM 1626. The analysis of travel patterns and traffic volumes indicates that a dual left from southbound Manchaca Road could not be accomodated by FM 1626. Future work on FM 1626 is not part of the proposed project on Manchaca Road.
7	Nancy M. Morgan	2/20/2018	Comment Form	..[please] keep [me informed of] future hearings.."where..is [construction starting?]"	Your contact information has been added to the notification list for the public hearing. The question of construction staging and timing is generally left up to the discretion of the project contractor. TxDOT will provide plans to the contractor for traffic management to ensure that two lanes of traffic and access to local homes and businesses, as currently exist, will be maintained during construction.
8a	Robert Amoroso	2/20/2018	Comment Form	"I am absolutely FOR this long overdue expansion of south Manchaca Road!" "Please..coordinate the extension of the SEWER LINE.."	The purpose for the FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) project is to improve mobility. Thanks for your support of that purpose. TxDOT Design will forward the request to the City of Austin utilities for extending the sewer lines, however, City of Austin ultimately makes the decision to add and coordinate the sewer line addition. Future requests for extending the sewer lines along the project limits need to be voiced through City of Austin.
8b	Rob Amoroso	2/23/2018	email	Email requested meeting with Austin District personnel regarding safety and flow at turn from westbound FM 1626 to northbound Manchaca Road	TxDOT will make arrangements to meet with you regarding existing and proposed traffic patterns.
9	Trudy Richards	2/20/2018	Comment Form	"..Campus Architectural Team at Menchaca Elementary [member working on the] design of the new school slated to be built in fall 2018 - winter 2020 and open in Jan 2020." "..coordinate [site plans] with TxDOT..[including] Bruce Merrill..[,TxDOT South Travis Area Office employee who has]..our current plans.	TxDOT is pleased to continue to work with you to ensure that construction schedules and acitivities, to the extend possible, can be coordinated with the school.
10	Valli Irvine	2/27/2018	Email	"..pleased at the prospect of widening Manchaca Rd, the real problem..gridlock..on FM 1626." "..[the proposed] two turn lanes from Manchaca to 1626 will just amplify the traffic problems on 1626."	TxDOT is required to maintain the access that Manchaca Road has to FM 1626. Currently, there are two southbound lanes from Manchaca Road, one that turn east and one that turns west onto FM 1626. The proposed project would maintain those two lanes. There are driveways onto the school property from both Manchaca Road and FM 1626 that contribute to the traffic congestion. However, TxDOT is working

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11	Unknown11	2/20/2018	Comment Form	"[Was] Traffic analysis..[completed for the] intersection of Manchaca and Melibee/Marcus Abrams for left hand turns? Marcus Abrams is a primary entrance/exit for Olympic Heights neighborhood and Melibee is a secondary exit for Canterbury Trails and Ravenscroft Townhomes."	The purpose for the FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) project is to improve mobility. A complete traffic analysis indicated there is a need to maintain the left turn movements from Manchaca Road to Melibee Trail. Today, there are left turn lanes (north and south) on Manchaca Road at the intersection of Manchaca Road and Marcus Abrams Blvd/Melibee Trail. Therefore, the proposed project includes the left turn lanes on Manchaca Road to Marcus Abrams Blvd/Melibee Trail. Marcus Abrams Blvd and Melibee Trail are city owned streets that are maintained by the City of Austin. [did we consider left turn movements on these local roads? if yes, the results must have indicated there was not enough traffic to warrant adding the turn bays on the local streets. do we need to elaborate on that analysis in this response??]
12	Unknown12	2/20/2018	Post-it Note (on schematic)	At Intersectio with FM 1626: "Follow up w/ 1626" "Const. Large sweep or not.?"	The proposed FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) project is compatible with the construction project on FM 1626. TxDOT considered the travel patterns and analyzed the turning movements from Manchaca Road to FM 1626 as part of the design of Manchaca Road.
13	Unknown13	2/20/2018	Post-it Note (on schematic)	Near Taco Aranda (east side of Manchaca Road): "Can we build this area during the summer?"	The question of construction staging and timing is generally left up to the discretion of the project contractor. TxDOT will provide plans to the contractor for traffic management to ensure that two lanes of traffic and access to local homes and businesses, as currently exist, will be maintained during construction.
14	Unknown14	2/20/2018	Post-it Note (on schematic)	At entrance to self-storage facility: " 30'-50' RVs turning in here (all 3 [driveways])."	Driveways would be maintained during and after construction; however, they may be reconstructed in place at the owners discretion. The turning movements for large vehicles are considered in partnership with the landowner when any improvements to the driveways are proposed.
15	Unknown15	2/20/2018	Post-it Note (on schematic)	At Frate Barker: "Suggest right turn lane from SB Manchaca onto Frate Barker (understand space issues, but it would help more traffic)"	TxDOT considered a right turn only lane at the SB Manchaca onto Frate Barker. There are several driveways that would intersect with the proposed turn lane. The driveways limit the length of the turn lane for vehicles slowing to turn into the driveways. TxDOT determined that it is safer to have the vehicles slowing in the outside travel lane for turning movements because there is more room for stopping. The addition of the proposed through travel lanes and maintenance of the center turn lane would improve mobility.
16	Unknown16	2/20/2018	Post-it Note (on schematic)	Location noted: "Valentina's"	Thank you for identifying this business.
17	Unknown17	2/20/2018	Post-it Note (on schematic)	Location of driveway noted in vicinity of proposed pedestrian handrail.[where???, the response indicates the commenter was wanting a driveway to Marcus Abrams? Why not indicate that was the	TxDOT has a process for landowners to request driveway access. This process is separate from the FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) project.

