



# Public Hearing Response to Comments

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## FM 2304: from Ravenscroft Dr to FM 1626

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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.

Comment Number	Commenter Name	Source	Comment Topic	Response
1	Adeliza Ramirez	Comment Form	"..desperately needed." "..proposed decelopments..bring more [traffic] congestion."	The purpose for the proposed project on FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) is to provide improved mobility. TxDOT agrees that the anticipated growth in the area supports a need to improve FM 2304. As the population grows, the traffic on FM 812 will increase.
2	Glen Jordan	Comment Form	"..[southbound traffic] approaching Ravenscroft..jump over into the inside lane.."..dangerous.."	The purpose for the proposed project on FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) is to provide improved mobility. The proposed project turn lanes and additional travel lanes would improve safety by providing refuge for vehicles slowing to make turns. The proposed project on FM 2304 would include pavement rework from Kaiser Drive to Ravenscroft. The right turn lane only pavement marking would be removed from Kaiser Drive to Ravenscroft. This will allow through travel in the right lane. Travelers that may not be aware that the right lane is an exit only lane would no longer have to move into the left travel lane to go south on Manchaca Road.
3	Gloria Cartwright Martinez	Comment Form	"..[current roadway conditions] caused flooding on my property.."	The proposed improved Storm sewer lines, box culverts, and ditches are designed to capture the storm water that falls within the project limits and right of way.
4	Gloria Cartwright Martinez	Comment Form	"I need to keep usage of both gate access [on my property]."	Within the project limits along FM2304 access to private property would be maintained.
5	Leslie Bush	Comment Form	"..[the proposed project] will contribute to safer travel.." "..concerned about making safe left turns from Manchaca Road.." "..solution [for bicyclist]..[use crosswalk]" "..[no] crosswalk [at Frate Barker].."	The purpose for the proposed project on FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) is to provide improved mobility. TxDOT agrees that the added travel capacity, sidewalks, and bicycle lane will improve safety. TxDOT will follow federal guidelines on signage and pavement markings. A crosswalk is proposed at Frate Barker.
6	Mark Fisher	Public Comment	"..concerned about traffic..exiting [onto Manchaca Road from the school parking lot across from Meridith Drive].." "..school buses..[have been observed using Meridith Drive to avoid the intersection of Manchaca Road and FM 1626].." "..[dislike] traffic lights [however, need to]..figure out some way to make..[the intersection of Merideth Drive and Manchaca Road]..safe."	Traffic signals are determined to be needed if the traffic volumes and conditions at an intersection meet certain warrents. The studies are done after the proposed roadway is operational. If the traffic volumes at the intersection meet the conditions of the warrents, then a signal is considered.
7	Mark Fisher	Public Comment	"..concern[ed] [about roadway construction during day or night and if the project may be completed on time].."	The question of construction staging and timing is generally left up to the discretion of the project contractor. However, TxDOT does have restrictions on construction work occurring at night and requires the contractor to obtain TxDOT approval before scheduling nighttime work. The contractor is expected to complete the project on time and will incur penalties for work stoppage not warranted or agreed upon.
8	Mary Jaramillo	Comment Form	"..street lights [are needed] for..walking in the evening"	Street lighting is being considered.
9	Summer Kaylor	Public Comment	"..[concerned about southbound Manchaca Road traffic using the right turn lane into Hillcrest subdivision at Ravenscroft intersection as a merge lane to southbound Manchaca Road].."	The purpose for the proposed project on FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) is to provide improved mobility. The proposed project turn lanes and additional travel lanes would improve safety by providing refuge for vehicles slowing to make turns. The proposed project on FM 2304 would include pavement rework from Kaiser Drive to Ravenscroft. The right turn lane only pavement marking would be removed from Kaiser Drive to Ravenscroft. This will allow through travel in the right lane. Travelers that may not be aware that the right lane is an exit only lane would no longer have to move into the left travel lane to go south on Manchaca Road.
10	Summer Kaylor	Public Comment	"..concern..For residents [turning left onto Manchaca Road from] the Morningside subdivision [seeking access to the school].." "..[travelers from FM 1626 going north are] flying down the center turn lane all the way to Frate Barker to bypass all the cars in the far right lane that are [traveling north straight through the Frate Barker traffic signal].."..Morningside subdivision [travelers seeking to turn left] cannot see people flying down that center lane." "..going to be a very tragic accident."	The proposed addition of a northbound through travel lane would add storage for cars waiting to go north at the Frate Barker signal. This would reduce the time it takes for through travelers to clear the intersection, which allows more room and time for cars to enter the left turn lane.
11	Robert Amoroso	Comment Form	"Making left turns out of my business [is unsafe and with the proposed addition of a northbound travel lane, will be more unsafe]." I propose..one [northbound] lane.."	The purpose for the proposed project on FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) is to provide improved mobility. The addition of a northbound travel lanes within the project limits adds the capacity needed to improve mobility in the area.