



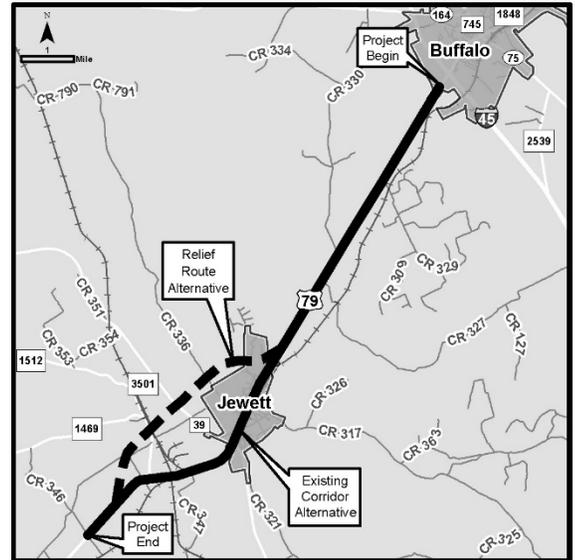
NOTICE

Virtual Public Meeting US 79 Alternatives From West of IH 45 to West of FM 1512 Leon County CSJ: 0205-04-047

TxDOT is holding a virtual public meeting to receive input on proposed alternatives for US 79 from west of I-45 (Buffalo) to west of FM 1512 (near Jewett) in Leon County, Texas. Two alternatives are currently being evaluated, the Existing Corridor Alternative and the Relief Route Alternative. A Relief Route Concept was presented at the US 79 Public Meeting held on April 11, 2019. Based on public comments received, TxDOT added a US 79 Relief Route Alternative Study with a corresponding study area that extends around the north side of the City of Jewett.

This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual meeting will start on **Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 at 3 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the indicated date and time: www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 79 Leon County".

Project staff will give a pre-recorded project presentation with both audio and visual components. Please note the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. The virtual public meeting will remain available online through the comment period deadline of Nov. 25, 2020. If you do not have internet access, you may call Juan Quiroz, Bryan District Planning Engineer, at (979) 778-2165 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.



Currently, US 79 through Jewett consists of two 12-ft travel lanes with 10-ft outside shoulders, and a 14-ft center turn lane. Between Jewett and Buffalo, US 79 currently consists of a two-lane highway, two 12-ft travel lanes with 10-ft outside shoulders. In rural areas, both proposed alternatives would widen the two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway consisting of two 12-ft travel lanes with 4-ft inside and 10-ft outside shoulders in each direction separated by a grassy median. The Relief Route Alternative would tie-in to existing US 79 via grade separation (overpass) intersections located approximately 1 mile west of FM 1512 and 0.5 mile south of CR 327. The Existing Corridor Alternative incorporates intersection improvements including the intersection at FM 39. Both proposed alternatives would provide urban improvements within Jewett. The anticipated construction letting date for the proposed project is Sept. 2025.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right-of-way and potential displacements. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, services and benefits for those displaced, and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (979) 213-7591.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 79 Leon County".

The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating, 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 virtual public meeting, please contact Bobby Colwell, Bryan District Public Information Officer, at (979) 778-2165 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday, Nov. 6, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Bryan District Office, Attn: Juan Quiroz, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803. Written comments may also be submitted by email to juan.quiroz@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020**. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 79 Leon County" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Juan Quiroz at (979) 778-2165 or by email at juan.quiroz@txdot.gov.

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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.