



**Notice Affording an Opportunity for a
Public Hearing
US 377 (Main Street) from Lipscomb Street to FM 2524
(Austin Ave.) in Brown County, Texas
CSJ (Control Section Job Number): 0128-01-111**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Brownwood District is proposing to widen and add intersection improvements to US 377 (Main Street) from Lipscomb Street to FM 2524 (Austin Avenue) in the City of Brownwood, Brown County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 this notice is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The project proposes to reconstruct pavement and add a center-turn lane to US 377 (Main Street) from Lipscomb Street to FM 2425 (Austin Avenue). Drainage and sidewalks will be improved including adding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps. The project also includes intersection improvements at US 377 (Main Street) and FM 2524 (Austin Avenue) by adding turn lanes, realigning the roadway and adding a turn lane. The purpose of the 0.275-mile project is to improve safety and mobility within the Brownwood area. These improvements were the direct result of valuable public feedback gained during previous public meetings that took place on July 13, 2017, May 3, 2018, and November 27, 2018. Based on public feedback, TxDOT changed the preliminary design and scope of the project, reducing the project limits to avoid impacts to historic resources.

The existing roadway on US 377 includes four 12-foot lanes. The proposed project will include a 14-foot continuous center turn lane with curb and gutters, as well as sidewalks and illumination. The existing Right-of-Way (ROW) is approximately 60 feet and the proposed would vary with a minimum of 80 feet. The proposed project is estimated to displace two residential homes and three commercial structures containing five businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Texas Department of Transportation, Brownwood District Office, 2495 North US Highway 183, Brownwood, TX 76802. Additionally, responses to comments received will similarly be on file and available for inspection once they have been prepared.

Any interested person may submit comments or request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Comments and requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019, to the TxDOT Brownwood District Office, Jason Scantling, P.E., 2495 North US Highway 183, Brownwood, TX 76802. A hearing will be held if ten or more individuals submit timely written requests for a hearing, or if an agency with jurisdiction over the project submits a timely written request for a hearing that is supported by reasons why a hearing will be helpful.

The public may also contact the Brownwood District at 325-643-0415 with any questions. For more information about this project, please visit: www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/brownwood/us377-brownwood.html.

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.