



Notice

**Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing**

FM 1110

From I-10 to SH 20

CSJs: 1281-01-017 & 1281-02-007

El Paso County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in conjunction with El Paso County, is proposing improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 1110 from Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) to State Highway 20 (SH 20) (Alameda Ave.) in El Paso County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, August 1, 2017** at the Clint High School Auxiliary Gym, at 13890 Alameda Ave., Clint, Texas, 79836. Displays will be available for viewing at 5 p.m. with the formal hearing starting 6 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project consists of widening FM 1110 from I-10 to FM 76 (North Loop Dr.) from two to four lanes, and a new four lane roadway section from FM 76 to SH 20 to provide direct connection from I-10 to SH 20. The proposed project, located near the Town of Clint and the City of San Elizario, is approximately 2.76 miles long. The project would include intersection improvements at FM 76 and SH 20, a bridge over the floodplain near FM 76, an overpass at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, drainage improvements, and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. The purpose of the project is to improve mobility and linkage, reduce travel delays at the UPRR crossing, and meet anticipated traffic demand. The proposed project would be constructed in phases. Phase I would consist of improvements between I-10 and FM 76 and Phase II would consist of the improvements between FM 76 and SH 20.

FM 1110 is currently a two-lane, undivided, rural facility. Between I-10 and FM 76 the existing roadway consists of two 12-ft lanes with 4-ft outside shoulders within a variable right-of-way (ROW) width ranging from 128- to 130 ft. Between SH 20 and FM 76, the existing FM 1110 roadway meanders through the Town of Clint, and consists of two 11-ft lanes with 3-ft outside shoulders within a variable ROW width ranging from 40- to 60 ft. Sidewalks, ranging from 5- to 6 ft wide, are provided intermittently between FM 76 and SH 20. The proposed typical section would consist of four 12-ft lanes (two in each direction), an 18-ft wide raised median, 11-ft turn lanes, 5-ft bicycle lanes; and 6-ft sidewalks. The proposed project would require approximately 40.02 acres of additional ROW and 0.53 acre of temporary construction easements. To provide a grade-separated crossing at the UPRR crossing, a license agreement of approximately 0.63 acre would be required. The project would also require license agreements totaling approximately 1.21 acres from the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (EPCWID No. 1) for project crossings of the Salatral Lateral, Mesa Drain, and Clint Lateral.



One potential residential displacement would occur as a result of the proposed project. 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 potentially displaced persons.

Approximately 14 acres within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain would be impacted by the proposed project. Two retention basins (totaling approximately 6.2 acres) would be constructed adjacent to the FM 1110/FM 76 intersection to mitigate for the impacts within the 100-year floodplain. The floodplain area near FM 76 would be spanned by a bridge to minimize impacts to the floodplains.

As previously stated, the project would also require license agreements totaling approximately 1.21 acres from the EPCWID No. 1 for project crossings of the Salatral Lateral, Mesa Drain, and Clint Lateral. These irrigation features are part of the EPCWID No. 1, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Proposed improvements at these locations consist of construction of concrete box culverts in accordance with current EPCWID No. 1 design standards. As part of this project, TxDOT is considering a Section 4(f) *De Minimis* determination for impacts to the features. Because the proposed project crosses components of the EPCWID No. 1, a historic resource, Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code applies to the proposed project. More information will be presented at the public hearing and has been included in the environmental document for the project.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT El Paso District, 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, Texas, 79928 and at www.txdot.gov under the Public Meetings and Hearings section. This information will also be available for review at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be provided at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT El Paso District Office, Attn: Gus Sanchez, FM 1110, or by email at ELP_FM1110Project@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, August 16, 2017** to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. If English is not your primary language and you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, you may need an interpreter or document translator; one will be provided to you upon request. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend the public hearing, please contact Jennifer Wright, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at (915) 790-4340 or by email at jennifer.wright3@txdot.gov no later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Gus Sanchez at (915) 790-4200.

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.