



NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING
Loop 88
FM 1585 from 0.5 miles north of U.S. 62 to
0.5 miles east of US 87 1502-01-028
Lubbock County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to upgrade and widen FM 1585 from 0.5 miles north of U.S. 62 to 0.5 miles east of U.S. 87 in Lubbock County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lubbock-Cooper Performing Arts Center (PAC), 16302 Loop 493, Lubbock, Texas 79423. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

TxDOT will present plans to upgrade and widen FM 1585 by converting the existing two lane rural roadway to an access-controlled four lane divided freeway with frontage roads and ramps. Interchanges will be developed at cross streets and a multi-level interchange is proposed at US 87. The project limits are from 0.5 miles north of U.S. 62 to 0.5 miles east of U.S. 87, a length of approximately 12.4 miles. The proposed project is an added capacity roadway project and would require approximately 503 acres of additional right-of-way which will anticipate the displacement/relocation of 62 commercial and 75 residential properties. Information about the state's Relocation Assistance Program, the 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.

The public hearing will be held in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. At the public hearing, all interested persons have the right to appear, and be heard on the using or taking of public land designated and used as parkland, consisting of approximately 14 acres of land, located along the southern boundary of the Lubbock Youth Sports Complex in the City of Lubbock in Lubbock County, Texas. As part of this project, TxDOT is considering a Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determination for impacts to the Lubbock Youth Sports Complex. The 14 acres of parkland mentioned above would be required for permanent incorporation into the proposed transportation facility. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding means that the proposed project would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the Lubbock Youth Sports Complex for protection under Section 4(f). The City of Lubbock and TxDOT will consider comments received during the environmental process before making a final Section 4(f) *de minimis* determination.

Maps showing of the project will be displayed at the public hearing and on the TxDOT website at: <http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/lubbock/outer-route.html>. Environmental documentation for the project will also be available for inspection at the hearing. This information will also be available Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Lubbock District Office, 135 Slaton Road in Lubbock. Verbal and written comments are requested and may be presented at the hearing or by mail to Shelley Harris, P.E. at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404-5201, or by email to shelley.harris@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before October 27, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Shelley Harris, P.E.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending who have special communication needs, are encouraged to contact Dianah Ascencio, TxDOT Lubbock District Public Information Officer, at (806) 748-4472. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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. 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.