



Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing

US 59 CORRIGAN RELIEF ROUTE

From 3.0 miles south of US 287 to 3.4 miles north of US 287

CSJs: 0176-04-056 and 0176-05-104

Polk County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing to construct a new location controlled access relief route west of existing US 59 at Corrigan from 3.0 miles south of US 287 to 3.4 miles north of US 287 in Polk 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 December 14, 2017 at the Corrigan Camden High School at 504 South Home Street, Corrigan, Texas 75939. Displays will be available for viewing at 4:00 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.

The proposed project will bring US 59 in the Corrigan area up to interstate standards from 3.0 miles south of US 287 to 3.4 miles north of US 287. The 6.4 mile new location roadway will provide a four lane controlled access freeway west of Corrigan with overpasses on the north and south ends at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and US 287. Additional bridges will be constructed over several creek crossings and Union Springs Rd. No frontage roads are proposed.

The proposed right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 300 feet along the proposed main lane section up to 880 feet at the overpasses. The proposed project would displace three single family residences. 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.

Wetlands are present within the proposed ROW; however, the amount of impact at this time is not known. Once wetland impacts have been determined, TxDOT will obtain authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, no practicable alternatives were identified that would avoid impacts to wetlands. The proposed project will also cross floodplains; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator will be required. The project is subject to and will comply with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, 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 the TxDOT Lufkin District Office, 1805 N. Timberland Dr., Lufkin, TX 75901; the TxDOT Livingston Area Office, 3161 US Highway 59 North, Livingston, TX 77351; and Corrigan City Hall, 101 West Ben Franklin St., Corrigan, TX 75939. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Lufkin District Office. Comments must be received on or before December 29, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Rhonda Oaks, District Public Information Officer at (936)633-4395 or at Rhonda.Oaks@txdot.gov.

Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Jennifer Adams, I-69 Project Manager, at (936) 633-4469 or at Jennifer.Adams@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 December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.