



NOTICE AFFORDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

I-35 EAST SIDE FRONTAGE ROAD

From 0.95 Mi North of La Salle / Webb County Line to 0.189 Mi South of Martinena Road

CSJs: 0018-02-062, 0018-03-049

La Salle and Webb County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Laredo District is proposing to reconstruct 0.4 miles of existing I-35 eastern frontage road in La Salle County and construct 0.7 miles of new I-35 eastern frontage road that is located in both La Salle and Webb Counties. The proposed limits for this project is from 0.95 miles North of the La Salle / Webb County line to 0.189 miles South of Martinena Road in La Salle and Webb County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 1.5 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 this notice is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. 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.

This proposed project would reconstruct 0.4 miles of existing I-35 east side frontage road in La Salle County and construct 0.7 miles of new I-35 east side frontage road in La Salle and Webb Counties. This work would take along the eastern side of I-35 between SH 44 and the intersection of BI-35B and the I-35 east side frontage road. Within this projects limits the proposed typical section will consist of two 12-ft. wide travel lanes and two 4-ft. wide shoulders. The purpose of this project is provide connectivity on the east side of the I-35 corridor in order to alleviate the impacts from oil field traffic within the community of Encinal and to provide improved access to developing petroleum services and drilling sites located southeast of Encinal.

All proposed work will take place within the existing I-35 Right-of-Way and this project would not require any additional ROW or easements. This project will not result in any commercial or residential displacements, nor would it change any existing I-35 access points.

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 TxDOT-Laredo District Office at 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo during normal business days and hours of operation (Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). For answers to any environmental questions, please contact Chris Kloss at (956) 712-7445/e-mail: Chris.Kloss@TxDOT.gov. For answers to questions on engineering issues, please contact Ricardo De La Parra, P.E. our project manager at (956) 712-7733/e-mail: Ricardo.DeLaParra@txdot.gov.

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 January 31, 2018, to the TxDOT Laredo District Office, ATTN: Chris Kloss, Environmental Specialist, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043.