FM 121 Gunter Relief Route

Virtual Public Meeting

Grayson County, Texas
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Paris District, with support from the Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority (GCRMA), is proposing to construct a new location roadway from Scharff Road, approximately 4.0 miles west of Gunter to SH 289 (Preston Road) south of Gunter in Grayson County, Texas, referred to as the Gunter Relief Route. **This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project.** The virtual public meeting will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation explaining the proposed project, which includes both audio and visual components, along with other exhibits and materials for the public to review. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. The virtual public meeting materials will be posted at: www.txdot.gov keyword search "Gunter Relief Route" on Oct. 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. and will remain available online through the comment period deadline of Nov. 11, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call the TxDOT project manager, Duane Good, P.E., at (903) 737-9282 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by electronic survey, mail, or email as explained below.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide infrastructure options to reduce traffic congestion on the existing roadways and the Town of Gunter; to improve operations of the roadway; to provide a safer, more convenient route for traveling through the area; to increase mobility; and, to provide improved connectivity to the area. The project will construct a new location, four-lane undivided state roadway with a two-way left-turn lane from FM 12, approximately 4.0 miles west of Gunter to SH 289 (Preston Road) south of Gunter, a distance of approximately 3.6 miles. The project includes identifying, developing, and evaluating alternatives for engineering feasibility, selecting a recommended alternative, and developing environmental documentation to analyze potential social, environmental, and economic effects in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Maps showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available online at the website listed above.

The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting, please contact the TxDOT Paris District Public Information Office at (903) 737-9213 no later than 4 p.m. CST, on Oct. 22, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Paris District Office, 1365 N. Main St., Paris, Texas 75460. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Duane.Good@txdot.gov. **All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020**. Responses to comments received will be available online at: www.txdot.gov keyword search "Gunter Relief Route" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Duane Good, P.E., by phone at (903) 737-9282, or by email at Duane.Good@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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.