



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

US 281 (FUTURE I-69C)

FROM FM 490 TO SH 186/FM 1017

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed improvements to US 281, from FM 490 to SH 186/FM 1017, in Hidalgo County, Texas. The meeting details are as follows:

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Brewster School Cafeteria
22420 FM 1017
Edinburg, Texas 78541
Open House: 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Presentation and Public Comment Period: 6:00 P.M.

The purpose of the public meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to view and comment on the four (4) alternatives of the proposed highway schematic depicting approximately 7 miles of US 281 from FM 490 to SH 186/FM 1017. The planned improvements to US 281 consist of reconstructing and upgrading the existing rural divided highway to interstate standards as part of the future I-69C. US 281 will be designated as I-69C once construction is complete. The proposed project would include widening the existing facility from a 4 lane divided highway to an urban freeway with 2-lane continuous frontage roads in each direction. Additionally, three (3) overpasses would be added at Laguna Seca Road, Red Gate Road, and Los Venados Drive. It is planned to construct 4 main lanes (2 in each direction) and 2-lane frontage roads in each direction. The ultimate completed improvements would add 2 main lanes (1 lane each direction) as future traffic warrants. The purpose of the proposed project would be to enhance mobility, safety, and improve traffic operations along US 281 (future I-69C). The project will be constructed generally within the existing Right-of-Way (ROW) which varies between 200 feet and 320 feet. However, approximately 44-58 acres of additional ROW will be required, at select locations, to upgrade the facility. The project may have 2-14 residential displacements, 1 business displacement, and impact 1 public facility.

Location maps, geometric design, and other information concerning this project will be available at the public meeting. This information will also be available for public inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the TxDOT Pharr District Office located at 600 West Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting to provide input regarding the proposed project. Verbal and/ or written comments may be presented at the public meeting. Written comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday May 10, 2017 either in person or by mail to TxDOT, Attn: Pharr District Engineer, 600 West Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577. Comments can also be received by fax at (956) 702-6110 or by email at Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov. For additional information on the project please call Melba Schaus, P.E., Project Manager with TxDOT at (956) 702-6181.

The public meeting will be conducted in English with Spanish translation services available. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Norma Robledo with TxDOT at (956) 702-6161. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the public meeting. 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 December 16, 2014 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.