



Notice

Final Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review

Bicentennial Boulevard Extension Project From State Highway (SH) 107 to Trenton Road CSJ: 0921-02-352 Hidalgo County, Texas

The City of McAllen, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing to extend Bicentennial Boulevard from SH 107 to Trenton Road in Hidalgo County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that a final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review for the proposed Bicentennial Boulevard Extension 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.

The proposed Bicentennial Boulevard Extension Project would extend Bicentennial Boulevard from SH 107 to Trenton Road as a new location, four-lane facility. The proposed 2.86-mile roadway extension would consist of a 12-foot wide inside travel lane (one in each direction), a 14-foot wide outside shared use lane for vehicles and bicycles (one in each direction), and 5-foot wide sidewalks for pedestrians. Other improvements include 12 and 13-foot wide left turn lanes at cross streets, curb and gutter and drainage improvements. The proposed Bicentennial Boulevard Extension Project would require approximately 1.9 acres of additional right-of-way, 0.2 acre of permanent easements and approximately 0.6 acre of temporary construction easements needed for anticipated construction of proposed noise barriers.

The traffic noise analysis found that four noise barriers 7 to 10 feet in height appear to be reasonable and feasible for 18 receivers representing single-family residences. Because noise barriers are proposed, a traffic noise workshop would be held. The final decision to construct the proposed noise barriers would not be made until completion of the project design, utility evaluation and polling of adjacent property owners.

Copies of the approved final EA and technical reports, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at the City of McAllen Development Center located at 311 N. 15th Street, McAllen, Texas 78501 and on the City of McAllen website at www.mcallen.net/bicentennialproject/finalEA. Pursuant to 23 CFR 771.119(h), TxDOT will issue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for this project no sooner than 30 days after the issuance of this notice of availability (December 14, 2018). For further information, please contact the City Engineer, Yvette Barrera, P.E., at (956) 681-1151 or by e-mail at ybarrera@mcallen.net.