



Notice of Public Hearing

**FM 676 (Mile 5 N Rd.)
From State Highway 364 (La Homa Rd.) to State Highway 107
CSJ: 1064-01-032
Hidalgo County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with the City of Alton, is proposing improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 676 (Mile 5 N Rd.), from State Highway (SH) 364 (La Homa Rd.) to SH 107 in Hidalgo County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 2.5 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project.

Meeting Details

Thursday, November 30, 2017
Domingo Treviño Middle School Cafeteria
301 N. Inspiration Rd., Mission, Texas 78573
Open House: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Presentation and Public Comment: 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to present planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project would include the widening of FM 676 from a two lane roadway to a four lane curb and gutter roadway with a two-way left turn lane, sidewalks, and drainage structures. In addition, right turn bays along FM 676 and left turn lanes at major intersections will be provided. The purpose of the proposed project would be to add capacity and to improve safety for traffic operations along the corridor. The majority of the proposed project would be completed within the existing right of way (ROW). Approximately 1.9 acres of new ROW would be acquired at major intersections to improve traffic and pedestrian movements. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the TxDOT Pharr District Office at the address listed below.

As part of this project, the City of Alton is considering a Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determination for impacts to Fireman's and Roberto Elizondo Parks. Additionally, this hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. Approximately 0.08 acres (8.33 % of park land) from the 0.96 acres City of Alton's Fireman's Park and 0.16 acres (5.06% of park land) from the 3.16 acres of Roberto Elizondo Park will be required for permanent incorporation into the proposed transportation facility. The proposed action would impact land which is used for parking for both the Fireman's and Roberto Elizondo Parks. Numerous parking spaces would be eliminated; however, the recreational facilities would remain unchanged. The impacted area in Fireman's Park is grass and a concrete slab where a covered canopy used to exist and open land currently existing as a parking lot for Roberto Elizondo Park. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding means that the proposed project would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify Fireman's and Roberto Elizondo Parks for protection under Section 4(f). The City of Alton and TxDOT will consider comments received during this Public Hearing before making final Section 4(f) *de minimis* determination.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information concerning this project will be available to the public from 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 Highway 2, Pharr, Texas 78577. For more information about the project, please visit www.txdot.gov keyword "FM 676 from SH 364". This information also will 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 TxDOT Pharr District Office. Comments must be received on or before December 15, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (956) 702-6110 or by e-mail to Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov.

The hearing will be conducted in English, with Spanish translation services also available. Persons interested in attending the hearing 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 seven days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please call Griselda Saldivar, P.E., Project Manager with TxDOT at (956) 702-6193, 600 West Interstate Highway 2, Pharr, Texas 78577.

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.