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**Notice  
Public Hearing**

**I-35**

**From I-410 South to FM 1103**

**CSJs: 0017-10-168, 0016-07-113, 0016-06-047, 0016-05-111**

**Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to expand I-35 from I-410 South to FM 1103 in Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties, Texas. The distance between the construction limits on I-35 is approximately 19.5 miles. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on August 15, 2019 at Morgan's Wonderland located at 5223 David Edwards Dr., San Antonio, TX 78233. Displays will be available for viewing from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., with the formal hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

TxDOT proposes to expand I-35 to improve mobility from I-410 South to FM 1103. The project would not be tolled. The project would construct two 15-mile long bridges (i.e. upper decks) between the I-35 main lanes and frontage roads from I-410 South to FM 3009. These upper decks would carry one high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and two general purpose lanes in each direction. Additional bridges would be constructed to connect the new upper decks of I-35 to I-410 South, I-410 North, Loop 1604 West, and Loop 1604 East. The proposed improvements between FM 3009 and FM 1103 would include at-grade widening of the main lanes for the addition of two general purpose lanes. The project would also include incidental construction necessary to transition the new upper decks and connectors with the existing highways including revisions to ramps and frontage roads, along with accommodations for drainage, utilities, signs and other highway improvements.

The project may be constructed in phases depending upon the availability of funds. The initial phase would construct upper decks between I-410 North and FM 3009, and would include direct connectors with I-410 North and Loop 1604 west. The project would be constructed using state and federal funds. TxDOT intends to construct the initial phase through a design-build contract.

The project would require approximately 36.5 acres of new right of way. Approximately 21 acres were previously cleared in the 2015 EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI); this previously cleared right of way has already been acquired by TxDOT or is currently being acquired. Approximately 15.5 acres of new right of way are required for the EA Reevaluation project due to design changes from the EA/FONSI. This new additional right of way generally occurs in narrow slivers along the project corridor. The proposed project is anticipated to displace residential and commercial structures. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displaced and affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

The project would encroach on the floodplain at several locations and would comply with federal Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management. No wetlands would be impacted by the project. The proposed project is not located within the contributing or recharge zones of the Edwards Aquifer; therefore, the Edwards Aquifer Rules do not apply to this project.

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The proposed project would have no adverse effect on historic properties. In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(d), there will be an opportunity for the public to review and comment on effects to historic properties at the hearing. The project would require less than one acre of land from a property that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places: Hansmann Farm located at 7205 FM 482, New Braunfels, TX 78132. The acquisition of new ROW constitutes a *de minimis* use of a historic site under the U.S. Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) regulations (23 CFR 774).

The draft EA Reevaluation Checklist, technical memoranda and reports, 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 San Antonio District located at 4615 Northwest Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229. This information will be available for inspection at the hearing and can be found online at TxDOT.gov by searching keywords "I-35 from I-410". Please contact Daniel Worden at (210) 615-6125 or [Daniel.Worden@txdot.gov](mailto:Daniel.Worden@txdot.gov) to schedule an appointment to view the available information or if you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing or submitted in person, by mail to, Nandita Kaundinya, P.E., Project Manager, Garver, LLC., 3010 Gaylord Parkway, Suite 190, Frisco, TX 75034 or by email to [I-35NEX@GarverUSA.com](mailto:I-35NEX@GarverUSA.com). Written comments must be received on or before August 30, 2019 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact [I-35NEX@GarverUSA.com](mailto:I-35NEX@GarverUSA.com) or Nandita Kaundinya, P.E., Project Manager, Garver, LLC., 3010 Gaylord Parkway, Suite 190, Frisco, TX 75034. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. 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 FHWA and TxDOT.*

