



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Loop 1604 at FM 2696 (Blanco Road)**  
**Bexar County, Texas**  
**CSJ: 2452-02-117**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing to improve the Loop 1604 at FM 2696 (Blanco Road) interchange with operational improvements in Bexar County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on **March 28, 2019** at the **San Antonio Shrine Auditorium Ballroom 901 N Loop 1604 W San Antonio, Texas 78232**. Displays will be available for viewing from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., with the formal presentation and 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.

The existing intersection currently experiences heavy traffic and long wait times, and offers pedestrians limited accommodations. The proposed project consists of reconfiguration of the Loop 1604 at FM 2696 (Blanco Road) interchange from Huebner Road to Stone Oak Parkway along Loop 1604, and from Madera Parkway to Country Club Lane along Blanco Road to improve traffic operations and mobility. Proposed improvements would modify the interchange at Loop 1604 and FM 2696 (Blanco Road) from a conventional diamond to a diverging diamond interchange; add additional turn lanes and medians at the interchange; modify existing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations; add collector-distributor lanes along Loop 1604 from Huebner Road to Stone Oak Parkway; widen existing bridges spanning Panther Springs Creek; and add an additional bridge over Panther Springs Creek to accommodate proposed collector-distributor lanes. The proposed project would require approximately 1.4 acres of new right of way.

Although additional right of way is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners, such as the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, and information about the tentative schedule for right of way acquisition, may be obtained at the public hearing or from TxDOT's San Antonio District Office (address below).

Portions of the proposed project cross, and construction work would occur within, the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated 100-year floodplains of Panther Springs Creek. The project in its entirety is located within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and is subject to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Edwards Aquifer Rules. The project will include water quality controls to treat runoff according to TCEQ requirements. The project may adversely affect listed karst invertebrate (cave) species and TxDOT is in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Any environmental documentation, studies, or 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 the San Antonio TxDOT District Office at 4615 NW Loop 410 W, San Antonio, Texas 78229. Please contact Richard De La Cruz, P.E., at (210) 615-6434 or [Richard.DeLaCruz@txdot.gov](mailto:Richard.DeLaCruz@txdot.gov) to schedule an appointment to view the available information. This information can also be found online at [TxDOT.gov](http://TxDOT.gov) by searching keywords "Loop 1604 at FM 2696". This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. Verbal and written comments regarding the project will be gathered at the hearing. Written comments will also be accepted by mail to Pape-Dawson Engineers ATTN: FM 2696 Public Hearing Comment, 2000 NW Loop 410 E, San Antonio, TX 78213, or via email to [LP1604-Blanco@Pape-Dawson.com](mailto:LP1604-Blanco@Pape-Dawson.com). **Written comments must be postmarked on or before April 12, 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 Valerie Collins at (210) 375-9000 or [LP1604-Blanco@Pape-Dawson.com](mailto:LP1604-Blanco@Pape-Dawson.com). Requests should be made at least five 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.*