



NOTICE AFFORDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING
State Loop 337, from I-35 to Hillcrest Drive
CSJs: 0216-01-036, 0216-01-054, and 0216-01-055

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve State Loop 337 (Loop 337) from Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) to Hillcrest Drive in Comal County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 6.7 miles. This notice advises the public that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The proposed project would convert the existing Loop 337 to a 4-lane divided roadway between I-35 and Hillcrest Drive, in New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas. The project would construct new lanes for southbound traffic and convert the existing lanes to carry northbound traffic. The existing and proposed new lanes would be separated by a wide median. From Hillcrest Drive to State Highway 46 and from the Loop 337 access road approximately ¼ mile north of Landa Street to W. San Antonio Street, there would be a five-foot wide sidewalk on one side of the road. The purpose of the project is to facilitate traffic flow on Loop 337 in order to accommodate the projected increase in traffic and population growth while increasing safety for the traveling public.

No additional right of way would be required, and no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced.

Portions of the project are located within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT design policies. Portions of the project are located within the Transition Zone and the Recharge Zone of the Edwards Aquifer; a Water Pollution Abatement Plan would be completed as part of the proposed project. No wetlands would be affected by the proposed project.

Maps showing the project location and design, environmental document, construction schedules, and other information relative to the project are on file and available for viewing Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT San Antonio District Office located at 4615 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229. Information is also available online at txdot.gov (search keywords "Loop 337").

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before March 7, 2017 to the TxDOT San Antonio District Office, Attention: Gina Salazar-Dounson, Environmental Coordinator, 4615 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229.

If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the opportunity for the public hearing, contact Clayton Ripps, District Advance Transportation Planning Director, (210) 615-6076, clayton.ripps@txdot.gov.