



# Documentation of Public Hearing Opportunity

## **Project Location**

Comal County

State Loop 337

0216-01-036, 0216-01-054, and 0216-01-055

## **Project Limits**

From Interstate 35 to Hillcrest Drive

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## **A. Notices**



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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](http://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](mailto:clayton.ripps@txdot.gov).



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El proyecto propuesto ampliara la carretera Loop 337 a cuatro carriles con una mediana por en medio desde I-35 a Hillcrest Drive, en New Braunfels, Condado de Comal, Texas. El proyecto creara nuevos carriles para coches viajando hacia el sur, y cambiara los carriles que existen a un solo sentido hacia el norte. Los carriles serán separados con una mediana por en medio. Crearan aceras de 5 pies de ancho desde Hillcrest Drive hasta autopista estatal (SH) 46 y desde Loop 337, aproximadamente  $\frac{1}{4}$  de milla hacia el norte de Landa Street, hasta W. San Antonio Street. El propósito del proyecto es de aumentar el flujo de tráfico, y en anticipación del aumento en población y tráfico en el área, creando una carretera mas segura.

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Partes del proyecto estarán dentro de una zona de inundación designada por la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA, por sus siglas en inglés). El diseño hidráulico será conforme con las pólizas de la Administración Federal de Autopistas y TxDOT. Partes del proyecto está localizado dentro la zona de transición y recargo del Acuífero Edwards, un plan de protección de agua será como parte del proyecto. Zonas acuáticas no serán afectadas por el proyecto.

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La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido llevado a cabo por TxDOT - en virtud de 23 USC 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado el 16 de diciembre del 2014 y ejecutado por la FHWA y TxDOT.



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## **B. Certification**



# Public Hearing Opportunity Certification

**Project Name:** State Loop 337

**County Name** Comal

**Control Section Job Numbers (CSJ):** 0216-01-036, 0216-01-054, and 0216-01-055

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I certify that the following statements are true and apply to the project identified above.

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- D. In determining economic, social, and environmental effects, the statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been considered and complied with.
- E. The project consistency with the goals and objectives of urban planning, as dictated by the community, has been considered.
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- G. 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.

**Signed:**

*Eina Salazar-Dowson* Env. Specialist  
Name/Title

**Date:**

*4:26.17*

**Print Name:**

*Eina Salazar-Dowson*



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**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Name/Title*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

JONATHAN BEAN



February 9, 2016

TO: TxDOT  
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT OFFICE  
4615 NW LOOP 410  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78229

FROM: DAVID & CLAUDATTE LINDSEY  
207 BONNER BLVD.  
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130

ATTENTION: ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR

Pursuant to your recent written NOTICE, request is made for a public hearing regarding the proposed State Loop 337 project for construction of a widened divided roadway.

Because of the impact of the proposed project on the area and individual residences involved, a current public hearing is in order.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Lindsey".

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## Emily Reed

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**From:** Gina Salazar-Dounson <Gina.SalazarDounson@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 4:08 PM  
**To:** Emily Reed  
**Cc:** Larry Cox; Barrylynn West Jr  
**Subject:** RE: Loop 337 NAOPH

We spoke with Mr. Lindsey earlier this afternoon. His concerns were if the proposed improvements on LP 337 would cause the roadway to be closer to his home and if noise levels would increase or impact his home. He also had questions regarding the proposed sidewalk to be located along the ROW in this area. It was explained to him that the improvements/additional lanes would be constructed on the opposite side of LP 337 and that traffic would be decrease (be cut in half) on the northbound lanes (his side of LP 337) and that noise levels did not exceed the required dBA to warrant the need for a barrier wall. The subdivision in which he lives has a privacy fence along LP337.

In closing, Mr. Lindsey retracted his request for a public hearing. Therefore we can proceed in finalizing the NAOPH documentation and close out public involvement for this project!

Gina M. Salazar-Dounson  
Environmental Specialist  
Texas Dept. of Transportation  
San Antonio District  
210-615-6105

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**From:** Emily Reed [mailto:emilyr@coxmcclain.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:44 AM  
**To:** Gina Salazar-Dounson  
**Cc:** Larry Cox  
**Subject:** RE: Loop 337 NAOPH

Sounds good, thank you for the update.

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**From:** Gina Salazar-Dounson [mailto:Gina.SalazarDounson@txdot.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:43 AM  
**To:** Emily Reed <emilyr@coxmcclain.com>  
**Cc:** Larry Cox <larry@coxmcclain.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Loop 337 NAOPH

The only request we received was from the Lindsey's, I'm waiting on a response from Clayton, he has been in and out and I don't believe he has contacted Mr. Lindsey as of yet. I will let you know once I can get with him.

Gina M. Salazar-Dounson  
Environmental Specialist  
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San Antonio District  
210-615-6105

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**From:** Emily Reed [mailto:emilyr@coxmcclain.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:39 AM  
**To:** Gina Salazar-Dounson

**Cc:** Larry Cox  
**Subject:** Loop 337 NAOPH

Gina,  
As the NAOPH deadline for 337 is today, I wanted to check in and see if you had any requests other than the Lindseys. Were you able to reach the Lindseys and resolve their concern? Let me know how we should plan to proceed— packaging up the NAOPH documentation, or preparing to have a hearing?

Thank you!  
Emily

**Emily Reed**  
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