



Notice of Public Hearing
State Loop 340: From Brazos River to US 84
CSJs: 2362-01-034, 0258-09-143
McLennan County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Waco District will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed widening to State Loop (SL) 340 from the Brazos River to United States Highway (US) 84 (Bellmead Drive) in McLennan County, Texas. **The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at the Bellmead Civic Center located at 1211 Barlow Street, Bellmead, Texas, 76705. Displays will be available for viewing during the open house starting at 5:30 p.m. with the formal presentation starting at 6:30 p.m.** The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project.

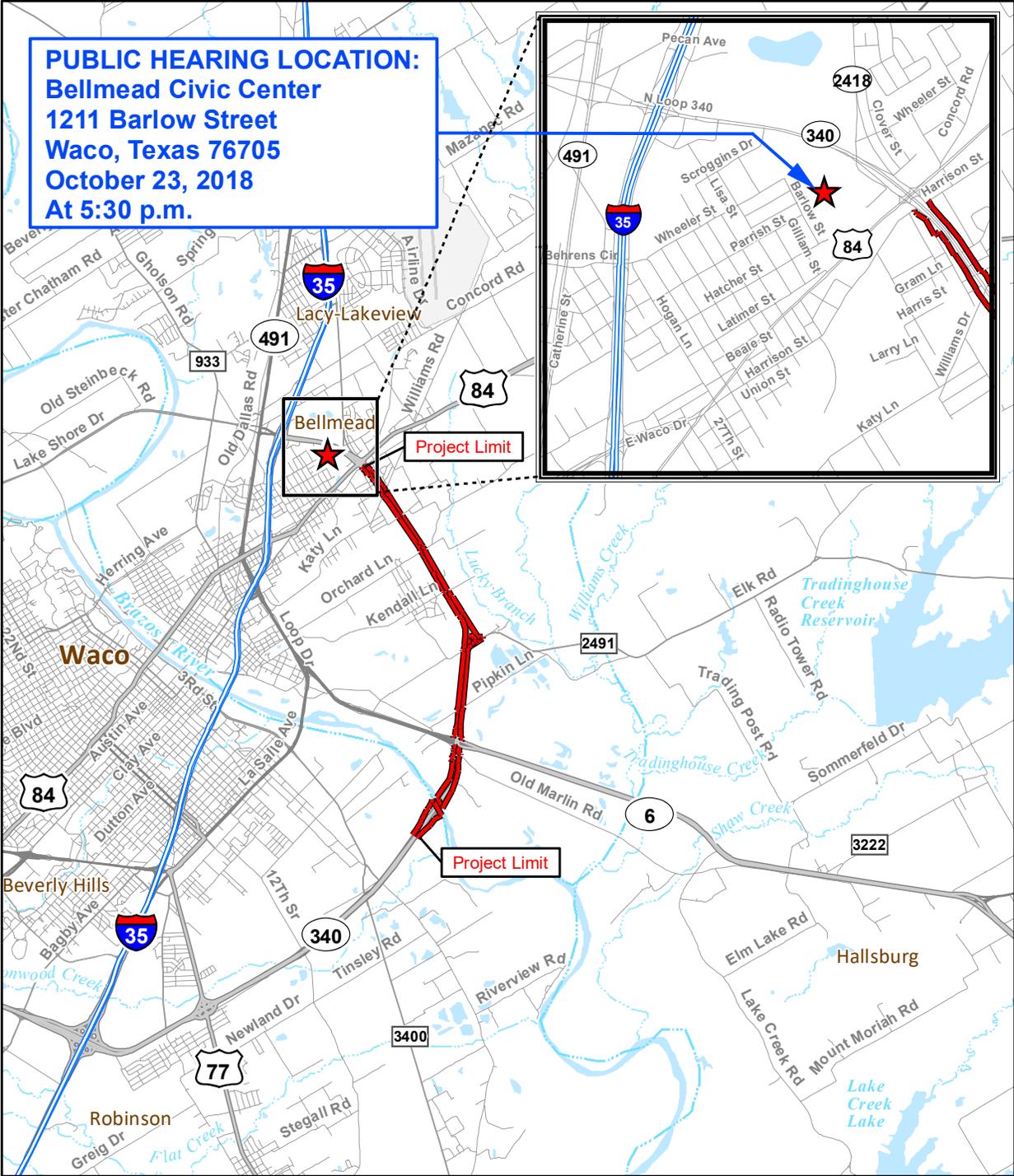
The existing SL 340 roadway consists of two 12-foot-wide lanes with 10-foot-wide inside and outside shoulders. The proposed improvements would include reconstructing and widening SL 340 from the Brazos River to US 84 in the cities of Bellmead and Waco, Texas, for a distance of approximately 5.2 miles. The proposed project would add one mainlane in each direction and frontage roads. The mainlanes would consist of two 12-foot-wide lanes in each direction with 10-foot-wide outside shoulders and inside shoulders which vary in width, separated by a depressed grassy median or concrete traffic barrier. Frontage roads would consist of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes, flanked by a 6-foot-wide sidewalk. The mainlanes and frontage roads would be separated by a grassy median that varies in width. Frontage road bridges would be constructed over the Brazos River along with mainlane bridges carrying SL 340 over the existing Spur (SP) 484 / State Highway (SH) 6 bridges. All improvements would occur within the existing SL 340 right-of-way (ROW). No additional ROW, or displacements of residences, businesses, or farms is anticipated. A portion of the project area is located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain. The facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility or other property. The proposed improvements would cross four jurisdictional waters of the US. It is anticipated that construction impacts at three of these jurisdictional areas would occur. Approximately 1.6 acres of wetlands may be impacted by construction activities. Construction at two of the crossings would meet the conditions for a Nationwide Permit 14, with one requiring a pre-construction notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The third crossing may require an individual permit from the USACE.

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 upon appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Waco District Office, 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing, and online at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved.html> under **Hearing & Meetings Schedule**. Project schematics will be available online beginning October 24, 2018. Verbal comments from the public regarding the project may be presented at the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted at the hearing or submitted in person or by mail to Mr. Andrew Haferkamp, P.E., Attn: SL 340 Project Manager, TxDOT Waco District Office, 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704. **Written comments must be received or postmarked on or before Wednesday, November 7, 2018 to be included in the official public hearing record.**

The public 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 the TxDOT Waco District Environmental Specialist David Jayroe at 254-867-2744. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the 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 contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Mr. Andrew Haferkamp, P.E. at 254-867-2746.

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.



Proposed Project and Public Hearing Location Map
 State Loop 340 from South of the
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— Proposed Project