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Notice

Opportunity for a Public Hearing

State Highway (SH) 71

From Farm to Market (FM) 1300 to FM 2765

CSJ(s): 0266-05-048

Wharton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to construct a continuous center left turn lane along State Highway (SH) 71 from Farm to Market (FM) 1300 to FM 2765 in El Campo, Wharton County, Texas. The proposed project would also construct an additional travel lane in each direction, construct curb and gutter, and install storm sewer within the project limits. The total distance of the proposed project is approximately 1.64 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 and §2.108, this notice advises the public that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. 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.

The proposed project would construct a 14 foot wide continuous center left turn lane along SH 71 from FM 1300 to FM 2765. The proposed project would also construct an additional travel lane in each direction within the project limits. The proposed project would provide two 12 foot travel lanes in each direction with 2 foot shoulders. A curb and gutter system would be installed along with an underground storm sewer drainage system. The purpose of the proposed project is to widen the existing roadway to accommodate a two-way left turn lane and add an additional through lane in each direction. The project is needed to improve safety and enhance mobility in the area.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 100 to 120 feet. The proposed project would not require additional ROW. The proposed project would not require any residential or non-residential displacements.

The proposed project would encroach upon the 100 year floodplain; however, the project would not raise the base flood elevation. The proposed project would not impact any wetlands. The proposed project would impact three potentially jurisdictional water features.

Any environmental documentation or studies, 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 TxDOT Yoakum District Office located at 403 Huck St., Yoakum, TX 77995.

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 November 10, 2017, to the TxDOT Yoakum District Office, Mr. Jeffery Vinklarek, P.E., Dir. of Transportation, Planning, and Development, 403 Huck St., Yoakum, TX 77995.

Additionally, if you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the opportunity for the public hearing, contact Mr. Jeffery Vinklarek, P.E. at 361-293-4300 or Jeffery.Vinklarek@txdot.gov.

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