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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

State Loop 335 from Farm-to-Market 2590 to Bell Street
Randall County

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in conjunction with the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization will conduct a Public Hearing to present the final proposal to State Loop 335 (SL 335) from Farm-to-Market 2590 (FM 2590) to Bell Street (2.0 Miles), also along Interstate Highway 27 (IH 27) at SL 335 and along FM 2590 (Soncy Road) at Farm-to-Market 2186 (FM 2186) (0.4 Miles), a total distance of approximately 2.4 miles in the southwest portion of the City of Amarillo in Randall County, Texas.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the proposed project and the anticipated social, economic and environmental effects. The Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2015, in the Student Building of Oasis Southwest Baptist Church located at 8201 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, 79110. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT and project staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a public comment period.

The proposed improvements include the conversion of approximately 2.0 miles of SL 335 from FM 2590 to Bell Street from a non-freeway to a freeway section with frontage roads, ramps, grade separations over intersecting cross streets, and a 4 mainlane section with a provision for future expansion to an ultimate 6 mainlane section. The proposed roadway would consist of four 12-foot mainlanes, two lanes in each direction, with 4-foot inside shoulders and 10-foot outside shoulders. The proposed frontage roads would consist of a curbed section with a 12-foot inside lane and 14-foot outside shared lane in each direction. Six-foot wide sidewalks would be provided along each frontage road. The reconstruction of the existing interchange of IH 27 with SL 335 would consist of a frontage system at the first level, a replacement of the existing IH 27 bridge with a new bridge at the second level, and a proposed SL 335 mainlane bridge at the third level of the proposed interchange. The proposed IH 27 bridge would be constructed to the ultimate 6 lane section, but will be striped for 4 lanes to accommodate future improvements from Western Street to north of SL 335. No changes to the existing IH 27 ramps servicing SL 335 are proposed. The proposed SL 335 mainlane bridge and frontage roads would connect to the mainlane and frontage road improvements currently under construction along SL 335 east of IH 27. The design would also provide for the right of way (ROW) needed to accommodate future potential direct connection ramps. Additionally, 0.4 miles of FM 2590 (Soncy Road) between FM 2186 and W 83rd Avenue is proposed to be improved to a four lane divided urban arterial with provisions for bicycle and pedestrian accommodation.

The existing ROW width ranges from approximately 200 feet to 303 feet. The proposed ROW width ranges from approximately 304 feet to 316 feet. The total estimated additional ROW needed for the proposed project is approximately 24 acres and approximately 0.09 acres is

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needed for proposed drainage easements. The proposed project would displace four residences, one commercial structure, and three commercial billboards. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacements, as well as information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Amarillo District Office. Relocation assistance is available for any displaced persons and businesses. The proposed project impacts approximately 5.5 acres of the 100-year floodplain in the existing ROW and 5.5 acres in the proposed ROW. Retention basins would be constructed to ensure there are no changes to the 100-year floodplain water surface elevation. The proposed project would not encroach on any waters or wetlands.

The proposed project's environmental document and drawings showing the project location and geometric design will be presented at the Public Hearing. These documents will also be available for public inspection at TxDOT's Amarillo District Office located at 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas and at www.txdot.gov under the Public Meetings and Hearings section.

All interested residents are invited to attend this Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the Hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Terry Nix at (806) 356-3273. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. For additional information about the Public Hearing, project documentation, or for any other project-related questions, please contact Terry Nix at (806) 356-3273, or email: terry.nix@txdot.gov.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the hearing or in writing after the hearing. Written statements and other exhibits may be mailed to Ronald Johnston, P.E., Amarillo District Engineer, PO Box 7368, Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368 or emailed to: ron.johnston@txdot.gov. Comments must be received no later than 10 calendar days following the hearing in order to be included in the Public Hearing record. The deadline for receipt of comments is April 20, 2015.

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.