NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Roadway Improvements
FM 258 (Socorro Road)

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), El Paso District, will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING to discuss the proposed improvements to FM 258 (Socorro Road) in Fabens, Texas. This hearing will allow the public the opportunity to view project details and provide comments. The hearing details are as follows:

Wednesday, May 22, 2013
The Rio Valle Woman's Club
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas 79838
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Presentation: 6:30 p.m.
CSJ: 0002-14-040

The existing 1946 bridge is a two-lane on-system bridge with an overlay of hot mix asphaltic concrete (HMAC) pavement. The bridge consists of two 12-foot travel lanes. TxDOT proposes the replacement and reconstruction of the bridge from 0.14 mile west of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) intersection to 0.56 mile west of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) intersection. The total length of the proposed project is approximately 0.42 mile.

The proposed improvements will consist of the removal and construction of a bridge with a one 12-foot travel lane in each direction with four-foot shoulders. The existing reinforced concrete drainage pipe will be extended.

No additional right-of-way (ROW) will be required. No displacement of residences is anticipated.

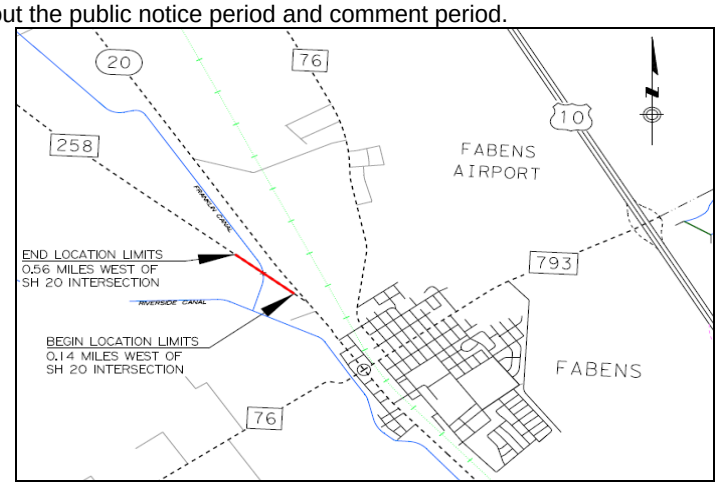
The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances. The proposed project crosses the Franklin Canal.

As part of this project, the FHWA is considering a Section 4(f) *de minimis* determination for impacts to drainage structures within the El Paso County Water Improvement District 1 (EPCWID1), which is a listed irrigation property on the National Register of Historic Places. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding means that this project would have an impact on the resource, but the FHWA, in consultation with TxDOT and the Texas Historical Commission (3/7/2013), has made a preliminary determination that the impacts are so minor that they will not adversely affect the resource's character, activities, or attributes. The FHWA will consider comments received during the hearing before making its final determination.

The project layout showing the location and design of the proposed project, the environmental document, and other information related to the project would be available for viewing at the hearing. These documents are currently on file and available for public inspection and review at the TxDOT El Paso District Office at 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, during business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing. A Spanish language interpreter will be at the hearing. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have other special communication, access or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT El Paso District Public Information Officer, Blanca Del Valle, at (915) 790-4200 at least two working days prior to the hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these requests.

Verbal and written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the hearing or for a period of 10 days after the hearing. Send written comments to Jim Dobbins, Environmental Specialist, Texas Department of Transportation, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas, 79928. Comments may be emailed to FM 258@txdot.gov. All comments must be postmarked on or before June 1, 2013, to be included in the Public Hearing record. The environmental document and project layouts are available for viewing and comment throughout the public notice period and comment period.



PROJECT LOCATION MAP