



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING McCull Road**

The Texas Department of Transportation Pharr District (TxDOT) in cooperation with Hidalgo County and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to discuss the proposed McCull Road project in Hidalgo County from Dicker Road north to Orangewood Drive. The project is approximately 2.5 miles in length. This hearing will allow the public to have the opportunity to view the project details and provide comments. The hearing details are as follows:

**Thursday, November 4, 2010**  
**Valley View Early College Campus**  
**3000 E. Dicker Road**  
**Hidalgo, Texas 78557**  
**Exhibit Viewing Period: 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm**  
**Presentation: 6:00 pm**

Currently, the section of McCull Road to be improved consists of either a caliche or dirt roadway. The caliche road is approximately 20-foot-wide and is within existing 80-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) from Dicker Road to Thomas Road and existing 40-foot-wide ROW from Thomas Road to Whalen Road. The dirt road portion is approximately 10-foot-wide and is within existing 40-foot-wide ROW from Whalen Road to Orangewood Drive. The proposed project would improve mobility and connectivity by upgrading the existing facility between Dicker Road and Orangewood Drive, and providing a continuous north-south travel corridor from Hidalgo to McAllen, Texas. A four-lane urban roadway would be constructed from Dicker Road to north of Thomas Road to match the existing roadway south of Dicker Road. The urban roadway would transition into a two-lane rural roadway with shoulders just north of Thomas Road and extend to just south of Orangewood Drive. The rural roadway would transition into a two-lane urban roadway with shoulders and a right-turn-lane just south of Orangewood Drive to match the existing roadway immediately north of Orangewood Drive. The roadway would be constructed in the existing 80-foot-wide ROW from Dicker Road to Thomas Road. In order to accommodate levee access roads and the realignment of Whalen Road and embankment needed within the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) floodway, the proposed ROW would vary (80-foot minimum and 462-foot maximum) from Thomas Road to north of Whalen Road. To accommodate embankment needed within the Mission Inlet floodway, the proposed ROW would vary (100-foot minimum and 230-foot maximum) from north of Whalen Road to just south of Orangewood Drive. The proposed ROW from south of Orangewood Drive to Orangewood Drive, would be 80-foot-wide.

Approximately 33.244 acres of additional ROW would be required for this project. No relocations or displacements would be required. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 would be followed in the acquisition of the required ROW. Approximately one mile of the proposed project area is located within the IBWC floodway and is within the 100-year floodplain. The proposed roadway would be designed to have minimal impact on the floodplain.

Under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, projects that use land from public parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, or historic sites (public or private), must be evaluated for potential impact. The proposed project would not require the use of nor substantially impair any public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge lands. However, the project would impact 1.94 acres of Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 2's irrigation system (formally known as the Louisiana-Rio Grande Canal Company Irrigation System), a historic property listed on the National Register of Historic Places. TxDOT historians and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) have concurred that the proposed project would have no adverse affect on this historic property and complies with FHWA *de minimis* Section 4(f) guidelines. As such, a *de minimis* Section 4(f) determination from FHWA will be requested for this project.

Location maps and other drawings showing the proposed location and design of the project, the environmental document, the tentative construction schedule, and other project information are on file and available for inspection and copying at the TxDOT District Office, located at 600 W. Expressway 83 in Pharr, Texas. Comments may be submitted up to 10 days after the public hearing, on or prior to November 14, 2010, to the Pharr District Engineer, Mario R. Jorge, P.E. at P.O. Box 1717, Pharr, Texas 78577-1717. Comments may also be sent electronically by facsimile to (956) 702-6110 or e-mailed to [Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov](mailto:Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov). Maps and drawings showing the project's location and geometric design are on file with Hidalgo County.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing and express their views on the project. Verbal or written comments may be presented at the public hearing. For additional information on the project, please call Griselda Saldívar, P.E. at the Pharr District Office at (956) 702-6193. Spanish translations will be available at the public hearing. Persons interested in attending the hearing and having questions regarding special communication or accommodation needs may call Robin Gelston at (956) 702-6130 at least five days prior to the public hearing.