



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FM 755 REALIGNMENT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with Rio Grande City and Starr County, will conduct a Public Meeting to present the proposed FM 755 Realignment project in Starr County, Texas, and to solicit public comment. As currently proposed, the project involves realigning FM 755 from its current location to a location further east, beginning just northeast of Rio Grande City and extending south to US 83, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles. The portion of existing FM 755 being realigned would remain in place as local road, with jurisdiction, control and maintenance transferred to Starr County and Rio Grande City.

Wednesday, May 18, 2011
South Texas Community College Auditorium
General Academic Building (Building E 1st Floor)
142 FM 3167
Rio Grande City, Texas
Exhibit Viewing Period: 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Presentation: 6:00 PM

The purpose of the proposed project is to address traffic congestion on US 83 and the lack of north-south mobility corridors in the area. The proposed realignment project would provide an additional north-south corridor on the east side of Rio Grande City and congestion relief for US 83 in the urbanized area.

To date, five preliminary route alternatives have been identified (four alternative routes beginning at US 83 and connecting to existing FM 755 northeast of Rio Grande City, along with a no-build alternative) and presented to the public. Based on comments received, as well as City, County and stakeholder input, the various alternatives were evaluated and a technically preferred alignment has been developed. This technically preferred alignment begins just northeast of Rio Grande City and extends south on new location to US 83 near Redwood Street, approximately 0.6 miles east of Pete Diaz Boulevard. The facility would consist of four 12 foot-wide travel lanes with 10 foot-wide shoulders within a typical 150 foot wide right-of-way. A 16-foot wide continuous left turn lane would also be included from US 83 to just north of Los Olmos Creek. Drainage would be provided by roadside ditches.

Approximately 41.4 acres of additional right-of-way would be required for the entire project. Displacements of residences and businesses are not anticipated.

The portion of existing FM 755 being realigned that would remain in place and become a local road is currently a two lane roadway consisting of two 12 foot wide travel lanes with 8 foot wide shoulders within an 80 foot wide right of way. Drainage is provided by roadside ditches.

During the open house portion of the public meeting, exhibits showing the schematic, evaluation criteria, and other project information will be available for review. Project team members will also be available to discuss the proposed project and answer questions. A presentation on the proposed project will begin at 6:00 p.m. Information about the proposed project and the preliminary alternatives is available for viewing prior to the Public Meeting. The information may be viewed at the Pharr District office which is located at 600 W US 83 Expressway, Pharr, Texas. For your convenience, it is advised to call Mr. Homer Bazan, P.E., TxDOT Central Design Manager, at (956) 702-6214 to schedule an appointment to view the available information.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting to gather information and provide input regarding the proposed project. Verbal and/or written comments may be presented at the public meeting. Written comments may be mailed after the public meeting to Pharr District Engineer, Mario R. Jorge, P.E. at P. O. Box 1717, Pharr, Texas 78577-1717. Comments may be submitted up to 10 days after the Public Meeting on or prior to Saturday, May 28, 2011. Comments may also be sent electronically by facsimile to (956) 702-6110 or e-mailed to robin.gelston@txdot.gov.

Accommodations will be made available at the public meeting for persons with special communication. Persons interested in attending the meeting and have questions regarding special communication or need special accommodation, please call Robin Gelston at (956) 702-6100 at least five days prior to the public meeting.