



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FM 800

The Texas Department of Transportation Pharr District (TxDOT) will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to discuss the proposed improvements to FM 800 from BUS 83 to FM 3067 in Cameron County, Texas. This hearing will allow the public the opportunity to view the project details and provide comments. The hearing details are as follows:

Tuesday, July 13, 2010
Stuart Place Elementary
6701 W. Business 83
Harlingen, Texas 78552
Exhibit Viewing Period: 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Presentation: 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

The existing roadway consists of two travel lanes with shoulders between BUS 83 and Trimpe Lane. From Trimpe Lane to FM 3067 the roadway consists of two travel lanes without shoulders. The length of the proposed project is approximately 3.7 miles. The proposed improvements from Trimpe Lane to FM 3067 would consist of reconstructing and widening two 12 foot-wide travel lanes and two 8 foot-wide shoulders, which would match the existing section from BUS 83 to Trimpe Lane. The existing low water crossing at the Arroyo Colorado would be replaced with a high water crossing with two 12 foot-wide travel lanes, two 12 foot-wide shoulders and a 4 foot-wide median. The proposed project would also realign the roadway south of the existing bridge eliminating the "S" curve. Drainage improvements from BUS 83 to FM 3067 would involve a new storm sewer system of pipes and inlets and a new outfall which would discharge into the Arroyo Colorado.

Cameron County will purchase 2.8 acres of additional ROW from USFWS on the southeast side of the bridge in order to eliminate the curve. No residential or commercial properties will be relocated. Minimal impacts would result from the construction of the proposed project to waters of the US, including wetlands. The proposed project traverses the 100-year floodplain in several locations. The proposed roadway would be designed to have minimal impact on the floodplain.

Location maps, design plans, a schematic, and the environmental assessment 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 by July 23, 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 rgelsto@dot.state.tx.us.

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 Rex Costley, P.E. at the Pharr District Office at (956) 702-6137. Spanish translation services will be available. Persons who require special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Robin Gelston at (956) 702-6294 at least five days prior to the hearing.