



Notice of Virtual Public Meeting
Texas Department of Transportation
2021 - 2024 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Rural TIP)
Abilene District

To combat the spread of COVID-19, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is following guidance provided by our state's health and emergency management officials. To do our part to help prevent its spread, TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting for the proposed 2021 - 2024 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Rural TIP) for the Abilene TxDOT District.

The virtual meeting presentation will be posted on June 18, 2020 at 5 p.m. To take part in the virtual public meeting, go to the web address www.txdot.gov and enter the words *Hearings and Meetings* to access the "Hearings and Meetings Schedule" page. Once on that page, click on "Virtual Public Meeting – Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Abilene District" for instructions on how to view the presentation and make comments. The presentation will include both audio and visual components. If you do not have internet access, you may call 325-676-6897 to request materials or ask questions.

The purpose of this virtual public meeting is to receive comments on the proposed projects of the 2021-2024 Rural TIP for the Abilene TxDOT District. The Abilene District includes Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall, Taylor counties. The Rural TIP includes all regionally significant projects to be funded within a TxDOT District during the next four years, including those eligible for funding. As such, these meetings offer the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed priorities. A project in the Rural TIP is a project coming to your community. The Rural TIP is the first step on the road to producing a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The 2021-2024 Rural TIP meetings are being held pursuant to *Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102*, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the program. Presentation materials will show how the Rural TIP operates along with associated/prioritized projects.

Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by Monday June 29, 2020 to: Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District, Attn: Rural TIP, 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Tx 79601; or by email to Abilene District Cliff.Hallford@txdot.gov, with Attention: 2021-2024 Rural TIP Comment in the subject line.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Cliff Hallford, Abilene Advanced Planning Manager, at 325-676-6897 or Cliff.Hallford@txdot.gov.

Special accommodations: TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. This meeting will be conducted in English. If you have special communication or accommodation needs, or have a need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call 325-676-6897 at least two business days prior to the meeting. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.