



Bell Boulevard (US 183) Realignment
Draft EA Notice of Availability and Public Hearing

Notice

**Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and Public Hearing**

BELL BOULEVARD (US 183) REALIGNMENT

From Cedar Park Drive to South of Buttercup Creek Boulevard

CSJs: 0151-05-115

Williamson County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Cedar Park (CoCP) proposes to move the current Bell Boulevard (US 183) roadway east onto the full extent of Old Highway 183 from Cedar Park Drive to south of Buttercup Creek Boulevard in Cedar Park. This notice advises the public that TxDOT and CoCP will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Feb. 21, 2019, at the Cedar Park Recreation Center, 1435 Main Street, Cedar Park, Texas 78613. Displays will be available for viewing at 5 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

Currently, Old Highway 183 is a two-lane roadway parallel to Bell Boulevard (US 183), running generally north and south. Bell Boulevard would be realigned and relocated to the Old Highway 183 alignment and reconstructed to a four-lane divided roadway that would include a raised median with turn lanes at intersections and driveways. The project would also include lighting and pedestrian and bicycle paths. The project is 0.8 mile in length and would include grading, base, asphalt pavement, culverts, signing, and pavement markings.

The purpose of the Bell Boulevard (US 183) Realignment Project is to improve public safety within the corridor in a manner consistent with the Destination Bell Boulevard Master Plan. During the Destination Bell Boulevard Master Plan process, the public selected the separation of the through-traffic on realigned (east) Bell Boulevard and the commercial access traffic on what is the proposed west Bell Boulevard. This separation seeks to improve safety and accessibility for vehicles and pedestrians accessing the commercial corridor between Cedar Park Drive and south of Buttercup Creek Boulevard.

Additional right of way and easements are required and commercial displacements are anticipated. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the CoCP at the address listed below.

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA), maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Austin District Office located at 7901 N Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78753, (512) 832-7000, at the CoCP City Hall at 450 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park, Texas 78613, and online at <https://www.cedarparktexas.gov/departments/engineering/city-project-updates>. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing or submitted in person or by mail to the City of



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Cedar Park, c/o Emily Truman, P.E., 450 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park, Texas 78613. Comments must be received on or before March 8, 2019 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Emily Truman, P.E., City of Cedar Park Senior Engineer, (512) 401-5000 or BellBlvdRealignment@cedarparktexas.gov. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Emily Truman, City of Cedar Park Senior Engineer (512) 401-5000.

Project Location:

