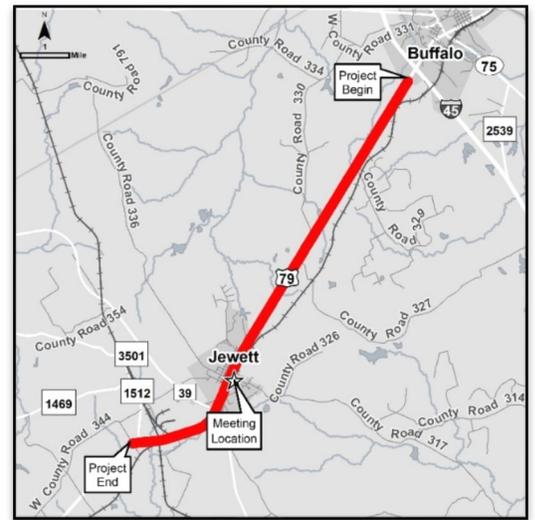


Open House Public Meeting US 79 Improvements

West of IH 45 (near Buffalo) to West of FM 1512 (near Jewett)
Leon County

Thursday, April 11, 2019
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Jewett Civic Center
111 N Robinson
Jewett, TX 75846



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is conducting a public meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Jewett Civic Center at 111 N Robinson in Jewett, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to receive input about the proposed widening of US 79 from west of IH 45 to west of FM 1512 in Leon County, Texas. The proposed project is expected to increase safety and mobility by widening from two lanes to four lanes and providing pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The meeting will be held in an open house format so the public can come and go at their convenience. Maps showing proposed preliminary alternatives will be on display and TxDOT staff will be available to discuss the project. No formal presentation is planned.

Currently US 79 is an undivided rural roadway with a 12-foot travel lane in each direction bounded by 10-foot paved shoulders and open ditches. The existing right of way (ROW) of US 79 is 100 feet wide. US 79 has entrance and exit ramps for the FM 39 intersection on the southwest side of Jewett. In Jewett, US 79 consist of two 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot outside shoulders and a 14-foot center turn lane. The project is approximately 10 miles long.

The majority of the proposed project would provide two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a grass median. The travel lanes would be bounded by 4-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulders. The proposed ROW on rural US 79 would be between 200-315 feet wide. There would be grade separations at railroads, including the NUCOR entrance. Entrance and exit ramps would provide access to NUCOR. The FM 39 bridge over US 79 would be replaced and the existing entrance and exit ramps would be removed and replaced with a single connection just northeast of the FM 39 crossing. In Jewett, the proposed project would provide two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 16-foot two-way center turn lane. It would include curb and gutter with a shared use path on one side and sidewalk on the other. The proposed section would be within the existing 100-foot ROW. A Jewett Relief Route Concept would be presented for consideration.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of ROW and the amount is being determined. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners may be obtained at the meeting and from the district office at the address listed below. Information about this project is also available on the TxDOT website at www.txdot.gov and Search: **US 79 Leon County**. Updated meeting displays will be available for viewing on the webpage after the public meeting.

Comments may be made at the meeting or in writing by Friday, April 26, 2019, to Mr. Doug Marino, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development at: TxDOT Bryan District, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803. E-mail comments may be sent to Ms. Allison Kurwitz, P.E. with the Bryan District Advance Planning Office at Allison.Kurwitz@txdot.gov.

Special accommodations: If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend this public meeting, please call the Bryan District at (979) 778-2165. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. Si desean información en español, puede llamar al (979) 778-9719.

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.