

Notice of Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

I-35 AND US 83 UPGRADES

I-35 from 2.7 miles north of Uniroyal Interchange to 1.2 miles north of US 83 Interchange and US 83 from I-35 to Los Botines Lane

US 83 from Los Botines Lane to 1 mile north of SH 255

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Webb County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing two projects to upgrade I-35 and US 83. The I-35 project would extend from 2.7 miles north of Uniroyal Interchange to 1.2 miles north of US 83 Interchange and include a segment of US 83 from the I-35 interchange to Los Botines Lane. The US 83 project would extend from Los Botines Lane to 1 mile north of SH 255. Both projects will take place in Webb County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed projects with an in-person option. **The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, April 30, 2026, by 5 p.m. and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-35 and US 83 Upgrades". If you do not have internet access, you may call Lianna Ybarra, project consultant, at 210-349-3273 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. The in-person option will be held in an open house format. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, from 5**

p.m. to 7 p.m. at Texas A&M International University, Zaffirini Success Center, Room 101, 5201 University Boulevard, Laredo, TX 78041.

I-35 is a major trade corridor linking the City of Laredo and the Port of Laredo to other parts of the United States and Canada, and US 83 is part of the Ports to Plains trade corridor and the starting location of the future I-27 interstate. These projects would upgrade the existing I-35 and US 83 roadways by adding additional travel lanes to both facilities.

I-35 Upgrades

The I-35 project has 5.1 miles of improvement that includes widening I-35 to three main lanes in each direction divided by a concrete traffic barrier and elevating the main lanes over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The existing I-35 railroad underpass would be filled in and raised to match existing ground. The existing two-way, two-lane frontage roads would be converted to one-way two-lane frontage roads, and the I-35/US 83 interchange would be relocated and redesigned to include two elevated one-lane Direct Connectors (DC) overpass bridges connecting southbound US 83 to the I-35 main lanes and northbound I-35 main lanes to US 83 northbound. This project will be constructed in phases with the I-35 main lanes, frontage roads and the north bound direct connector being constructed initially and the south bound direct connector being constructed at a future date.

US 83 Upgrades

On US 83, the proposed project would upgrade the existing US 83 roadway by converting it into a controlled access facility consisting of two main lanes in each direction with one-way frontage roads in preparation for it being designated as I-27. This project will be constructed in phases with the two-lane one-way frontage roads being constructed initially and the main lanes and intersection overpasses being constructed at a future date.

The proposed I-35 project would include approximately 226 acres of existing I-35 and US 83 right-of-way (ROW) and the proposed US 83 project would utilize approximately

123 acres of existing US 83 ROW. Additional ROW is proposed for both projects with the I-35 project requiring an additional 116 acres and the US 83 project requiring an additional 245 acres.

The goals of both projects are to alleviate traffic congestion and improve mobility and safety on these two routes.

The two proposed projects would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace 7 residences and 4 non-residential structures displacements associated with the US 83 project and one non-residential displacement on the I-35 project. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT Laredo District Office by contacting Gustavo Elizondo Jr., TxDOT ROW Project Manager, by calling 956-712-7462 or by emailing gustavo.elizondo@txdot.gov.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Laredo District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043, by contacting Chris Kloss, TxDOT Environmental Project Manager, by calling 956-712-7445 or by email at chris.kloss@txdot.gov.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option will be conducted in English, with Spanish materials available online and in-person. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Lianna Ybarra, project consultant, at 210-349-3273 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, April 27, 2026. Please be aware that advance notice is

required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to I-35 and US 83 Project Team, c/o Poznecki-Camarillo, LLC, 4801 NW Loop 410, Ste. 108, San Antonio, TX 78229. Written comments may also be submitted by email to chris.kloss@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 15, 2026. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-35 and US 83 Upgrades" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Chris Kloss, TxDOT Environmental Project Manager, by calling 956-712-7445 or by email at chris.kloss@txdot.gov.

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 July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.