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# Notice and Opportunity to Comment

## US 83-ZAPATA

**From 0.70-mile South of FM 2687 to 0.05-mile North of Lopeño Avenue**

**CSJ: 0038-05-041**

**ZAPATA County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen US 83 from the existing two-lane highway to a four lane, divided roadway, from 0.70-mile South of FM 2687 to 0.05 mile North of Lopeño Avenue in Zapata County, Texas. This notice is affording an opportunity to comment as part of the environmental review process for this project. If you are a property owner, you are receiving this notice because records indicate that you own property that (1) would be acquired (in part or in whole) for this project, or (2) is adjacent to the project. This notice and opportunity to comment is also being provided to affected local governments and public officials.

The proposed improvements would include divided and undivided sections of US 83. The total project length is approximately 4.05 miles and includes portions of US 83 that extend through the community of Lopeño, Texas. The purpose of the improvements is to add capacity, improve mobility, and increase safety. The US 83 divided sections would accommodate separate roadbeds for the northbound and southbound lanes of traffic. All divided sections would include two, 12-foot-wide travel lanes, 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders in both directions. Median widths would vary. Crossovers would provide access between the divided roadways throughout the project area. All US 83 undivided sections would provide four 12-foot wide travel lanes with 16 feet wide continuous left turn lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders. The proposed right-of-way in this area varies between 250 feet and 300 feet wide.

The original ROW footprint of 300-feet was proposed to accommodate future interstate facility along the US 83 Zapata corridor. Due to the size of the corridor, project was divided into phases for construction. In preparation to construction, it was identified that segment (limits) conflicted with one of the property owners. The designer investigated design options to minimize impact to one of the properties. The areas of taking will not impact structures.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office project manager.

Any environmental documentation or studies, 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 the TxDOT Pharr district office, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas, 78577 and (956)-702-6102. Project materials are also available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) search keyword "US 83 Zapata"

The project materials are written in English. 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

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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 an accommodation to review the project materials or submit information, please contact Norma Robledo, Public Involvement Specialist, TxDOT Pharr District Office at (956)-702-6161 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the project materials or submit information. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

*Los materiales del proyecto están escritos en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para revisar los materiales o enviar información, por favor póngase en contacto con Norma Robledo, Especialista en Participación Pública de TxDOT al (956) 702-6161 a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, al menos tres días hábiles antes de la fecha en la que desea revisar los materiales del proyecto o enviar información. Por favor tenga cuenta que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.*

Written comments regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Edward Paradise, Environmental Planner at TxDOT Pharr District Office, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577 or by email to Edward.Paradise@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Thursday, October 30, 2025.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project, please contact TxDOT Project Manager, Ana Pruneda at (956)-702-6139 or by email at Ana.Pruneda@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.

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