



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting and In-Person Open House
FM 1423 (Val Verde Road)
From SH 107 to BU 83
CSJs: 1427-01-032, 1427-01-037, and 1427-01-033
Hidalgo County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to reconstruct and expand FM 1423 from two to four or six lanes, as well as install curb and gutter sections and continuous center left-turn lanes/raised medians in Hidalgo County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project 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 February 14, 2023, at 5 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to TxDOT.gov and search the keywords "FM 1423 Val Verde Rd".

If you do not have internet access, you may call the project manager at (956) 702-6344 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 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. 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 from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at D. Singleterry Elementary School, located at 9113 N. Val Verde Rd., Donna TX.**

TxDOT proposes reconstruction and expansion of FM 1423 (Val Verde Road) from SH 107 to US 83 Business. From SH 107 to Minnesota Road (1427-01-032), the proposed project would reconstruct and expand the roadway from two to four lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane, add bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and add curb-and-gutter. From Minnesota Road to I-2 (1427-01-037), the proposed project would reconstruct and expand the roadway from two to six lanes, add left-turn lanes and a raised median, widen outside shoulders from approximately 100 feet north of FM 495 to Minnesota Road, and add bicycle and pedestrian facilities. From I-2 to US 83 Business (1427-01-033), the proposed project would reconstruct and expand the roadway from two to four lanes, add two six-foot bicycle lanes, and add sidewalks. This project is approximately 8.4 miles in length and proposes approximately 59.5 acres of new right of way (ROW), including ROW expansion from an existing width of 80-120 feet to 150 feet from I-2 to SH 107, while the existing 80-foot ROW width from I-2 to US 83 Business would be maintained. The project corridor extends from the San Carlos community through a rural section to the Donna community.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), environmental constraints are being considered and the proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace 23 residences and 14 non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. 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 right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below.



The proposed project would require ROW adjacent to the Patricia S. Garza Elementary School recreational field. The school is located at 8801 W Alberta Rd, Donna, TX 78537, and recreational fields with soccer goals borders FM 1423 on the east side of the campus. Approximately 0.33 acres of right of way acquisition is proposed at this location. TxDOT anticipates making a *de minimis* determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the Patricia S. Garza Elementary School recreational field may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

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 by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Pharr District Office, located at 600 W. I-2, Pharr, TX 78577. Project materials are also available online at TxDOT.gov and search the keywords "FM 1423 Val Verde Rd". These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively, 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 an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Norma Robledo, TxDOT Pharr District, at (956) 702-6161 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday, February 10, 2023. 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 the TxDOT Pharr District Office, 600 W. I-2, Pharr, TX 78577. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Nolan.Nicolas@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at TxDOT.gov and search the keywords "FM 1423 Val Verde Rd" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Francisco Chapa at (956) 702-6344 or by email at Francisco.Chapa@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 December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.