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From I-69E to FM 1847
CSJ: 2717-01-027
Cameron County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to redesign FM 3248 from I-69E to FM 1847 from the existing five lanes to six lanes with a raised median with pedestrian and bike facilities in Cameron 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 public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov enter keyword search "FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.)" at the date and time indicated above. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call Isaac Garza, P.E. at (956) 702-6248 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT provides 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 virtual 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 Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Brownsville Events Center at 1 Events Center Blvd., Brownsville, TX, 78526.**

TxDOT is proposing to redesign FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.) from I-69E to FM 1847 from an existing five-lane roadway with a continuous left turn lane to a six-lane roadway with a raised median and a 10-foot-wide shared use path in each direction in Cameron County. The existing FM 3248 right of way (ROW) width is 120 feet wide throughout the length of the project. The proposed new ROW width would be 140 feet. The purpose of the proposed FM 3248 project is to reduce congestion and improve mobility and safety.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace three residences and five 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 by calling Ramon Jimenez at (956) 702-6287.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following property: the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Hike and Bike Trail, which is protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. The proposed project would potentially impact approximately 0.05 acre of trail and associated parking. The portion of the trail within the proposed ROW would be reconstructed to connect to the project's proposed shared use path. TxDOT anticipates making a *de minimis* determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comments on the effects of the proposed project to



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the activities, features, or attributes of the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Hike and Bike Trail may be submitted as described below.

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 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Pharr District Office. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov enter keyword search "FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.)" 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 is not your primary language or 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 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 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, by phone at (956) 702-6161. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodation 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. Interstate 2, Pharr, TX 78577. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jorge.Espinoza@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov enter keyword search "FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.)" 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 Isaac Garza, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, by phone at (956) 702-6248 and/or by e-mail at Isaac.Garza@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.