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# FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.) Public Hearing

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Limits: I 69E to FM 1847

County: Cameron County

District: Pharr

Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation (or TxDOT) Pharr District's Public Hearing for the FM 3248 project from I-69E to FM 1847. My name is Kaylyn Atanacio, and I am a part of the consultant team working on this project on behalf of TxDOT. I would like to welcome and thank you for participating in this public hearing.

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**#EndTheStreakTX**  
End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

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November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for over two decades, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family.

## Project Overview

- **Project Name**
  - FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.)
- **Limits:**
  - I-69E to FM 1847
- **Project Length**
  - Approx. 2.1 miles
- **County:**
  - Cameron




TxDOT is proposing improvements for the section of FM 3248 between I-69E and FM 1847 in Cameron County to improve mobility and safety. The total project length is approximately 2.1 miles. The Brownsville Historic Battlefield Hike and Bike trail intersects the project area just under a quarter-mile from the eastern project limit, which is the focus of this hearing.

## Project Updates

- Public meeting held in February 2024
- Final Schematic and Environmental studies are in progress and expected to be completed by October 2025

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A public meeting was held in February 2024, and public comments received during that meeting were considered and incorporated into the project design. The public meeting summary and responses to comment can be found on the TxDOT website. The engineering design and environmental studies for the proposed project are nearing completion and the project is expected to obtain environmental clearance this fall.



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## Why are we here?

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26**
  - Protects any public land designated and used as a park, recreation area, scientific area, wildlife refuge, or historic site. The lead agency must consider local preferences regarding the property as stated during a public hearing.
  - For this project, this applies to the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Hike and Bike Trail as a recreation area.
- U.S. Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f)**
  - Protects publicly owned and accessible parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges and historic sites, regardless of ownership and accessibility.
  - For this project, this applies to the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Hike and Bike Trail as a recreation area.
  - Impacts to the trail are anticipated to be a *de minimis* use of the property under Section 4(f).
- National Environmental Policy Act**
  - 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.
  - Chapter 26 and Section 4(f) analyses are conducted as part of the NEPA process.

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The proposed design is subject to Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 due to proposed right-of-way takings from a designated public property (i.e. the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Hike and Bike Trail, a public recreational trail). The purpose of this hearing is to allow public the opportunity to review the proposed project in relation to the trail and provide comments.

The trail would be realigned to continue its current function and cross the proposed wider roadway. The realignment of trail property would not affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the trail for protection under Section 4(f) and therefore intends to make a *de minimis* impact determination under 23 CFR 774.3(b).

Analysis of impacts under Chapter 26 and Section 4(f) is conducted as part of the environmental process, which is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. TxDOT is acting as the lead federal agency for the project under NEPA on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, per a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

## What are potential trail impacts?

- Impact to approximately 0.05 acres (22 feet) of the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Hike and Bike Trail, and two parking spaces (one is ADA accessible)



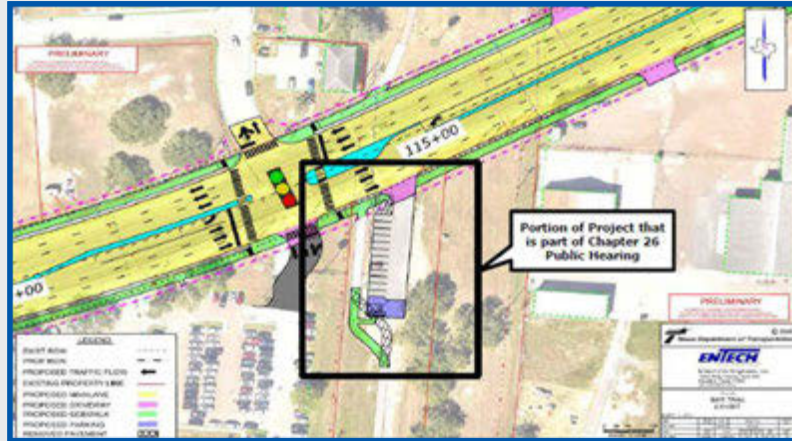
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The photo at the top of this slide shows the area of the trail and the associated parking lot that would be impacted, and the exhibit at the bottom shows the proposed roadway in relation to the trail. The proposed right-of-way would include approximately 22 feet of the trail and two parking spaces (including the handicap space).

## Efforts to minimize impacts

- Replace two new parking spaces (one ADA compliant) and ramp
- Realign trail


This exhibit can be viewed on the TxDOT website, keyword search: "FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.)"







To minimize these impacts, the proposed project would realign the trail and connect it to the proposed shared use path to maintain the functionality of the trail. This includes retaining the crosswalk across FM 3248. The project team is also proposing to replace the impacted parking spaces with two new spaces at the other end of the parking lot, one of which would include ADA-compliant spacing and a ramp. This exhibit and the project schematic are available for further review on the TxDOT website using the keyword search shown on the slide, and has been provided to the City of Brownsville, which owns the trail and this parking lot.



As discussed earlier, the environmental studies for the proposed project are close to completion and environmental clearance is anticipated this fall. From there, the detailed engineering design would be completed, and the proposed project is anticipated to be ready for construction in early 2029.

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## Public Comment Process

 <b>In-Person</b>	 <b>Online</b>	 <b>Email</b>	 <b>Mail-in Comments</b>
Fill out a comment card at the in-person public hearing	<a href="http://www.txdot.gov">www.txdot.gov</a> and search "FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.)"	Jorge.Espinoza@txdot.gov	Fill out a comment card and mail to: TxDOT Pharr District Office 600 W. Interstate 2 Pharr, TX 78577

While comments are always welcome, they must be received or postmarked by **Wednesday, August 20, 2025**, to be included in the official documentation.

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Comments can be submitted by the following methods:

- Filling out a comment card at this hearing,
- Submitting your comment online by visiting [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and searching "FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.)",
- Emailing your comment to [Jorge.Espinoza@txdot.gov](mailto:Jorge.Espinoza@txdot.gov), or by
- Mailing your comments to the TxDOT Pharr District at the address shown on the slide.

While comments are always welcome, they must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, August 20, 2025, to be included in the official hearing documentation. Responses to written comments received during the comment period will be included in the Public Hearing Summary report that will be posted on the TxDOT website when completed.

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All information regarding the project can be found on the project webpage and can be accessed by going to [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and entering the keyword search "FM 3248 (E. Alton Gloor Blvd.)".

If you have any further comments, questions, or concerns regarding the project, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Isaac Garza; or Roger Gonzalez or Yuki Williams from Entech, who are the lead engineering consultants for the project.

Thank you for your time and interest in the FM 3248 project.