The banner features a collage of images at the top showing people at a meeting. The main text is in blue and white. The Texas Department of Transportation logo is in the top left. The title is 'Mile 6 West From Mile 11 to SH 107 Virtual Public Meeting'. The date is 'November 3, 2020'. The contact numbers are 'CSJs: 0921-02-168, 286, 355, 447, & 448'. A small disclaimer is at the bottom.

**Mile 6 West
From Mile 11 to SH 107**

Virtual Public Meeting

November 3, 2020

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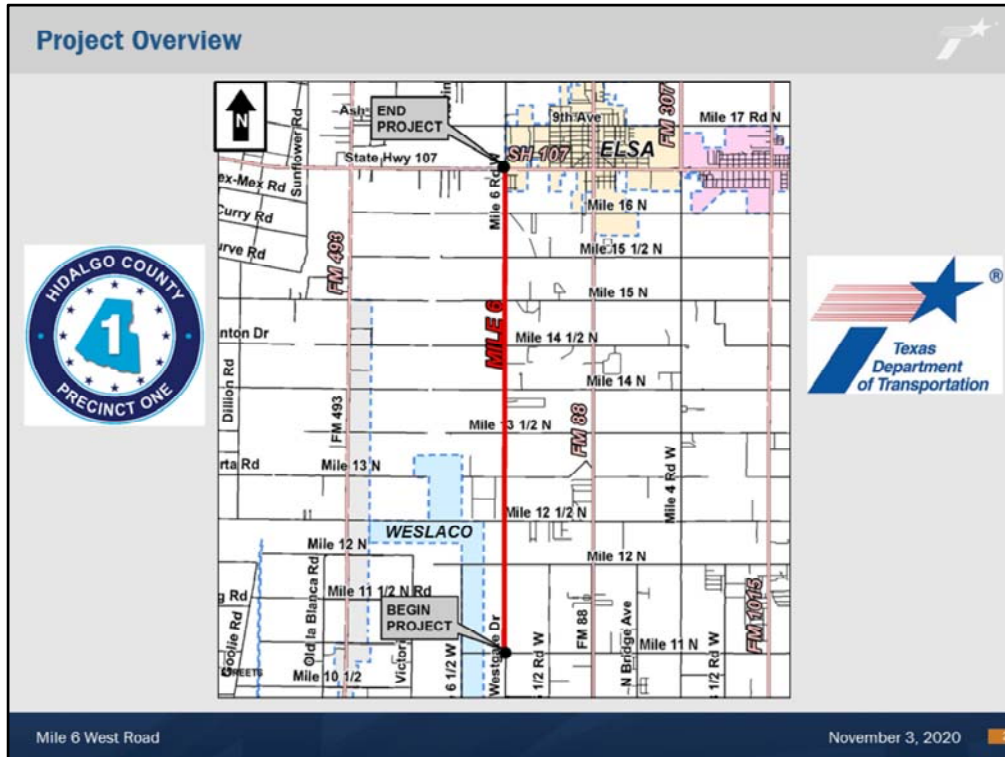
The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Welcome to the Mile 6 West pre-recorded virtual public meeting video, on November 3, 2020. We appreciate you taking the time to view the details of this project.

Feel free to contact our project team if you have any questions and/or would like provide your comments. Contact information and details on how to submit comments will be provided at the end of this presentation. Comments must be received by November 18, 2020 to be included in the public meeting record.

During the presentation, you may pause the video and navigate forward or backward using your video player.

Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act or NEPA; however, on December 16, 2014 TxDOT assumed responsibility from FHWA for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA documents. This Memorandum of Understanding was renewed on December 9, 2019. This review and approval process applies to this project. TxDOT is the lead agency that will approve the environmental review of this project.

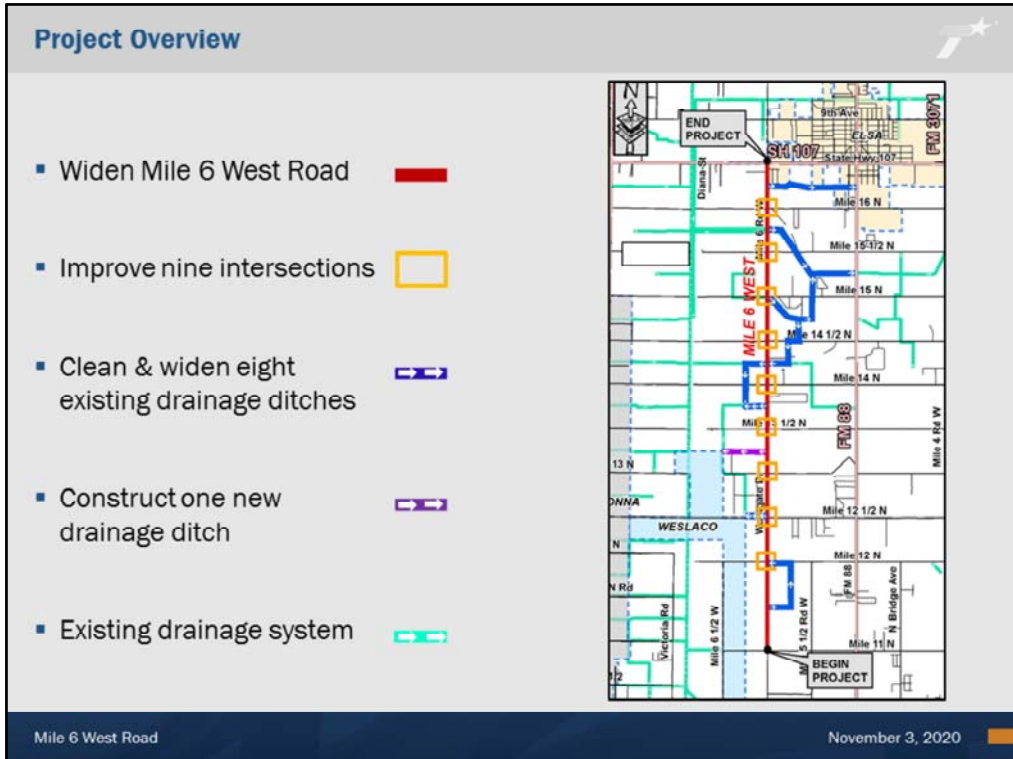


The Mile 6 West project is a local government-sponsored project developed by Hidalgo County Pct. #1, in cooperation with TxDOT, who has oversight responsibility.

The project is located within the boundaries of Hidalgo County, between the cities of Weslaco and Elsa. The map here depicts the general area of this project.


The project limits for the purposes of this virtual public meeting are from Mile 11 North Road to SH 107; a length of 5.18 miles.

Mile 6 West Road will transition for approximately 1,000 feet to its original condition north of SH 107 to ensure a safe connection.




The scope of the project would include:

- Widening Mile 6 West Road
- Improving 9 intersections
- Cleaning and widening 8 existing drainage ditches, and
- Constructing 1 new drainage ditch

Project History 


- FONSI received: December 2015
- Mile 9 to Mile 11: Under construction
- Previous Public Meetings
 - April 18, 2002
 - Feb. 19, 2003
 - Sept. 18, 2014
- Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing: May 2015
- Changes in Design: Virtual Public Meeting Nov. 3, 2020


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The project received a Finding of No Significant Impact or FONSI in December 2015 from Mile 9 to SH 107. This means that the project received environmental clearance. For construction purposes, the project was broken down within sections. The section from Mile 9 to Mile 11 is currently under construction.

As part of the environmental clearance, several public meetings were previously held and an opportunity for a public hearing was afforded.

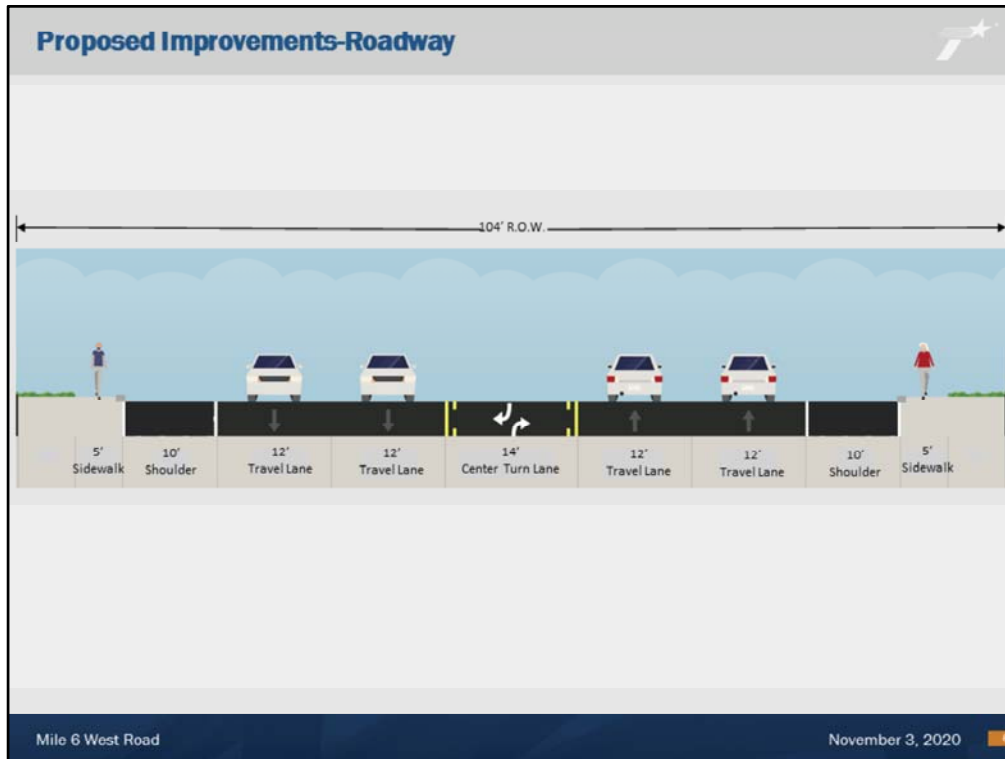
Because there have been changes to the design as originally presented at the previous public meetings, this virtual public meeting is being presented to notify the public of the changes and to receive comments for the section from Mile 11 to SH 107.

| Design Changes  | | | |
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| Item | Original | New Proposed | Notes |
| Roadway Type | Rural (roadside ditches) | Urban (storm drain system) | Will match existing Mile 6 to the south |
| Right of Way Width | 104-ft. | 104-ft. | No change |
| Roadway Width | 60-ft. | 82-ft. | Wider roadway |
| # of Travel Lanes | 4 | 4 | No change |
| Travel Lane Width | 11-ft. | 12-ft. | Wider travel lane |
| Shoulders | 8-ft. | 10-ft. | Wider shoulder |
| Center-Turn Lane | 16-ft. Only at intersections | 14-ft. Continuous throughout project | Added center-turn lane |
| Sidewalks | None | 6-ft. | Added sidewalks |
| Drainage Ditches | None | 9 | Clean & widen 8 existing ditches & construct 1 new ditch |
| Intersections | None | 9 | Provide left-turn lanes |

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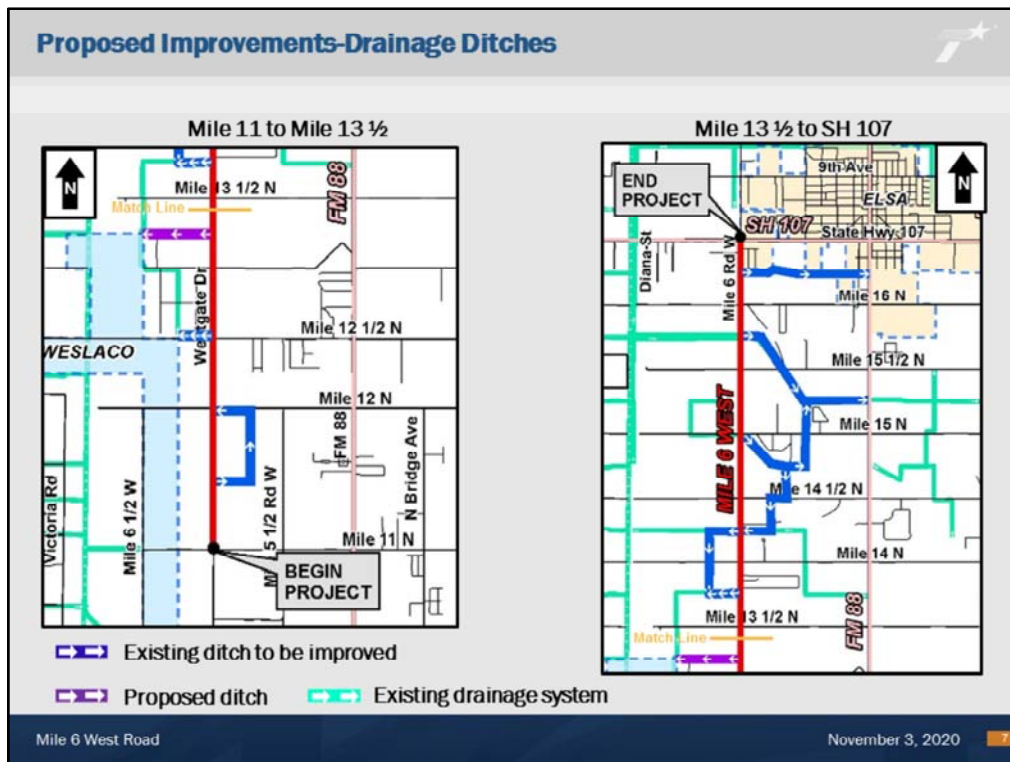
Based on further review and studies, changes to the project are as follows:

- Propose a four-lane, urban roadway with a center turning lane, shoulders and sidewalks within a 104-foot-wide right of way;
- The intersections would be improved to provide left-turn lanes; and
- Storm water runoff would be handled by cleaning and widening eight existing drainage ditches, and
- Constructing one new drainage ditch.



The proposed typical section would consist of four travel lanes, a continuous left-turn lane, shoulders and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway within a 104-foot-wide right of way.

Drainage would be provided by an underground storm drain system.



In consultation with Hidalgo County Drainage District #1, the project would include the cleaning and widening of eight existing drainage ditches and the construction of one new ditch to drain storm water runoff from the roadway.

Each drainage ditch would be widened between 50 to 138-foot-wide within a 150-foot-wide right of way.

A total of 53.2 acres of new right of way would be needed for the ditch improvements.

Proposed Improvements-Intersections

Intersections to be improved:

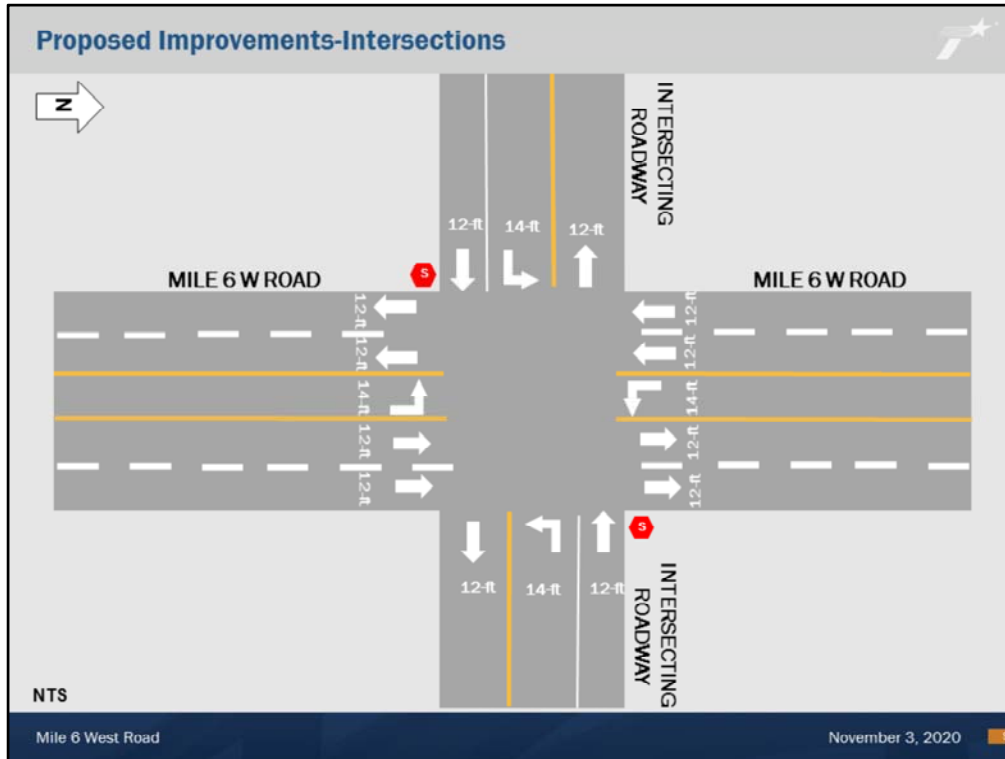
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- Mile 16
- Mile 14

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The project would include improvements to nine major four-way intersections between Mile 11 and SH 107, which are listed here on the screen.

A total of 4.9 acres of new right of way would be needed along the cross streets to improve the intersections.




The layout shown here is an example of a typical intersection improvement. It is proposed to include two through lanes and a center turn lane.

A flashing beacon is proposed at each intersection.

Project Summary 

- Reconstruct Mile 6 West Road
- Improve nine intersections
- Clean and widen eight existing drainage ditches and construct one new ditch
- 58.1 acres of new Right of Way
 - 4.9 acres for the intersections
 - 53.21 acres for the ditches
- One residential relocation and no business relocations anticipated
- No adverse impacts to Chapter 26 or Section 4(f) properties, floodplains, hazardous materials, wetlands, or waters of the U.S. anticipated

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In summary, the proposed improvements include:

- Reconstruct Mile 6 West Road,
- Add left-turn lanes at nine intersections,
- Clean and widen eight existing drainage ditches and
- Construct one new ditch.

These improvements require a total of 58.1 acres of new right of way.

- 4.9 acres for the intersections and
- 53.2 acres for the ditches

One residential relocation is anticipated, as mentioned in previous public meetings and there is no change. No business relocations are anticipated.

No adverse impacts to Chapter 26 or Section 4(f) properties, floodplains, hazardous materials, wetlands, or waters of the U.S. are anticipated.



The Mile 6 West Road project is listed in the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan and in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program; which means it is funded for right of way acquisition and construction; a total of approximately \$39 million.

After the 15-day comment period, which is November 18, 2020, the next step is to review and evaluate all the comments received and finalize the schematic for approval.

Project development will continue by finalizing the design and completing the necessary environmental review for the project; anticipating a decision by spring of 2021.

By then, the right of way map would be complete and Hidalgo County would begin acquiring the necessary right of way, with TxDOT oversight.



The project schematics for the roadway and outfalls, as well as presentation materials are available for viewing or download on the meeting webpages.

The schematics provide more details and specifics on the project such as, where proposed right of way is needed from your property.

A fact sheet packet is also available. This packet includes a project fact sheet and location map, Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Act, regarding right of way acquisition rights, and a comment form for your use.

How to Submit Comments

- Comments must be received or postmarked by Nov. 18, 2020
- Email: jorge.pena1@co.hidalgo.tx.us
- Mail: Hidalgo County Pct. #1
Attn: Jorge Peña
1902 Joe Stephens Ave., #101
Weslaco, TX 78596
- Fax: (956) 973-7844
- Voicemail: (956) 565-6458

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Hidalgo County Pct. #1 and TxDOT are committed to continuing efforts to gain public feedback on this project. Comments can be submitted by mail, email, fax, or voicemail.

The comment form can be downloaded or printed from the Hidalgo County Pct. #1 or TxDOT websites at:

- www.hidalgocounty.us/357/Commissioner-Pct-1 or
- www.txdot.gov using keyword “Mile 6 West”

Be sure to submit your comments by **November 18, 2020**, which is 15 days after the posting of this virtual public meeting.

Responses to comments received will be included in the Online Public Meeting Summary Report. This report will be posted on the County and TxDOT websites.

Quick Contacts 

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We encourage the public to stay informed. Should you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Hidalgo County Pct. #1 or TxDOT at the numbers provided.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you.



*Thank You for Your
Participation!*

