



Notice and Opportunity to Comment

NOLANA LOOP

From FM 493 to FM 88

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HIDALGO County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Hidalgo County Precinct (Pct.) 1 are proposing to widen, reconstruct and extend Nolana Loop from FM 493 to FM 88 in Hidalgo 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 purpose of this letter is to advise the property owners on changes that have occurred to the project since November 20, 2019 public hearing. The changes that have been made to the project are as follows:

- At Donna Landfill, just east of FM 493, the alignment is being shifted towards the north to take Right of Way (ROW) from the landfill up to the fence line to avoid taking property from homes on the south side of the roadway, east of the landfill. This eliminates six parcels and one residential relocation.
- Just east of Victoria Road, the alignment is being shifted south of the roadway thus eliminating three parcels. The shift will require additional ROW from property owners already being affected by the original proposal.
- Approximately ¼ mile west of Mile 6 West Road, the Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 (HCDD1) drainage ditch located on the north side of the roadway is being re-routed along the south side of the proposed roadway. The re-routing of the ditch will require additional ROW from property owners already affected by the original proposal.
- On the northeast quadrant of the Mile 6 West Road intersection, the alignment is being shifted south of the roadway to eliminate one parcel. The shift will require additional ROW from property owners already affected by the original proposal.
- On the east side of Mile 5 ½ West Road, the alignment is being shifted to avoid impacts to a gas monitoring well and taking property from the gas company. The HCDD1 culvert will be extended to accommodate the shift in the alignment. The shift will require additional ROW from property owners already affected by the original proposal.
- At the approach to FM 88, HCDD1 purchased land for their drainage ditch and has affected the originally proposed alignment; therefore, the alignment is being shifted south and will abut the HCDD1 drainage ditch. The shift will require additional ROW from property owners already affected by the original proposal.
- It was originally proposed to construct an 84-foot-wide roadway with four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, one 16-foot-wide continuous left turn lane, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, and six-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway within curb and gutter and 120-foot-wide ROW. The roadway and ROW width will remain the same; however, to accommodate a share-use path, a

five-foot-wide sidewalk is being proposed on one side of the road and a 12-foot-wide shared-use path on the other side.

- Originally the alignment affected 43 parcels totaling 34.09 acres. The changes will affect 32 parcels totaling 37.41 acres. Within these limits, there was the potential to relocate four businesses/residences. The changes reduce the number of potential relocations to three.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace three residences and one 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 Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Offices, 1902 Joe Stephens Ave., Ste. 101, Weslaco, TX 78596 or by calling (956) 968-8733.

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 address and phone number provided above. Project materials are also available online at www.hidalgocounty.us or www.txdot.gov (keyword Nolana Loop from FM 1426 to FM 88).

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 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 Mr. David Suarez RPIC, Hidalgo County Pct. 1 by email at david.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us or by phone at (956) 968-8733, 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 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 Mr. David Suarez, RPIC, Hidalgo County Pct. 1 por correo electrónico a david.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us o por teléfono a (956) 968-8733, 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 sepa que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para organizar.

Written comments regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Offices, 1902 Joe Stephens Ave., Ste. 101, Weslaco, TX 78596 or by email to david.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us. All comments must be received on or before February 28, 2025.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project, please contact Mr. Damien Tijerina, P.E., Project Manager with L&G Engineering at (956) 585-1909.

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.