



## Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

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**SL 499**  
**From FM 106 to IH 69E**  
**CSJs: 1137-01-029 and 1137-02-038**  
**Cameron County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Pharr District is proposing to reconstruct and widen State Loop (SL) 499 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 106 to Interstate Highway (IH) 69E 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 meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5 p.m. and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search keyword "SL 499." If you do not have internet access, you may call Isaac Garza, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager at 956-702-6248 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. The in-person option will be held in an open house format. 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, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Treasure Hills Elementary Cafeteria, 2525 Haine Dr, Harlingen, TX 78550.**

The proposed SL 499 project extends approximately 2.35 miles from FM 106 to IH 69E. The improvements consist of reconstructing and widening the existing roadway to add lane capacity, install a raised median, add bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and improve the bridge crossing the Arroyo Colorado. The existing SL 499 is a six-lane and four-lane principal arterial roadway providing mobility and access to residences, businesses and schools, and linking the roadway network to other urban areas.

The proposed project, subject to final design considerations, would require additional right-of-way and potentially displace no residences. One non-residential structure is anticipated to be displaced at this time. 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, Jr., ROW Project Delivery Manager at 956-702-6287.

The proposed project could impact the Arroyo Colorado Floodway, which would be protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Potential project impacts have not been determined at this time.

The proposed project could involve construction in wetlands. Potential project impacts have not been determined at this time.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

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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 the TxDOT Pharr District Office, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, TX 78577. Project materials are also available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search keyword "SL 499." 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 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 attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Norma Robledo, Public Involvement Specialist, TxDOT Pharr District Office, at 956-702-6161 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, September 4, 2025. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

*El reunión pública virtual con opción presencial se llevará a cabo 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 usted es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para asistir a y participar en reunión pública virtual con opción presencial por favor póngase en contacto con Norma Robledo, Especialista en Participación Pública, TxDOT Distrito de Pharr, al número 956-702-6161 a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, Jueves, 4 de septiembre de 2025. Por favor tenga en cuenta que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.*

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 [Cynthia.Gonzales@txdot.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Gonzales@txdot.gov). All comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search keyword "SL 499" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Isaac Garza, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager at 956-702-6248.

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.

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