

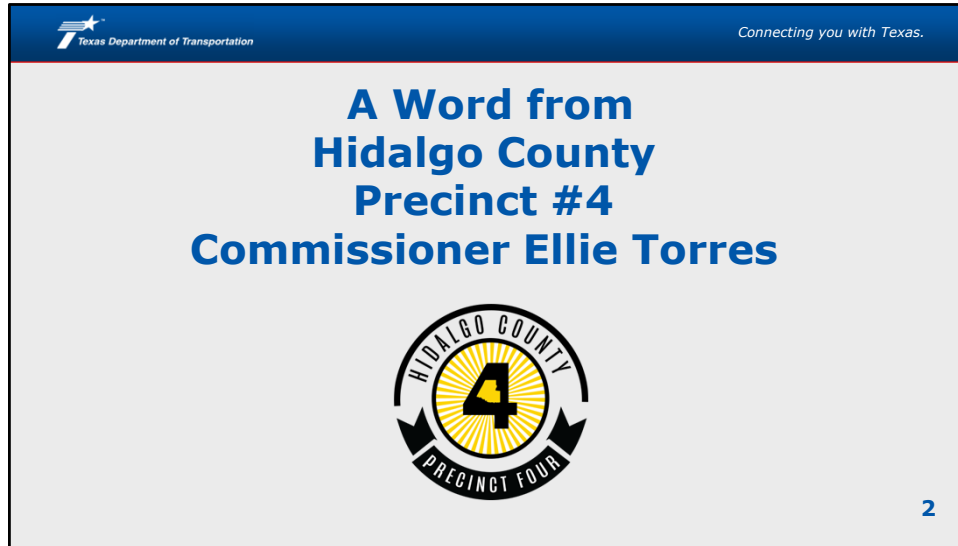
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Welcome to the pre-recorded virtual public meeting for the Trenton Road project. Thank you for taking the time to view this virtual presentation that was shared with the public on Oct. 16, 2024. During this virtual meeting, you may pause the presentation at any time to take more time to view the slides.

Hidalgo County Precinct (Pct.) #4, in participation with the City of Edinburg and in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (or TxDOT), is proposing to widen and reconstruct Trenton Road from Interstate 69C to FM 907 (or North Alamo Rd.).

Trenton Road is a local roadway project that would be constructed using state and federal funds; therefore, TxDOT has oversight responsibility.

Now a few words from your Hidalgo County Precinct #4 Commissioner Ellie Torres.




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Hello, I'm Ellie Torres, your Hidalgo County Commissioner for Precinct 4. Today, I want to talk to you about an exciting and essential project: the east Trenton Road Project, developed in collaboration with the City of Edinburg and TxDOT.

Trenton Road is one of our busiest streets, and as our community continues to grow, it's clear that we need to address the traffic operational deficiencies we're currently facing from Interstate 69C east to FM 907, also known as Alamo Road.

The goal of this project is to reduce congestion, enhance mobility and connectivity, and improve safety for everyone: vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists alike. We know that a safe and efficient roadway is vital for our daily lives. This project aims to create a roadway that works for all of us. However, we cannot do this alone. Your feedback is crucial. We want to ensure that the improvements we make truly reflect the needs of our community.

Thank you for participating in this meeting. Your insights will help shape the future of Trenton Road and make it a safer, more efficient route for everyone.

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Access to Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

This public meeting is being offered Virtually and In-Person

The Virtual Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. and can be accessed by visiting the following websites:

- <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/359/Commissioner-Pct-4>
- www.txdot.gov (keyword: Trenton Road Widening Project)

In-Person Public Meeting will be held:

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024
from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
at De Escandon Elementary School Gymnasium
1100 E. Trenton Rd.
Edinburg, Texas

Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing online until Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 at 5 p.m.

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The In-Person public meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at De Escandon Elementary School Gymnasium located at 1100 E. Trenton Rd., Edinburg, Texas.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Memorandum of Understanding NEPA Assignment to TxDOT

The environmental review, consultation, and other federal actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project 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.

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The proposed project is programmed with both state and federal funds; therefore, TxDOT is required to assess the potential environmental effects of the proposed project in accordance with federal standards.

The name of this federal process is known as the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. The NEPA process provides analyses of potential impacts to the natural and manmade environment. The purpose of this process is to aid the decision maker in making an informed determination on whether to proceed with the project.

On December 9, 2019, TxDOT received a signed Memorandum of Understanding from the Federal Highway Administration that permits TxDOT to assume responsibility from the Federal Highway Administration for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA projects. The review and approval process applies to this project.



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November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for over 23 years, 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.

Meeting Agenda

- 1 | Project Overview
- 2 | Existing Roadway
- 3 | Project Need and Purpose
- 4 | Alternatives Analysis
- 5 | Proposed Roadway
- 6 | Environmental Studies
- 7 | ROW Acquisition Process and Project Schedule
- 8 | How to Submit Comments

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During the course of this presentation, I will provide:

- An overview of the project
- A description of the existing roadway
- The project's need and purpose
- The alternatives considered
- A description of the proposed roadway
- Environmental studies
- The right of way acquisition process
- The anticipated project schedule
- And then I will explain the public comment process, which is different than the in-person meeting.
- I will also provide you with contact information should you have additional questions or need more information on the project.

Purpose of the Public Meeting

- Encourage and maintain effective communication with the public

- Provide information on the project
 - What is proposed
 - Why improvements are being proposed
 - The various alternatives reviewed and studies in progress
 - When the project may occur

- Important step in the environmental process that allows members of the public to engage in shared learning, express opinions, and provide comments on the proposed improvements

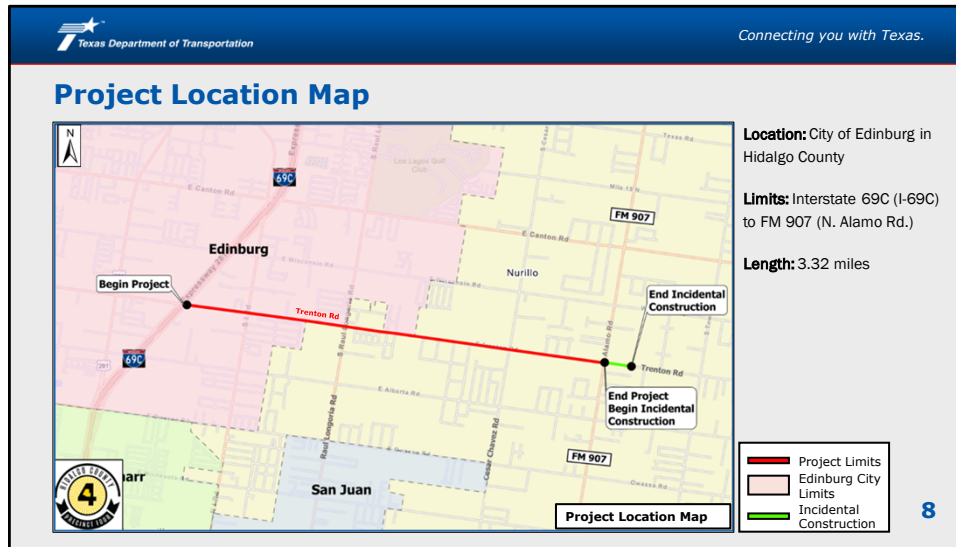
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The purpose of this public meeting is to encourage and maintain effective communication with the public and provide project-specific information as it relates to the Trenton Rd. project in the City of Edinburg and Hidalgo County.

Your input is an important part of this process; therefore, we encourage you to provide comments on this project.

Your continued participation throughout the planning and development of this project is very important.



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Trenton Road is located partially in the city limits of Edinburg with the remainder in Hidalgo County, Texas. The map on the screen depicts the general area of this project.


The project limits extend from Interstate 69C to FM 907 (or North Alamo Road); a length of 3.32 miles.

The proposed improvements include:

- Widening and reconstructing the existing road
- Providing a shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrians,
- Providing a sidewalk for pedestrians,
- Widening and reconstruction an existing bridge over the drainage ditch.
- Intersection improvements at Veterans Blvd., Raul Longoria Rd., Cesar Chavez Rd. and FM 907.

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Existing Roadway



Viewing west on Trenton Rd., near Friday St.
The existing rural road is
two-lanes within an 80 to 120-foot-wide right of way.

Trenton Rd. Traffic Data

FROM	TO	2034 ADT	2054 ADT
I-69	FM 907	14,600	19,500

*ADT-Average Daily Traffic TP&P Data, 2024

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The existing 22-foot rural roadway consists of two 11-foot-wide travel lanes within an existing varying 40 to 120-foot-wide right-of-way. Drainage is handled by roadside ditches.

A Traffic Projection Report was completed in 2024 for this project. Based on the analysis, Trenton Rd. is estimated to have an average total of 14,600 vehicles per day in 2034, with a projected increase to 19,500 in the next 20 years.

Need and Purpose

Need

What problems are we trying to address?

- Traffic operational deficiencies
- Does not meet current design standards
- Lack of turning lanes
- Lack of pedestrian and cyclist accommodations

Purpose

What are we trying to do?

- Improve mobility
- Improve safety
- Reduce congestion
- Provide pedestrian and cyclist accommodations

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Traffic operational deficiencies, as well as deterioration of the existing roadway conditions result in reduced mobility and safety. The existing roadway cannot accommodate the existing and projected traffic volumes and has traffic congestion.

The existing road does not meet current design standards due to lack of turning lanes and adequate barriers on the existing bridge. Vehicles turning into existing residences, businesses, or schools must slow or stop in the travel lane, leading to unsafe turning movements and congestion.

The existing project area does not contain accommodation for pedestrians or cyclists despite the presence of a school, daycare, park, and residences within the project limits.

The project is being developed to improve mobility and safety, reduce congestion, and provide pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations. The roadway and bridge will be brought up to current TxDOT design standards as part of the proposed project.

Alternatives Analysis

	Unit of Measure	No Build	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
		No Build	South	North	Best Fit
Meets Need and Purpose	Yes/No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional Right of Way Required	Acre	0	7.98	8.66	8.16
Affected Parcels	Number	0	65	67	69
Potential Displacements	Number	0	11	8	3
Impacts to School/Park	Yes/No	No	Yes	No	No
Preferred Alternative	Yes/No	No	No	No	Yes

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A draft alternatives analysis was completed as part of a project feasibility study. As part of the analysis, the no-build alternative and three preliminary alternatives were studied and considered. Criteria used in the evaluation of the alternatives considered impacts to the human and natural environment.

The alternatives are summarized on the table shown here.

The No-Build is required for consideration during the environmental study and is carried forward as a baseline for comparison. Under the No-Build Alternative:

- The existing roadway would not be reconstructed or widened.
- The existing conditions of the roadway would remain the same.
- No improvements would be made to improve mobility or safety, or reduce congestion.
- No accommodations for pedestrians or cyclists would be provided.

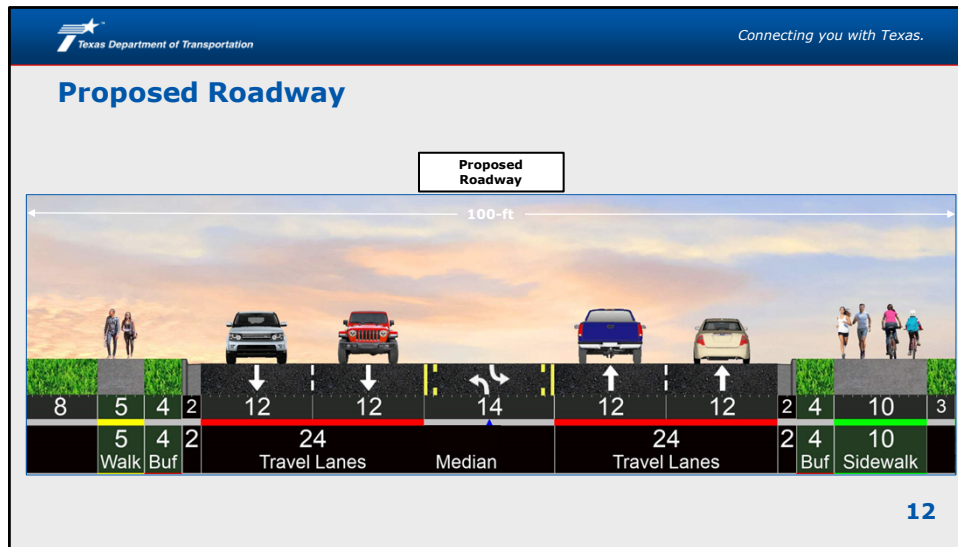
The No-Build Alternative is not recommended because it would not meet the need and purpose of the project.

Alternative 1 would take all required right of way from the south side of the existing roadway. This alternative would impact 65 parcels, require 7.98 acres of new right of way, and require 11 potential displacements. This alternative would also impact both the De Escandon Elementary School and Park.

Alternative 2 would take all required right of way from the north side of the existing roadway. This alternative would impact 67 parcels, require 8.66 acres of right of way, and require eight potential displacements.

Alternative 3 would acquire the necessary right of way in a best fit situation. This alternative would impact 69 parcels, require 8.16 acres of new right of way, and would require three potential displacements.

All three alternatives meet the need and purpose of the project; however, Alternative 3 was selected as the preferred alternative since it would require the fewest potential displacements and would not impact the school or park properties.



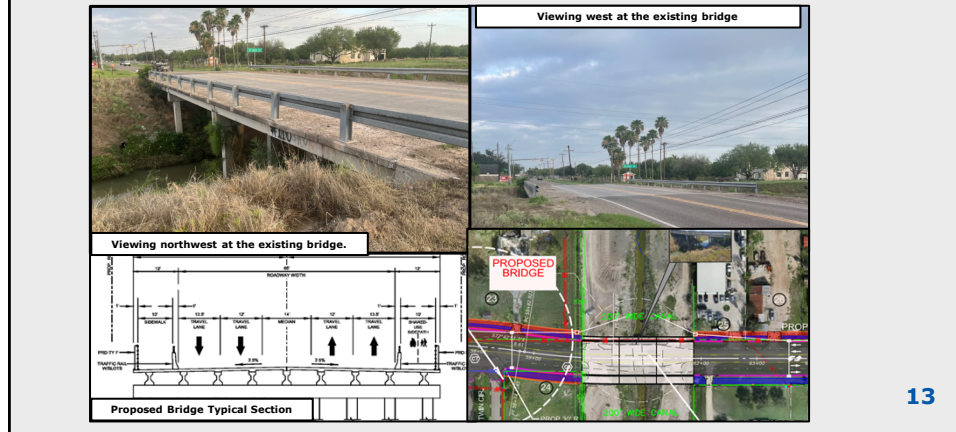
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The proposed roadway would consist of:

- Four 12-foot-wide travel lanes,
- A 14-foot-wide continuous left turn lane,
- A 10-foot-wide shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrians on one side of the roadway, and
- A 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the opposite side of the roadway,
- In a proposed 100-foot-wide right of way.

Drainage would be provided by a storm drain system.

Existing Bridge Improvements-PSJA Lateral



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An existing bridge is located approximately 0.3 miles west of Raul Longoria Rd. and crosses Hidalgo County Drainage District #1's PSJA Lateral drainage ditch.

The existing bridge would be reconstructed and widened from 40-foot-wide to 89-foot-wide to accommodate the proposed typical section.

The bridge section would consist of:

- Two 12-foot travel lanes,
- Two 13.5-foot travel lanes,
- A 14-foot median, and
- A 14-foot shared use path, on both sides of the roadway
- Within a proposed 100-foot right-of-way.



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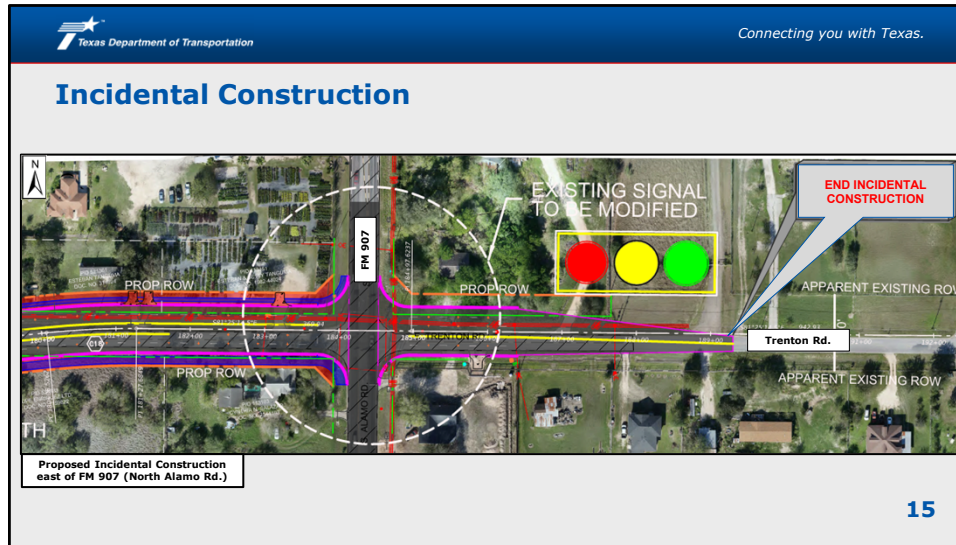
Four intersections would be improved as part of the proposed project:

- Raul Longoria Rd.
- Cesar Chavez Rd.
- Veterans Blvd.
- FM 907(North Alamo Rd.)

The improvements would include providing right or left turn lanes at the intersection and an overlay.

No additional right-of-way would be required along the north-south portions of the roadways to accommodate the improvements.

Traffic signal warrants will be run at all intersections to determine the need for or upgrade of traffic signals.



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Approximately 440-feet of incidental construction would occur east of FM 907 (North Alamo Rd.).

The purpose of this construction is to ensure a safe roadway transition back to two lanes east of FM 907 (North Alamo Rd.).

Environmental Studies

- Technical Reports will be prepared:
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Cultural Resources
 - Historical
 - Archeological
 - Water Resources
 - Biological Resources
 - Community Impacts Analysis
 - Traffic Noise Analysis

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (or NEPA), various environmental studies would be completed on the proposed project.

These studies would include the review of:

- Hazardous Materials,
- Cultural Resources, which includes Historical and Archeological Resources,
- Water Resources,
- Biological Resources,
- Community Impacts Analysis, and
- Traffic Noise Analysis

The results of these studies will be available once the analyses are completed.

Right-of-Way Acquisition

- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970 (Uniform Act)
 - Title II
 - Title III

- Downloadable Right-of-Way Brochures are available:
 - <http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/forms-publications/publications/landowner-rights.html>
 - <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/359/Commissioner-Pct-4>

- Information about the benefits, services, and Right-Of-Way acquisition schedule can be obtained by calling the Hidalgo County Pct. #4 office at (956) 383-3112

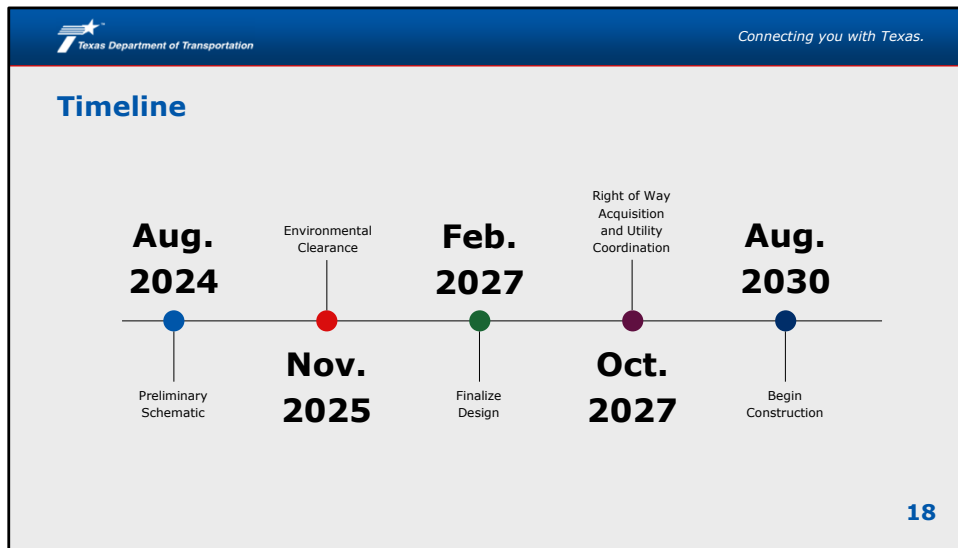
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The Right-of-Way Acquisition Process will follow federal and state laws and policies. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policy Act of 1970, known as the Uniform Act, is the federal law that is followed for appraisals, negotiations and relocation of families and/or businesses. Hard copies of the Right of Way Brochures and Property Owner's Bill of Rights will be available at the Right of Way table at the In-Person public meeting and are also available at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/forms-publications/publications/landowner-rights.html and <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/359/Commissioner-Pct-4>.

Hidalgo County Pct. #4 is the agency responsible for acquiring the additional right of way from the individual property owners for the project. TxDOT will ensure that the Local Public Agency acquires all real property in accordance with the provisions of Title III of the Uniform Act and its associated federal regulations (49 CFR Part 24). All negotiations for right of way conducted are subject to this law and these regulations. Relocation booklets, which provide a general overview of the Relocation Assistance Program and outlines the services offered and any payments for which displaced individuals, families, business and non-profit organizations may be eligible to receive are available for download on the TxDOT and Hidalgo County Pct. #4 websites at the addresses listed.

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The preliminary engineering and right-of-way for the project is listed in the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan and in the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program in fiscal year 2026. The project is currently listed for construction in 2030. The project currently has a total of \$14.4 million in federal funding assigned for construction.

The next step in project development is to review and evaluate comments received during the comment period and finalize the schematic for approval by TxDOT.

Once the design has been finalized, environmental clearance is anticipated in Nov. 2025.

Upon receipt of environmental clearance, the right-of-way map would be completed and Hidalgo County Pct. #4 would begin by acquiring the necessary right of way.

The project is anticipated to receive bids for construction in fiscal year 2030; however, the project may be moved forward if it achieves shovel-ready status.

How to Submit Comments

Your comments are welcomed and can be submitted in the following ways:

- At the In Person Public Meeting: Leave in comment box here tonight
- Email: Velinda.reyes@co.hidalgo.tx.us
- Mail: Hidalgo County Pct. #4
Attn: Velinda Reyes
1051 N. Doolittle Rd.
Edinburg, TX 78542

To be included in the official transcript, comments must be received or postmarked by **Nov. 1, 2024**

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Hidalgo County Pct. #4, the City of Edinburg, and TxDOT are committed to continuing efforts to gain public feedback on this project. We understand that the comment process is slightly different on this virtual public meeting; therefore, we will take a moment to discuss the submittal process.

The comment form can be downloaded or printed from the TxDOT or Hidalgo County Pct. #4 websites at:

- www.txdot.gov (**keyword: Trenton Road Widening Project**) or
- <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/359/Commissioner-Pct-4>.

TxDOT and Hidalgo County Pct. #4 are asking the public to provide comments in the following ways:

- Leave in the comment box if you are at the in-person meeting,
- Email to Velinda.reyes@co.hidalgo.tx.us, or
- Mail to Hidalgo County Pct. #4, Attn: Velinda Reyes, at 1051 N. Doolittle Rd., Edinburg, TX 78542.

To be included in the official transcript, comments must be received by Nov. 1, 2024, which is 15 days after the posting date of this virtual public meeting.

Responses to comments received will be made part of the Public Meeting Summary Report and will be on file and available for inspection at the Hidalgo County Pct. #4 and TxDOT Pharr District offices once they have been prepared.

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Important Contacts

<p>TxDOT </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.txdot.gov • Keyword: "Trenton Road Widening Project" • Francisco Chapa, P.E. TxDOT Project Manager (956) 702-6170 • Follow the TxDOT Pharr District on X (Twitter) at: @TxDOTPharr 	<p>Hidalgo County Pct. #4 </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.hidalgocounty.us/359/Commissioner-Pct-4 • Velinda Reyes Chief Administrator for External Affairs (956) 383-3112 • Follow Hidalgo County Pct. #4 on X (Twitter) at: @elliepct4 	<p>City of Edinburg </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://cityofedinburg.com/departments/city_manager/assistant_city_manager.php • Tom Reyna Assistant City Manager (956) 388-8207 • Follow Edinburg on X (Twitter) at: @cityofedinburg
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We encourage the public to stay informed. Schematics and presentation materials, including graphics, are available on the Hidalgo County Pct. #4 and TxDOT websites to view project information in more detail.

Should you have any questions or would like additional information at any time during the project development process, please contact Hidalgo County Pct. #4, City of Edinburg, or TxDOT at the numbers listed on this slide between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. You can also follow the TxDOT Pharr District, Hidalgo County Pct. #4, and the City of Edinburg on X (previously Twitter) at the web address provided.

Conclusion of Virtual Public Meeting

Thank you for your participation!

*Please remember to submit your comments by
Friday, Nov. 1, 2024*

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Thank you for watching and participating in this very important meeting.

This concludes the virtual public meeting with in-person option.

Please remember to submit your comments by Friday, Nov. 1, 2024.

Thank you.