



**Notice of Public Meeting**  
**I-35 from FM 3002 to Merle Wolfe Road/Mile Marker 1 in Oklahoma**  
**CSJs: 0194-01-010, 0194-02-081, 0194-02-092, 0195-01-087,**  
**0195-01-111, 0195-01-119, and 0903-15-100**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Wichita Falls District, are proposing to widen Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) from near Farm-to-Market (FM) 3002 to Merle Wolfe Road in Cooke County, Texas (TX) and Love County, Oklahoma (OK), respectively. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public meeting on the proposed project. The meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at Bob Andrew Agriculture Center (located behind the football field), 700 South Frontage Road, Valley View, TX 76272. Displays will be available for viewing from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project. No formal presentation will be made.

The proposed project will construct two additional travel lanes in each direction on I-35 in Cooke County, Texas, and Love County, Oklahoma and convert the I-35 frontage roads to one-way traffic. The addition of two travel lanes on I-35 would also require a new bridge at the Red River. Due to funding constraints, construction of the proposed project would likely require two phases. The interim phase would implement two of the improvements: constructing one additional travel lane in each direction to create a six-lane facility and converting the two-way frontage roads to one-way frontage roads. All bridges, including the proposed new Red River Bridge, would be built during the interim phase of construction. All frontage roads upon project completion will be one way. The ultimate phase would construct one additional travel lane in each direction of I-35 to increase the facility's capacity from six to eight lanes.

The width of the existing right of way (ROW) varies considerably within the proposed project limits. At its narrowest, the existing ROW is approximately 275 feet wide. The widest portions of the existing ROW range between 800 and 1,100 feet to accommodate traffic interchanges and the Texas Travel Information Center. New ROW would be required along various segments of I-35 to complete the widening. The new ROW requirements range between less than 10 feet to as much as 350 feet at the Red River Bridge approach. The proposed ROW would require the acquisition of 124 acres of additional ROW, including anticipated non-residential displacements. The proposed project would displace 11 structures and 20 billboards/signs. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT District Office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

The proposed project crosses 30 potentially jurisdictional waters and 17 potentially non-jurisdictional waters. Eight of the potentially jurisdictional waterway crossings also cross the 100-year floodplain. Approximately 5.96 acres of potentially jurisdictional wetlands were found within the proposed ROW. In addition, the proposed project would impact property owned by the USACE 5.6 acres within the Lake Texoma Fee Area in Oklahoma. However, it has been determined that there is no 4(f) protected activity directly adjacent to I-35; therefore, a Section 4(f) does not apply.

Since the last public meeting, the BNSF railway realignment has been eliminated from the proposed project and the roadway design was revised to fit within the existing ROW in the Valley View area. Maps showing the proposed project's location and design drawings will be available for review at the public meeting. This information will also be available by appointment for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., excluding state holidays, at the TxDOT Wichita Falls office, at 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, TX 76302. To schedule an appointment, please contact Shaun Barnes at (940)720-7744. Information will also be available at TxDOT's Gainesville Area Office, at 2615 West US-82, Gainesville, TX, 76241, (940) 665-5071. The project information can also be viewed at TxDOT's website:<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/wichita-falls/i35-cooke-county.html>. This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Additionally, responses to comments received will similarly be on file and available for inspection once they have been prepared.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically by March 13, 2020. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Environmental Coordinator, 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, TX 76302 or submitted electronically at [MyProjectsWichitaFalls@txdot.gov](mailto:MyProjectsWichitaFalls@txdot.gov).

Materials for the public meeting will be presented in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Wichita Falls District Environmental Coordinator (940) 720-7733. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the meeting, please contact the I-35 Project Team via email at [MyProjectsWichitaFalls@txdot.gov](mailto:MyProjectsWichitaFalls@txdot.gov).

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.