

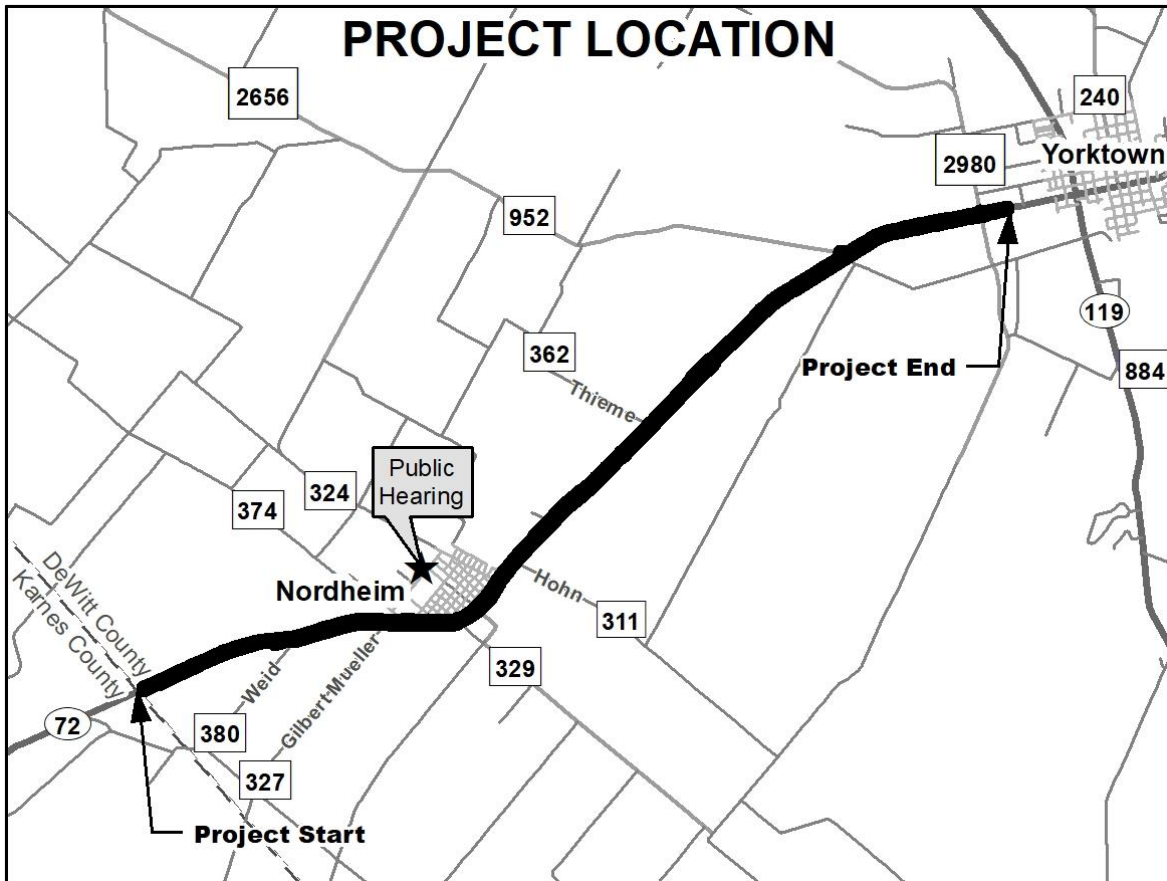
SH 72 DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW and PUBLIC HEARING

SH 72: Karnes County Line to 0.25 miles east of FM 2980
DeWitt County, Texas



Thursday, January 10, 2019
Nordheim Shooting Club
101 W 9th St
Nordheim, TX 78141
5:30 Open House
6:30 Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Yoakum District will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed improvements to SH 72 from the Karnes County Line to 0.25 miles east of FM 2980 in DeWitt County, Texas. The proposed project would widen SH 72 from two lanes to four lanes for a total length of 10.27 miles. The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed improvements for SH 72, to receive public comment, and to provide the draft environmental assessment (EA) for public review.



The public hearing will be conducted in English. For more information and special accommodations or assistance requests contact, TxDOT Public Information Officer at (361) 293-4436. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the hearing. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al (361) 293-4436.

The proposed improvements to SH 72 include the addition of one 12-foot-wide lane in each direction, a 4-foot-wide flush median, and 10-foot-wide shoulders. Approximately 98.24 acres of proposed right-of-way (ROW) would be required for the proposed project. Due to extensive utility conflicts near the western end of the project, a one-mile section of SH 72 has been shifted slightly to the south adjacent to the existing roadway. The proposed ROW is approximately 130 feet in width. No sidewalks or easements and temporary or permanent construction easements are currently proposed.

The proposed project would require approximately 4.0 acres of land from within the provisional National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) boundary of the Eckhardt Ranch District, which is recommended to be considered eligible for the purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This area represents approximately 0.7 percent of the 536.6 acres within the provisional NRHP boundary. The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on the characteristics that make this property eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. However, because new ROW would be acquired, the proposed project constitutes a *de minimis* Section 4(f) use of a historic site. TxDOT coordinated the project with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the THC concurred with the finding of no adverse effect on November 5, 2018.

The draft EA, maps and other information concerning the project will be available at the public hearing. This information will also be available for public inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the TxDOT Yoakum District Office located at 403 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995.

The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to TxDOT Yoakum District, Attn: Jeffery Vinklerek, 403 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995. Comments can also be submitted by email at Jeffery.Vinklerek@txdot.gov. Comments must be received or postmarked on or before January 25, 2019, in order to become part of the official hearing record.

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 16, 2014 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.