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August 27, 2021

The Honorable Ty Prause
ATTN: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DIRECTOR
Judge, Colorado County
P.O. Box 236
Columbus, TX 78934

RE: Notice of Public Hearing
Colorado County
I-10 from FM 2434 to US 90 (Alleyton Road South)
CSJ 0535-08-072 etc.

Dear Judge Prause:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Yoakum District is proposing to reconstruct Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) from Farm-to-Market (FM) 2434 to United States Highway (US) 90 (Alleyton Road South) in Colorado County, Texas. This letter advises you that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing with an in-person option on the proposed project. The purpose of the public hearing will be to update the public on the status of the proposed project and collect comments on the proposed changes since the last Public Meeting in September 2018, and the Opportunity to Comment in February 2020. You, or your representative, are cordially invited to attend.

The public hearing will be in a virtual format with a pre-recorded presentation and project materials. The Virtual Public Hearing will be available online on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at TxDOT.gov, keyword search "I-10 from FM 2434." In addition, an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online will be available. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. All verbal testimony will be taken through a call-in number at (979) 459-2467. The in-person option will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Columbus High School, 103 Cardinal Lane, Columbus, TX 78934.

We are available to meet with you before the public hearing to review the proposed project and answer any questions that you may have. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Blaise Dreitner, PE, Project Manager, at 361-293-4350 or Blaise.Dreitner@txdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Martin Horst, P.E.
District Engineer
Yoakum District - TxDOT

Attachments

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.

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Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment and
Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10
From FM 2434 to US 90 (Alleyton Road South)
CSJs: 0271-01-083, 0535-08-072, 0027-01-045 & 0266-02-068
Colorado County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Yoakum District is proposing to reconstruct Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) from Farm-to-Market (FM) 2434 to United States Highway (US) 90 (Alleyton Road South) in Colorado County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online beginning Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5 pm CDT.** To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: txdot.gov and keyword search "I-10 from FM 2434." If you do not have internet access, you may call (361) 293-4350 between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm CDT, 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. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Columbus High School, 103 Cardinal Lane, Columbus, TX 78934.**

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (979) 459-2467 to provide verbal testimony immediately following the conclusion of the virtual public hearing presentation at 6 pm CDT on September 21, 2021 through 11:59 pm on October 8, 2021. Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at txdot.gov and keyword search "I-10 from FM 2434."

TxDOT Yoakum District proposes to reconstruct and widen the I-10 interstate facility from FM 2434 to US90 (Alleyton Road South) at Columbus, Texas. Additionally, the I-10 bridge crossing the Colorado River would be replaced and realigned and intersection improvements would be made at the SH 71 direct connector, Business SH 71, and US 90 east of Columbus. The proposed project is approximately 6 miles in length, passing through the City of Columbus and the unincorporated communities of Glidden and Alleyton in Colorado County, Texas. Approximately 84 acres of additional right of way is expected to be required to construct the proposed project. The proposed right-of-way width will vary but would have an average width of 400 feet.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace four ancillary structures at one residence, and three 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 the TxDOT Yoakum District office by calling Blaise Dreitner, PE at (361) 293-4350.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

The draft EA, 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 Yoakum District Office, 403 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995, (361) 293-4424, and the TxDOT Columbus Maintenance Office, 3816 US-90, Glidden, TX 78943, (979) 732-2628. Project materials are also available online at txdot.gov and keyword search "I-10 from FM 2434." These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted 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 attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Yoakum Public Information Office (361) 293-4436, at no later than 4:00 p.m. CDT, September 15, 2021. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Yoakum District Office, 403 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995. Written comments may also be submitted by email to alan.migj@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be received on or before October 8, 2021.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (979) 459-2467 and verbally provide testimony from 6:00 pm CDT on September 21, 2021 until 11:59 pm on October 8, 2021. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at txdot.gov and keyword search "I-10 from FM 2434" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Blaise Dreitner, PE, Project Manager, at (361) 293-4350 or Blaise.Dreitner@txdot.gov.

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