



**Notice**  
**Public Comments**  
**North Regional Force Main Project**  
**From Interstate 69E to Robindale Road**  
**Cameron County, Texas**

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) is proposing to construct a force main from Interstate 69E to Robindale Road in Cameron County, Texas, a distance of approximately 10.48 miles. This notice advises the public that BPUB will be discussing the proposed project at a workshop during the Brownsville City Commission meeting scheduled on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5 p.m.** The Brownsville City Commission meeting will be held at City Hall located at **1001 E Elizabeth Street, Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor, Brownsville, TX 78520**. The project will also be presented during a Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) meeting on **Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 12 p.m.** BCIC meetings are held at the Young House on 500 East Saint Charles Street, Brownsville, Texas.

The proposed project would include connecting Lift Station No. 159 (LS 159), located at the Brownsville Sports Park, to the Robindale Wastewater Treatment Plant (Robindale WWTP) to alleviate existing overflows during peak sanitary sewer flow periods and to provide future capacity for undeveloped areas in the northern region of Brownsville.

Completed in 2008, LS 159 was originally designed to transport wastewater from the Brownsville Sports Park and the north region of Brownsville to a proposed wastewater treatment plant located on a parcel of land owned by Brownsville PUB on FM 511. However, when LS 159 was constructed, the proposed WWTP had not been initiated and LS 159 was temporarily routed south to LS 140 in Villas los Pinos Subdivision via an 8-inch force main. Since 2008, LS 159 service area flows have significantly increased creating backflow conditions at multiple lift stations both upstream and downstream of LS 159. To address existing overflow conditions and to accommodate the future needs of the area, BPUB has proposed routing wastewater from LS 159 directly to the Robindale WWTP.

In addition to the flow conditions at LS 140 in Villas los Pinos Subdivision, wastewater from developments west of the IH69E is collected at LS 156. This lift station has similar downstream flow restrictions to those occurring at LS 140 which create additional overflow situations for BPUB. To address existing overflow conditions and to accommodate the future needs of the area west of the IH69E, BPUB has proposed routing wastewater from LS 156 directly to LS 159.

The proposed project would occur on approximately 8.57 acres of the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Hike and Bike Trail (trail) and approximately 0.73 acres of the Brownsville Sports Park, both of which are recreational facilities owned and operated by the City of Brownsville and the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation, respectively. The trail traverses north/south between E Morrison Rd and SH 550 and the Brownsville Sports Park is located east of I-69, south of Sports Park Blvd, and west of Old Alice Road. Because the proposed improvements would result in use of public land, Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code applies to the proposed project. The proposed project involves underground improvements that would lie within a utility easement and will not change the recreational usage of the land. All disturbances to the recreational area during construction phase will be returned to existing conditions.

Environmental documentation, studies, 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 Brownsville Public Utilities Board located at 1425 Robinhood Dr, Brownsville, TX 78521.

The City Commission meeting 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 City Commission meeting, please contact Marie C. Leal, P.E. (Contact Information Below) no later than 12 p.m. CT, on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for BPUB to arrange.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be provided using the contact information below. All comments must be received on or before Friday, August 11, 2023 by 4 pm. Responses to comments received will be on file with the Brownsville Public Utilities Board and available for inspection once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the Brownsville City Commission meeting, please contact Marie C. Leal, P.E. at (956) 983-6275 or by email at [mleal@brownsville-pub.com](mailto:mleal@brownsville-pub.com).

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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