



Notice Public Scoping Meeting Interstate 69 (I-69) Connector

From I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77 CSJ: 0921-02-353 Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Pharr District is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Interstate 69 (I-69) Connector from Interstate Highway (I)-69C/United States Highway (US) 281 to I-69E/US 77 in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a virtual and in-person public scoping meetings. **The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by January 20, 2025, at 5 p.m. and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public scoping meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above, visit www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-69 Connector." If you do not have internet access, you may call Frank Chapa, P.E., Project Manager, at (956) 702-6344 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing two in-person options for individuals who would like to participate in person. The in-person options will be held in an open house format. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public scoping meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask

First In-Person Option

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST**

**J. Economedes High School Cafeteria
1414 N. Alamo Rd,
Edinburg, Texas 78541**

Second In-Person Option

**Thursday, January 23, 2025
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST**

**Santa Rosa High School
Cafeteria/Fine Arts
102 Jesus R. Cruz
Santa Rosa, Texas 78593**

questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments.

The purpose and need of the proposed I-69 Connector is to alleviate/reduce traffic congestion and improve regional mobility, to improve and increase transportation network connectivity, to address future population growth and travel demands, and to provide an east-west hurricane evacuation route.

The proposed project would evaluate a new potential connection from I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77 in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties, Texas (CSJ: 0921-02-353). The proposed project could potentially include constructing a highway on new location for approximately 25 miles with grade separations at intersections with major crossroads.

TxDOT developed and evaluated several conceptual alternatives during a prior Feasibility Study and identified four primary alternatives and the No Build Alternative to carry forward for further evaluation in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The purpose of this public scoping meeting is to provide an opportunity to the public to provide input of the proposed Interstate 69 (I-69) Connector.

The proposed project is in the preliminary stage of environmental study and design. Subject to the recommended route option and design considerations, the proposed project would require additional right-of-way and could potentially require displacements. Potential right-of-way impacts are not yet identified. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and/or 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 district office by calling Ramon Jimenez at (956) 702-6287.

Any environmental documentation or 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 TxDOT Pharr District Office 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, TX 78577. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The public scoping meetings will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish are not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively, 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 meeting or in-person option, please contact Norma Robledo, Public Involvement Specialist, TxDOT Pharr District, at (956) 702-6161 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Las reuniones públicas sobre el alcance se llevarán a cabo en inglés y español. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o español o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o usted es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para asistir a y participar en las reuniones públicas sobre el alcance por favor póngase en contacto con Norma Robledo, Especialista en Participación Pública, TxDOT Distrito de Pharr, al número (956) 702-6161 a más tardar a las 4 p.m. hora central Miércoles, 15 de enero de 2025. Por favor sepa que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Pharr District Office, Attn: Edward Paradise, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, TX 78577. Written comments may also be submitted by email to PHR_I69_Connector@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Friday, February 7, 2025. The Public Scoping Meeting will be available online www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-69 Connector" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person options, please contact Frank Chapa, P.E., Project Manager, TxDOT Pharr District, at (956) 702-6344, or at Francisco.Chapa@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.