



## Notice

### Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

#### BENTSEN ROAD

**From Auburn Avenue (FM 676) to Buddy Owens Boulevard (FM 1924)**

**CSJ: 0921-02-512**

**HIDALGO County, Texas**

The City of McAllen in association with TxDOT Pharr District and the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO) are proposing to widen Bentsen Road from an average of an 80-foot (ft.) right-of-way (ROW) to a 100-ft. ROW major collector from Auburn Avenue (FM 676) to Buddy Owens Boulevard (FM 1924) in Hidalgo County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. **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 Wednesday October 9, 2024, by 5 p.m. and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [www.mcallen.net](http://www.mcallen.net) and at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) keyword "Bentsen Road Widening Project".

The City of McAllen, in association with TxDOT Pharr District, is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. The in-person option will be held in an open house format. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions to the City of McAllen, TxDOT, staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at McAllen Public Library, Meeting Rooms A & B, 4001 N 23rd St, McAllen, TX 78504.**

The proposed project will widen the existing two-lane rural Bentsen Roadway from an average of an 80-ft. right-of-way (ROW) to a 100-ft. ROW major collector. The proposed 65-ft. wide typical section roadway will include the addition of two northbound lanes, two southbound lanes, and a continuous left turn lane, with curb, gutter, and an underground drainage system to improve the drainage of Bentsen. Designated right turn lanes are to be at the intersections of Mile 5 and Mile 3 and Bentsen, resulting in a 75-ft. wide typical section roadway at these intersections. The widening will require a ROW acquisition of 7.1 acres, as well as approximately 1 acre of drainage easement acquisition for the new storm system outfalls.

A 2-to-1 elliptical roundabout is proposed at the intersection of Mile 4 and Bentsen Road. The intent for the roundabout is to reduce crashes that result in serious injury or fatality and to increase east west traffic flow along Mile 4. Roundabouts are a proven safety countermeasure that improves safety, promotes lower speeds, and reduces conflict points.

This widening design is exempt from requiring a bike lane or similar bike route for bicycle traffic within the roadway corridor of this project due to an approved Master Plan for a future hike and bike trail along the Mission/McAllen Lateral West drainage ditch bank.

The overall objectives of the proposed improvements are to improve traffic mobility, reduce congestion, and enhance safety for both the roadway and intersections.

Although additional ROW would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the City of McAllen by calling (956)681-1151.

Any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file at the City of McAllen, 1300 Houston Avenue, McAllen, TX 78501. Project materials are also available online at [www.mcallen.net](http://www.mcallen.net). These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting 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 meeting or in-person option, please contact Eduardo Mendoza, Director of Engineering, City of McAllen at (956) 681-1151 no later than 4:00 p.m. CT, Friday, October 4, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the City of McAllen to arrange.

*La reunión pública se llevará a cabo en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de sus 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 esta reunión pública, favor de contactar al Director de ingeniería Eduardo Mendoza, de la ciudad de McAllen, al número (956) 681-1151 a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, viernes, 4 de octubre de 2024. Le pedimos cordialmente que nos notifique con anticipación en caso de necesitar de algunos servicios y adaptaciones que pueden requerir tiempo para que la Ciudad de McAllen los organice.*

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to **Raba Kistner, Inc. Attn: Brady O'Neal, 12821 West Golden Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78249** or by email to [boneal@rkci.com](mailto:boneal@rkci.com). All comments must be received on or before Thursday October 24, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Eduardo Mendoza, Director of Engineering, City of McAllen at (956) 681-1151 or [edmendoza@mcallen.net](mailto:edmendoza@mcallen.net).

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.