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### **Farm-to-Market (FM) 88 Widening Project From FM 1925 (East Monte Cristo Road) to 5th Avenue (Arcadio Padilla Service Road) CSJ: 0698-02-060 Hidalgo County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen and reconstruct Farm-to-Market (FM) 88 from FM 1925 (East Monte Cristo Road) to 5th Avenue (Arcadio Padilla Service Road), in the city of Elsa, 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, February 19, 2025, at 5 p.m., and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public meeting, go to <https://www.txdot.gov/> and search "FM 88 Widening Project". If you do not have internet access, you may call (956) 702-6195 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 an in-person open house 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 meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Edcouch-Elsa High School, 601 N Yellow Jacket Drive, Edcouch, TX 78538.**

The proposed project would widen FM 88 from FM 1925 to 5th Avenue to four-lanes with a center two-way left-turn lane and pedestrian accommodations. The proposed FM 88 roadway facility would consist of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, one 14-foot-wide center two-way left-turn lane, and 6 to 9-foot-wide shoulders with curb on each side of the roadway. The proposed roadway would also include a 5 to 6-foot-wide sidewalk along the western side of the roadway along with a 1 to 2-foot buffer and an 8 to 10-foot-wide shared use path along the eastern side of the roadway with a 2-foot-wide buffer. The proposed right-of-way (ROW) would range from 101 to 110-feet in width. The proposed project would require approximately 1.13 acres of additional ROW.

Although additional right of way 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 TxDOT district office by calling (956) 702-6361.

The proposed project would impact the City of Elsa's Modesto Hernandez Park located on the east side of FM 88, at the intersection of FM 88 and West 16th Street. The proposed project would impact approximately 0.004 acre of the park. The proposed project would impact a portion of undeveloped park area and the park entrance. TxDOT anticipates making a de minimis determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the Modesto Hernandez Park may be submitted as described below.

Any environmental documentation or studies, 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 the TxDOT Pharr District Office, 600 W. Interstate 2 Pharr, Texas 78577. Project materials are also available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/> and search "FM 88 Widening Project". 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 and Spanish. 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 Cynthia Renee Gonzales, TxDOT Pharr district, at (956)-702-6300 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday, February 14, 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.

*El FM 88 Widening Project se llevará 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 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 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 FM 88 Widening Project, por favor póngase en contacto con Cynthia Renee Gonzales, TxDOT Pharr District, al número (956) 702-6300 a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, de 7 de marzo 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: Kayla Espinoza, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [kayla.espinoza@txdot.gov](mailto:kayla.espinoza@txdot.gov). All comments must be received on or before Friday, March 7, 2025. Responses to comments received will be available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/> and search "FM 88 Widening Project" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Javier Lopez by email at [jose.j.lopez@txdot.gov](mailto:jose.j.lopez@txdot.gov) or by phone at (956) 702-6195.

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.