

Notice of Public Hearing

Little Creek Interceptor Sewer Replacement Project

Cameron County, Texas

A public hearing is being held on Tuesday August 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Harlingen Community Center at 201 E Madison Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550 to discuss the Harlingen Waterworks System's (HWWS) proposed Little Creek Interceptor Sewer Replacement Project includes the replacement of approximately 5 miles of existing sewer lines and improvements to existing lift stations in Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas. The proposed project encompasses approximately 135 acres that includes the proposed limits of construction for the Little Creek Interceptor replacement, lift station improvements, and three alternative gravity sewer line routes. In addition, the project will include decommissioning of sewer lines and lift stations, and a portion of the project will take place parallel to a railroad near South Commerce Street, where a new gravity sewer line will be installed to replace a lift station. The proposed project roughly starts at 0.1-mile south of IH 69E and extends approximately 5 miles to the wastewater treatment plant on 54th Street. This project involves construction of a critical facility in the 100- and 500-year floodplain. Alternatives to construction in a floodplain, potential impacts on floodplains and proposed mitigation measures will be addressed during the public hearing.

The purposes of this hearing are to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it, estimated construction costs, and any foreseeable rate increase for residents that may be required to finance this project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$108,832,000. Currently, HWWS is proposing to move forward with a portion of the project for design and construction that would cost approximately \$87,185,000 in their current 5-year capital improvement plan. In order to fund these projects, HWWS is actively pursuing funding through the Texas Water Development Board. Additionally, HWWS and the City of Harlingen approved a rate plan in 2024 that would help fund these projects as well. The estimated monthly bill for a typical resident is currently \$47.24. A user rate increase of approximately \$18.53 will be required to finance this project. An application for financial assistance for the project will be filed with the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas, 78711-3231. An Environmental Information Document for the project has been prepared which will be available for public review in the HWWS main office lobby at 134 E Van Buren Ave, Harlingen, TX 78550 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for 30 days following the date of this notice. Written comments on the proposed project may be sent to HWWS or to the Texas Water Development Board.