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Oct. 20, 2021

Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option for US 83
From US 83/US 277 at FM 3034
Jones and Taylor counties, Texas
CSJ: 0033-05-089, Etc.

The Honorable Dale Spurgin
Judge of Jones Counties
P.O. Box 148
Anson, TX 79501

Dear Judge Spurgin:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Abilene District is conducting a virtual public meeting with an in-person option to seek input regarding the above project. The in-person option will be held at the TxDOT Abilene District Office Training Center, 4250 N. Clack St., Abilene, Texas, 79601 from 4 – 7 p.m. The pre-recorded virtual public meeting will also be available on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 at 4 p.m. and remain online through Wednesday, Dec 1, 2021. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to www.TxDOT.gov and search: "US 83 at Abilene". Project staff will give a presentation regarding the project. The presentation will include both audio and visual components.

TxDOT invites you or a representative from your organization to participate in the virtual public meeting. For your convenience, a copy of the public meeting notice, in-person meeting location map and project fact sheet are enclosed. If you would like additional information regarding the project, please contact TxDOT Project Manager Eric Welch P.E. at Eric.Welch@txdot.gov or (325) 676-6960.

Sincerely,

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Michael Haithcock

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Michael Haithcock, P.E.

Director of Transportation Planning and Programming
Abilene District

Enclosures: Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option Notice, Fact Sheet and Parking Map

cc: Eric Welch, P.E., TxDOT Abilene Project Manager

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Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
United States Highway 83
From US 83/US 277 at Farm to Market 3034
CSJ: 0033-05-089, Etc.
Jones and Taylor counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve United States Highway (US) 83/US 277 at Farm to Market (FM) 3034 from 800 feet north of West Summit Road in Taylor County to 0.8 miles north of FM 3034 in Jones County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a 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 Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 at 4 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov Keywords: **US 83 at Abilene**. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (325) 676-6960 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 option 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 from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the TxDOT Abilene District Office's Training Center, 4250 N. Clack St., Abilene, Texas 79601.**

The proposed project would include a new US 83/US 277 overpass bridge at the intersection with FM 3034. The US 83 mainlanes and frontage roads would be reconstructed but remain a four-lane divided highway with two-lane frontage roads. To accommodate the new FM 3034 exit and entrance ramps to and from US 83, FM 3034 would be realigned to the north of the existing intersection allowing for appropriate weaving distance for highway traffic movements.

The Business US 83 connector to US 83 mainlanes would be realigned to allow for an exit ramp from northbound US 83 mainlanes to merge with the connector to provide access to FM 3034. A new entrance ramp would be added to provide access from Business US 83 to the US 83 mainlanes. In addition to these improvements, the US 83 east frontage road would be converted to a one-way roadway south of FM 3034, but would remain a two-way roadway north of FM 3034. The west frontage road will remain two-way. Due to the proximity of the nearby median opening north of the existing US 83/277 at FM 3034 intersection, it is proposed to close this median opening.

Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
 Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 from 4 – 7 p.m.
 TxDOT Abilene District Training Center
 4250 N. Clack St.
 Abilene, Texas 79601



Directions to Training Center from I-20:

- Travel northwest on I-20
- Exit Old Anson Road
- Merge onto I-20 Frontage Road/West Overland Trail
- Turn right onto Old Anson Road
- Turn right onto Clack Street/ Winters Freeway Frontage Road
- Turn left at the first driveway and park in designated area

Directions to Training Center from US 83 /US 277:

Northbound:

- Travel north on US 83/US 277
- Exit Old Anson Road
- Turn left onto Old Anson Road
- Turn right onto Clack Street/ Winters Freeway Frontage Road
- Turn left at the first driveway and park in designated area

Southbound

- Travel south on US 83/US 277
- Exit Key Western Drive
- From Clack Street/Winters Frontage Road, turn right at the first driveway and park in designated area



**US 83/ US 277 at FM 3034
in Jones & Taylor counties, Texas
CSJ: 0033-05-089, Etc.**

Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option – Nov. 9, 2021 at 4 p.m.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Abilene District actively seeks your comments on this proposed project. Your comments are always welcome and will be given serious consideration during project development. **Written comments may be submitted to the TxDOT District Headquarters using this form or by letter and must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021.**

COMMENTS/COMPLIMENTS/CONCERNS (Please Print):

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| <p>(Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5): Check each of the following boxes that apply to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I am employed by TxDOT.<input type="checkbox"/> I do business with TxDOT.<input type="checkbox"/> I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting. |
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Name: _____

Address: _____

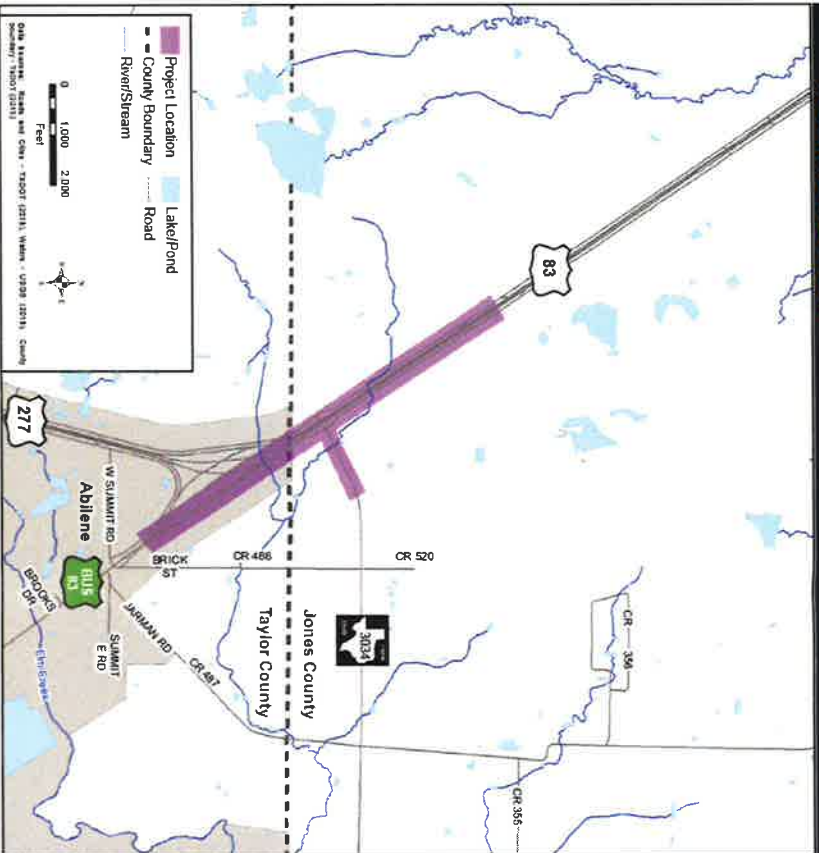
Phone: _____

Representing: _____

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.

US 83/US 277 at FM 3034

ABILENE DISTRICT



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Highway/Limits: US 83/US 277 at FM 3034 in Taylor & Jones counties

CSJ: 0033-05-089, Etc.

Project Length: 1.57 miles

Description:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has identified improvements on United States (US) highway 83 at the intersection of US 83/US 277 at FM 3034 as a priority for improving mobility and enhancing safety. The proposed project would include a new US 83/US 277 overpass bridge at the intersection with FM 3034. The US 83 mainlanes and frontage roads would be reconstructed but remain a four-lane divided highway with two-lane frontage roads. To accommodate the new FM 3034 exit and entrance ramps to and from US 83, FM 3034 would be realigned to the north of the existing intersection allowing for appropriate weaving distance for highway traffic movements.

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A future shared-use path along the west frontage road is planned as part of the statewide TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Network. This project will require the purchase of 12.1 acres of right of way with no impacts to building structures. More project information is available at www.txdot.gov
Keywords: US 83 at Abilene.

Contact: Please send comments by mail or e-mail by Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 to:

Eric Welch, P.E.

Project Manager

Texas Department of Transportation

Abilene District Office

4250 N. Clack St.

Abilene, Texas 79601

Email: Eric.Welch@txdot.gov

ESTIMATED PROJECT MILESTONES

Receive Environmental Clearance: Spring 2022

Begin Construction: Summer 2024

Finish Construction: Late 2025

Construction Cost: Approximately \$22 Million

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