



Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting

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SH 16 from 0.3 miles west of the FM 1560/Leslie Road intersection to Loop 1604
CSJ: 0291-10-114
Bexar County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing operational improvements to SH 16 from approximately 0.3 miles west of the FM 1560/Leslie Road intersection to Loop 1604 in the cities of Helotes and San Antonio in Bexar County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project and is affording an opportunity to comment as part of the environmental review process for this project. The virtual public meeting will be available online from June 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (CST) to July 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov on the days indicated above and enter key words "SH 16 Helotes." The virtual public meeting will include a pre-recorded presentation regarding the project. The presentation will include both audio and visual components. If you do not have internet access, you may call Richard De La Cruz at (210) 615-6434 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

TxDOT is evaluating this stretch of SH 16 to consider and recommend operational and safety improvements. Goals for the project include:

- Reducing conflict points at intersections to improve safety;
- Improving the efficiency of traffic signals in order to increase traffic flow through green lights;
- Filling the gap between the current SH 16 intersection improvements at FM 1560 on the west and Loop 1604; and
- Reducing traffic congestion and delays while increasing safety.

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 210-614-6400.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following property protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Sandra Day O'Connor High School. The proposed project would require less than 0.1 acre of right-of-way at the high school, between the school's baseball and softball fields. 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 Sandra Day O'Connor's baseball field, softball field, or other adjacent recreational areas may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project would occur within the Edwards Aquifer recharge and transition zones. 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 available online at www.txdot.gov, key words "SH 16 Helotes" at the time of the virtual public meeting.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call Linda Vela at (210) 349-3273 no later than June 28, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted on the virtual public meeting. Written comments may also be submitted by mail to Poznecki-Camarillo, Inc., Attn: SH 16 Helotes, 5835 Callaghan Road. Written comments may also be submitted by email to SH16Helotes@pozcam.com. All comments must be received on or before July 15, 2020. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, key words "SH 16 Helotes" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Richard De La Cruz, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (210) 615-6434 or via email at richard.delacruz@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.