



Notice of Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option  
West Rail Trail  
CSJ: 0921-06-293 | Cameron County, Texas



Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) in conjunction with the City of Brownsville (COB), Cameron County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to construct a dual-purpose hike and bike trail within an abandoned railroad alignment within the City of Brownsville, Cameron County Texas from Palm Boulevard to I-69 East, a distance of 6.60 miles. The proposed plan is to construct a 12-foot-wide shared use path consisting of an asphalt pavement. This notice advises the public that the CCRMA will be conducting an online pre-recorded virtual public meeting with an in-person option for the proposed project. The virtual public meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 at 12 p.m. The virtual public meeting will consist of a video presentation explaining the proposed project, which includes both audio and visual components, along with other exhibits and materials for your review. The virtual public meeting materials will be posted to the Cameron County website and the TxDOT website at <https://www.cameroncounty.us/47315-3/> or at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) search the Keyword **“West Rail Trail”** If you do not have internet access, you may call Benjamin L. Worsham, P.E., P.T.O.E. at (956) 247-3500 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Additionally, the CCRMA 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 project staff and consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. The in-person option will only be held on Tuesday Feb. 23, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Brownsville City Hall – Old Federal Building located at 1001 E. Elizabeth, ST., Brownsville, TX 78520, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Manager’s Conference Room. Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only. Individuals wishing to attend the in-person option must call (956) 247-3500 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to make an appointment. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to wear a face mask, submit to a temperature check prior to entry, have an appointment, and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain appropriate occupancy within the City Manager’s Conference Room.

The West Rail trail would utilize an old railroad corridor that consists of only the rock foundation that ranges in width from 25 to 30 feet in width. All other railroad infrastructure has been removed. Vegetated grass drainage ditches that run parallel on both sides of the rock foundation provided drainage for the old railroad would remain to provide drainage for the hike and bike trail. The existing railroad right of way (ROW) width is 100-foot wide throughout the majority of the project. The proposed typical section consists of a 12-foot-wide dual-purpose pathway for hiking and biking use. Two drainage structures would be constructed to span existing drainage features and connections to neighborhoods at several locations along the project limits would be provided.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project will



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The CCRMA makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be in English and Spanish. 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 (956) 247-3500 no later than Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for Cameron County to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, 3461 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, TX 78575. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Benjamin.worsham@co.cameron.tx.us. All comments must be received on or before March 10, 2021, to be part of the public meeting record. Responses to comments received will be available online at <https://www.cameroncounty.us/47315-3/> or at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Mr. Benjamin L. Worsham, P.E., P.T.O.E. at (956) 247-3500 or Benjamin.worsham@co.cameron.tx.us.

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.