Notice and Opportunity to Comment
Whipple Road
From FM 1575 to FM 1847
CSJ: 0921-06-292
Cameron County, Texas

The Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA), in conjunction with the City of Los Fresnos and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing to widen Whipple Road from Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1575 to FM 1847 in Cameron County, Texas. This notice is affording an opportunity to comment as part of the environmental review process for this project. If you are a property owner, you are receiving this notice because records indicate that you own property that (1) would be acquired (in part or in whole) for this project, or (2) is adjacent to the project. This notice and opportunity to comment is also being provided to affected local governments and public officials.

Whipple Road from FM 1575 to FM 1847 is located within the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of Los Fresnos, Cameron County, Texas and is a rural east/west corridor that is functionally classified as an major collector. The proposed project would extend for a total of 1.3 miles. The roadway is currently 20 feet wide within a 60 to 80-foot-wide existing right of way. Graded, vegetated ditches provide for stormwater run-off. Proposed improvements include widening the roadway to 44 feet and reconstructing the roaday to include two 11-foot-wide travel lanes, a 12-foot-wide continuous center two-way left turn lane, two 5-foot-wide bike lanes, and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. Drainage improvements are also proposed and include the addition of outfalls, and an underground storm sewer system. The typical depth of impacts is 2 feet and the maximum depth of impacts is 12 feet. Additional right of way in the form of corner clips would be required at FM 1575, Samuel Street, Evergreen Street, Jacquelyn Street and Hodges Street.. The corner clips would require one relocation of an abandoned building on the corner of FM 1575 and Whipple Road. A temporary 0.38 acre construction easement and a 0.32 acre permanent drainage easement would be required for the drainage improvements.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace one non-residential structure. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right of way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the CCRMA office by calling Mr. Eric Davila, P.E., PMP, CCM, at (956) 621-5571.

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 on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the CCRMA office located at 3461 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, TX 78575, and phone number (956) 621-5571. Project materials are also available online at https://ccrma.org/project/whipple-road/.

The project materials are written 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 review the project materials or submit information, please contact Mr. Eric Davila, P.E., PMP, CCM, at (956) 621-5571 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the project materials or submit information. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for CCRMA to arrange.

You may submit written comments on this project. Written comments may be submitted by mail to the CCRMA office located at 3461 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, TX 78575, or by email to edavila@ccrma.org. All comments must be received on or before Friday, January 6, 2023.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact Mr. Eric Davila at (956) 621-5571 or by email at edavila@ccrma.org.

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.