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**Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing**

**Bicentennial Boulevard Extension Project
From State Highway (SH) 107 to Trenton Road
CSJ: 0921-02-352
Hidalgo County, Texas**

The City of McAllen, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), are proposing to extend Bicentennial Boulevard from SH 107 to Trenton Road in Hidalgo County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Morris Middle School Cafeteria, 1400 Trenton Road, McAllen, Texas 78504. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project would construct a new location roadway that would extend from the existing Bicentennial Boulevard roadway from SH 107 to Trenton Road in Hidalgo County, a distance of approximately 2.86 miles. The proposed roadway would consist of a 12-foot wide inside travel lane (one in each direction), a 14-foot wide outside shared use lane (one in each direction), 13-foot wide turn lanes, a 5-foot wide sidewalk, curb and gutter, and drainage improvements. The proposed project includes the construction of noise barriers along the project corridor, where reasonable and feasible.

The proposed right-of-way (ROW) width varies from approximately 80 feet to 230 feet. The proposed project would require approximately 1.9 acres of new ROW from six parcels and would result in the following displacements: one residential home, one mobile home, one abandoned mechanical shop, one car port, four storage sheds, and horse stables. Information about the ROW acquisition process and tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the City of McAllen office at the address listed below.

The southern half of the proposed project would be constructed within the boundaries of the Louisiana-Rio Grande Canal Company Irrigation System, also known as Hidalgo County Irrigation District (HCID) No. 2, that is listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. The stormwater drainage system of the proposed project would cross canals and pipelines of HCID No. 2 in three locations. The proposed project would result in a "use" of a historical site of state and local significance; therefore, Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code applies. However, it was determined that the proposed project would cause no adverse effect to the historic district. The proposed project meets the requirements for a Section 4(f) de minimis impact finding under 23 CFR 774.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the City of McAllen Development Center located at 311 N. 15th Street, McAllen, Texas 78501. This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the City of McAllen, Attention: Yvette Barrera, P.E., 311 N.



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15th Street, McAllen, Texas 78501. Comments must be received on or before Friday, May 18, 2018 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Spanish translations will be available. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Yvette Barrera, P.E. at (956) 681-1151 or by e-mail at ybarrera@mcallen.net. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Yvette Barrera, P.E. at (956) 681-1151 or by e-mail at ybarrera@mcallen.net.

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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.