



PUBLIC HEARING

BICENTENNIAL BOULEVARD EXTENSION PROJECT FROM SH 107 TO TRENTON ROAD

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

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Public Hearing Introductions

Elected Officials

TxDOT Representatives

Public Hearing Introductions, Continued

City of McAllen Representatives Halff Associates, Inc. Representatives

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Purpose of the Public Hearing

- Inform the public of the project status.
- Describe the recommended project design.
- Provide the public an opportunity to comment.
- Develop a record of public views and participation.



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Public Hearing Outreach

Published Notice of Availability:

- City of McAllen Website: <http://www.mcallen.net/>
- *The Monitor* Newspaper
- *El Periodico* Newspaper

Mailed Notices:

- Elected Officials
- Stakeholders and Agencies
- Adjacent Property Owners
- Previous Public Meeting Attendees and Commenters

Agenda

➤ Technical Presentation

(Robert Saenz, P.E., Halff Associates, Inc. Project Manager)

➤ Project Schedule

(Homer Bazan, Jr., P.E., TxDOT Pharr District, Director of Transportation Planning and Development)

➤ Opportunity for Public Comments

➤ Adjourn

Public Inquiries

Project information may be viewed at:

- **City of McAllen Development Center**
311 N. 15th Street
McAllen, TX 78501
- **City of McAllen website**
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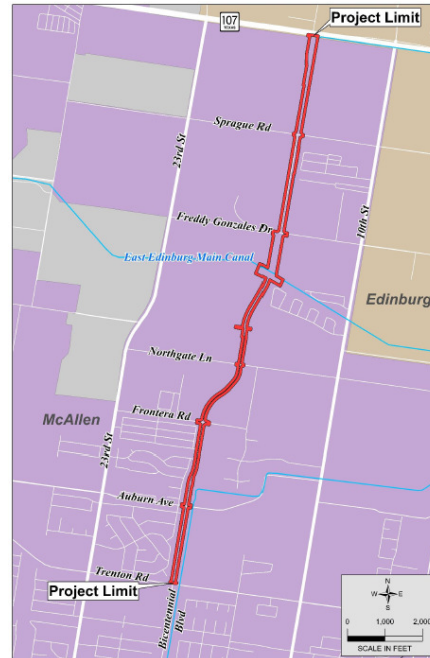
Other Ways to Make Comments

- Submit a written comment form tonight.
- Email comments to ybarrera@mcallen.net.
- Mail or drop-off written comments to:
City of McAllen
Attn: Yvette Barrera, P.E.
311 N. 15th Street
McAllen, TX 78501
- Make a verbal comment during the public comment portion of the hearing, or make a statement to the court reporter following the hearing.
- Comments must be received or postmarked by May 18, 2018.

Project Area / Location

Bicentennial Boulevard Extension Project Limits:

- Project Start – SH 107
- Project End – Trenton Road
- Length – 2.86 miles



Project Need and Purpose

Project Need (What problems are we trying to address?):

- Lack of north-south connectivity on Bicentennial Boulevard between Trenton Road and SH 107, and between the communities located in the proposed project's vicinity.

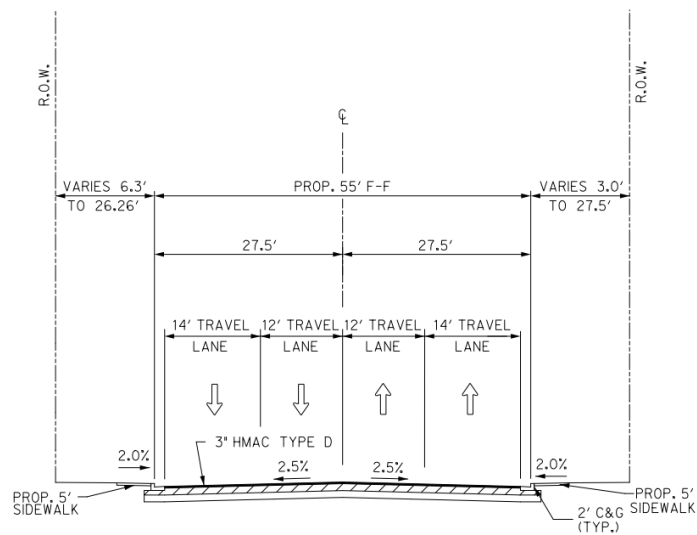
Project Purpose (What are we trying to do?):

- Provide new north-south connectivity between Trenton Road and SH 107.
- Improve connectivity to intersecting local streets and surrounding areas in the City of McAllen.

Project Details

- The existing Bicentennial Boulevard roadway would be extended. Proposed improvements include construction of:
 - Four-lane, curb and gutter roadway
 - Left turn lanes at cross streets
 - Continuous sidewalks
 - An underground storm drain system with drainage outfalls
- New & upgraded traffic signals at the following intersections:
 - Auburn Avenue
 - Frontera Road
 - Northgate Lane
 - Freddy Gonzalez Drive
 - Sprague Road

Proposed Typical Section



Right-of-Way Acquisitions

Early right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions:

- Approximately 40.1 acres

Anticipated ROW acquisitions:

- Approximately 1.9 acres
- Would impact six parcels
- Would result in the displacement of one mobile home, one residential structure, and one vacant commercial structure near SH 107

Right-of-Way Acquisitions / Relocation Assistance

Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Act of 1970:

- Title II
- Title III

Information available tonight at the ROW table:

- The State of Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights
- Purchase of Right of Way
- Relocation Assistance

Environmental Impacts

An environmental study was conducted and concluded the following:

- **Noise Impacts:**
 - Four noise barriers are proposed that were determined to be both feasible and reasonable.
 - Would require 0.2 acre of permanent easements and 0.6 acre of temporary construction easements.
 - A traffic noise workshop will be scheduled in Summer 2018. Property owners adjacent to each proposed noise barrier would be notified and be given the opportunity to vote for or against the construction of the proposed noise barrier adjacent to their property.
- **Applicability of Section 4(f) and Chapter 26:**
 - Hidalgo County Irrigation District #2, or the Louisiana Rio Grande Canal Company Irrigation System, is listed as a National Register of Historic Places historic district.
 - The proposed improvements meet the requirements for a Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact finding and do not constitute an adverse effect.

Environmental Impacts, Continued

An environmental study was conducted and concluded the following:

- **Vegetation Impacts:**
 - The proposed project would impact approximately 12.9 acres of Disturbed Prairie; 6.9 acres of Tallgrass Prairie, Grassland; 3.3 acres of Agriculture; and 1.3 acres of Riparian vegetation.
- No waters of the U.S., including wetlands, or floodplains would be impacted.
- The proposed project would not result in adverse impacts to low-income or minority populations, archeological or other natural resources, nor would it result in air quality or hazardous material impacts.

Conclusion: Studies, analyses, and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant impacts.

Proposed Project Completion Schedule



* Dates shown are preliminary and subject to change.

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.

Elected Official Comment Period



- Step up to the microphone stand,
- State your full name and title, and
- Provide your comments regarding the proposed project.
- Please limit your statement to 3 minutes.

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Next Steps

- Compile and consider community input from tonight's public hearing and comment period.
- Finalize project design details.
- Prepare and finalize environmental documentation.

Closing Remarks

**Thank you for your
participation!**