



# SH 336 (10<sup>th</sup> St. Median) From Trenton Rd. to SH 107

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City of McAllen, Texas  
Cameron County, Texas  
Public Hearing Summary and  
Comment Response Report  
April 28, 2015

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# Summary and Analysis Report

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS**  
**SH 336 (10<sup>th</sup> St Median) Public**  
**Meeting April 28, 2015**

**District/County:** Pharr District/ Hidalgo County

**Highway:** SH 336 (10<sup>th</sup> St.

Median) **Project Limits:** Trenton Rd to SH 107 **CSJ:** 0621-01-100

**Proposed Improvements:** The proposed project consists of constructing a raised 14 foot wide concrete median with landscaping. The proposed roadway section includes four 12 foot wide travel lanes and 10 foot wide shoulders adjacent to the curb & gutter. No additional right-of-way would be required.

**Need and Purpose:** SH 336 (10<sup>th</sup> St.) is a roadway that has experienced a significant increase in development in the area, both residential and commercial making travel within the area more time consuming, especially during the peak hour periods. With this growth and increased traffic volume, safety has become a concern. The proposed project would separate opposing traffic and improve congestion, mobility and safety by:

1. Introducing a raised median, reducing potential crash points
2. Creating full median opening at cross-streets and directional median openings in between (approximately every quarter mile)
3. Providing a better flow of traffic.

**Environmental Document Approval/Status:** Project is in its final stages for receiving Environmental clearance. Environmental clearance is anticipated in summer of 2015.

**Notice and Articles:** Notices were published in English and Spanish in the local newspaper, the *Monitor* on April 5, 2015 and April 19, 2015. It was also published in El Periodico Spanish Newspaper on April 8, 2015 and April 15, 2015. Letters were mailed to state and local officials, city and county representatives and property owners notifying them of the date, time and place of the scheduled Public Meeting.

**Public Hearing Date and Place:** The Public Meeting was held on April 28, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Homer J. Morris Middle School Cafeteria at 1400 Trenton Rd, McAllen, Texas.

**Attendance:** A registration table was set up at the entrance of the venue with sign-in sheets for attendees and elected officials. The registered attendance for the public meeting were 12 property owners, residents, and business owners, 12 were staff and consultants, and 2 public official/elected officials.

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**Conducted by: Octavio Saenz,** Pharr District Public Information Officer presided over the Public Meeting and was TxDOT's Authorized Representative. Mr. Rene Garza, P.E., Project Manager, provided the project's technical presentation.

**Exhibits:** Schematics, drawings and typical sections, were displayed at the Public Meeting. A packet, which included the hearing agenda, project fact sheet, location map, and comment sheet was provide to each attendee.

**Oral comments from Elected/Local Officials:** No oral comment was received from the local officials at or after the Public Meeting.

**Written comments from Elected/Local Officials:** No written comments were received from the local officials at or after the Public Meeting.

**Oral comment from the public:** One comment was received from property owners at the Public Meeting.

**Written comments from the public:** One written comment was received on May 8, 2015 via Fax. An email request for information came April 30, 2015. After the comment period had ended, an email for information and a couple of calls were received.

**Summary of responses by TxDOT to oral and written comments:**

The oral comment at the public meeting was addressed by the City of McAllen. They advised the property owner that making u-turns at intersections would be legal and he would not be ticketed.

Written response to the fax received by responding that TxDOT has evaluated the impact of a raised median on this corridor and has determined that it would not only enhance safety, but would also improve traffic operations by reducing the number of potential crashes and conflict points. The City of McAllen has also studied this corridor and has identified the appropriate locations for the median openings taking into consideration both passenger vehicles and larger trucks. SH 336 Street is a principal arterial and a vital corridor for the City of McAllen.

The e-mail received on April 30<sup>th</sup> was a request for a project layout in the vicinity of her client's property. The layout was submitted to her via e-mail.

A few other emails and phone calls came in post comment period. The email received on 6-24- 15 was a request for a median opening to a private development. TxDOT advised

him of the proposed full opening and directional median available for use by the traveling public, and that the ¼ mile mark is standard practice for access management and it allows access to a public roadway, not a private development.

Additional phone calls were for a request for project layouts for property owners. A request for an additional median opening came via phone call. TxDOT responded via email stating the requested median opening request did not meet the standard ¼ mile mark and did not adhere to TxDOT's Access Management policy. In summary both agencies believed a raised median would promote a successful commercial corridor.

**Recommendation:** The recommendation is that the proposed project, as presented at the Public Meeting, be approved as a CE as it improves safety congestion and mobility by for the following reasons: 1) Introducing a raised median, reduces the potential crash points; 2) Creating full median openings at cross-streets and directional median openings in between (approximately every quarter mile) provide for better traffic operational, and provides a better flow of traffic.

## Approved Notice of Public Meeting



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
SH 336 (10<sup>th</sup> Street)  
FROM TRENTON RD. TO SH 107**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with the City of McAllen, will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed raised median and landscaping on SH 336 (10<sup>th</sup> St) from Trenton Rd to SH 107 in Hidalgo County, Texas. The meeting details are as follows:

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015  
Homer J. Morris Middle School  
Cafeteria 1400 Trenton Rd  
McAllen, TX 78502  
Open House: 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.  
Presentation and Public Comment Period: 6:00 P.M.**

The purpose of the public meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to view and comment on the proposed improvements to SH 336 (10<sup>th</sup> Street). The proposed project would provide a raised median and landscaping. The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety and traffic operations by eliminating conflict points that are expected to increase in the vicinity. The proposed project would be done within the existing Right-of-Way (ROW).

Location maps, geometric design, and other information concerning this project will be available at the public meeting. This information will also be available for public inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the TxDOT Pharr District Office located at 600 West Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting to provide input regarding the proposed project. Verbal and/ or written comments may be presented at the public meeting. Written comments may be submitted up to Friday May 8, 2015 either in person or by mail to TxDOT, Attn: Pharr District Engineer, 600 West Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577. Comments can also be received by fax at (956) 702-6110 or email to [Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov](mailto:Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov). For additional information on the project, please call Melba R. Schaus, P.E., Project Manager with TxDOT at (956) 702-6181.

The public meeting will be conducted in English with Spanish translation services available. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Norma Robledo with TxDOT at (956) 702-6161. Requests should be made at least four days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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 the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.



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**AVISO DE REUNION PÚBLICA**  
**SH 336 (10th St.)**  
**DE TRENTON RD A SH 107**

El Departamento de Transporte del Estado de Texas (TxDOT), conjuntamente con la ciudad de McAllen, llevara a cabo una REUNION PÚBLICA en relación con los mejoramientos propuestos de la Carretera SH 336 (10th St) desde Trenton Rd hasta SH 107 en el Condado Hidalgo, Texas. Los detalles de la reunión son los siguientes:

**Martes 28 de abril del 2015**  
**Homer J. Morris Middle School Cafeteria**  
**1400 Trenton Rd.**  
**McAllen, TX 78502**  
**Exhibición: 5:00PM – 6:00PM**  
**Presentación y comentario public: 6:00PM**

Esta reunión dará una oportunidad al público para conocer el proyecto y proveer comentarios sobre las propuestas de mejora de la SH 336 (10th St.). El proyecto propuesto ofrecería una elevada mediana y paisajismo. El objetivo del proyecto propuesto es mejorar la seguridad y las operaciones de tráfico mediante la eliminación de puntos de conflicto que se esperan que aumenten en las proximidades. El proyecto propuesto se realizaría dentro del derecho de vía existentes (fila).

Mapas con localización, diseño geométrico, e información referente a este proyecto estarán disponibles durante la reunión pública. Esta información también estará disponible para inspección del público de lunes a viernes durante el horario de 8:00 A.M. a 5:00 P.M. en las oficinas de TxDOT Distrito de Pharr ubicadas en el 600 West Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577.

Todas las personas interesadas están invitadas en asistir a la reunión pública para proveer comentarios relacionados al proyecto. Comentarios verbales y escritos se podrán presentar en la reunión pública. Se solicita al público enviar sus comentarios en persona o por correo antes del día viernes 10 de abril del 2015. Comentarios escritos deberán ser dirigidos a TxDOT, Attn: Ingeniero del Distrito de Pharr, a la siguiente dirección: 600 West Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577. Comentarios también pueden ser enviados vía fax al (956) 702-6110 o por correo electrónico a [Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov](mailto:Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov). Para información adicional, llame al gerente del proyecto Melba Schaus, P.E., de TxDOT, al número (956) 702-6181.

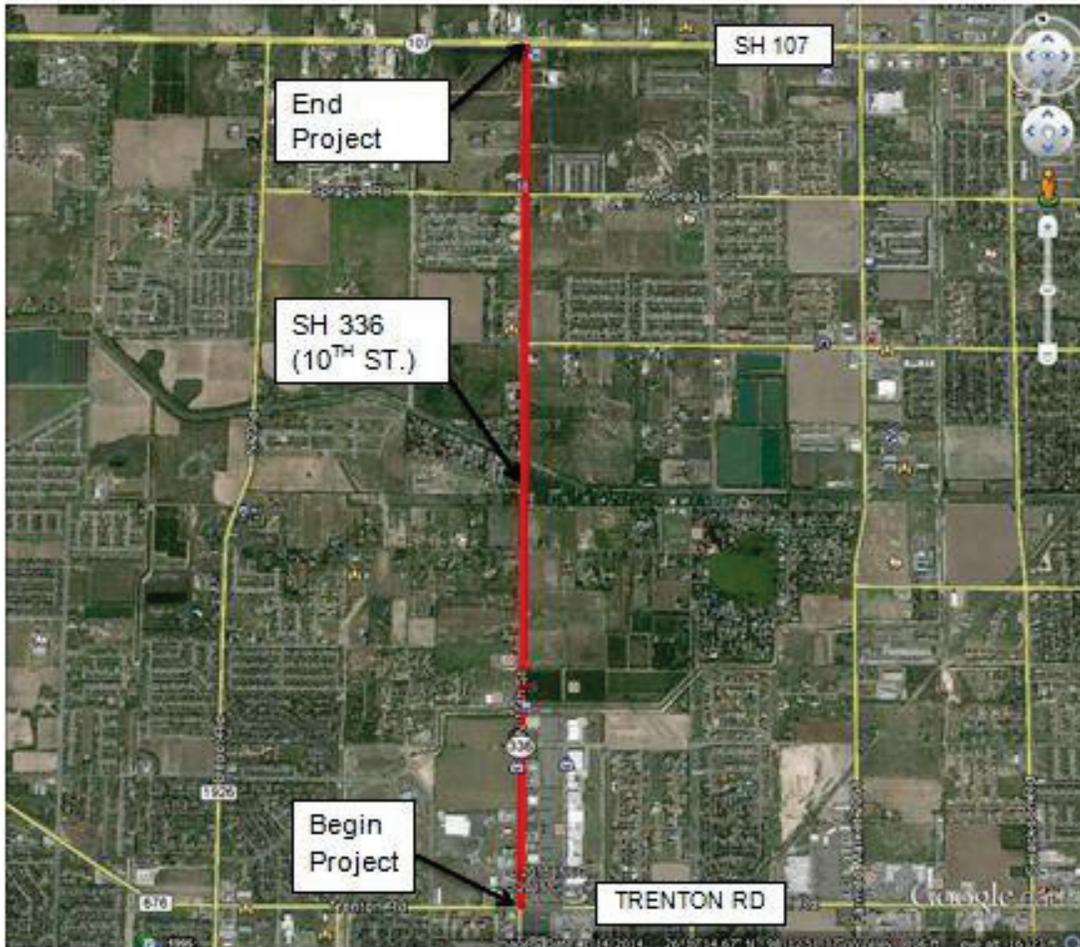
La reunión pública será conducida en inglés, pero servicios de traducción al español estarán disponibles. Personas interesadas en asistir la reunión con necesidades especiales por favor de comunicarse con Norma Robledo al número (956) 702-6161 por lo menos cuatro días antes de la reunión pública. Se hará todo esfuerzo razonable para acomodar estos servicios.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes Ambientales Federales para este proyecto se están o han sido llevadas a cabo por TxDOT conforme con 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorandum de Entendimiento con fecha del 16 de Diciembre del 2014 y ejecutado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras y TxDOT.

## Location Map



## LOCATION MAP



SH 336 (10<sup>TH</sup> St) – Construction of Raised Median & Landscaping  
FROM: Trenton Rd  
TO: SH 107  
CSJ: 0621-01-100