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Business Highway 190 Project Public Meeting

Copperas Cove, Texas – The City of Copperas Cove and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting to discuss and receive public comments on the proposed Business Highway 190 Project on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at the Copperas Cove Civic Center, 1206 W Avenue B. The public meeting will be held in an open house format from 530pm to 7pm and will include a brief project overview presentation beginning at 6pm. The project engineer, BSP Engineers, will also be present.

The TxDOT Waco District has created a project web page which can be found on their website at: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/waco/business-us-190.html>. The project page includes project history and schedule, map, research/studies, FAQs, etc. We encourage the public to view this site to educate themselves on the project and dispel inaccurate rumors which have circulated.

Please see attached public notice for further information.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Public Information Officer Kevin Keller at kkeller@copperascovetx.gov or (254)547-4221.

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Notice of Public Meeting
BUS US 190: From Avenue D to Constitution Ave
CSJ: 0231-02-062
Coryell County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve BUS US 190 from Avenue D to Constitution Avenue in Coryell County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public meeting to discuss and receive public comments on the proposed project. **The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at the Copperas Cove Civic Center, 1206 W. Avenue B, Copperas Cove, Texas, 76522.** Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the proposed project improvements. **The public meeting will be held in an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and will include a brief project overview presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

The proposed improvements to Business US 190 include adding variable width raised medians with left turn controlled access, a 10' wide multi-use path on the south side of the roadway and both pedestrian and street lighting. The project begins at the existing Avenue D intersection and extends approximately 1.25 miles east to the existing Constitution Drive intersection. The existing Business US 190 roadway consists of 3 lanes both directions with a continuous left turn access lane from Avenue D to Constitution Drive. The proposed project would provide 2 through lanes in both directions and a controlled left turn access at public street intersections. The main lanes would consist of two 12-foot lanes in each direction and include left turn and right turn lanes at several locations. The east and west bound lanes will be separated by a varying width raised median comprised of xeriscape landscaping and brick pavers. The 10' wide multi-use path located on the south side of the roadway will accommodate both pedestrian and bicycle traffic and include ADA compliant ramps and pedestrian crosswalks at main intersections. Additional right-of-way is not required based on the current design.

Maps will be displayed at the meeting depicting the location of proposed improvements and the geometric design are available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Bell County Area Office, 410 W Loop 121, Belton, TX 76513 and the TxDOT Gatesville Area Office, 3502 E Main St, Gatesville, TX 76528. Maps will also be on display at the Copperas Cove Public Library, 501 S. Main Street, Copperas Cove, TX 76522. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The project has a dedicated webpage that can be found by going to **TxDOT.gov**. In the upper right hand corner search "**Business US 190 Improvements**". It is the first link in your results.

Written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the meeting, or submitted in person or by mail to Ms. Janet Sheguit, BSP Engineers, 15 W. Central Avenue, Temple, TX 76501. **Written comments must be received or postmarked on or before Friday, June 15, 2018 to be included in the documentation of the public meeting.**

The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Liz Bullock at the TxDOT Waco District, 254-867-2751. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the 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 FHWA and TxDOT.