



Notice of Public Hearing

**QUINTANA ROAD
From Harmon Avenue to McKenna Avenue
CSJs: 0915-12-520
Bexar County, Texas**

Port San Antonio in conjunction with the City of San Antonio's Transportation and Capital Improvements Department (COSA TCI) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to improve Quintana Road from Harmon Avenue to McKenna Avenue in Bexar County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 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 a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that COSA will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at Alamo Colleges Workforce Center of Excellence - Building 8 on the St. Philips Southwest Campus addressed at 800 Quintana Road (also 203 Norton Street), San Antonio, Texas 78211. The facility is located immediately south of Harmon Street. The hearing will take place in the Atrium (Room 117). Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operation on Quintana Road by realigning the roadway at Dunton Avenue, and to address flooding issues. The existing Quintana Road would be widened primarily along the east side and would include dedicated turn lanes at the Quintana Road and Dunton Avenue intersection; a dedicated left-turn lane onto Harmon Avenue; uncurbed/unpainted medians; reconstructed traffic signals; curbs; six-foot sidewalks on the west side of Quintana Road and on both sides of Dunton Avenue; a 10-foot wide shared-use path on the east side of Quintana Road; and driveways. Stormwater from the intersection would be conveyed to a detention pond and channel beginning between Quintana and Lester. The channel would extend south parallel to Lester Avenue for about 2,400 linear feet, then east parallel to Fay Avenue within Port San Antonio property, and would outfall into an existing 72-inch diameter pipeline located northeast of the Fay Avenue and New Laredo Highway intersection. The proposed project would permanently close the section of Lester Avenue between Dunton Avenue and McKenna Avenue. The proposed project would require approximately 2.8 acres of new right-of-way (ROW) and 22.1 acres of permanent easement from properties currently used for commercial, residential, institutional purposes, as well as Port San Antonio owned property. There would be two commercial and one residential displacement. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

This public hearing is also being held to address requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act and Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Title 3 Chapter 26 related to proposed use of a publicly-owned recreation area, Quintana Park, which is located along Lester Avenue. Approximately 1.15 acres of the 4.71-acre park would be displaced by proposed drainage improvements, while the remainder of the park would remain publicly-accessible after construction.

Environmental documentation or studies, 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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Port San Antonio at 907 Billy Mitchell Blvd. San Antonio, TX 78226 (See receptionist). 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 San Antonio Transportation and Capital Improvements Department. Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, April 12, 2017, to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Peter Rodriguez at the City of San Antonio Transportation and Capital Improvements Department, (210) 207-8154. Requests should be made at least two 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 David Lopez, P.E., COSA TCI Project Manager with the City of San Antonio at (210) 207-5001 or david.lopez@sanantonio.gov.

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.