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Bexar County Public Works Hosting First-Ever Virtual Public Meeting

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the County remains dedicated to keeping the public informed.

Keeping in line with the Stay Home, Work Safe executive orders, the Bexar County Public Works Department is hosting its first-ever virtual public meeting on Wednesday, May 6, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., to keep community members informed regarding the upcoming proposed improvements to third phase of the Crestway Road Project.

Throughout the hour, residents can view exhibits and diagrams, and have a live conversation via chat with Precinct 4 Commissioner Tommy Calvert and the project engineers.

With design at 60 percent completed, this is the public's opportunity by joining together online to bring suggestions or concerns to the attention of their Commissioner, County engineers and staff. The proposed plans include operational improvements, which include bike lanes and 6 ft. sidewalk from Gibbs Sprawl (FM 1976) to Kitty Hawk Road, for an approximate 1.27 miles in length.

"Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, my office has been working to ensure community members are informed and have the opportunity to have their voice heard," stated Commissioner Tommy Calvert. "While this virtual meeting may be taking place online, I am cognizant of the digital divide that exist in many areas of my precinct and will work to ensure that other means, such as mailers, are distributed to nearby residents."

In order to promote participation, emails were sent to local homeowners associations and instructions were posted on to social media pages, such as Nextdoor. Residents can join the virtual meeting by computer, tablet, or smartphone (audio and video).

"Even though this is a first for my department, the practice will remain the same," stated Bexar County Public Works Director Renee Green. "Residents will have the opportunity to review the designs, give feedback and be able to ask questions. As always, we will provide additional points of contact for residents to contact after the presentation and throughout the span of the project."

Residents will click on a link provided to them and have the opportunity to ask their questions after the presentation. If they are unable to log into the live public meeting, a recorded video of the Commissioner's message and the virtual public meeting will be accessible from a phone, laptop, or computer between May 6 and the deadline for comments on May 25, 2020. Additional assistance will be made for those without internet service.

Construction cost is set at \$7.8 million and expected to begin in late 2020.

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