



Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to replace and widen the State Highway (SH) 155 Bridge at Big Cypress Creek (Lake O' the Pines) in Marion and Upshur Counties. The proposed project is located approximately 3.5 miles northeast of Ore City, Texas. The total length of the proposed project is 1.43 miles.

The existing bridge is 1,166 feet in length consisting of three – continuous steel I-beam spans and 33 – simple concrete pan girder approach spans. The existing bridge has a width of 31.2 feet providing for a two-lane roadway consisting of two 12 foot travel lanes and 2 foot shoulders. The existing approach roadway varies in width from 42 feet to 54 feet with lane configurations varying from two to three lanes. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 120 feet to 200 feet.

The proposed bridge would be a concrete pre-stressed structure that would be 2,880 ft in length and would provide four 12 foot travel lanes, a 10 foot median, with 10 foot shoulders. The north and southbound lanes would be separated by a concrete median barrier on the proposed bridge. The approach roadway sections would consist of four 12 foot travel lanes, a 10 foot to 14 foot flush median, and 4 foot to 10 foot paved shoulders. The project would require 9.2 acres of additional ROW. All of the proposed ROW would come from the south side of the existing bridge and roadway. The proposed project would not require any residential or business displacements.

Maps showing the project location and design, environmental document, tentative construction schedule, and other information relative to the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT's Atlanta District North Design Office located at 701 E. Main in Atlanta, Texas.

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before February 9, 2015, to the Texas Department of Transportation, 701 E. Main, Atlanta, Texas 75551, Attn: John Baker, P.E. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. John Baker, P.E. at (903)799-1340.

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.