



Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing

Interstate Highway 10 Widening

From KCS Railroad, East to FM 1442 in Orange County

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Beaumont District is proposing to widen Interstate Highway (IH) 10 from the Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railroad (near Vidor), East to Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1442 in Orange County. The total distance of the proposed project is approximately 6.73 miles.

The existing interstate highway consists of four 12-foot travel lanes (two in each direction) with variable width inside and outside shoulders plus the continuous one-way, two-lane frontage roads. A concrete median barrier separates the eastbound and westbound lanes. The existing right-of-way width varies from 290 to 300 feet.

The proposed project would widen this section of IH 10 from four to six lanes with 10-foot wide inside shoulders and 10-foot wide outside shoulders. A concrete median barrier would separate the eastbound and westbound lanes. The proposed project would be constructed within the existing right-of-way; no new right-of-way would be required. No relocations or displacements would occur. No temporary or permanent easements would be required.

One bridge-class concrete culvert on the westbound frontage road just east of the Inspection Station will be replaced by the extension of the mainlane cross drainage culvert associated with an unnamed tributary to Cow Bayou. This culvert extension would require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 14. The proposed project would traverse the 100-year floodplain and wetlands at Cow Bayou; however, no work is proposed at Cow Bayou.

Environmental study is ongoing. Maps showing the project location and design, environmental information, tentative construction schedule, and other information relative to the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Beaumont District Office located at 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708.

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design of the project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before Tuesday, June 2, 2015, to the Texas Department of Transportation – Beaumont District Office; Attention: Ms. Leanna Sheppard, Environmental Specialist; 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Kenneth Wiemers, Beaumont District Design Engineer, at (409) 892-7311.

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 of 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.