



## NOTICE AFFORDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

### **INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10 (I-10) From State Highway (SH) 73 to Hamshire Road CSJ: 0739-01-039, etc. Chambers and Jefferson Counties, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing improvements to I-10 from SH 73 to Hamshire Rd. in Jefferson and Chambers Counties, Texas to improve safety and increase mobility. The project length is approximately 5.215 miles. An open house public meeting was conducted March 8, 2016.

The existing I-10 highway consists of 4- 12-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction), 10-foot wide outside shoulder and 4-foot wide inside shoulder. The proposed project involves reconstructing and widening the existing I-10 to a six-lane highway (3 lanes in each direction) consisting of 12-foot wide travel lanes, 10-foot wide outside shoulder, and 10-foot wide inside shoulder with a concrete median barrier. Other project components include replacing and widening the bridge at IH 10 overpass at FM 1663, replacing the Brush Island Road Bridge, and widening existing culverts at tributaries to Mayhaw Bayou. No changes to the existing frontage roads will occur; however, the westbound exit ramp to FM 1663 will be relocated 500 feet east to improve safety and meet current design standards.

All work will occur within the existing right-of-way (ROW). No additional ROW or permanent/temporary easement is required; therefore, no displacements or relocations of residences and businesses are necessary.

The project limits are within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies. The facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility, stream, or other property. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

The activities associated with the culvert widenings will impact waters of the U.S. including wetlands located in the existing right-of-way; therefore, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #14 under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is required.

Environmental study is ongoing. Maps showing the project location and design, environmental information, tentative construction schedule, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM at the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, 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 for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before Tuesday, August 2, 2016, to TxDOT Beaumont District Office, Attn: Scott Ayres, Planning Engineer, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77708 or via email at [scott.ayres@txdot.gov](mailto:scott.ayres@txdot.gov).

If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Ahmed Gaily, P.E., District Design Engineer, at (409) 898-5723 or via email at [Ahmed.Gaily@txdot.gov](mailto:Ahmed.Gaily@txdot.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.*