PUBLIC HEARING
SH 105 Bridge Replacements
Navasota Center

Thursday, September 12, 2013
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Welcome & Introductions
   Robert A. Appleton, P.E.
   TxDOT Bryan, Director of Transportation Planning and Development

II. Project Development
   Robert A. Appleton, P.E.

III. Project History Design & Construction Overview
   Robert A. Appleton, P.E.

IV. Environmental Overview
   Robert A. Appleton, P.E.

V. Right-of-Way and Relocation Assistance
   Robert A. Appleton, P.E.

VI. Break to Review Schematics

VII. Public Comment Session
   Robert A. Appleton, P.E.

VIII. Closing
   Robert A. Appleton, P.E.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project replaces the existing State Highway (SH) 105 bridges across the Navasota and Brazos Rivers and Coles Creek in Grimes, Brazos, and Washington Counties, Texas. The proposed bridges are on a new alignment that requires approximately 89.4 acres of additional right of way. The estimated cost for the project is approximately $25 million.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Westward migration of the Brazos River has begun to undermine the foundation on the east approach to the Brazos River Bridge on SH 105. River migration at this location is projected to continue. This will eventually lead to structural problems that would require permanently closing the bridge. In order to address this issue, a new bridge over the Brazos River along a more stable portion of the river needs to be constructed. The proposed location is approximately 820 feet downstream (south) of the existing bridge. Relocating the Brazos River Bridge necessitates realigning a portion of the SH 105 roadway. Since the Brazos River Bridge is in close proximity to bridges at the Navasota River and Coles Creek, any modifications to the alignment of the Brazos River Bridge affects these bridges as well. The bridges at the Navasota River and Coles Creek have been determined to be functionally obsolete; in part, due to the lack of shoulders. Due to of these concerns, the bridges at the Navasota River and Coles Creek are also eligible for replacement.

Therefore, the purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety along SH 105 by relocating the bridge over the Brazos River to a more stable location and to realign and replace functionally obsolete bridges that do not meet current standards for safety at the Navasota River and at Coles Creek.
Proposed Alignment for the SH 105 Bridge Replacement Project

Project Location Map

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The primary purpose for tonight’s Public Hearing is to inform the public of the proposed project and give the public an opportunity to comment on the project. The proceedings are recorded. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be prepared along with all written statements and exhibits received in a public hearing summary.

The public is encouraged to review the schematic during the open house and during the break following the project presentation. TxDOT staff will be available during these times for questions.

Following the break to review the schematic, there will be an open call for public comment. If a speaker has additional questions that are pertinent to the proposed project then they may be stated along with the comment. However, in the interest of time, we will not answer those additional questions until after the formal session. Tonight we encourage you to provide verbal and written comments. We will accept written statements for up to 10 days after the hearing. Written comments as well as verbal comments will be addressed, summarized, and included in the public hearing summary and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. Notice of availability of the hearing summary will be published in local newspapers.

PROJECT SEQUENCE

Environmental clearance is anticipated Fall 2013. Right-of-way acquisition will commence after environmental clearance. Construction is anticipated to begin Fall 2014.

Mail/email Comments by Monday, September 22, 2013 to:

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