



NOTICE AFFORDING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING FM 1093/WESTPARK TOLLWAY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Fort Bend County in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose to widen and extend Farm-to-Market (FM) 1093/Westpark Tollway from FM 1463/FM 359 to State Highway (SH) 99 (Grand Parkway) in Fort Bend County, Texas. The proposed project would be tolled from SH 99 to just west of FM 723 and non-tolled from just west FM 723 to FM 1463/FM 359.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) is typically 100 feet in width. Approximately 40.17 acres of additional ROW would be required to construct the proposed project. Of this, it is anticipated that approximately 19.0 acres would be acquired from a portion of the adjacent Houston METRO ROW, and approximately 21.17 acres of additional ROW would be acquired from private properties on the north side of FM 1093. In addition, approximately 0.76-acre of temporary construction easements would be required. Storm water detention is proposed for this project. There is one commercial displacement/relocation and no residential displacements/relocations associated with the proposed project. There would be no impacts to parklands, wildlife or waterfowl refuges, recreational areas, or historic or archeological sites. The proposed project does not traverse any streams, does not contain any jurisdictional wetlands, and does not lie within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain. The hydraulic design for this proposed project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies. There would be no effects on federally threatened or endangered species or their habitats. A noise analysis was performed for the proposed project. The noise analysis resulted in noise impacts at four locations associated with the proposed project. The four locations are 1) The Palm at Cinco Ranch Apartments, and the subdivisions of 2) Cinco Terras, 3) Westheimer Lakes North, and 4) Canyon Springs at Westheimer Lakes. Noise abatement in the form of noise barriers are recommended at these four locations. Noise workshops will be conducted at a later date with the adjacent property owners of these four locations to discuss the recommended noise barriers.

Maps showing the project location and design, the environmental document, tentative construction schedules, and other information relative to the proposed project are on file and available for review at the TxDOT Houston District Office at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 and at the Fort Bend County Offices at 1124 Blume Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. TxDOT and County offices are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays.

Any interested person may request that a public hearing be held covering the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project by mailing a written request to the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas, 77251-1386 on or before April 2, 2014. In the event that a public hearing is requested, a public hearing would be scheduled and notices providing information about the public hearing date and location would be published in this publication. Notices would also be mailed to elected officials and adjacent property owners.