



**Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Improvements to FM 521 from Beltway 8 to FM 2234
CSJs: 0111-01-067 and 0111-03-031**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing to discuss proposed improvements to FM 521 (Almeda Road) from Beltway 8 to FM 2234 (McHard Road) in Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas. The public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School, LGI Room, located at 2225 Kingsley Drive, Pearland, Texas 77584. The public hearing will begin with an open house at 5:30 p.m. followed by a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the anticipated social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The public hearing will provide an opportunity to submit written comments, and a court reporter will be present to record oral comments. Both written and oral comments will be considered equally. Written comments may be submitted in person at the public hearing, by mail to TxDOT Houston District, Attn: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386, or by email to Hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov. All comments must be submitted within ten (10) working days after the public hearing (**postmarked on or before June 24, 2014**). The proposed project consists of reconstructing and widening the existing two-lane rural undivided facility to a four-lane divided urban arterial from Beltway 8 to 0.3 miles south of FM 2234. The project also includes improvements on FM 2234 from 0.3 miles west of FM 521 to 0.2 miles east of FM 521 and proposed grade separations at the Missouri Pacific Railroad crossings on FM 2234 and FM 521. The purpose of this proposed action is to expand capacity to enhance mobility, improve safety, improve railroad/local traffic crossings, and accommodate population and economic growth, while minimizing impacts to the natural and social environment. Approximately 13.2 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) would be required for the proposed project. The proposed ROW acquisition is required to meet TxDOT design standards. Maps and other drawings showing the proposed design will be displayed at the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. Materials will be presented in English and Spanish, and Spanish language interpreters will be present. Persons interested in attending the public hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Office at 713-802-5072 at least two (2) working days prior to the public hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. The TxDOT offices are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding national holidays.