



Notice of Public Meeting

FM 517 from SH 35 to FM 646

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, will hold public meetings regarding proposed roadway improvements to FM 517 from SH 35 to FM 646 in Brazoria and Galveston Counties, Texas. The meetings will be held in two locations, with each meeting presenting the same information: Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at Calder Road Elementary School Cafeteria located at 6511 Calder Road, League City, TX 77573 and Thursday, January 28, 2016 at Hood Case Elementary School Cafeteria located at 1450 Heights Road, Alvin, TX 77511. The meetings will be held in an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **No formal presentation will be made.**

The purpose of the public meetings is to present three Alternatives for the proposed FM 517 project from SH 35 to FM 646 to the public and receive comments. The proposed improvements include widening the existing two lane facility to four lanes, including two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction; an 18-foot-wide raised median with turn lanes; and 5-foot-wide sidewalks throughout the project limits. The proposed project also includes the conversion of FM 517 from SH 35 to FM 646 to a curb and gutter system with open vegetated ditches. The purpose of the project is to accommodate future anticipated traffic demand and growth in the region and improve safety by providing raised medians with dedicated turn lanes at select locations and intersections within the proposed project limits. The proposed project would require additional right-of-way and include potential displacements.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and design drawings for all three alternatives will be available for review at the Public Meeting. This information will also be available by appointment for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays, at the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District please contact Patrick Gant at (713) 802-5274. Maps and designs may also be viewed at the TxDOT Brazoria County Area Office located at 1033 E. Orange, Angleton, TX 77515, contact (979) 864-8500, or at the TxDOT Galveston County Area Office located at 5407 Gulf Freeway, La Marque, TX 77568, contact (409) 978-2500. The project information can also be viewed at TxDOT's website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments may be submitted at the Public Meeting. Written comments may also be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251. Written comments must be postmarked, submitted through the TxDOT website (listed above), or emailed to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov by February 18, 2016, to be included in the Public Meeting Summary.

The Public Meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT's Public Information Office (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the Public Meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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.