



PUBLIC MEETING

I-45 South (Gulf Freeway)
From South of FM 518 to FM 1764



PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Open House – No formal presentation will be made
- Display the proposed design changes
- Obtain feedback from the public
- Project team to answer any questions



Federal Environmental Laws

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.

La revision ambiental, consultas, y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables a este proyecto estan siendo o han sido, llevadas a cabo por TxDOT en virtud de 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorandum de Entendimiento con Fecha de 16 de diciembre 2014, y ejecutado por FHWA y TxDOT.



Project Purpose & Need

NEED:

- Roadway floods during rain events
- Decreased mobility due to congested lanes, ramps, and need for additional turn lanes (With traffic congestion anticipated to increase in the future)
- Facility currently has no sidewalks or bicycle facilities & there are significant commercial shopping centers in the project area
- Need for improved hurricane evacuation

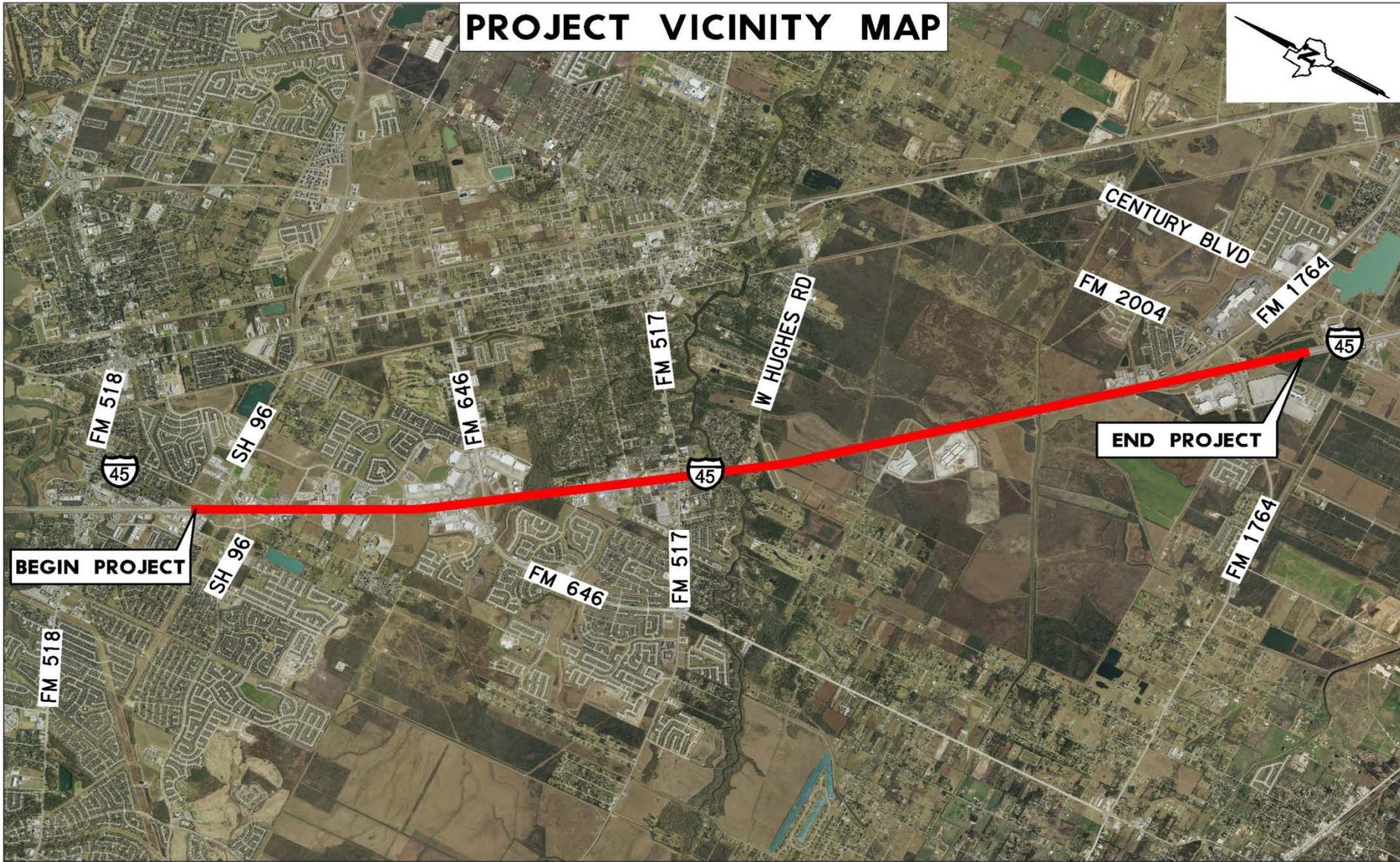
PURPOSE:

- Reduce roadway flooding
- Improve mobility & reduce congestion by constructing additional lanes and turn lanes
- Facilitate bicycle/pedestrian activity by constructing sidewalks & shared-use lanes to accommodate bicyclists
- Facilitate hurricane evacuation by providing additional lanes



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PROJECT VICINITY MAP



Project History/Design Changes

Project History

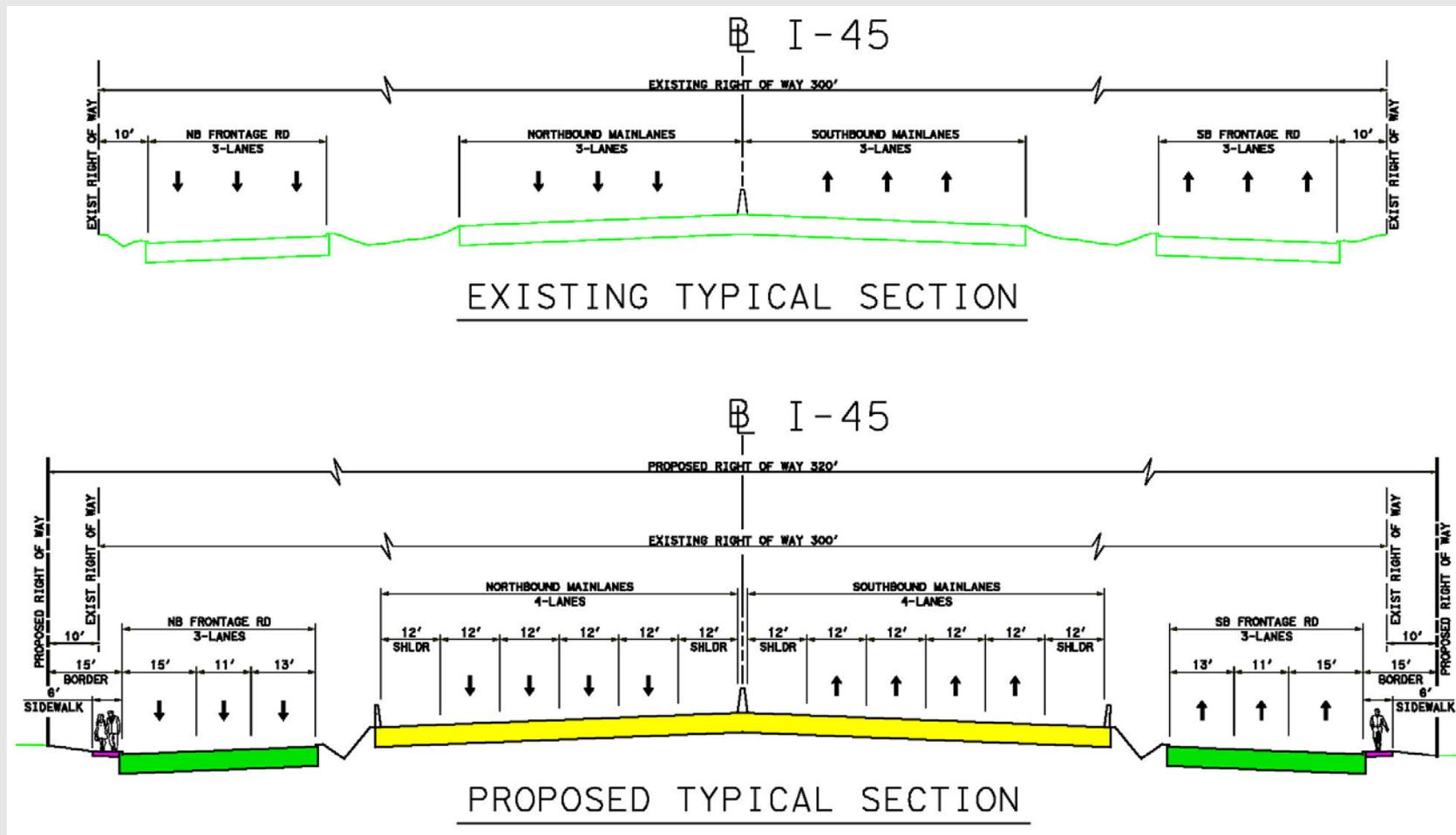
- Since the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on August 13, 2010, continuing project development efforts have identified the need for design changes.
- Project original environmental document approved on August 13, 2010, included the mainlane expansion from 6 to 8-lanes and ramp reversals.

Design Changes

- The Proposed Changes Include:
 - Revising the entrance and exit ramp locations south of FM 646
 - Construction of detention ponds
 - New overpass at Lago Mar Blvd.
 - Sidewalk and bicycle accommodations



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PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

All comments must be submitted by November 3, 2015.
Comments may be provided tonight at this Public Meeting, by
mail, by email, or on-line.

Submit Comments **TONIGHT:**
In the Comment Box

Submit Comments by **MAIL** to:
TxDOT Houston District
Attn: Director of Project Development
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

Submit Comments **ELECTRONICALLY** by:

EMAIL to:

HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov

OR

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>



PROPOSED SCHEDULE*

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| ➤ Public Meeting | October 20, 2015 |
| ➤ Anticipated Environmental Decision | Mid 2016 |
| ➤ Anticipated Right of Way Acquisition | Early 2016 |
| ➤ Anticipated Construction Begin | Late 2016/ Early 2017 |

Estimated Construction Cost \$260M

* All dates are approximate and subject to change.



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Welcomes you to the
Public Meeting
for the proposed

I-45 SOUTH (GULF FREEWAY) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
from South of FM 518 to FM 1764

Galveston County, Texas



Tonight's Public Meeting

Step by Step

Step 1 – Sign in at the Registration Table

**Step 2 – Visit Exhibits and Talk with
TxDOT Technical Staff**

Step 3 – Provide Comments



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**Thank You for
Attending Tonight's Public Meeting**



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Sign in/Registration



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Written Comments



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Right-of-Way



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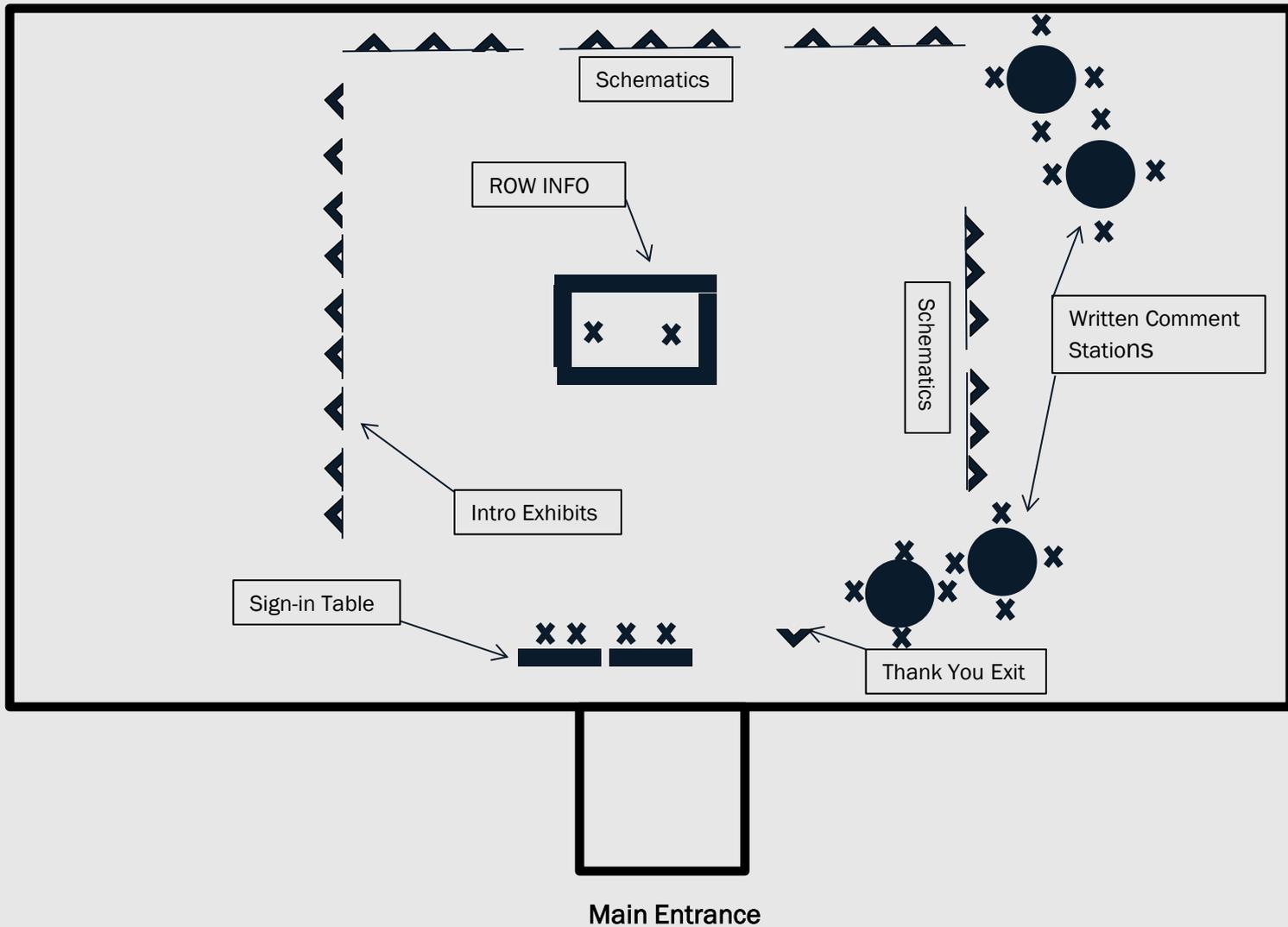
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October 20, 2015 Public Meeting



Room Layout
Victory Lakes Intermediate School Commons Area

North Main Entrance Photo



Main Entrance Photo



Commons Main Entrance Photo



Commons Photos



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Commons Photo (Rest Rooms)



Parking Photos

