



**Notice of Public Hearing  
FM 646 from IH 45 to Bayshore Boulevard  
Galveston County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed improvements to FM 646 from IH 45 to Bayshore Boulevard in Galveston County, Texas.

**Tuesday, July 13, 2010  
6:00 pm – Open House  
7:00 pm – Public Hearing  
Dunbar Middle School  
2901 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Dickinson, Texas, 77539**

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. TxDOT proposes to widen FM 646 to a four-lane divided roadway. A raised center median is proposed from IH 45 to SH 146, and a center turn lane is proposed from SH 146 to Bayshore Blvd. The total project length is approximately 8 miles. The proposed improvements would require approximately 25.6 acres of new right-of-way (ROW) from IH 45 to SH 146. Currently the ROW varies from 100 – 120 ft and the proposed ROW required is an additional 32 – 52 ft., depending on the location. Approximately 0.42 ac of jurisdictional waters of the U.S., including wetlands may be impacted by the proposed project, and a USACE Nationwide Permit 14 is anticipated.

The hearing will begin with an open house from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Project personnel will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed project at the open house. The formal public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period. The Environmental Assessment, project exhibits, maps, and design drawings will be available for review during the open house. In addition, this information, along with the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction, is available for review and copying at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, and at the Galveston County Area Office, 5407 Gulf Freeway, La Marque, TX 77568. Six potential residential/commercial structural displacements are proposed. Information about TxDOT's Relocation Assistance Program that provides benefits and services for those displaced will also be available at the Hearing.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing. Written and verbal comments may be presented at this public hearing. Written comments can be mailed to the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to [HOU-PIOWEBMAIL@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:HOU-PIOWEBMAIL@dot.state.tx.us). All written comments must be postmarked or emailed by July 27, 2010. A public hearing summary report will be made available in the Fall of 2010 on the TxDOT website: [http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local\\_information/houston\\_district/](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/houston_district/).

Persons interested in attending the Public Hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at (713) 802-5072 at least two working days prior to the hearing. TxDOT offices are open Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays. The public hearing will be conducted in English. Requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two working days in advance of the hearing. TxDOT will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate these needs.