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«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»
ATTN: Community Involvement Director
«Position», «Organization»
«Addr1»
«City», «ST» «Zip»

RE: Draft Environmental Assessment Availability and
Notice to Afford the Opportunity for a Public Hearing
Montgomery County
FM 2854: From Loop 336 to I-45
Control 2744-01-011

Dear «Title» «LastName»:

Please see attached the Notice of Availability and the Opportunity for Public Hearing. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Tunisia Hardy, at (713) 802-5560 or Tunisia.Hardy@txdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Quincy D. Allen, P.E.
District Engineer
Houston District

Attachment

cc: Pat Henry, P.E.
Tunisia Hardy
Dave Young, Cox McClain

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.

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**Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
And
Notice Opportunity for Public Hearing
FM 2854: From Loop 336 to I-45**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to reconstruct the FM 2854 roadway from Loop 336 to I-45 in Montgomery County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 2.1 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 and §2.108, this notice advised the public that the approved Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. 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.

The project proposes to reconstruct the FM 2854 roadway from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with curb and gutter and a flush median. The project would require approximately 4.2 acres of new right-of-way (ROW), which includes land for two proposed detention ponds, along with approximately 3.5 acres of temporary construction easements. The existing ROW is 100 feet wide and the proposed ROW width varies between 100 and 175 feet in width. Six-foot sidewalks would be constructed on the north side of the roadway. The proposed drainage system would consist of the utilization of a shared drainage ditch, shallow swales, and construction of a storm sewer system. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce congestion and improve safety for motorists using the roadway. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the TxDOT Houston District and TxDOT Montgomery County Area office at the addresses below.

The proposed project is anticipated to cross several floodplains of tributaries to the West Fork of the San Jacinto River, and the floodplain of Alligator Creek. Approximately 0.06 acre of one wetland, adjacent to Alligator Creek would be impacted by the proposed project. Authorization to impact this wetland would be requested from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District through Nationwide Permit 14.

The Draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (excluding city, and state holidays) at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 or at the at TxDOT Montgomery County Area Office located at 901 North FM 3083 East, Conroe, Texas 77303, or you may contact them at (936) 538-3300. A public meeting was conducted on October 1, 2015. The Public Meeting Summary Report, approved Draft EA, as well as schematic plans for the proposed project are also available online at, <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/100115.html>.

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed location and/or design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before July 5, 2016, to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Additionally, any comments on the Draft EA can be submitted to the address included above. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the opportunity for the public hearing, please contact Mr. Hamid Youssefi, at (713) 802-5503.

**Draft EA Availability
and
Opportunity for Public Hearing
FM 2854; From Loop 336 to I-45
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