



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY (IH) 10 Widening
from 0.54 miles east of Farm-to-Market (FM) 3247 to the Sabine River Bridge
Control Section Job Number: 0028-14-091

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Beaumont District will conduct a public meeting for the proposed widening of IH 10 from 0.54 miles east of FM 3247 to the Sabine River Bridge, in Orange County, Texas. The meeting will be an open house format so the public can come and go at their convenience. Displays of the proposed project improvements will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be available to provide project information and answer questions. No formal presentation will be provided. The meeting details follow:

Thursday, February 7, 2019
Open House: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
West Orange-Stark Elementary School
2605 Martin Luther King Drive
Orange, Texas 77630

The existing interstate highway consists of four 12-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction) with variable width inside and outside shoulders plus the continuous one-way, two-lane frontage roads. A concrete median barrier separates the eastbound and westbound lanes.

The proposed 4.3 mile project would improve mobility and enhance safety by widening IH 10 from four to six 12-foot wide travel lanes with 10-foot wide inside shoulders and 10-foot wide outside shoulders. A concrete median barrier would remain. The project also includes widening the existing IH 10 Adam's Bayou bridge to provide additional travel lanes and auxiliary lanes between the entrance/exit ramps to improve merge movements. The existing bridge at Sabine River Relief would be replaced with a modern structure meeting current design standards. All work is proposed to occur within the existing right-of-way (ROW); therefore, no displacements or relocations of residences and businesses would occur.

The activities associated with the proposed improvements would impact waters of the U.S. including wetlands located in the existing ROW; therefore, a permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is anticipated. The project limits are within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies.

Maps showing the project location, preliminary design, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708. Written comments may be submitted at the public meeting; by mail to the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, Attn: Larry Sheppard – Project Manager, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708; or by e-mail to larry.sheppard@txdot.gov. Written comments must be received on or before Friday, February 22, 2019, to be included in the official public meeting record.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending who have special communication or accommodation needs, or require an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT Public Information Officer Sarah Dupre at (409) 898-5745. Requests should be made at least five days before the event. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact Larry Sheppard, PE, TxDOT Project Manager, at (409) 892-7311 or at larry.sheppard@txdot.gov.

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 23U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.