

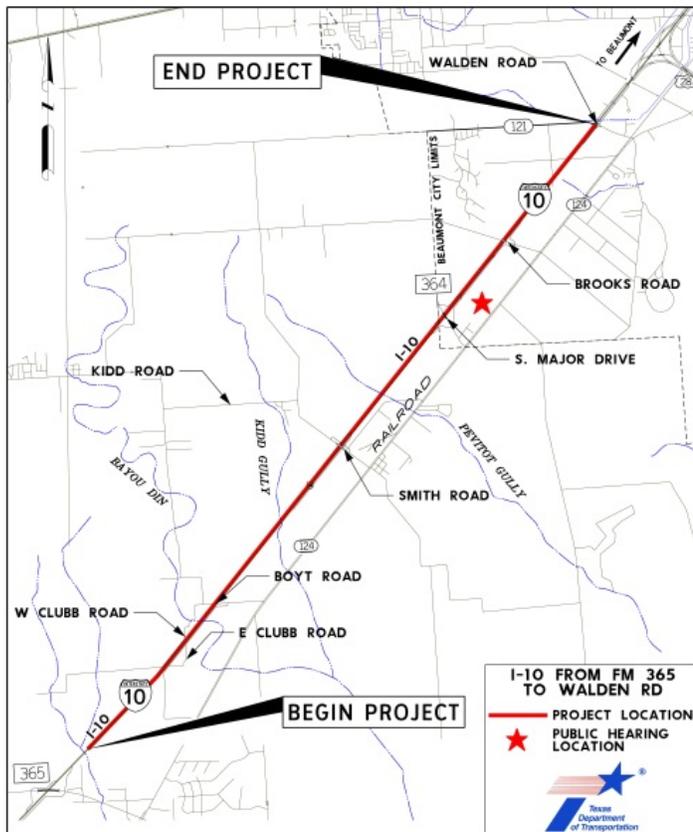


PUBLIC HEARING

I-10 from FM 365 East to Walden Road (CR 131)
TUESDAY, May 1, 2018
Ford Park - Exhibit Hall
5115 I-10 S., Beaumont, Texas 77705
Open House: 5 – 6 p.m., Formal Hearing: 6 – 7:30 p.m.



PROJECT LOCATION MAP I-10 IMPROVEMENTS FROM FM 365 TO WALDEN ROAD



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) from Farm-to-Market (FM) 365 east to Walden Road (County Road 131) in Jefferson County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing regarding the proposed project on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at Ford Park Exhibit Hall, located at 5115 IH-10 S, Beaumont, TX, 77705. An open house will take place from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. when displays will be available for viewing and the public may come and go at their convenience. The public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m., which includes a formal presentation and comment period.

The proposed project will enhance safety and increase mobility by widening and reconstructing I-10. Currently I-10 consists of four 12-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction), 10-foot wide outside shoulders and 4-foot wide inside shoulders with a grass median and cable median barrier. The proposed project would:

- Reconstruct and widen I-10 to a six-lane highway (3 lanes in each direction) with 12-foot wide travel lanes, 10-foot wide outside shoulders, 10-foot wide inside shoulders, and a concrete median barrier
- Reconstruct and widen the bridges over Willow Marsh Bayou and Kidd Gully
- Convert the partial two-way frontage road in front of the Goodyear plant to a one-way between Boyt Road and Smith Road by replacing the Boyt Road overpass over I-10 with a partial interchange that includes a westbound exit ramp and eastbound entrance ramp
- Rebuild I-10 over Smith Road (currently I-10 passes beneath Smith Road), install a U-turn for eastbound frontage road traffic, and relocate the existing eastbound exit ramp
- Remove the Brooks Road overpass bridge, create a City gateway space, and keep the frontage road ramps
- Widen the existing I-10 overpass at Walden Road

No construction is proposed at the FM 365 interchange. All work would occur within the existing right-of-way (ROW). No additional ROW, permanent/temporary easements are required; therefore, no displacements or relocations of residences and businesses are necessary.

The activities associated with the proposed project would impact waters of the U.S. located in the existing ROW; therefore, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #14 under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is required.

A portion of the proposed project right-of-way is located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be prepared in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies and guidelines. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

Environmental studies, maps of the study corridor, and exhibits will be available at the event. This information will also be available for review by appointment Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708. To schedule an appointment, please contact Sarah Dupre at 409-898-5745. Project information can also be viewed by visiting www.txdot.gov and search: I-10 at FM 365.

Verbal and written comments may be submitted at the hearing; written comments may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, District Design Engineer, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708 or electronically to ahmed.gaily@txdot.gov. Written comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically by Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

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

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Mr. Ahmed Gaily, P.E., District Design Engineer, at 409-892-7311 or email ahmed.gaily@txdot.gov.

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.