



Notice of Public Meeting

Proposed Improvements to I-10 from FM 365 East to Walden Road (CR 131)

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold an open house meeting to allow the public to view and comment on proposed improvements to Interstate Highway (IH) 10 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 365 east to Walden Road (County Road 131) in Jefferson County. The meeting will be held at the Ben Rogers Regional Visitors Center, located at 5055 I-10 South in Beaumont, Texas from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in a come-and-go format, so the public may attend at their convenience. Staff will be available to answer questions.

The purpose of the project is to 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. The proposed project involves reconstructing and widening 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.

TxDOT is proposing to widen and improve the interchange at Walden Road. The project also includes rebuilding I-10 as an overpass across Smith Road; currently Smith Road is an overpass across I-10. Local access at Smith Road would be improved, along with improving drainage and extending the existing frontage roads west of Smith Road. The project will remove the Brooks Road overpass.

All work will occur within the existing right-of-way (ROW). No additional ROW, permanent, or temporary easements are required; therefore, no displacements or relocations of residences and businesses will be necessary as a result of the proposed work.

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. The public is also encouraged to visit www.txdot.gov or view the online meeting notice at: www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html. Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, to be part of the meeting summary report.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. Anyone interested in attending the meeting that may need an interpreter or who has special communication or accommodation needs is encouraged to call Scott Ayres at (409) 892-7311. Requests should be made at least two days before the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate special needs.

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



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

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact Ahmed Gaily, TxDOT Beaumont District Design Engineer, at (409) 892-7311 or at ahmed.gaily@txdot.gov.