



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Old US-90 at Baird's Bayou

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold an open house public meeting to discuss the proposed bridge replacement of the Old US Highway 90 at Baird's Bayou in Orange County, Texas. The meeting will be conducted in an open house format so the public can come and go at their convenience. No formal presentation will be provided. Staff will be available to answer questions. The meeting details follow:

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Rose City – City Hall

370 Rose City Drive, Rose City, Texas 77662

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the proposed road closure and planned detour route during construction and to allow the public the opportunity to view and comment on the proposed improvement on Old US 90.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge to meet current design standards with a new structure constructed to current standards. The existing Old US 90 bridge consists of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one in each direction), and no outside shoulders. The proposed project would construct a new bridge with two 11-foot wide travel lanes (1 lane in each direction) and 4-foot wide outside shoulders. 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.

The activities associated with the bridge replacement would impact waters of the U.S. including wetlands located in the existing ROW; therefore, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 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. The roadway would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility, stream, or other property. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

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 Wednesday, August 22, 2018, to be part of the meeting summary report. The public may also submit their comments online at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/beaumont/080718.html.

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 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 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.