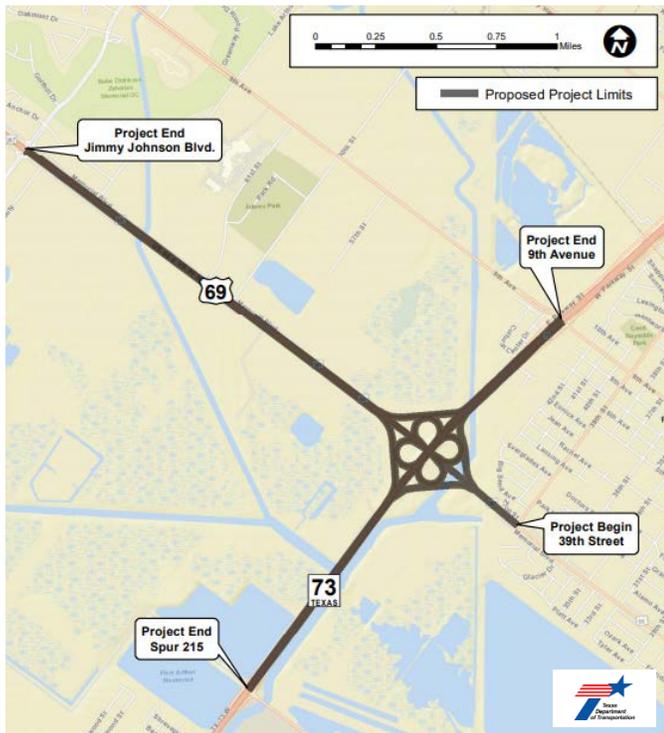


Notice of Virtual Public Meeting
US 69 & SH 73 INTERCHANGE
From 39th Street to Jimmy Johnson Boulevard/75th Street and Spur 215 to 9th Avenue
CSJ: 0200-16-020
Jefferson County, Texas



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont District is proposing to improve the United States (US) Highway 69 & State Highway (SH) 73 interchange southeast of Beaumont near Port Arthur in Jefferson County, Texas. The limits of the proposed improvements extend along US 69 for approximately 2.6 miles from 39th Street to Jimmy Johnson Boulevard/75th Street and along SH 73 for approximately 2.0 miles from Spur 215 to 9th Avenue. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting for the proposed project. The virtual meeting will be made available on Thursday, September 24, 2020, by 4 p.m. To log into the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov and search for "US 69/SH 73 Interchange" at the date and time indicated above. Project staff will give a presentation which will be a pre-recorded video and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Friday, October 9, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (409) 898-5732 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

The proposed project would reconfigure the interchange from the existing cloverleaf configuration to a turbine configuration, including direct connectors, mainlane improvements, frontage road improvements, and ramps. The proposed project also includes retaining walls, culverts, and the widening and replacement of bridges, as well as guide signing.



The proposed project would occur entirely within the existing right of way and would not result in any displacements. The project would involve action within the 100-year floodplain and construction within wetlands, the extent of which has not been determined at this time. A Section 404 Permit through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be required for construction of the proposed project. Any environmental documentation or studies, maps, and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online and can be accessed by going to www.txdot.gov and search for "US 69/SH 73 Interchange."

The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language, or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. To make arrangements for any of these needs, please contact TxDOT Public Information Officer Sarah Dupre at (409) 898-5745 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, September 21, 2020. Please be aware that

advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708. Written comments may also be submitted by email to bmtprojects@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Friday, October 9, 2020. Once prepared, responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov and search for "US 69/SH 73 Interchange".

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager by mail at 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708; by email at bmtprojects@txdot.gov; or by phone at (409) 898-5732.

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.