



Notice

Final Environmental Assessment

Available for Public Review

FM 1488 (Magnolia Relief Route)

From existing FM 1488 west of Magnolia to proposed SH 249 east of Magnolia

CSJs: 0523-09-018 & 0523-08-013

Montgomery County, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that a final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review for the proposed Farm-to-Market (FM) 1488 (Magnolia Relief Route) project from existing FM 1488 west of Magnolia to proposed State Highway (SH) 249 east of Magnolia in Montgomery County, Texas. 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.

The proposed FM 1488 (Magnolia Relief Route) project would construct a four lane (two in each direction) divided highway on new location. This construction would include grade separated overpasses at FM 1774 and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and at the proposed SH 249. The construction of the roadway would be from existing FM 1488 west of Magnolia to the proposed SH 249 east of Magnolia, a distance of approximately 5.4 miles. The proposed project would require approximately 155 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) and would potentially displace 11 residential properties or associated outbuildings, two commercial structures, one storm water detention pond and one utility facility; depending on final design. ROW acquisition would be conducted in accordance with federal guidelines.

Copies of the approved final EA, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, (713)-802-5000 and at the TxDOT Montgomery Area Office located at 9001 North FM 3083, East Conroe, Texas 77303, (936) 538-3300 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding state holidays. Pursuant to 23 CFR 771.119(h), TxDOT will issue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for this project no sooner than 30 days after the issuance of this notice of availability. For further information, please contact Samuel Ainabe, TxDOT Project Manager, at (713) 802-5260 or Samuel.Ainabe@txdot.gov.

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