



Notice

**Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing**

FM 2218

From IH 69 to SH 36

CSJ: 2093-01-010

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing improvements to Farm to Market (FM) 2218 from Interstate Highway (IH) 69 to State Highway (SH) 36 in Fort Bend County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the Rosenberg Civic Center, located at 3825 SH 36, Rosenberg, TX, 77471. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project. This hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and will allow the public the opportunity to review the Draft Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determination and project details as they relate to Seabourne Creek Nature Park.

The proposed project would consist of widening and reconstructing the existing roadway by adding an additional lane in each direction to include a 12-foot inside lane, and an outside 15-foot shared-use lane, for a total of four lanes. The roadway would include a 15-foot raised median, along with a curb and gutter drainage system. The project also includes 5-foot sidewalks on both sides. The existing intersection of FM 2218 and SH 36 is signalized and will remain post-construction, resulting in a 0.2 mile road ending in a cul-de-sac. The project proposes a new intersection at SH 36 that will be realigned to a safer, 90-degree configuration. In addition, two outfall channels and two detention ponds are proposed. The proposed typical right of way (ROW) would be 120-foot wide for a total project length of 3.6 miles.

The proposed project would require approximately 50 acres of additional ROW, and would potentially displace three residences and two commercial properties. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services will be available at the hearing or can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. The proposed project would require acquisition of public land designated and used as a recreational park. A total of 1.0 acre, out of 368 acres, of the Seabourne Creek Nature Park (0.3 percent) would be acquired for the proposed project.

The proposed project encroaches on a floodplain of Seabourne Creek. Based on a preliminary assessment, approximately 3.5 acres of the project area lie within a regulated floodway and approximately 33.4 acres lie within the 100-year floodplain. The proposed project would impact approximately 0.10 acre of wetlands and 645 linear feet of stream. It is anticipated that most waters of the U.S. would be culverted.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, anticipated construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays, at the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 and the Fort Bend Area Office located at 4235 SH 36, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District contact Ms. Jeanne Javadi, P.E. at (713) 802-5517 or at the Fort Bend Area office contact Mr. Grady Mapes, P.E. at (281) 238-7900. The project information can also be viewed online at TxDOT's website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments regarding the project may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person, by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, or via e-mail to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houstonpiowebmail@txdot.gov). Comments must be received on or before November 3, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT District Public Information Officer at TxDOT (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these 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 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.