



## Notice Affording Opportunity for a Public Hearing

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FARM-TO-MARKET 521 (FM 521)  
From Farm-to-Market 2234 (FM 2234) to State Highway 6 (SH 6)  
CSJ: 0111-03-059  
Fort Bend County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to widen Farm-to-Market 521 (FM 521) from Farm-to-Market 2234 (FM 2234) to State Highway 6 (SH 6) in Fort Bend County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 5.3 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 and §2.108, this notice advises the public that draft environmental documents are available for public review and that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The existing facility, between FM 2234 and SH 6 generally consists of a two-lane undivided roadway. The project proposes to widen the FM 521 roadway from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided facility. Directions of travel would be separated by a raised median. Turn lanes would be provided at various locations. A sidewalk would be constructed on the east side of the roadway. An overpass at Broadway Street is also proposed to further accommodate projected traffic volumes. It is anticipated that additional right-of-way (ROW) would be needed to accommodate proposed improvements near Broadway Street. The purpose of the proposed project is to add capacity, improve mobility and traffic safety, and construct the roadway to meet current design standards. The existing FM 521 ROW is approximately 120 feet in width within the project limits. The proposed project would be constructed within the existing ROW and may require additional ROW for storm water detention ponds and the proposed overpass. The proposed ROW would be acquired from undeveloped property; therefore, no displacements are anticipated to occur as a result of the proposed project.

Potential jurisdictional waters of the US, including wetlands were identified within the project limits. All unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional waters of the US, including wetlands, would require a Section 404 Permit with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District.

Exhibits showing schematic plans for the proposed project corridor and other information relative to the project are posted to <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/fm-521-fm-2234-sh-6.html> and are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District Office please contact Wahida Wakil, at (713) 802-5513. These items are also available for review by appointment at the following locations:

- TxDOT Fort Bend Area office, 4235 SH 36, Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Grady Mapes, P.E., (281) 238-7900.
- TxDOT Brazoria Area office, 1033 E. Orange, Angleton, Texas 77515, Michelle Milliard, P.E., (979) 864-8500.

Any interested person may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before June 23, 2017 to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Additionally, any comments regarding the proposed project can be submitted to the address included above. If you have questions regarding the proposed project or the opportunity to request a public hearing, contact Wahida Wakil, at (713) 802-5513.

**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.**