



Farm-to-Market 1485 Reconstruction and Widening Project

From State Highway 242 to Kidd Cemetery Road

July 23, 2020



Welcome to the Virtual Public Meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to the virtual public meeting for the proposed Farm-to-Market (FM) 1485 Reconstruction and Widening Project. The purpose of the virtual public meeting is to afford the public an opportunity to review and share input on the proposed project.

This virtual public meeting will be a pre-recorded presentation with both audio and visual components and electronic versions of the project location and design drawings. You are invited to watch the pre-recorded presentation and view project materials on the project website. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual public meeting, please contact Sofia Huang at (713) 802-5233 or sofia.huang@txdot.gov.

Public comments are encouraged.

Project Summary

Project Location:

Montgomery County

Project Length:

Approximately 5 miles

Project Limits:

FM 1485 from SH 242 to Kidd Cemetery Road

Estimated

Construction Cost:

Approximately \$67 Million

Project Reference

Number:

CSJ 1062-03-052

Project History

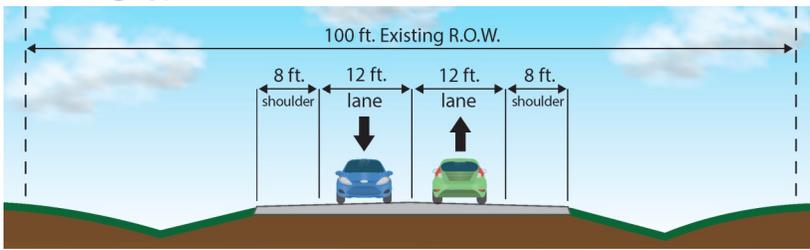
Montgomery County has experienced significant growth in recent years, and population and employment projections show that this trend will continue. The Houston-Galveston Area Council estimates that the population will increase by 133% between 2015 and 2045. Additionally, the number of jobs in Montgomery County is expected to increase by 56% between 2015 and 2045. The current configuration of FM 1485 does not accommodate current and future traffic volumes, resulting in congestion and reduced mobility.

Proposed Project Description

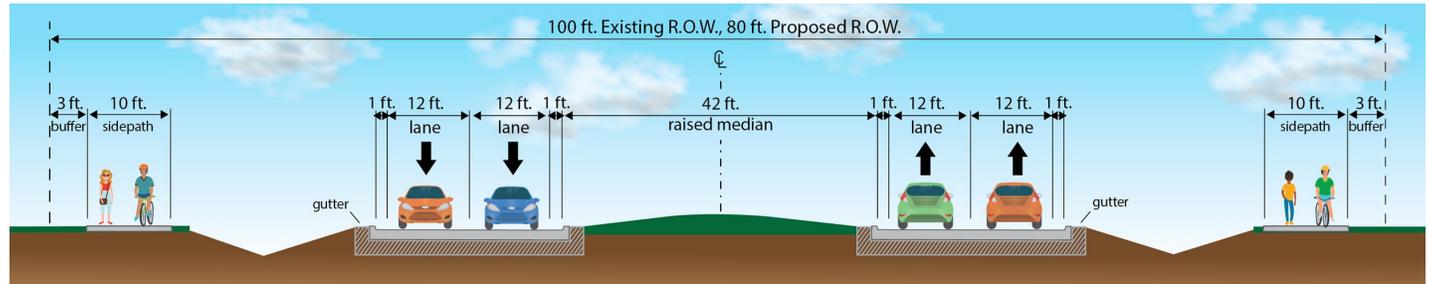
The proposed project would widen FM 1485 from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway from SH 242 to Kidd Cemetery Road, a distance of approximately 5 miles. The proposed project includes a raised median from SH 242 to Caney Drive and a continuous center turn lane from Caney Drive to Kidd Cemetery Road. The proposed project would also include a side path on each side of the road for pedestrians and cyclists. The project would require additional right-of-way (ROW) and may require displacements.

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 Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA TxDOT.

Existing Typical Section



Proposed Typical Sections



SH 242 to Caney Drive



Caney Drive to Kidd Cemetery Road

Why is this project proposed?

- FM 1485 between SH 242 and Kidd Cemetery Road does not accommodate current and future traffic volumes, resulting in congestion and reduced mobility.
- The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility on FM 1485 between SH 242 and Kidd Cemetery Road to accommodate current and future traffic volumes.

Next Steps

- Consider public comments (ongoing)
- Finalize environmental analysis
- Document environmental decision
- Complete final design
- Begin right-of-way acquisition
- Construction could begin in late 2022

How to Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by viewing the pre-recorded presentation and submitting comments.

You may submit comments in English or Spanish in the following ways:

- Send comments via U.S. Mail to:
TxDOT Houston District
Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386
- Email comments to: Hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov
- Fill out the comment form available online

All comments are due by **August 7, 2020** in order to be considered in the official virtual public meeting summary.

A Virtual Public Meeting Summary Report will be available online at the web address below approximately 3 months after the meeting. This Summary Report will contain responses to all comments received by the due date. Please reference the Project Reference Number, found on the front of this handout, in any communication.

Visit the project website:

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/072320.html>