



Notice: FM 1960

Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing

From BF 1960-A to Atascocita Shores Drive

CSJs: 1685-03-058 and 1685-03-098

Harris County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing to reconstruct and widen 6.4 miles of Farm to Market (FM) 1960 from Business Farm to Market Road (BF) 1960-A to Atascocita Shores Drive in Harris 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 April 25, 2017 at Humble High School, 1700 Wilson Road, Humble, TX 77338. 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.

The project proposes to reconstruct and widen the existing FM 1960 roadway from a four-lane roadway to a six-lane (three lanes in each direction with the outside lanes being shared-use lanes) divided roadway with curb and gutter and a raised median. A grade separation would be constructed at Atascocita Road, West Lake Houston Parkway, and Farmingham Drive. Additionally, 5-foot wide sidewalks are planned for both sides of FM 1960. The project would require approximately 48 acres of new right-of-way (ROW). The existing ROW width is typically 100-foot wide to 120-foot wide. The proposed ROW would typically be 150-foot wide. The proposed project would potentially displace 13 commercial properties and three residential structures. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees will be available at the hearing or can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below.

Approximately 0.19 acres of the project area lies within a Regulated Floodway. Approximately 0.88 acres of the project area lies within the 100-year floodplain. The proposed project would impact approximately 0.83 acres of wetlands and 511 linear feet of stream.

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. If you have any questions regarding the proposed project or the hearing please contact Ms. Sharon Xu at (713) 802-5265. Maps and design may also be viewed at the TxDOT North Harris Area Office located at 16803 Eastex Freeway (US 59), Humble, TX 77396. The Area Office can be reached at (281) 319-6400. 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 also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office. Comments must be received on or before May 10, 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.