



Farm-to-Market 529

From State Highway 99 to Farm-to-Market 362

Virtual Public Meeting Available:
June 9, 2020 through June 24, 2020



Welcome to the Virtual Public Meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to this virtual public meeting for the proposed widening of Farm-to-Market (FM) 529 from State Highway (SH) 99 (Grand Parkway) to FM 362. The purpose of this public meeting is to offer the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed alternative.

This public meeting is being conducted virtually and there will be no formal presentation. You are invited to view the narrated presentation, exhibit boards and the proposed improvement schematic.

Public comments are encouraged.

Project Summary

Project Location:

Harris and Waller Counties

Project Length:

Approximately 12 miles

Project Limits:

SH 99 (Grand Parkway) to
FM 362

Estimated Construction Cost:

Approximately \$120 Million

Project Reference Number:

CSJ: 1006-01-074

Right-of-Way Required:

Approximately 106 Acres

Potential Displacements:

No displacements

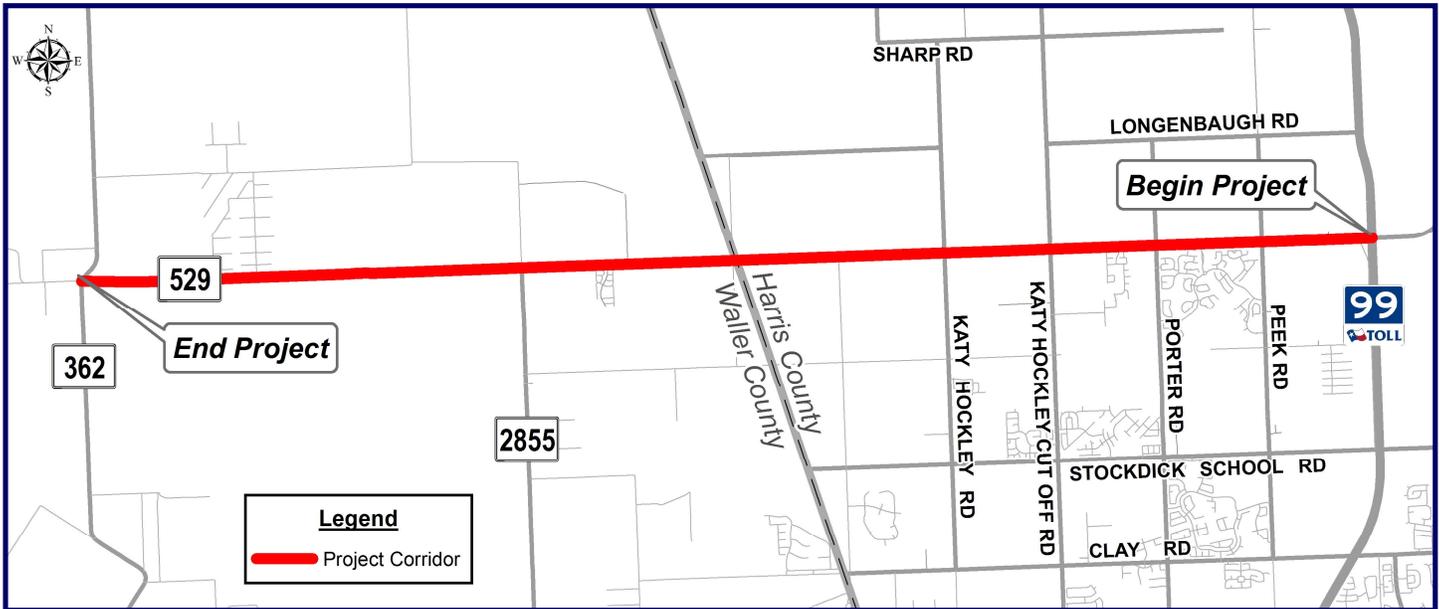
Proposed Project Description

The existing FM 529 is a two-lane undivided roadway, one lane in each direction, with 4-foot outside shoulders and open ditches within an approximate 120-foot right-of-way (ROW). The roadway has two signalized intersections at SH 99 (Grand Parkway) and at Peek Road, and two four-way stop intersections at Katy Hockley Cut Off Road and Katy Hockley Road. The FM 529 intersection with FM 362 is a two-way stop intersection. There are no existing sidewalks on FM 529 or the intersecting roadways. The posted speed limit is 60 miles per hour (mph).

The proposed design includes both rural and urban sections. The urban section would include widening the existing FM 529 from a two-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway with a raised median between SH 99 and Katy Hockley Cut Off Road with a 10-foot shared use path on both sides of the roadway for use by pedestrians and bicyclists. The rural section would include widening FM 529 to a four-lane roadway with shoulders, to accommodate bicyclists, and a raised median between Katy Hockley Cut Off Road and FM 362. Sidewalks are proposed within the rural section on both sides of the roadway for pedestrians.

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Project Location Map



Why is this project proposed?

The project is proposed because:

- The existing capacity is inadequate to meet future year (2045) traffic volumes, resulting in increased congestion and reduced mobility.
- An evaluation of crash rates on FM 529 indicated that these rates from years 2014 to 2017 were higher than the statewide annual averages, indicating potentially unsafe travel conditions.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility and safety within the study area.

Next Steps

- Review and consider public comments (Spring - Summer 2020)
- Refine proposed design based on public input (Fall 2020)
- Finalize the environmental analysis (Winter 2020)
- Plan future public involvement, as necessary
- Right-of-way acquisition and construction is dependent on project funding

How to Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by reviewing the material online and submitting comments.

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

- Send the comment card via U.S. Mail to:
**TxDOT Houston District
Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386**
- Comments via email to: Hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov
- Enter a comment online from the project website and click "email" at the bottom of the page (see bottom of page for website)

All comments are due by Wednesday, June 24, 2020 in order to be considered in the official public meeting summary.

Public meeting documentation will be available online at the web address below approximately 3 months after the posting of the June 9, 2020 public meeting presentation. This document 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.

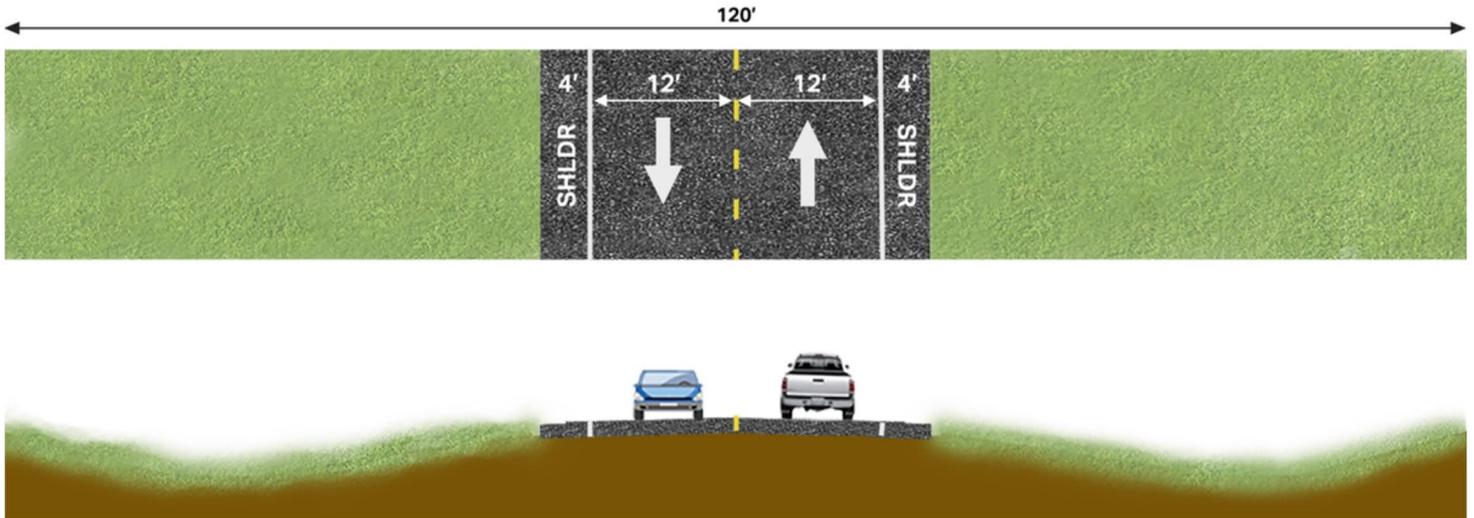


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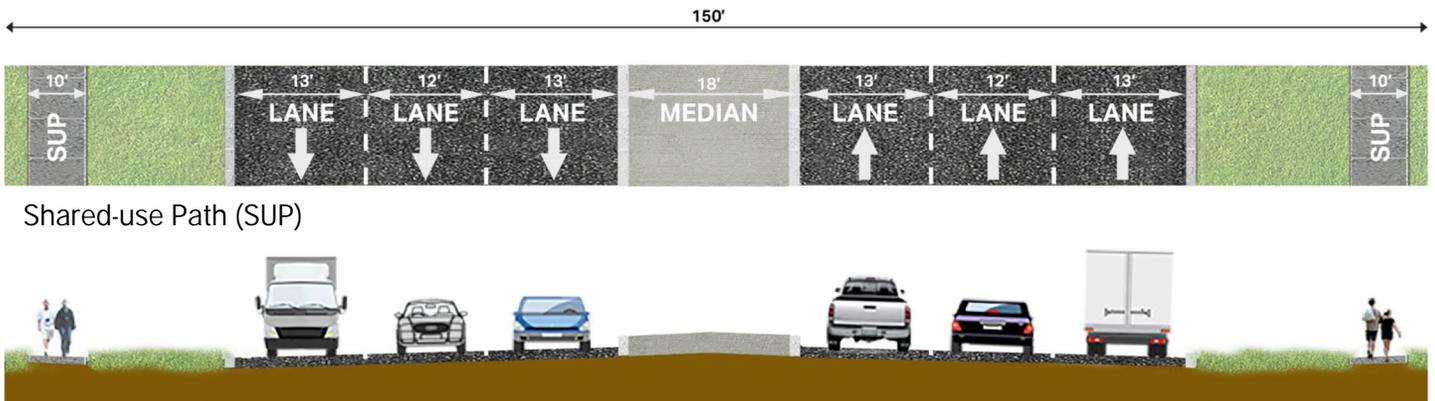
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Existing Typical Section



Proposed Typical Section SH 99 to Katy Hockley Cut Off Road



Proposed Typical Section Katy Hockley Cut Off Road to FM 362

