



NOTICE

Virtual Public Meeting

Garth Road Proposed Widening From I-10 to SH 146

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Harris County, Texas



Given the unique circumstance of the COVID-19 outbreak, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, the City of Baytown and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District are conducting this virtual public meeting to avoid in-person contact.

The City of Baytown, in collaboration with the TxDOT, proposes improvements to Garth Road from Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) to State Highway 146 (SH 146) in Harris County, Texas. The virtual public meeting will be available on the City of Baytown's website beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, at 3 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to www.baytownengage.com/garth-road-widening-project. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded presentation by the project team, project exhibits and other information, and an opportunity to comment. If you do not have internet access, you may call Mr. Juan Macias, City of Baytown Project Manager, during regular business hours at (281) 420-5300 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail, online, or email by **Oct. 1, 2020**, as explained below.

The purpose of the virtual public meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. The project would accommodate future anticipated traffic demand and growth in the region, while improving drainage and safety by providing raised medians and dedicated turn lanes at select intersections. The length of the proposed project is approximately 3.73 miles.

Existing Garth Road from I-10 to Baker Road includes two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, a 12-foot-wide two-way left turn lane, and 8-foot-wide outside shoulders. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 110-138 feet, 110 feet usual. Existing Garth Road from Baker Road to SH 146 includes two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, a 12-foot-wide center turn lane, and 5.5-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. The existing ROW width varies from 80-100 feet, 80 feet usual. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are discontinuous throughout the project length.

The proposed improvements from I-10 to Baker Road would include reconstructing and widening Garth Road from four to six lanes. The proposed roadway would include three 11-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, a 16-foot-wide noncontinuous raised median, a 6.5-foot sidewalk on the west side and a 10-foot-wide shared use path on the east side. Right-turn lanes would also be provided at some locations.

The proposed improvements from Baker Road to SH 146 would include reconstruction of the existing roadway, adding noncontinuous raised medians, and either a 6.5-foot-wide sidewalk or a 10-foot-wide shared use path adjacent to the roadway.

Approximately 2.2 acres of additional ROW is anticipated for the proposed project. Approximately 15.0 acres of detention ponds, 1.2 acres of drainage easements and 0.21 acre of utility easements are anticipated. No residential or commercial displacements are anticipated.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at www.baytownengage.com/garth-road-widening-project.

The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. If English or Spanish is not your primary language and you have difficulty communicating effectively, you may need an interpreter or document translator; one will be provided to you upon request. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend the virtual public meeting, please contact Mr. Juan Macias at (281) 420-5300 or Juan.Macias@baytown.org no later than 4 p.m., Sept. 14, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some accommodations may require time for the agencies to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the City of Baytown, Attn: Juan Macias, 2123 Market Street, Baytown, TX 77522. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Juan.Macias@baytown.org or online at www.baytownengage.com/garth-road-widening-project approximately three months after the close of the comment period.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the meeting, please contact Mr. Juan Macias at (281) 420-5300 during regular business hours or by email to Juan.Macias@baytown.org.

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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.