



Interstate Highway 45 (I-45) Galveston Improvements Project

From the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61st Street



Project Summary

Project Location:

Galveston County

Project Length:

Approximately 2.5 miles

Project Limits:

From the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61st Street

Estimated Construction Cost:

\$ 115 Million

Project Reference Number:

CSJ: 0500-01-119

Right-of-Way Required:

2.8 Acres

Potential Displacements:

Three commercial displacements
No residential displacements

Virtual Public Meeting

Given the unique circumstance of the COVID-19 outbreak, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, TxDOT is conducting this virtual public meeting to avoid in-person contact.

The virtual presentation will cover the same information the Houston District would have shared at the in-person public meeting.

Proposed Project Description

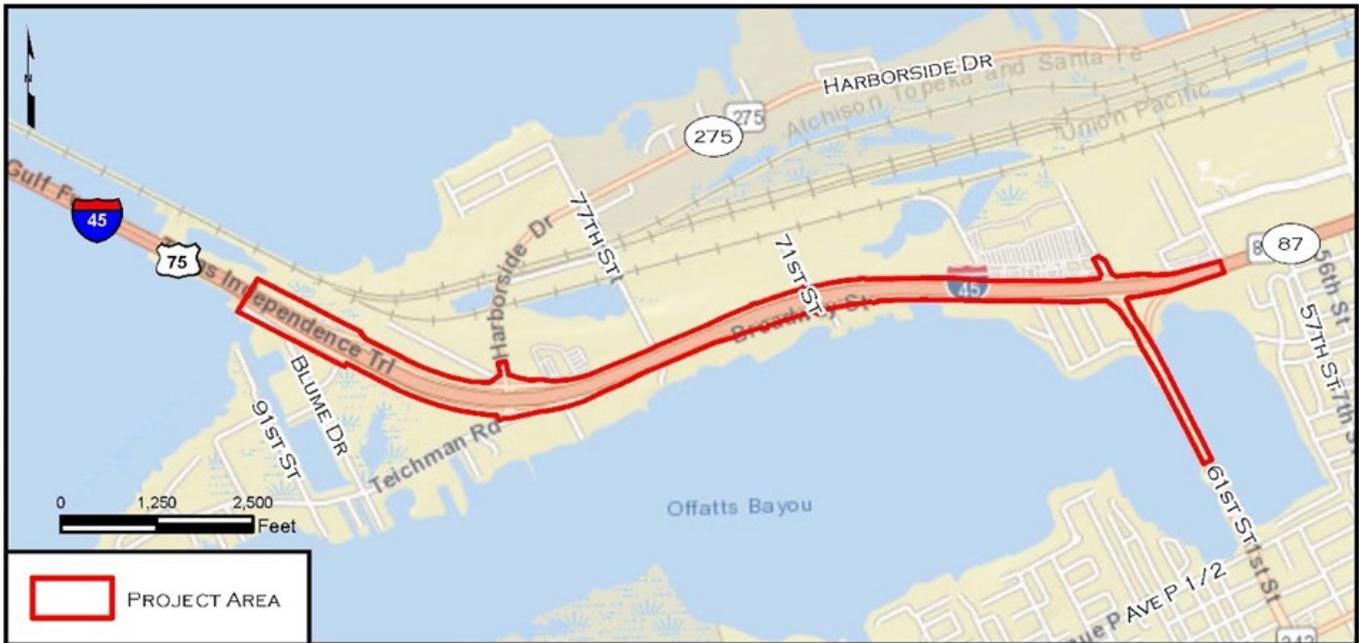
The I-45 proposed improvements include:

- reconstructing the main lanes to add one additional main lane in each direction, for a total of eight main lanes (four in each direction);
- reconstructing the frontage roads to add frontage road lanes in select locations for an average of two 11-foot wide travel lanes in each direction with auxiliary lanes;
- adding a 5-foot wide bike path along the frontage roads behind the curb;
- adding a 5-foot sidewalk along the frontage roads adjacent to the bike path and;
- reconstructing the existing storm water collection system.

The I-45 proposed improvements would also:

- reconstruct the I-45 overpasses and add intersection improvements including U-turn and turning lanes at the at Harborside Drive, 71st Street and 61st Street intersections and;
- construct a one-lane direct connector from northbound 61st Street to northbound I-45.

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.



Why is this project proposed?

This project is needed to:

- improve mobility and reduce congestion by constructing additional lanes, ramps, and turn lanes;
- improve traffic operations by bringing the roadway up to current design standards;
- facilitate bicycle and pedestrian activity by upgrading bicycle and pedestrian accommodations and;
- facilitate hurricane evacuation by providing additional capacity.

Next Steps

- Consider Public Comments
Summer 2020
- Finalize Environmental Analysis
Summer 2020
- Environmental Decision
Fall 2020
- Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition
Winter 2020
- Complete Final Design
2022
- Construction Begins
2022

How to Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by attending the virtual public meeting and submitting comments.

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

1. Email:

Hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov

2. Mail:

Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

3. Submit Online:

Visit www.TxDOT.gov

In the upper right-hand search box enter: **I-45 South**
Scroll to the bottom of the page and then click: **Email**

All comments must be received or postmarked by **Wednesday, August 26, 2020** in order to be considered in the official virtual public meeting summary.

A Virtual Public Meeting Summary will be available online at the above web address approximately three months after the meeting tonight. This Summary will contain responses to all comments received and any design changes that resulted in response to public comment.

Please reference the Project Reference Number, found on the front of this handout, in any communication.