



## Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting

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**Notice  
Virtual Public Meeting  
I-45 from the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
CSJ: 0500-01-119  
Galveston County, Texas**

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

The TxDOT Houston District proposes to reconstruct and widen Interstate Highway (I)-45 from the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61st Street in Galveston County, Texas. The virtual meeting will be available on the TxDOT website beginning Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search {I-45 South}. 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 (713) 802-5076 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 as explained below

The purpose of the virtual meeting is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project. The proposed I-45 improvements would include reconstructing and widening I-45 from the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61st Street and adding a direct connector from northbound 61st Street to northbound I-45. The proposed project would require approximately 2.8 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW).

The proposed project is anticipated to potentially displace three commercial structures. The proposed project would not displace any residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for displaced persons and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (713) 802-5251.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain. 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.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword {I-45 South}.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be in English, though the pre-recorded presentation will also be available in Spanish. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please contact Jannie Blackmon (ADA Liaison), Houston District, at (713) 802-5008 or by email at [Jannie.Blackmon@txdot.gov](mailto:Jannie.Blackmon@txdot.gov) no later than Thursday, August 6, 2020 to make special arrangements. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange. *Si desea información en Español, puede llamar a Reina Gonzalez al (713) 802-5269.*

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Advanced Project Development Director, PO. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov) or online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search {I-45 South}. Please reference CSJs {0500-01-119} on all comments. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday August 26, 2020 to be included in

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the public record. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search {I-45 South}, approximately three months after the close of the comment period.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual public meeting, please contact Amanda Austin, P.E. at (713) 802-5270 or at [Amanda.Austin@txdot.gov](mailto:Amanda.Austin@txdot.gov).

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.