



**Notice of Public Meeting
Lyons Avenue Underpass
CSJ 0912-71-001**

The Gulf Coast Rail District, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed roadway underpass, which would replace the railroad crossing at Lyons Avenue on the north side of downtown Houston in Harris County, Texas. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at Saint Arnold Brewing Company, 2000 Lyons Avenue, Houston, TX 77020. The meeting will be held in an open house format from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. No formal presentation will be made.

The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed project and receive comments. The proposed project would construct a new underpass at Lyons Avenue below three sets of railroad tracks. The proposed project would also include construction of new bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of Lyons Avenue. As part of the project, the railroad crossing at West Street between Lyons Avenue and Brooks Street would be permanently closed. West Street to the north of Lyons Avenue would also be permanently closed to accommodate a detention pond. Construction of a new West Street access road is proposed south of Lyons Avenue. The project would require approximately 1 acre of additional right-of-way (ROW) and 0.5 acres of easement. There would be no residential displacements associated with the proposed project; however, the project would result in one industrial property and one commercial property displacement. Additionally, another commercial property would lose a portion of its parking lot. The purpose of the project is to enhance mobility, safety, and emergency response time.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and design drawings will be available at the public meeting and at Houston TranStar, 6922 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. excluding state holidays.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or by mail to Maureen Crocker, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Rail District, 6922 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024 or emailed to Maureen.Crocker@gcrd.net. Written comments must be postmarked or received electronically by Tuesday, July 11, 2017. The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Maureen Crocker at 713-843-5451. Requests should be made at least five working days prior to the public meeting. 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 the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.