



Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing

SH 105

From Mt. Mariah Road to FM 149

CSJs: 0338-02-032

Montgomery County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, will conduct a public hearing to present the proposed reconstruction and widening of SH 105 from Mt. Mariah Road to FM 149 in Montgomery County, Texas. The hearing will be held on February 28, 2017 at Montgomery Junior High School located at 19000 Stewart Creek Road, Montgomery, TX 77356. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 pm with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project would be located in a primarily rural area of Montgomery County adjacent to two urban areas. The City of Montgomery is in the eastern portion of the project study area, and the community of Dobbin is in the western portion of the project study area. The proposed project would widen SH 105 from Mt. Mariah Road to FM 149 from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with a curb and gutter on the eastern half of the project through the city of Montgomery, and open ditches with outside shoulders for the project length west of Montgomery. The proposed project is 6.2 miles in length.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) width of SH 105 varies from 80 - 120 feet and the proposed ROW would vary from 160 feet to as much as 355 feet at bridge crossing areas. The proposed improvements would require approximately 23 acres of additional ROW. The proposed project would displace one residential property, two commercial properties, one commercial billboard and one abandoned commercial property. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

The proposed project would cross six waters of the U.S. and it is assumed that the construction of culverts or bridges within these waters would qualify for authorization under Nationwide permit (NWP) number 14 for linear transportation projects and/or NWP 25 for structural discharges, provided that all of the terms and conditions are met. Approximately 13 acres of existing and proposed ROW would be located within the 100-year floodplain or floodway, the majority of which would be in the Lake Creek floodplain. The project's hydraulic design would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration policies and standards.

This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The draft EA, maps showing the project location, proposed schematic and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. These materials are also available for inspection at the TxDOT Area Office located at 901 North FM 3083, Conroe, Texas 77303, online at

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/022817.html> and will be available for inspection at the public hearing. Written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the Director of Project Development at the TxDOT Houston District Office. Comments must be received on or before March 15, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Mr. Patrick Gant at (713) 802-5274.

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 FHWA and TxDOT.