



**Notice
Public Hearing
SH 146
From FM 518 to FM 517
CSJ: 0389-06-088
Galveston County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing to widen State Highway (SH) 146 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 518 to FM 517 in Galveston County, Texas. This notice advises the public that approved environmental documents are available for public review and TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on February 8, 2018 at Clear Falls High School, located at 4380 Village Way, League City, Texas 77573. Displays and approved environmental documents will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project.

The project proposes to reconstruct and widen the SH 146 roadway from a four-lane divided highway to a six-lane divided highway. The northbound and southbound lanes would be separated by a raised concrete median. An overpass is proposed to be constructed at SH 96. The total distance of the project is approximately 5.1 miles. The purpose of the proposed project is to decrease traffic congestion; increase mobility; and improve hurricane evacuation, operational efficiency and safety along SH 146.

The existing SH 146 right-of-way (ROW) width is 100 feet with the proposed ROW width varying between 200 and 250 feet wide. The proposed project would utilize the former 100-foot Union Pacific Railroad ROW (now owned by TxDOT) from FM 518 to FM 517 in order to reduce potential impacts to properties and resources along the eastside of SH 146. In total, the proposed project would require approximately 5.3 acres of new ROW and would potentially displace three commercial structures and one vacant structure. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. 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 Houston District Office at the address listed below.

The proposed project would impact a wetland, approximately 0.1 acre in size. All unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional waters of the US, including wetlands, would require a Section 404 Permit with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District.

Approved environmental documents, exhibits showing schematic plans and a tentative construction schedule for the proposed project will be available for inspection at the hearing. The same information is also available at TxDOT's Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007 and at TxDOT's Area Office in Galveston County located at 5407 Gulf Freeway (I-45), La Marque, Texas 77568. These offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment at TxDOT's Houston District Office, please contact Patrick Gant at (713) 802-5274. To schedule an appointment at TxDOT's Galveston Area Office please call (409) 978-2500. Project information is also available online at: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/020818.html>.

The public hearing will provide an opportunity to submit written comments and a court reporter will be present to record oral comments. Written comments may be submitted in person at the public hearing or by mail to TxDOT Houston District, Attn: Director of Project Development, P. O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Comments can also be submitted electronically at HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov or at the project website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/020818.html>. Comments must be postmarked or emailed by Wednesday, February 23, 2018 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Offices at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five working days prior to the public hearing. 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 FHWA and TxDOT.