



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

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to widen State Highway (SH) 146 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 518 to FM 517 in Galveston County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 5.1 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 this notice is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. 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.

Existing SH 146 is a four-lane divided highway. The northbound and southbound lanes are separated by a center left turn lane. The existing typical right-of-way (ROW) width is 100 feet.

The proposed project would widen the existing 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 would be constructed at SH 96. The ROW width for the proposed project would vary from 200-250 feet wide. 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 proposed project would require approximately 5.3 acres of additional ROW and would displace three commercial structures and one vacant building. 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. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

The proposed project would impact a wetland, approximately 0.1 acre in size, within the ROW of the proposed project. The proposed project would qualify for approval under a Nationwide Permit 14 with a Pre-Construction Notification. A portion of the proposed project is located within the 100-year floodplain.

Exhibits showing schematic plans for the proposed project corridor and other information relative to 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 the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District Office please contact Patrick Gant, P.E. at (713) 802-5274. These items are also available at the TxDOT Area Office in Galveston County at 5407 Gulf Freeway (I-45), La Marque, Texas 77568. To schedule an appointment at the Galveston Area Office please call (409) 978-2500. The information is also online at the TxDOT website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/092415.html>. Please reference project number 0389-06-088 in any requests for information.

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before Tuesday September 19th, 2017 to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Additionally, any comments regarding the proposed project can be submitted to the address included above. If you have



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general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the opportunity for the public hearing, contact Patrick Gant, P.E. at (713) 802-5274.