



Notice Affording an Opportunity for a Public Hearing

**Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing
STATE HIGHWAY 249 (SH 249)
From Chasewood Park Drive to Gregson Road
CSJ: 0720-03-133
Harris County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to restripe State Highway 249 (SH 249) from Chasewood Park Drive to Gregson Road from six to eight main lanes in Harris County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 3.62 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 and §2.108, this notice advises the public that draft environmental documents are available for public review and that TxDOT 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.

The existing facility, between Chasewood Park Drive and Gregson Road, consists of a six-lane divided highway with a twenty-three foot inside shoulder.

The proposed project would add an additional lane in each direction creating an eight-lane highway. The restriping would occur to the inside of the existing highway. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility. The existing SH 249 right-of-way (ROW) width varies within the project limits, but the minimum ROW width is approximately 320 feet. The proposed project would be constructed within the existing right-of-way; therefore, the proposed project would displace no residences or commercial structures.

No potential jurisdictional waters of the US, including wetlands were identified within the project limits. As a result, a Section 404 Permit with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District would not be required.

Exhibits showing schematic plans and other information relative to the proposed 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 TxDOT Area Office in Humble at 16803 Eastex Freeway, Humble, Texas 77396, please contact Sharmeen Rahman at (281) 319-6413. The information is also online at the TxDOT website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>. Please reference project number 0720-03-133 in any requests for information.

Any interested person 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 April 27, 2018, to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386, or submitted electronically at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html> or at HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov. Additionally, if you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the opportunity for the public hearing, you can call (713) 802-5076.