



## **Notice**

### **Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing**

**SH 332**

**From FM 521 to SH 288**

**CSJ: 1524-01-047**

**Brazoria County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing to reconstruct and widen State Highway (SH) 332 from FM 521 to SH 288 in Brazoria County, Texas. 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 hearing will be held on September 26, 2017 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center located at 333 Highway 332 E, Lake Jackson, TX 77566. Displays 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 planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

SH 332 would be reconstructed and widened from two to four lanes (two lanes in each direction) from FM 521 to FM 2004. The proposed project would also reconstruct and widen SH 332 from four to six lanes (three lanes in each direction) from FM 2004 to SH 288. Roadway improvements would include the reconstruction or replacement of bridges over Buffalo Camp Bayou and a diversion channel just east of Buffalo Camp Bayou. Additionally, a new drainage channel is proposed on new location from SH 332, approximately 800 feet west of Division Street (CR 680A), south to the Brazos River, a distance of approximately 1.1 miles. The proposed construction area would be approximately 5.3 miles in length.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) varies from 100 to 220 feet in width. The proposed ROW would vary from 180 to 300 feet in width. The project would require approximately 70 acres of additional ROW. The project could potentially result in displacements of businesses and residences. 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.

According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Brazoria County, the majority of the proposed project is located within FEMA designated 100-year floodplains and the proposed project would cross nine bodies of water and potential wetlands.

In accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, the hearing is also being conducted to allow the public the opportunity to review the draft EA and provide comments on the project's potential impacts to approximately 1 acre of ROW from the Wilderness Golf Course entrance and to approximately 2 acres of ROW from the Wilderness Park property for the proposed drainage channel. TxDOT is considering Section 4(f) de minimis impact determinations (under 23 CFR 774.3(b)) for the impacts to Wilderness Golf Course and Wilderness Park and is coordinating with the City of Lake Jackson, which has jurisdiction over the golf course and park. If the project is found to have a Section 4(f) de minimis impact, the proposed project would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify Wilderness Golf Course and Wilderness Park for protection under Section 4(f). TxDOT will consider comments received during the public hearing before making a final Section 4(f) de minimis determination.

Information describing the Section 4(f) resources and the impacts to the resources is included in the draft EA document prepared for this project.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, 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 the TxDOT Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District office, please contact Grant Chim, P.E. at 713-802-5259 or at [Grant.Chim@txdot.gov](mailto:Grant.Chim@txdot.gov). To schedule an appointment at the TxDOT Brazoria County Area Office please contact Michelle Milliard, P.E., TxDOT Brazoria County Area Engineer, at 979-864-8500 or at [Michelle.Milliard@txdot.gov](mailto:Michelle.Milliard@txdot.gov). The information will also be posted online on the TxDOT website; <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html> This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and 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 TxDOT Houston District Office. Comments must be received on or before October 11, 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 TxDOT's Public Information Office at 713-802-5076. Requests should be made at least five working days prior to the 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.