



**Notice
Draft Categorical Exclusion Available for Public Review
and
Opportunity for a Public Hearing
STATE HIGHWAY 75
From Farm-to-Market 3083 to Farm-to-Market 2432
CSJs: 0110-03-078, 0110-03-079 & 0110-03-080
Montgomery County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to widen State Highway (SH) 75 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 3083 to FM 2432 in Montgomery County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 5.0 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 consists of a two-lane undivided roadway with open ditches. The proposed project would create a four-lane divided roadway with curb and gutter and a swale to convey stormwater between FM 3083 and FM 2432. Five-foot sidewalks would be constructed on both sides of the roadway. The purpose of the proposed project is to facilitate mobility in central Montgomery County for the traveling public. The existing SH 75 right-of-way (ROW) width varies within the project limits, but typically ranges from 130 to 170 feet. The proposed improvements would potentially require approximately 9.0 acres of new ROW and the proposed ROW would vary from 130 to 200 feet. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

Five waters of the U.S. (approximately 0.3-acre), including four wetlands (approximately 0.3-acre) were identified within the project limits. 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. Portions of the proposed project occur within the floodplains of the East Fork of Crystal Creek, Stewart's Creek and an unnamed tributary to Stewart's Creek. TxDOT will coordinate the project with the local floodplain administrator.

The technical reports, exhibits showing schematic plans for the proposed project corridor, tentative schedule for ROW acquisition, 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 Ms. Sharon Xu at (713) 802-5265. These items are also available at the TxDOT Montgomery Area Office at 901 North FM 3083 East, Conroe, Texas 77303. To schedule an appointment at the Montgomery Area Office please call (936) 538-3300. The information is also online at the TxDOT website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh75-montgomery-county.html>. Please reference project numbers 0110-03-078, 0110-03-079, and 0110-03-080 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 March 8, 2018 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 or on the technical reports can be submitted to the address included above. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the opportunity for the public hearing, contact Sharon Xu at (713) 802-5265.
