

**STATE HIGHWAY 105 FROM 10th STREET IN CONROE TO
LOOP 105 IN CLEVELAND, TEXAS**

Public Meeting Summary

Meeting Date & Location: Montgomery College Resource Room
102 Longview Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301
Tuesday, June 24, 2003
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Stephen F. Austin Elementary School Cafeteria
14796 Hwy. 105 East, Conroe, Texas 77306
Thursday, June 26, 2003
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Meeting Purpose: The purpose of these meetings was to introduce the SH 105 Alternative Analysis Study to the public and gather information from local residents and interested individuals for this proposed 20-mile roadway improvement. This project is located along SH 105 from 10th Street in Conroe to Loop 105 in Cleveland; Montgomery, San Jacinto and Liberty Counties, Texas.

Meeting Format: These meetings consisted of an Open House format with exhibits and handouts. Exhibits included various informational displays detailing the project purpose/objectives, roadway considerations, environmental considerations, schematic design considerations, project traffic, and existing and proposed typical sections. Handouts included an informational program, map of the project location and a comment form.

Attendance June 24th:

Citizens	68
Elected/Public officials	3
TxDOT personnel	11
Consultants	9

Attendance June 26th:

Citizens	105
Elected/Public officials	6
TxDOT personnel	10
Consultants	9

Meeting Summary:

The intent of this meeting was to gather input from the public on the proposed improvements of SH 105 within the project limits. Presented alternatives, at this time, included widening SH 105 to the north, widening to the south and widening on both sides of the roadway, typical section alternatives (e.g., variable number and/or configuration of lanes/medians, variable right-of-way widths, etc.) and the no build alternative.

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The overall public opinion for the project was favorable. A total of twenty-four (24) people commented that they supported the general project. One (1) commenter requested that SH 105 be widened to the north, two (2) commenters requested that SH 105 be widened to the south, and one (1) commenter requested that the road to be widened on both sides. One (1) commenter asked for a continuous left-turn lane.

A total of ten (10) commenters noted that improvements to safety along SH 105 were necessary. Three (3) commenters thought the roadway improvements would increase safety between Loop 336 and FM 1485, as vehicles often drive on the shoulder to avoid congestion on SH 105 in this area.

Three (3) commenters opposed the project, mainly citing right-of-way (ROW) concerns. Seven (7) additional individuals noted concerns regarding ROW issues. Two (2) commenters had specific relocation questions. One (1) commenter had a concern regarding the surveying letter they received.

One (1) commenter requested, on behalf of the Woodlands Cycling Club, that SH 105 improvements be built to AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) specifications, be designated as a "Bike Route," and be marked and signed per Texas MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices), especially as it pertains to safe cycling.

Eleven (11) commenters noted signal concerns. Six (6) commenters cited the need for a signal at Waukegan Road and four (4) individuals commented on signal needs at Walker Road. Eleven (11) individuals commented on problems at Austin Elementary School and requested the construction of either a turn lane or the installation of a signal at the school.

Two (2) commenters noted concerns regarding increases in noise levels along SH 105 with projected increased traffic. Nineteen (19) commenters noted concerns with drainage issues on their property. One (1) commenter noted concerns regarding traffic problems during the construction phase of the project. Three (3) commenters indicated that they had available space for lease by TxDOT for equipment during construction.

Two (2) commenters noted that the meeting did not provide the information they were seeking. No specific questions were however cited on their comment forms. One (1) commenter would have preferred a meeting with a presentation and felt the open-house format was a discussion and not a meeting forum.

Nine (9) commenters made miscellaneous remarks. These comments included rehabilitating squirrels found during construction, relocating concrete property monuments, installation of a light at FM 1484 and SH 105, and that no median was necessary along the project route. Other miscellaneous comments included difficulties in crossing SH 105 and difficulties getting onto SH 105 during heavy traffic. One (1) commenter wanted to know where any additional right-of-way would be required and where the road would be aligned.