



**Notice
Opportunity for a Public Hearing
STATE HIGHWAY 146
From Farm-to-Market 519 to Loop 197
CSJs: 0389-07-025
Galveston County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to widen State Highway (SH) 146 from existing two-lane to four lanes to relieve a bottleneck and replace the State Highway (SH) 146 railroad bridge over the Texas City Terminal (TCT) and Union Pacific Railroads (UPRR) with a four lane bridge. The project also proposes to reconfigure the existing intersection; SH 146 and SH 3 would intersect at an above-grade, signalized T-intersection, removing the SH 3 at-grade crossing of the railroad. An at-grade U-turn access road to SH 3 would be constructed to provide access to adjacent properties. The total distance of the project is approximately 1.4 miles and is located in Galveston County, Texas. 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 SH 146 facility consists of a two-lane, undivided roadway from FM 519 to Loop 197. The existing railroad crossing consists of a narrow two-lane bridge with no shoulders. SH 146 crosses the railroad above-grade, while SH 3 crosses at-grade.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies within the project limits. The proposed improvements would require the acquisition of additional right-of-way; which may result in the displacement of businesses and residences directly adjacent to the corridor.

Construction of the proposed project would be completed in phases and would require the temporary closure of SH 146, south of FM 519. Motorists traveling on SH 146 to SH 3 would instead detour by turning south on FM 519 and then east on SH 3. Signage would be in place during the temporary detour to direct motorists. The detour is anticipated to remain in place for approximately 12 months and is scheduled to begin in 2020.

Potential jurisdictional waters of the US, including wetlands 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.

Exhibits showing schematic plans for the proposed project corridor, detour maps, and other information relative to the project are on file and available for review 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 Mr. Patrick Gant at (713) 802-5274. These items are also available at the TxDOT Area Office in Galveston at 5407 Gulf Freeway, 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: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh146-galveston-county.html>. Please reference project number 0389-07-025 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 January 7, 2019 to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386 or submitted electronically at:



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<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/> or via email at HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov .
Additionally, any comments proposed project 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 Mr. Patrick Gant at (713) 802-5274.