



**Notice of Public Hearing
SH 3: From Richey Street to FM 518
Galveston and Harris Counties, Texas
Control 0051-02-101, etc.**

The Houston District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, has scheduled a public hearing for a proposed project on SH 3 from Richey Street to FM 518 in Galveston and Harris Counties. The hearing will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center located at, 400 West Walker Street, League City, Texas 77573. Displays will be available at 5:30 p.m., with a formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to provide information about the proposed project and to gather input from the public. Maps of the project area and other displays will be available for review and comment. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions.

TxDOT Houston District proposes to add bike lanes on the outside of both northbound and southbound SH 3 between Richey Street to FM 518. The addition of the bike lanes will utilize the existing shoulders and will require approximately 2 to 5-feet (ft) of pavement widening in some areas, mostly on the southbound side of SH 3. The proposed project would also construct northbound right turn lanes at Pineloch Drive and El Dorado Boulevard. The proposed project is approximately 14.25 miles long. The proposed project would include 5-ft bike lanes with a 1 to 3-ft buffer in most areas. Bike lanes with no buffer are proposed in highly constrained areas and at intersections with dedicated turn lanes per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards. The existing highway facility typically includes four 12-ft main lanes (two in each direction) with 6 to 8-ft outside shoulders. At intersections, the existing highway facility typically includes four 11-ft main lanes (two in each direction), one 14-ft left turn lane, and 6 to 8-ft outside shoulders. For intersections with dedicated right turn lanes, the existing facility typically includes an 11 to 12-ft right turn lane and a 1 to 4-ft outside shoulder. The existing facility has a typical right of way width of 100 to 120 ft. The proposed project would require no new acquisition of right-of-way (ROW). The proposed improvements are located in Houston, South Houston, Webster, and League City in Harris and Galveston Counties.

The proposed project would cross seven waters of the U.S. and several ditches. The proposed project may require a United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 for impacts. A portion of existing ROW would be located within the 100-year floodplain or floodway. The project's hydraulic design would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration policies and standards.

Approved environmental documentation technical reports, maps showing the project location, proposed schematic 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. These materials are also available for inspection, at the TxDOT Area Offices located, at 702 FM 1959, Houston, Texas 77034 and 5407 Gulf Freeway (I-45), La Marque, Texas 77568. The materials are also located online at: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html> and will be available for inspection at the public hearing.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Public Information Office, at (713) 802-5072, at least five working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are encouraged. Comments may be submitted in writing either at the public hearing or via U.S. mail to TxDOT District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas. Comments can also be submitted electronically at:

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html> or Hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov. Comments must be submitted or postmarked within 15 days of the public hearing, December 21, 2018, to be included as part of the official public record. For additional information, please contact Brett McLeod, P.E., with TxDOT Houston District Office by telephone, at (713) 802-5021 or email, brett.mcleod@txdot.gov.

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.