



Community Impacts Assessment Technical Report Form

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Project Name: Widening of Loop 336 from IH-45 to FM 1314

CSJ Number: 0338-11-056

District(s): Houston

County(ies): Montgomery

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Attach a map showing the community study area boundaries as well as the locations of any community facilities in the area (schools, places of worship, health care facilities, recreation centers, social services, libraries, etc).

I. General Information

What is the location of the community that may be impacted?

Stewart's Forest subdivision on southern outskirts of Conroe. This is the only residential area adjacent to the proposed project.

II. Project Description

Briefly describe the proposed project.

The proposed project would create a divided 4-lane highway by constructing a 2 lane roadway to the south of the existing roadway. The new lanes would serve as the east bound lanes with the existing lanes being converted to serve west bound traffic.

III. General Character of the Community

What is the name and general character of the community (scattered rural, planned suburban, urban, mixed use)?

The only developed area adjacent to the proposed project is the Stewart's Forest subdivision, a planned suburban community. It is an affluent neighborhood, with large homes and spacious lots. A billboard near the entrance advertises "Homes from the \$260,000's."

Describe the community facilities (shown on attached map) in the area:

Name of Facility	Type of Facility	Public or private?	Does the facility serve a specific population? If so, who?	Additional details, if necessary
Unnamed community recreation facility in Stewart's Forest subdivision	Recreational	Public	No	Swimming pool and playground; not impacted by proposed project.
Carl Barton, Jr. Park	Recreational	Public	No	Park serves Stewart's Forest and greater Conroe community.



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Name of Facility	Type of Facility	Public or private?	Does the facility serve a specific population? If so, who?	Additional details, if necessary
Bonnie Wilkinson Elementary School	School	Public	No	

IV. Data

1. What data sources were used?

Yes U.S. Census Bureau

Yes American Community Survey (ACS)

No Texas State Data Center

No Other

If other, describe:

[Empty text box for describing other data sources]

Attach tables or thematic maps detailing race (including Hispanics), language, income, disability, gender, and age data for the affected community study area. Tables and maps may be downloaded from FactFinder and the ACS Summary File. Instructions for navigating Fact Finder and ACS Summary File can be found in the Toolkit. A list of tables to use can be found in the Toolkit. If you prefer to use template tables see the Demographic Table Template in the Toolkit.

2. What is the current DHHS poverty level? \$24,300.00

3. No Do any of the census geographies show over a 50% minority population?

4. No Do any of the census geographies show a median income below the DHHS poverty level?

5. Yes Do any of the census geographies show presence of persons who speak English "less than very well"?

Describe:

Approximately 25% of the population of Census Tract 6231.02, Block Group 1 speaks English "less than very well." Approximately 4% of the population of Census Tract 6232, Block Group 1 speaks English "less than very well."

V. Site Visit

1. Yes Was a site visit conducted?

If yes, attach documentation, notes, and photographs from the field visit.

2. No Were there any signs observed in languages other than English?

3. No Were there places of worship, businesses, or services that target or serve specific minority groups?

4. No Were there signs of disabled persons such as ramps on homes or public transportation vehicles or stops specifically designed for disabled persons?



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- 5. No Were there signs of other vulnerable populations such as children or elderly (presence of day cares, elementary schools or assisted living facilities)?
- 6. No Were there any signs of low-income families or neighborhoods (subsidized housing, homes or cars in need of repair, used goods stores, low-cost health care facilities)?
- 7. No Are there signs of other modes of transportation?
- 8. No Is there any additional information about this community that will be helpful?
- 9. Yes Is public involvement planned for this project?

Results from the Scope Development Tool

- 1. No Did the Scope Development Tool identify the need for a residential displacements analysis?
- 2. No Did the Scope Development Tool identify the need for a commercial displacements analysis?
- 3. No Did the Scope Development Tool identify the need for an other displacements analysis?
- 4. No Did the Scope Development Tool identify the need for an access and travel patterns analysis?
- 5. No Did the Scope Development Tool identify the need for a community cohesion analysis?

Limited English Proficiency

- 1. Yes Were there LEP persons identified in the project area?

What languages do they speak?

Of the approximately 25% of the population of Census Tract 6231.02, Block Group 1 that speaks English "less than very well," approximately 10% of the total population speak Spanish and 12% speak other Indo-European languages, with the remainder speaking Asian and Pacific languages. Of the 3.6% of the population of Census Tract 6232, Block Group 1 that speaks English "less than very well," 2.2% of the total population speak Spanish and 1.4% speak other languages.

- 2. **What public involvement techniques were used or is planned to be used?**

Please note in the response whether public involvement notices are available to view under the Public Involvement or Community Impacts section of ECOS.

A Public Meeting will be conducted. A Notice Affording an Opportunity for a Public Hearing will be issued, and a Public Hearing will be held if requested.

- 3. No Was assistance in a language other than English requested or is it anticipated to be requested?

- 4. **How were LEP persons accommodated during the public involvement process?**

Please note in the response if copies of public involvement materials are available to view under the Public Involvement or Community Impacts section of ECOS.

Translators will be present for the Public Meeting and for the Public Hearing, if one is held.

- 5. No Is any more public involvement planned?



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NOTE: The conclusion statement should be included in the NEPA document if one is being produced. Upon completion, upload this Documentation Standard to the Community Impacts and EJ section of the Documents page in ECOS.

Conclusion: Based on the information above and public involvement documentation, were LEP persons given the opportunity for meaningful involvement in the NEPA process?

Yes.

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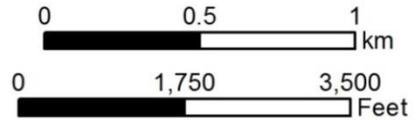
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ATTACHMENT A

COMMUNITY FACILITIES



 Project Area



Source: 2015 Aerial Photograph
Google Imagery

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Community Facilities in Project Area

ATTACHMENT B

U.S. CENSUS INFORMATION

Table 1: Minority and Low-Income Characteristics

Census Geography ¹			Total Pop.	Race ²										Ethnicity ³		Income				
Census Tract	Block Group	Block		White		African-American		American Indian/Alaskan Native		Asian/Pacific Islander		Other		2 or More Races		Hispanic or Latino		Persons	Persons Below Poverty (%age)	Median Household Income (2014 Dollars)
			Person s	%age	Person s	%age	Person s	%age	Person s	%age	Person s	%age	Person s	%age	Person s	%age				
CT 6931.02	all	all	4,189	1,335	31.9%	339	8.1%	13	0.3%	39	0.9%	3	0.1%	40	1.0%	2,420	57.8%	5,437	21.6%	\$49,421
"	1	all	1,511	876	58.0%	90	6.0%	6	0.4%	9	0.6%	2	0.1%	25	1.7%	503	33.3%	1,768	16.6%	\$49,934
"	"	1010	341	195	57.2%	26	7.6%	-	0.0%	6	1.8%	1	0.3%	3	0.9%	110	32.3%	--	--	--
"	"	1016	23	14	60.9%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	9	39.1%	--	--	--
"	"	1023	24	20	83.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4	16.7%	--	--	--
CT 6932	all	all	7,514	5,520	73.5%	302	4.0%	20	0.3%	228	3.0%	7	0.1%	106	1.4%	1,331	17.7%	8,187	6.9%	\$91,292
"	1	all	2,804	1,501	53.5%	193	6.9%	8	0.3%	146	5.2%	3	0.1%	50	1.8%	903	32.2%	2,538	12.2%	\$83,824
"	"	1000	28	19	67.9%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	9	32.1%	--	--	--
"	"	1001	519	101	19.5%	42	8.1%	1	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	10	1.9%	365	70.3%	--	--	--
"	"	1008	540	307	56.9%	24	4.4%	4	0.7%	69	12.8%	3	0.6%	13	2.4%	120	22.2%	--	--	--

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 1, Table P2 (for race and ethnicity data); and 2010-2014 American Community Survey, Table B17017, Poverty Status In The Past 12 Months By Household Type By Age Of Householder (households and poverty), B19001, Household Income In The Past 12 Months (In 2014 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars), and B19013, Median Household Income In The Past 12 Months (In 2014 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars).

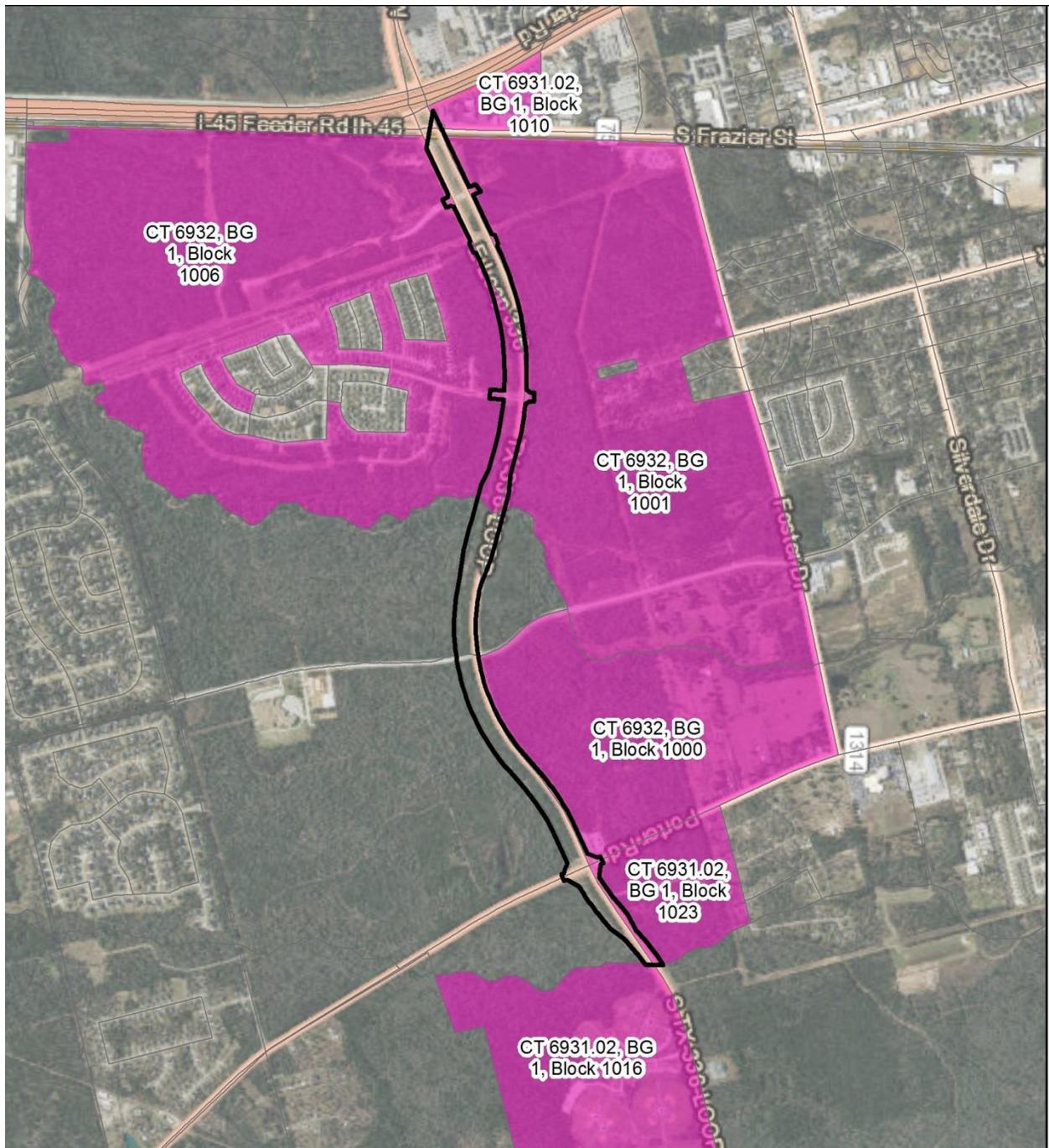
Notes: Minority populations are identified as either (a) the minority populations of the block group exceeds 50% or (b) the minority population percentage of the block is meaningfully greater than the minority population of the block group. For the proposed project, a meaningfully greater percentage would be double the percentage of the block groups and is indicated *by underlined italic print*

1. The block groups within the project area were used to represent the population potentially affected by the proposed project. Several blocks with populations of zero were omitted.
 2. % of persons reporting as White, African-American, American Indian and Alaskan Native, and Asian American.
 3. % of persons reporting as Hispanic or Latino ethnic origin. The U.S. Census Bureau considers race to be separate from ethnicity. These persons may be of any race.

Table 2: LEP and Languages Spoken

Census Tract Block Group	Population That Speaks English Less Than "Very Well"		Language Spoken by Population That Speaks English Less Than "Very Well"							
			Spanish		Indo-European Languages		Asian And Pacific Island Languages		Other Languages	
	Persons	%age	Persons	%age	Persons	%age	Persons	%age	Persons	%age
CT 6931.02, BG1	421	25.3%	175	10.5%	207	12.4%	39	2.3%	-	0.0%
CT 6932, BG1	84	3.6%	52	2.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	32	1.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey Table B16004, Age By Language Spoken At Home By Ability To Speak English For the Population 5 Years And Over



 Populated Adjacent Census Blocks
 Project Area



Source: 2015 Aerial Photograph
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Populated Census Geographies Adjacent to Project Area

ATTACHMENT C

PHOTOS



Typical homes in Stewart's Forest, the only residential area adjacent to proposed project.



Typical street in Stewart's Forest, the only residential area adjacent to proposed project.