



Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Pearland, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed widening improvements along Smith Ranch Road from Hughes Ranch Road to north of Broadway (FM 518) in Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas. The meeting will be held at Challenger Elementary School Cafeteria; 9434 Hughes Ranch Road; Pearland, Texas 77584. The meeting will be held in an open house format on February 21, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No formal presentation will be made.

The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. The construction will consist of replacing a 2-lane roadway with a 4-lane divided urban roadway, and adding a 10-foot-wide shared use path on the West side of Smith Ranch Road. This construction will take place within the existing roadway alignment of Smith Ranch Road; however, additional right-of-way will be required. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility and connections of the existing roadway. The proposed improvements are consistent with local plans and growth patterns for the area; therefore, the project itself would not cause significant impacts to planned growth for the area.

Exhibit boards showing the projected improvements to the proposed project's location will be available for review at the public meeting. This information will also be available by appointment for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays, at the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District please contact Mohammed Zubair at (713) 802-5616. Information may also be viewed at the TxDOT Brazoria County Area Office located at 1033 E. Orange, Angleton, Texas 77515, contact Michelle Milliard at (979) 864-8500. The project information can also be viewed at TxDOT's website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251. Written comments must be postmarked, submitted through the website, or emailed to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov by March 8, 2017, to be included in the Public Meeting Summary.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Offices (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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.