



US 290

From FM 1371 to SH 6

July 21, 2020 Virtual Public Meeting



Welcome to Tonight's Virtual Public Meeting

Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District's virtual public meeting for the US 290 Improvement Project from FM 1371 to SH 6 in Waller and Washington Counties. This is the first public meeting being conducted for the US 290 Improvement Project. Public comments are encouraged.

Why is this project proposed?

The proposed project is being developed to address two major needs along the project corridor. First, the current 4-lane divided roadway does not provide adequate mobility to accommodate traffic. Second, crash rates on this segment of US 290 are higher than average crash rates on similar roadways in Texas.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility and safety within the project corridor.

Existing Condition

Existing US 290 in Washington County consists of two 12-foot wide travel lanes in each direction with outside shoulders that vary from 4 to 12 feet in width. Drainage is open ditches on the outside of the travel lanes. The grass median varies from 34 to 46 feet in width and the existing right-of-way varies from 210 to 346 feet in width.

Existing US 290 in Waller County consists of two 12-foot wide travel lanes in each direction with outside shoulders that vary from 4 to 10 feet in width. Drainage is open ditches on the outside of the travel lanes. The grass median varies from 60 to 190 feet in width and the existing right-of-way varies from 200 to 556 feet in width.

Project Summary

Project Location:

Washington and Waller Counties

Project Length:

Approximately 12 miles

Project Limits:

FM 1371 to SH 6

Estimated Construction Cost:

Approximately \$123.3 Million

Project Reference Number:

CSJs: 0114-10-097 &
0114-11-083

Right-of-Way Required:

Approximately 18 acres for detention ponds

Potential Displacements:

None anticipated

Proposed Project

Washington County—The proposed facility in Washington County would be a six-lane roadway, which includes three 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction with 12-foot-wide inside and outside shoulders, and a remaining median that varies from 20 to 28 feet wide (Proposed Typical Section-Washington County). The widening for the additional lane in each direction would be constructed within existing TxDOT right-of-way in the existing median and the outside ditch of US 290 as shown in blue. The drainage ditches would be improved to meet 5 year or 10 year storm events as the project design allows.

Waller County—In Waller County, the proposed facility would include a six-lane roadway with three 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction and 12-foot-wide inside and outside shoulders (Proposed Typical Section 1-Waller County). Widening for the additional lanes would be constructed within the existing TxDOT right-of-way in the existing median of US 290, as shown in blue. The remaining median would vary from 20 to 48 feet in width. The drainage ditches would be improved to meet either 5 year or 10 year storm events as the project design allows. No displacements are anticipated with acquisition of new right-of-way. Since the existing TxDOT right-of-way is wide enough to accommodate the proposed additional lanes, alternative alignments are not under consideration. Therefore, only the build and no-build alternatives are being evaluated. Estimated construction costs for the total project is \$123.3 Million.

In the wider right-of-way section (Proposed Typical Section 2-Waller County) of the project a wider median of 48 to 142 feet in width would remain after adding the proposed lanes. An additional 18 acres of right-of-way would be needed for four proposed detention ponds located along the project. Two additional proposed detention ponds would be within TxDOT right-of-way at SH 6.

Next Steps

- Preliminary design and environmental documentation
- Project approval
- Detailed design
- Right-of-Way acquisition
- Begin construction (Anticipated 2030)

How to Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by attending this virtual public meeting tonight and submitting comments.

You may submit comments in the following ways:

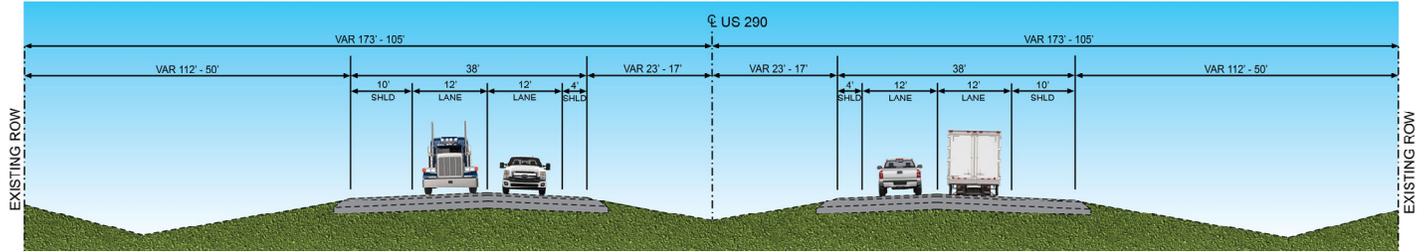
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Attention: Director of Advanced Project Development
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Houston, Texas, 77251-1386
- Online by visiting www.txdot.gov and searching in the upper right-hand search box for “US 290 from

All comments must be postmarked or received by **Wednesday, August 5, 2020** in order to be considered in the official virtual public meeting summary. Virtual public meeting documentation will be available online at the web address below approximately 3 months after the virtual public meeting closes. This document will contain responses to all comments received by the due date. Please reference the Project Reference Number, found on the front of this handout, in any communication.

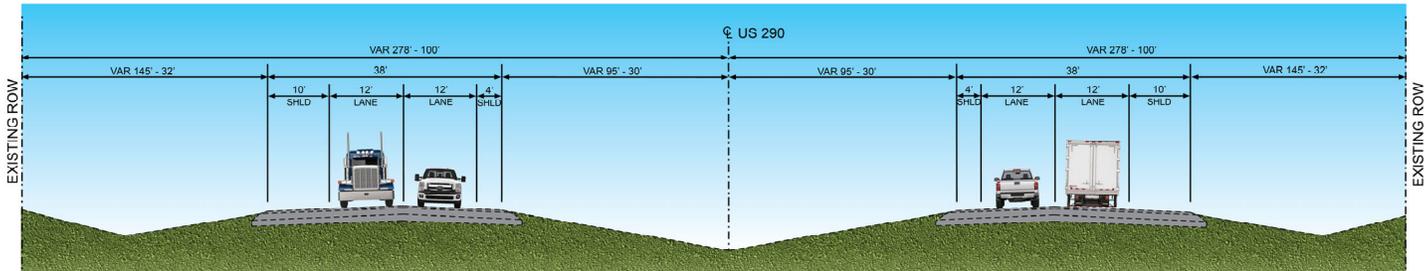
Project information and summaries of all public involvement events can be found online at:
<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/072120.html>

Existing and Proposed Typical Sections

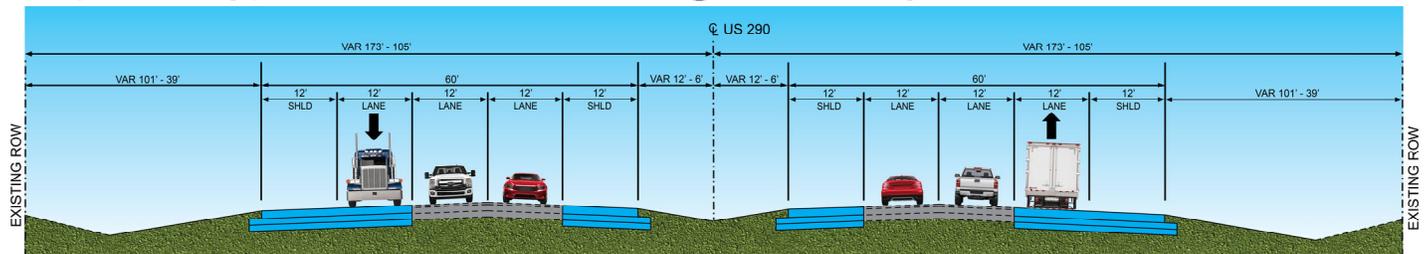
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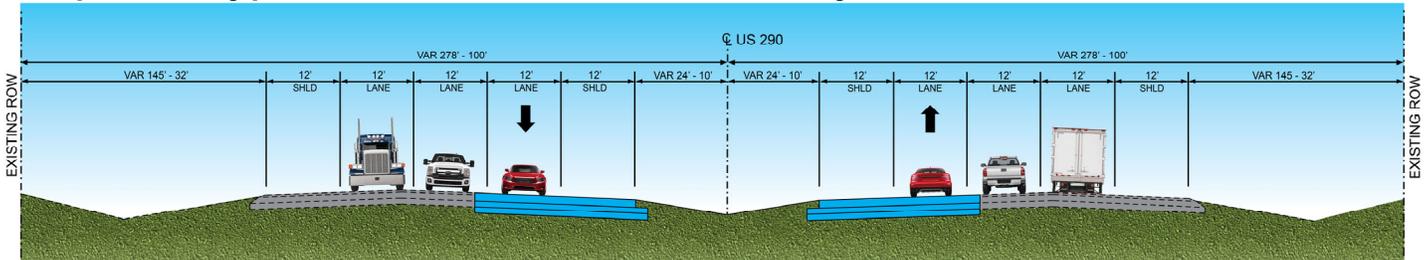
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Proposed Typical Section—Washington County



Proposed Typical Section 1—Waller County



Proposed Typical Section 2—Waller County

