



Notice of Public Hearing

Brazoria County Acquisition for Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Dredge Material Placement Area

CSJ (Project Number): 5500-00-026

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing regarding the acquisition of property for use as a placement area for materials dredged from the main channel of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. The public hearing will take place at the Port Freeport Board Room located at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas, 77541. Displays will be available during the open house for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing and presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed placement area and to receive public comments.

This notice is provided as required by the Texas Coastal Waterways Act, Transportation Code, Section 51.006. The proposed site to be considered for acquisition is a 355.26 acre parcel of land in the Henry Burt Abstract – 151 and the D. Gilliland Survey Abstract – 195, Brazoria County, Texas. TxDOT is acquiring the property in order to fulfill its responsibilities as the non-federal sponsor of the GIWW. These responsibilities include providing right of way and placement areas for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) operation and maintenance of the GIWW. Right of way and displacement requirements are not applicable for this acquisition.

Maps, USACE environmental documentation, and other displays concerning the proposed site will be available during the open house and public hearing. These displays are on file and available for inspection from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Riverside Campus, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704. To schedule an appointment, please contact Emily Shelton at (512) 486-5697.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed acquisition are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Riverside Campus, Attention: Maritime Division, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78705. Comments may also be submitted electronically to emily.shelton@txdot.gov or online at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/maritime/121118.html. Comments must be received on or before Friday, January 4, 2019, to be considered part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Maritime Division at (512) 486-5697. Requests should be made at least three days prior to the hearing. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

For further information, please contact Matthew Mahoney, Waterways Coordinator, Maritime Division at (512) 486-5630 or matthew.mahoney@txdot.gov.