



Texas Department of Transportation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed design changes to the Interstate Highway 45 (Gulf Freeway) Improvement and Reconstruction Project, from South of FM 518 to FM 1764, located within Galveston County. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at Victory Lakes Intermediate School located at 2880 W. Walker Street, League City, Texas, 77573. The meeting will be held in an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No formal presentation will be made.

Since the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on August 13, 2010 for this project, continuing project development efforts have identified the need for design changes. These proposed changes include; revising entrance/exit ramps and the construction of detention ponds. Approximately 20 acres of additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed detention ponds with no additional displacements. The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed project design changes to the public and receive comments.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the public meeting. This information will also be available for public review upon request 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. For an appointment to view the information, please contact Wahida Wakil at (713) 802-5513 or at Wahida.Wakil@txdot.gov. The information will also be posted online on the TxDOT 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 from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 business days following the meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person at the public meeting or by mail to the Director of Project Development, TxDOT Houston District Office, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Written comments must be postmarked by November 3, 2015 to be included in the Public Meeting Summary. Comments may also be emailed on or before November 3, 2015, to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov.

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 Office at 713-802-5076. Requests should be made at least two 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.