



Notice of Public Hearing Crabb River Road (FM 2759/FM 762)

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing to widen the existing Crabb River Road (FM 2759/FM 762) from south of Sansbury Boulevard to south of Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (LCISD) complex in Fort Bend County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on October 25, 2016, at George Ranch High School, 8181 FM 762, Richmond, Texas 77469. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed improvements to Crabb River Road (FM 2759/FM 762) extend from approximately 0.25 miles south of Sansbury Boulevard to approximately 500 feet south of the LCISD Complex located on FM 762, a total distance of approximately 2.9 miles. The proposed project is located in Fort Bend County with a portion in the City of Rosenberg.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility, alleviate traffic congestion, and improve safety. The proposed improvements would be constructed in two phases:

- Phase I - Widen the existing Crabb River Road (FM 762/FM 2759) to four lanes with a divided raised median
- Phase II - Construct a grade separation (overpass) over the BNSF Railroad and Thompsons Road (FM 762/FM 2759)

The existing right of way (ROW) varies, but is typically 120 feet wide on FM 2759 and 80 feet wide on FM 762. On the FM 2759 portion, the existing ROW would be sufficient for the proposed Phase I improvements.

On the FM 762 portion, approximately 110 feet of additional ROW would be required. ROW acquisition would usually be on east side. The proposed project would require additional right-of-way (ROW) and would potentially result in displacements. The proposed project would displace one residential and two non-residential structures. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT Houston District office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

The proposed project would potentially impact a total 0.32 of an acre of jurisdictional waters of the U. S. at the Rabbs Bayou and Gapps Slough stream crossings. A U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 would be required prior to construction activities. No jurisdictional wetlands would be impacted by the proposed project.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT's Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, at the TxDOT Fort Bend Area Office, located at 4235 State Highway 36, Rosenberg, Texas 77471, and available online at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/crabb-river.html>. This information also

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will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office. Comments must be received on or before November 4, 2016, to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT District Public Information Officer at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least seven days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact the TxDOT District Public Information Officer, at (713) 802-5076.

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.