

WELCOME

FM 565 Improvement Project From State Highway (SH) 99 to SH 146 Chambers County, Texas

Virtual Public Hearing with an In-Person Option

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Westside Complex Community Center

Why am I here?

- Review hard copies of project materials
- Ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants
- Provide comments on the proposed project

Recommended Alternative: Project Description






- The proposed improvements to the approximately 2.9-mile-long project include:
 - Widen the existing two-lane roadway to two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 16-foot raised median (with periodic left turn lanes) and 10-foot outside shoulders
 - A new Farm-to-Market (FM) 565 bridge is proposed to overpass the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing
- The project is estimated to cost \$63 million and is fully funded

Why is the Proposed Project Needed?



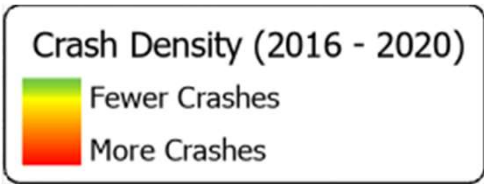
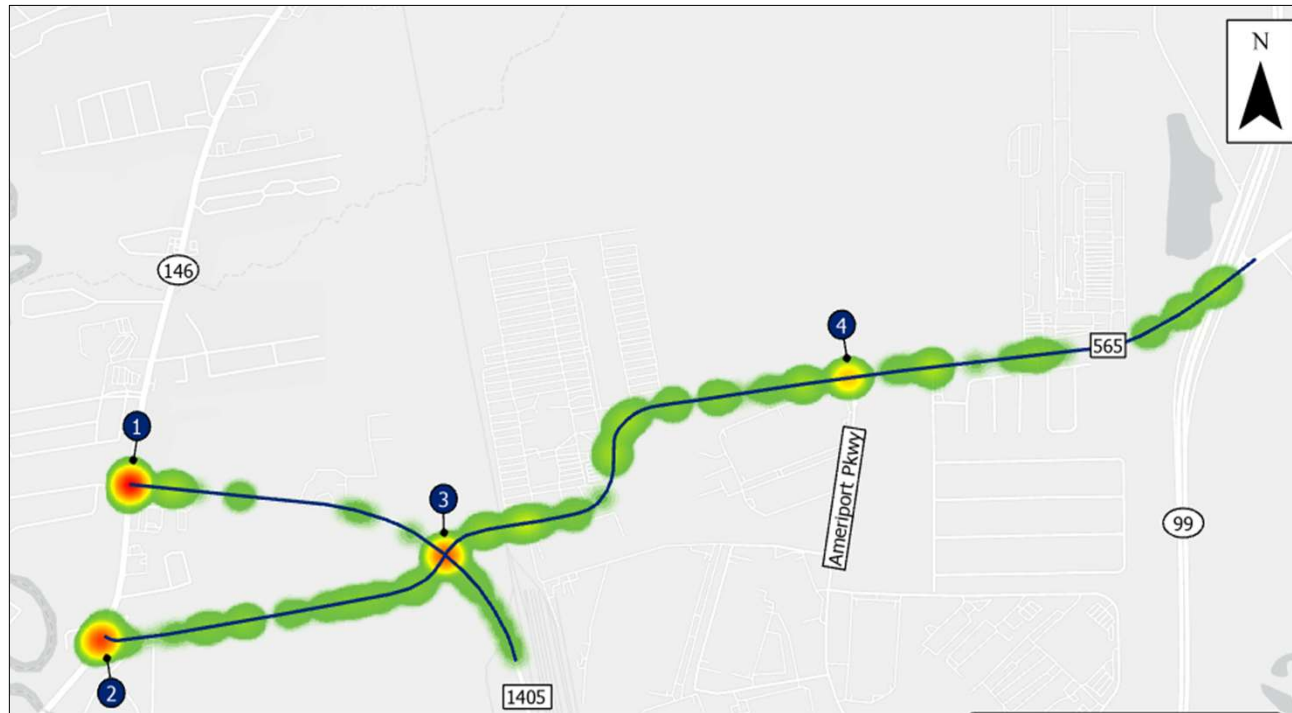
- FM 565 is inadequate to meet current and future traffic, resulting in congestion and reduced mobility.
- The existing roadway does not have designated turn lanes and does not meet current design standards.
- Increasing congestion at the UPRR crossing causes decreased response time of emergency vehicles.

Traffic Prediction*

Projected (2028)		20,250 vehicles per day
Projected (2048)		26,650 vehicles per day
Projected (2058)		29,600 vehicles per day

* Traffic volumes were generated by the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division.

Where are Crashes Occurring Along FM 565 and FM 1405?



Crash Locations

1	SH 146 and FM 1405 (40 crashes)
2	SH 146 and FM 565 (35 crashes)
3	FM 1405 and FM 565 (33 crashes)
4	FM 565 and Ameriport Pkwy (19 crashes)

Online Comment Opportunity – August 2, 2019 to September 6, 2019



Online Comment Opportunity:

- 804 Total Page Views with 559 Unique Visitors
- 17 written comments were received
- Public feedback included:
 - Support for UPRR Bridge
 - Property impact concerns
- Based on feedback, TxDOT:
 - Identified two potential alternatives for further study
 - Reviewed and revised/minimized property impacts where possible

The online comment report
is available online at
www.txdot.gov

Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option – December 9, 2021



Virtual public meeting :

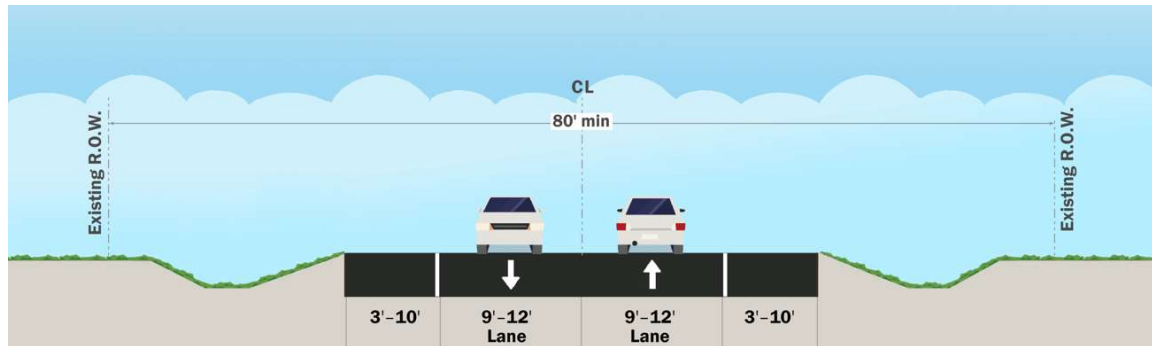
- 20 comments received
- Public feedback included:
 - Higher public support for 5B over 4B
 - Property and work-related impact concerns
 - Positive feedback for the increased number of lanes
- Based on feedback, TxDOT:
 - Reviewed property and work-related impacts
 - Selected 5B as the recommended alternative from the two alternatives
 - Concerns about project were reviewed and shared with the TxDOT area office

All comments included
December 2021/January 2022
public meeting comment
reports are available online at
www.txdot.gov

Existing Roadway Design vs. the Proposed Roadway Design

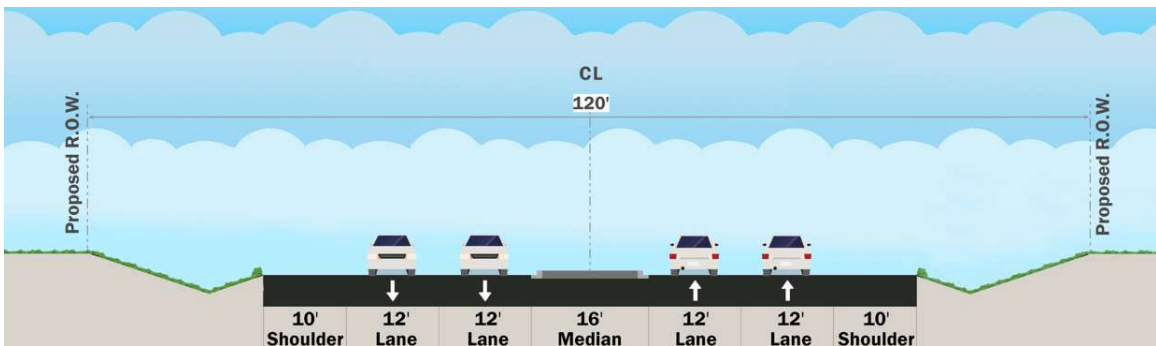


Existing Typical Section



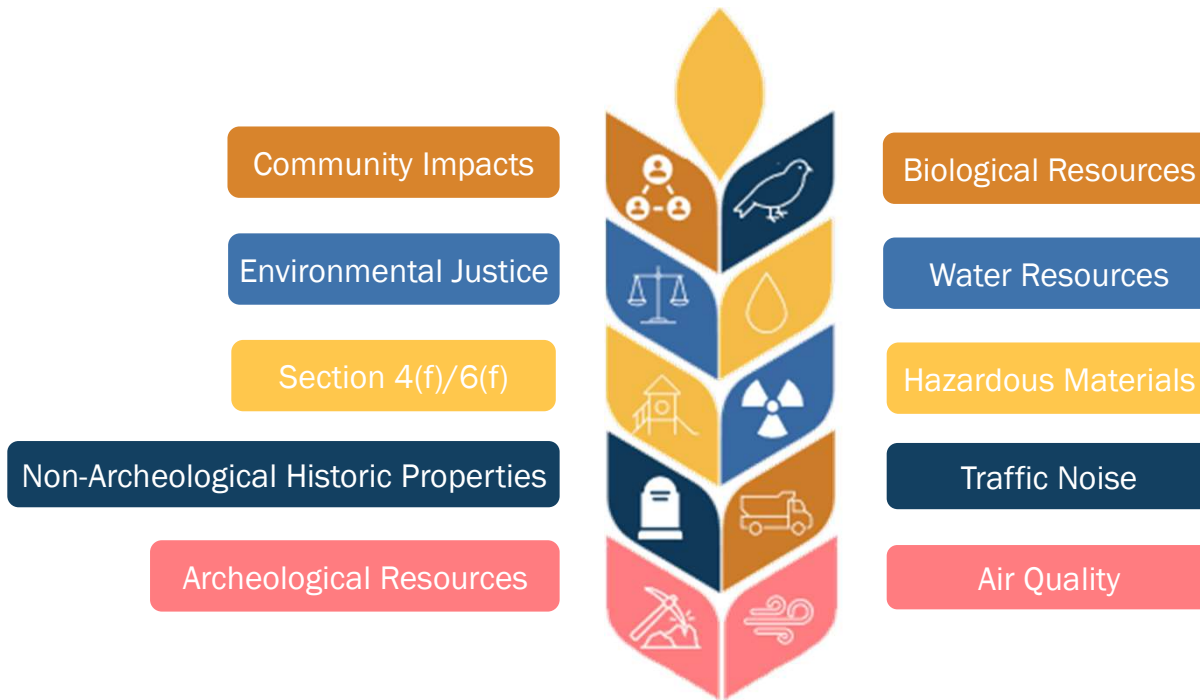
- One 9- to 12-foot-wide lane in each direction
- 3- to 10-foot-wide shoulders
- Located within a right of way (ROW) of approximately 80 feet

Proposed Typical Section












- Two 12-foot-wide lanes in each direction
- A 16-foot raised median
- 10-foot-wide shoulders
- Located within a typical ROW width of 120 feet

Environmental Analysis



Environmental Assessment – Alternative 5B



CRITERIA		BUILD	NO-BUILD
Proposed ROW (Acres)		15.5	0
Potential Displacements		0	0
Waters of the U.S. including Wetlands (Acres)		0.047 acres permanently impacted 363 linear feet permanently impacted	0
100-Year Floodplain (Acres)		Approximately 16 acres. No significant encroachment on floodplains	No
Federal or State-Listed Threatened Species		Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> (Current Status Candidate Species): May Affect 1 Proposed Endangered Species: Potential Habitat (Tri-Colored Bat) <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> 17 Species of Greatest Conservation Need: May Impact Appropriate Best Management Practices would be applied	No
Archeological Resources		Archeological survey determined no historic properties would be impacted by the improvements	No
Historic Resources		1 National Register-eligible property is located on the north of FM 565; this resource would not be impacted by the improvements	No
Air Quality Impacts		No	No
Noise Impacts		23 first-row receptors may experience noise impacts; One noise barrier has been evaluated as potentially reasonable and feasible. However, due to utilities at this location, the barrier is not constructible. Therefore, no noise mitigation is proposed.	No

Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition Information



42 USC Ch. 61: UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES FOR FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS
From Title 42—THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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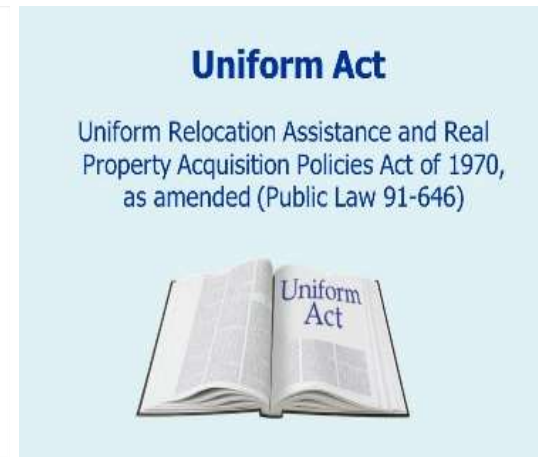
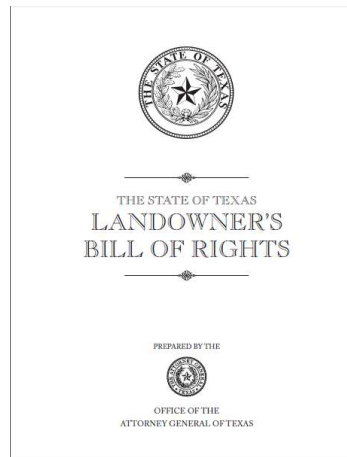
SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec.
4601. Definitions.
4602. Effect upon property acquisition.
4603. Additional appropriations for moving costs, relocation benefits and other expenses incurred in acquisition of lands for National Park System; waiver of benefits.
4604. Certification.
4605. Displaced persons not eligible for assistance.

SUBCHAPTER II—UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

4621. Declaration of findings and policy.
4622. Moving and related expenses.

Please visit www.txdot.gov for more information about the Uniform Act and TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program information

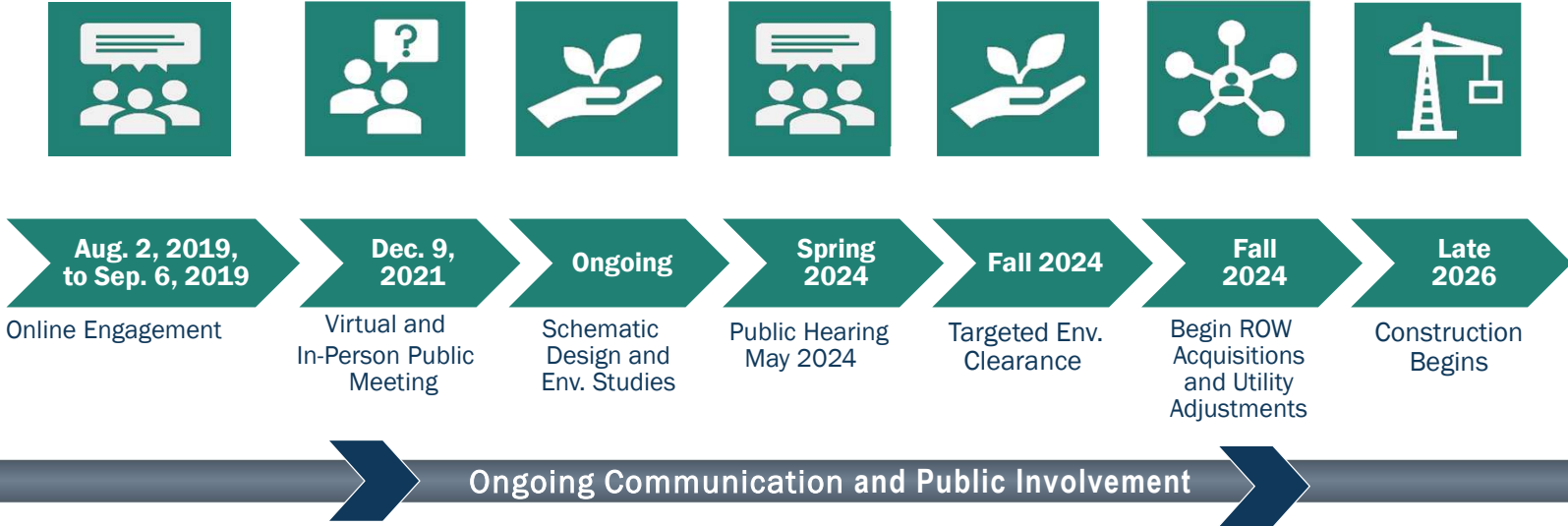


- The proposed ROW, as well as construction and drainage easements, consists of approximately 15.5 acres of new ROW and 77.4 acres of existing ROW.
- The proposed project would not displace residences or businesses.

Estimated Project Timeline*



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* Subject to Change

How to Submit Your Comments



- **Email:** bmtprojects@txdot.gov

- **Mail:** Texas Department of Transportation,
Timothy Chern, P.E
8350 Eastex Freeway Beaumont, TX 77708

- **Call:**
 - (832) 680-0978 to leave a recorded voicemail in English or Spanish from May 21, 2024, until June 5, 2024
 - (409) 898-5732 with any questions throughout the project development process

Comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, June 5, 2024, to be included in the public hearing summary report.

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FM 565 - Chambers County

TxDOT's Beaumont District is proposing to reconstruct FM 565 from SH 99 to SH 146 on the east side of Baytown in Chambers County, Texas.

Proposed benefits


The proposed project is anticipated to improve safety, enhance mobility and reduce congestion.

Proposed improvements

The approximately 2.9 mile project includes:

- Reconstructing, realigning, and widening the existing two-lane roadway to accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction
- Adding a 16-foot raised median and 10-foot outside shoulders
- Building a new FM 565 bridge overpass that would be constructed over the Union Pacific Railroad, eliminating the at-grade crossing
- Adding sidewalks in certain locations

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace two residential structures. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and mobility in the project area. FM 565 is inadequate to meet current and future traffic resulting in congestion and reduced mobility, does not have designated turn lanes and does not meet current design standards.



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Thank you for attending!
Please submit your comments by
Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Pre-Recorded Presentation

Geographic Information System (Google Earth) Station

Schematic Design

TxDOT Right-of-Way

Comments

Video Flyover