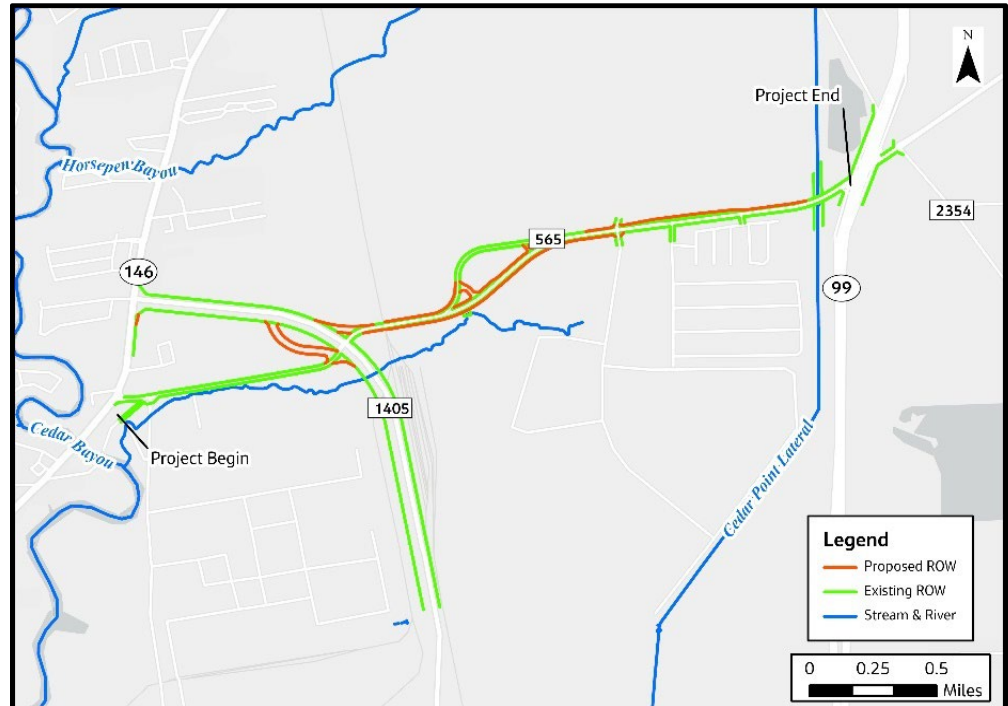


Proposed Project Map and Limits

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont District is proposing to reconstruct and improve Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 565 from State Highway (SH) 99 to SH 146 in Chambers County, Texas. Right-of-way (ROW) will be needed throughout the corridor to create a typical ROW width of 120 feet.

Proposed Improvements

The approximately 2.9-mile proposed project would widen the existing two-lane section with narrow shoulders 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 FM 565 bridge is proposed to overpass the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing, thus eliminating the at-grade crossing, and would re-route FM 565 traffic to SH 146 by way of FM 1405. Alternative 5B was selected for the FM 565 and FM 1405 intersection due to feedback received from the previous public meeting. The proposed project would be constructed within a typical ROW width of 120 feet. It would tie into the realigned portion of FM 565 currently under construction between the UPRR and Ameriport Parkway.



Project Purpose and Need

What are we trying to do?

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and mobility in the project area.

What problems are we trying to address?

- 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 causing decreased response time of emergency vehicles.

Proposed Project Schedule*

- Schematic Design and Environmental Studies - Ongoing
- Public Hearing—Spring 2024
- Environmental Clearance—Fall 2024
- Begin ROW Acquisition—Fall 2024
- Finalize Design and Begin Construction—Late 2026

*This project schedule and dates are tentative and subject to change.

How Can I Stay Informed?

- Visit www.txdot.gov and search keywords “FM 565 Chambers County”
- Contact Timothy Chern, P.E., at TxDOT, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708, or email: bmtprojects@txdot.gov.

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.