



**Notice
Virtual Public Hearing
with an In-Person Option
Farm to Market (FM) 565
From State Highway (SH) 99 to SH 146
CSJ (Project Number): 1024-01-077
Chambers County, Texas**

TxDOT is proposing to reconstruct, re-align, and widen existing lanes of Farm to Market (FM) 565 from State Highway (SH) 99 to SH 146 in Chambers County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing about the proposed project with an in-person option that will follow an “open house” format. **The virtual public hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation can be seen online starting Tuesday, May 21, 2024, by visiting www.txdot.gov.** You can also scan the Quick Response (QR) code shown below to access the project website directly from a mobile phone or tablet. If you do not have internet access, you may call (409) 892-7311 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person opportunity for individuals who would like to participate in person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Westside Complex Community Center located at 8138 FM 3246 Baytown, TX 77523.**



For the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (832) 680-0978 to provide comments and questions through 11:59 pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. All comments will be considered and included in the official record, which will be posted at a later date on the TxDOT website.

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 crossing, thus eliminating the at-grade crossing, and would re-route FM 565 traffic to SH 146 by way of FM 1405. No sidewalks are proposed as part of this project. The proposed project would require additional right of way from SH 146 to FM 1405, consisting of 15.5 acres.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way, but would not displace any residences. The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA), any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Beaumont District located at 8350 Eastex Fwy. Beaumont, TX 77708. Please call (409) 892-7311 if you need assistance viewing materials concerning the proposed project. To view project materials online visit

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.

www.txdot.gov and keyword search: *FM 565 Chambers County*. Project materials will also be available at the in-person option.

If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person hearings, please contact the TxDOT Beaumont District Public Information Office at (409) 898-5745 no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, 8350 Eastex Fwy. Beaumont, TX, 77708-1701. Written comments may also be submitted by email to bmtprojects@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be received or postmarked on or before Wednesday, June 5, 2024, to be included in the hearing summary report.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (832) 680-0978 and verbally provide testimony from noon until 11:59 pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual or in-person meetings, please contact Timothy Chern, P.E., by email at bmtprojects@txdot.gov. Please reference CSJ: 1024-01-077.