



**Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
FM 1488 Magnolia Relief Route
From Existing FM 1488 West of Magnolia to Proposed SH 249 East of Magnolia
CSJs: 0523-09-018 & 0523-08-013
Montgomery County, Texas**

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 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to construct Farm-to-Market (FM) 1488 (Magnolia Relief Route) around the north side of the City of Magnolia in Montgomery County, Texas. A public hearing will be held on September 7th, 2017 at Magnolia West High School located at 42202 FM 1774, Magnolia, Texas, 77355. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed project and to receive public comment.

The proposed project would construct a four lane (two in each direction) divided highway on new location. This construction would include grade separated overpasses at FM 1774 and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and at the proposed State Highway (SH) 249. The construction of the roadway would be from existing FM 1488 West of Magnolia to the proposed SH 249 East of Magnolia. The proposed project would require approximately 155 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) and would potentially displace 11 residential properties or associated outbuildings, two commercial structures, one storm water detention pond, and one utility facility; depending on final design. ROW acquisition would be conducted in accordance with federal guidelines. Information regarding the ROW acquisition process and copies of the Relocation Assistance Booklet will be available at the hearing.

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and related project information will be available for inspection at the hearing. The same information will also be available by appointment at the TxDOT Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 and at the TxDOT Montgomery Area Office located at 9001 North FM 3083, East Conroe, Texas 77303. These offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays. Information is also posted online at: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/090717.html>.

The public hearing will provide an opportunity to submit written comments, and a court reporter will be present to record oral comments. Written comments may be submitted in person at the public hearing or by mail to TxDOT Houston District, Attn: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston TX 77251-1386, or emailed to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houston-piowebmail@txdot.gov). Comments must be postmarked or emailed by September 22, 2017, to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Office at 713-802-5072. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have questions regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Samuel Ainabe, TxDOT Project Manager, at (713) 802-5260

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.