

Notice Public Hearing FM 521 From FM 2234 to SH 6 CSJ: 0111-03-059

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing to widen Farm-to-Market (FM) 521 from FM 2234 to State Highway (SH) 6 in Fort Bend County, Texas. This notice advises the public that environmental documents are available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Lula Belle Goodman Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 1100 West Sycamore Road, Fresno, TX 77545. Engineering displays and environmental documents 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 improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project.

The project proposes to reconstruct and widen the FM 521 roadway from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided facility. The proposed project would also include constructing raised medians, a grade separation over FM 521 at Broadway Street, a sidewalk on the east side of the roadway, intersection improvements, and turn lanes at various locations. The proposed project would require approximately 23.2 acres of new right-of-way (ROW). No displacements are anticipated. 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 proposed project would impact less than 0.5 acre of wetlands. All unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional waters of the US, including wetlands, would be covered by a Nationwide Permit 14 from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District with a possible Pre-construction Notification.

Environmental documents, exhibits showing the schematic plans, and a tentative schedule for the proposed project will be available for inspection at the hearing. The same information will also be available prior to the hearing at the Houston District Office and the Fort Bend Area Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office locations are provided below:

- TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007, Wahida Wakil, P.E., (713) 802-5513
- TxDOT Fort Bend Area Office, 4235 SH 36, Rosenberg, TX 77471, Grady Mapes, P.E., (281) 238-7900

Project information is posted online at: http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html.

The public hearing will provide an opportunity to submit written comments, and a court reporter will be present to record verbal comments. Comments may be submitted in person at the public hearing. Comments may also be submitted via email at hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov or by mail to TxDOT Houston District, Attn: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Comments must be postmarked or emailed by Friday, April 27, 2018, 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 Offices at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five working days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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.

