



Notice of a Public Meeting

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IH 45 From the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61st Street
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes to reconstruct and widen IH 45 from the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61st Street in Galveston County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will conduct a public meeting on the proposed project. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at the Galveston Independent School District (ISD) Scott Building, 4116 Avenue N ½, Galveston, Texas 77550. The meeting will be an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No formal presentation will be made.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project. The proposed IH 45 improvements would include reconstructing and widening IH 45 from the Galveston Causeway Bridge to 61st Street, and adding a direct connector from northbound 61st Street to northbound IH 45. The proposed project would require approximately 2.8 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW).

The proposed project is anticipated to potentially displace three commercial structures. The proposed project would not displace any residential structures. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and design drawings will be available for review at the public meeting. This information will also be available by appointment for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. excluding state holidays, at the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 and the TxDOT Galveston Area Office located at 5407 Gulf Freeway, La Marque, TX 77568. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District contact Mr. Chance Norman at (713) 802-5251 or at the Galveston Area office contact Mr. Jamal Elahi at (409) 978-2500. The project information can also be viewed online at TxDOT's website: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/i-45-south-from-south-of-causeway-bridge-to-61st-street.html>.

Written comments regarding the project may be submitted in person at the meeting, by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, or via e-mail to hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before Friday, April 17, 2020 to be part of the official public meeting record. Materials at the public meeting will be presented in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT District Public Information Officer at TxDOT (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least three days prior to the meeting. 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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.
