



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting
US 290 from FM 1371 to SH 6
CSJs: 0114-10-097 & 0114-11-083 (CC)
Waller and Washington Counties, Texas

Given the unique circumstance of the COVID-19 outbreak, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District is conducting this virtual public meeting to avoid in-person contact.

TxDOT is proposing to improve US 290 from FM 1371 to SH 6 in Waller and Washington Counties, Texas. The virtual meeting will be available on the TxDOT website beginning Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to www.txdot.gov, keyword search US 290 from FM 1371. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded presentation by the project team, project exhibits and other information and an opportunity to comment. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 569-3540 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail, online, or email as explained below.

The purpose of the virtual public meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. The project extends a total of 10 miles along US 290 from FM 1371 in Washington County to SH 6 in Waller County. Existing US 290 consists of two 12-foot wide travel lanes in each direction with outside shoulders that vary from 4-12 feet in width. The grass median varies from 32-102 feet in width and the existing right-of-way varies from 200-500 feet in width. The proposed facility would include a six-lane roadway, which includes three 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction with 12-foot-wide inside and outside shoulders, and a median that varies from 20-28 feet wide. For Washington County, the additional lanes would be constructed within the existing median and outside ditch of US 290. In Waller County, the additional lanes would be constructed within the existing median of US 290. The project would take place within the existing right-of-way on US 290. An additional 17.49 acres of right-of-way would be needed for proposed detention ponds. No displacements are anticipated.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword US 290 from FM 1371.

The US 290 virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If English is not your primary language and you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, you may need an interpreter or document translator; one will be provided to you upon request. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend the virtual public meeting, please contact Jannie Blackmon (ADA Liaison), Houston District, at (713) 802-5008 or by email at Jannie.Blackmon@txdot.gov no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange. *Si desea información en Español, puede llamar a Reina Gonzalez al (713) 802-5269*

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Advanced Project Development Director, PO. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houston-piowebmail@txdot.gov) or online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search US 290 from FM 1371. Please reference CSJs 0114-10-097 & 0114-11-083 (CC) on all comments. All comments must be postmarked or received by Wednesday, August 5, 2020 to be included in the public meeting summary report. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search US 290 from FM 1371, approximately three months after the close of the comment period.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Zain Walkabout, project manager, at (713) 569-3540 or zaineb.walkabout@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.