Texas Department of Transportation

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April 24, 2014

To: Ms. Jenise Walton – ENV

From: Pat Henry, P.E. - HOU
Director of Project Development

Subject: Notice Affording Opportunity for Public Hearing
Fort Bend County
FM 1093/Westpark Tollway: FM1463/FM 359 to SH 99 (Grand Parkway)
CSJ 1258-03-042

Submitted for your forwarding to FHWA is a copy of a Notice Affording Opportunity for Public Hearing for the subject project, FM 1093. This project is scheduled for letting in August 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact James A. Roscher at (713) 802-5246.

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Attachments
cc: Mr. James A. Roscher

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APR 28 2014
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFICATION

Fort Bend County
FM 1093/Westpark Tollway: FM 1463/FM 359 to SH 99 (Grand Parkway)
CSJ 1258-03-042 and 1258-03-043

This is to certify that:

1. An opportunity for public hearing has been afforded covering the project's location and design. The first notice was published in the Houston Chronicle on February 27, 2014. Other Notices were published in a local community newspaper and the "La Voz". The second notice of the Notice Affording Opportunity for Public Hearing for FM 1093 was published in the Houston Chronicle 10 days before the end of the 30-day notice period on March 20, 2014. The final comment day for this notice period was April 2, 2014. No request for a public hearing was received. This project is scheduled for letting in June 2015.

2. Consideration has been given to the economic, social, and environmental effects of the project's location and design.

3. The statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been considered in determining the economic, social, and environmental effects.

4. The project's consistency with the goal and objectives of such urban planning promulgated by the community has been considered.

Quincy D. Allen

Quincy D. Allen, P.E.
Deputy District Engineer
Houston District

4/17/2014
Date

NOTICE AFFORDING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING
FM 1093/WESTPARK TOLLWAY EXTENSION PROJECT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Fort Bend County in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose to widen and extend Farm-to-Market (FM) 1093/Westpark Tollway from FM 1463/FM 359 to State Highway (SH) 99 (Grand Parkway) in Fort Bend County, Texas. The proposed project would be tolled from SH 99 to just west of FM 723 and non-tolled from just west FM 723 to FM 1463/FM 359.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) is typically 100 feet in width. Approximately 40.17 acres of additional ROW would be required to construct the proposed project. Of this, it is anticipated that approximately 19.0 acres would be acquired from a portion of the adjacent Houston METRO ROW, and approximately 21.17 acres of additional ROW would be acquired from private properties on the north side of FM 1093. In addition, approximately 0.76-acre of temporary construction easements would be required. Storm water detention is proposed for this project. There is one commercial displacement/relocation and no residential displacements/relocations associated with the proposed project. There would be no impacts to parklands, wildlife or waterfowl refuges, recreational areas, or historic or archeological sites. The proposed project does not traverse any streams, does not contain any jurisdictional wetlands, and does not lie within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain. The hydraulic design for this proposed project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies. There would be no effects on federally threatened or endangered species or their habitats. A noise analysis was performed for the proposed project. The noise analysis resulted in noise impacts at four locations associated with the proposed project. The four locations are 1) The Palm at Cinco Ranch Apartments, and the subdivisions of 2) Cinco Terras, 3) Westheimer Lakes North, and 4) Canyon Springs at Westheimer Lakes. Noise abatement in the form of noise barriers are recommended at these four locations. Noise workshops will be conducted at a later date with the adjacent property owners of these four locations to discuss the recommended noise barriers.

Maps showing the project location and design, the environmental document, tentative construction schedules, and other information relative to the proposed project are on file and available for review at the TxDOT Houston District Office at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 and at the Fort Bend County Offices at 1124 Blume Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. TxDOT and County offices are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays.

Any interested person may request that a public hearing be held covering the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project by mailing a written request to the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas, 77251-1386 on or before April 2, 2014. In the event that a public hearing is requested, a public hearing would be scheduled and notices providing information about the public hearing date and location would be published in this publication. Notices would also be mailed to elected officials and adjacent property owners.

AVISO OFRECIENDO OPORTNIDAD PARA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
AMPLIACIÓN DEL PROYECTO FM 1093/WESTPARK TOLLWAY

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TXDOT) y el Condado de Fort Bend en conjunto con la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA), proponen ampliar y extender la carretera de peaje FM 1093/ Westpark Tollway desde FM 1463/FM 359 hasta la carretera SH 99 (Grand Parkway) en el condado de Fort Bend, Texas. El proyecto propuesto sería de peaje desde SH 99 hasta oeste de FM 723 y sin-peaje del oeste de FM 723 a FM 1463/FM 359.

El derecho de vía existente es típicamente 100 pies de ancho. Aproximadamente 40.71 acres de derecho de vía (ROW) adicional sería necesario para construir el proyecto propuesto. Por esto, esta anticipado que aproximadamente 19.0 acres serían adquiridos de una porción adyacente del derecho de vía de METRO (ROW) de Houston, y aproximadamente 21.17 acres de derecho de vía adicional será adquirido en las propiedades privadas en el lado norte de FM 1093. Además, también se necesitaría aproximadamente 0.76 acres de derecho de vía (ROW) para un acceso temporal para construcción, y un estanque de detención propuesto. Hay un desplazamiento/reubicación comercial y ningún desplazamientos/reubicaciones residenciales asociados con el proyecto propuesto. No habría impactos en parques, refugios de vida salvaje o aves acuáticas, zonas de recreo, o sitios históricos o arqueológicos. El proyecto propuesto no atraviesa ningún arroyo, no contiene humedales jurisdiccionales, y no está dentro de una llanura de inundación de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA). El diseño hidráulico para el proyecto propuesto se hará conforme con las pólizas de diseño actual (FHWA) y (TXDOT). No habría ningún efecto sobre las especies amenazadas o en peligro por el gobierno federal, o de sus habitantes. Se hiso un análisis de ruido para el proyecto propuesto. El análisis de ruido provocó el impacto del ruido en cuatro lugares asociados con el proyecto. Los cuatro lugares son 1) The Palm at Cinco Ranch Apartments, y las subdivisiones de 2) Cinco Terras, 3) Westheimer Lakes North, y 4) Canyon Springs at Westheimer Lakes. La reducción del ruido en forma de barreras acústicas se recomienda en estos cuatro lugares. Talleres de ruido se llevarán a cabo en una fecha posterior con los dueños de propiedades adyacentes de estas cuatro ubicaciones, para discutir las barreras acústicas recomendadas.

El mapa indicando la ubicación del proyecto y el diseño, el documento ambiental, programas de construcción provisionales, y otra información relacionada con el proyecto propuesto, se encuentran archivados y disponibles para su revisión en TxDOT Houston District Office en 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 y en las oficinas del condado Fort Bend en 1124 Blume Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. TxDOT y oficinas del Condado están abierto de Lunes a Viernes, desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m., excepto días festivos estatales.

Cualquier persona interesada podrá solicitar la celebración de una audiencia pública, que cubre los efectos sociales, económicos y ambientales del proyecto propuesto por correo escribiéndole al Director de Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas, 77251-1386 en o antes del 02 de abril de 2014. En el caso de que se solicite una audiencia pública, una audiencia pública será programada y las comunicaciones que proporcionan información sobre la fecha de la audiencia pública y la ubicación seria publicado en esta publicación. Los avisos también se enviaran a los funcionarios electos, y los dueños de propiedades adyacentes.

Adjacent Property Owners Contacted

Contact	Owner	Address		
Mary Anne Piacentini, Executive Director	Katy Prairie Conservancy, Suite 230	3015 Richmond Avenue	Houston, TX	77098
	Lakes of Parkway Home Owners Association	14311 1/2 Belle River Lane	Houston, TX	77077
	Covey Trails Airport	18 West Kitty Hawk	Richmond, TX	77469
	Westheimer Air Park	24215 FM 1093	Richmond, TX	77469
	Cinco Ranch Home Owners Association	3022 Windmere Park Lane	Katy, TX	77494
	Seven Meadows Home Owners Association	c/o Moesha Chatam, Community Manager Principal Management Group; 11000 Corporate Center Drive Suite 150	Houston, TX	77041
	Westheimer Lakes (Canyon Gate) Home Owners Assoc.	1230 Brazos Traces Dr.	Richmond, TX	77469
	Lakemont Community Association	21021 Lakemont Bend Drive	Richmond, TX	77469
	Falcon Ranch Home Owners Association	c/o Spectrum Association Management, LP 16690 Park Row	Houston, TX	77084
	Grand Lakes Community Association	c/o Planned Community Management, Inc. (PCMI) PO Box 219223	Houston, TX	77218

Adjacent property owners were mailed a copy of the Notice Affording Opportunity for a Public Hearing in English and Spanish.