The background of the cover is a photograph of a long, straight road stretching into the distance. The road is flanked by green grass and utility poles with power lines. In the far distance, an industrial facility with several large white storage tanks and buildings is visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

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SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes to widen FM 2234 (McHard Road), in Missouri City and southwest Houston, Fort Bend County, Texas, from FM 3345 (Cartwright Road) to FM 521 (Almeda Road), a distance of 5.8 miles. FM 2234 is currently a 2-lane undivided highway. The current typical right-of-way width in Missouri City is 126 feet; in Houston, it is 100 feet. The proposed project would widen FM 2234 to four lanes with a raised median within a 126- to 170-foot-wide right-of-way. The project is proposed to be built with 80% federal funds and 20% local funds. An Environmental Assessment was prepared for the project in November 2009 and deemed satisfactory for further processing by the Federal Highway Administration in January 2010.

The public hearing was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 7:00 pm, at Willowridge High School, 16301 Chimney Rock Road, Houston, Texas 77053. Notice of the public hearing was advertised in the *Houston Chronicle* (in English) on February 22 and March 14, 2010, in *La Voz* (in Spanish) on February 28 and March 14, 2010, and in the *Fort Bend Sun* on February 25 and March 11, 2010. Copies of the advertisements, and affidavits of publication, are presented in Appendix A. In addition, notice letters were sent to all adjacent property owners (Appendix B) and elected officials with jurisdiction in the project corridor (Appendix C).

On the day of the public hearing, 12 signs were placed along nearby roads to guide attendees taking their cars to the auditorium at Willowridge High School. At the school, signs were posted on doors to show attendees to the foyer, where the project exhibits were displayed, and the auditorium, where the hearing took place.

The foyer doors opened at 6:00 pm for an informal open house meeting before the hearing. Attendees signed in at a table near the entrance doors (see Appendix D) and obtained a comment sheet and (if they wished to make an oral comment) a speaker registration card from project staff that spoke English and Spanish. Boards describing the project, its environmental impact and proposed schedule (reproduced in Appendix E) were displayed at the north side of the auditorium near the entrance doors, and schematic drawings of the proposed project were on display at the south side of the auditorium. Project team members from the City of Houston, TxDOT Houston District and consultants were available to answer questions in either English or Spanish at both display areas. About 100 citizens attended the open house before the public hearing.

At 7:00 pm, James Koch, P.E., of TxDOT convened the public hearing. There were 118 citizens present for the public hearing presentation and comment session. Mr. Koch's presentation was accompanied by a slide show (Appendix F), and he called on Fawzi Abou-Hossa, P.E., the lead TxDOT engineer, and Bruce F. Leon, Ph.D., the lead environmental consultant with Quadrant Consultants, to present the project design and environmental impacts, respectively. After the presentation was over, Mr. Koch requested public comments. Fifteen people made oral comments. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Sufficient notice and advertisement was provided in advance of the public hearing to the affected population, in both English and Spanish. The public hearing was held at a convenient location to the affected population and at a convenient date and time. Ample parking was available at the public hearing location, as was local bus service. The hearing officer afforded several opportunities for those who wished to make oral comments to do so, and attendees were reminded several times that they could also submit comments in writing or by email until April 7, 2010, which is

more than 10 days after the hearing. It is thus concluded that the public hearing gave every citizen who wished to do so an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed project. TxDOT has certified that the hearing took place and met the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Appendix G).

A verbatim transcript of the hearing proceedings is presented in Appendix H.

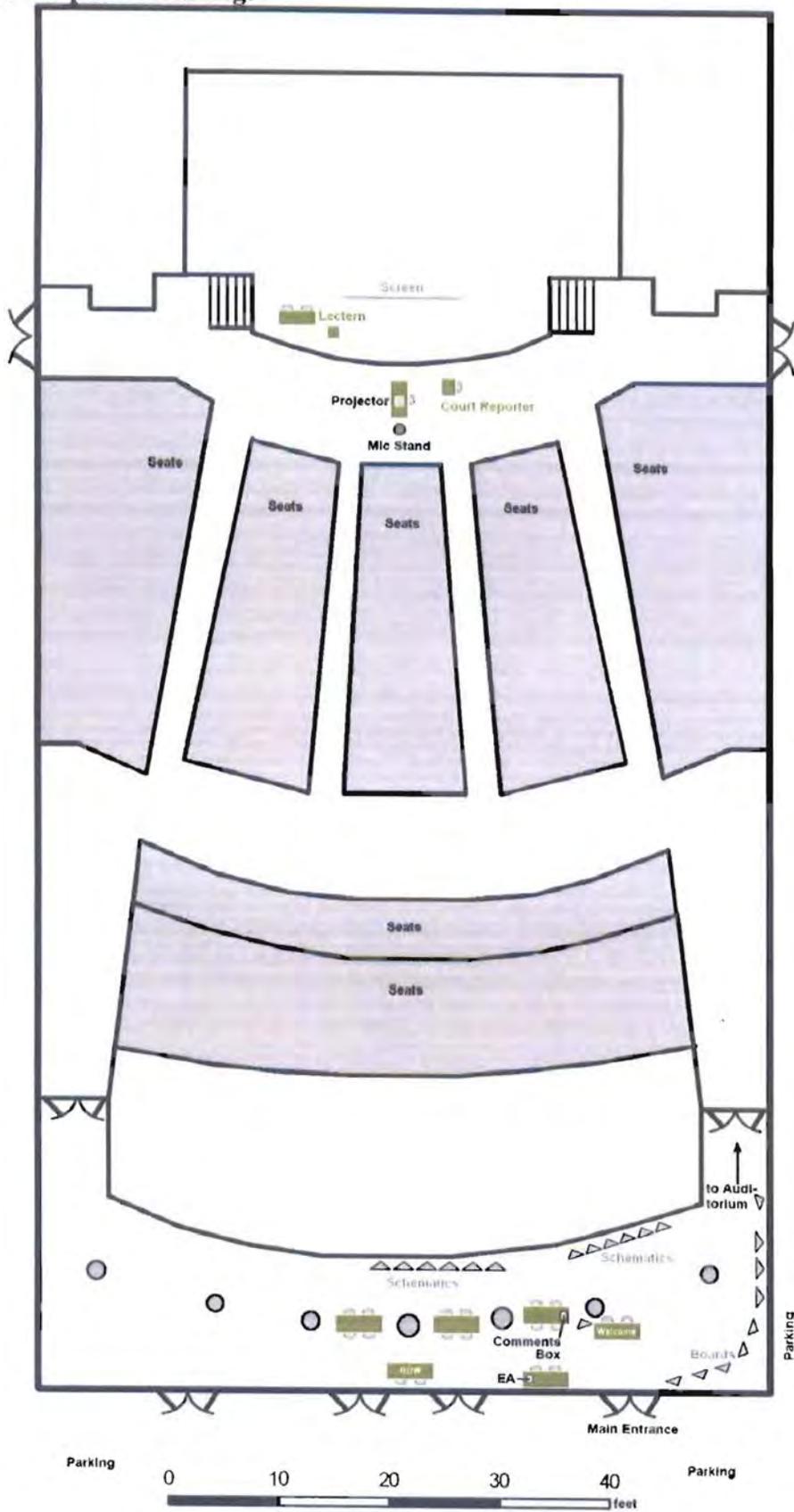
Fifteen oral comments were offered at the public hearing. In addition, nine written comments were submitted during the public hearing and seven comments were mailed or emailed to TxDOT by April 7, 2010.

A large majority of these comments are in favor of building the proposed project. Some comments requested additional information about the project's design, noise impacts and construction impacts. Several commenters proposed specific changes in the project, such as adding sidewalks, adding or moving median openings and removing a segment of the proposed noise wall in front of a commercial building. The next section presents each of the comments presented at the hearing or received by TxDOT by April 7, 2010, and responds to each of them.

Pictures of the foyer and auditorium of Willowridge High School:



Floor plan for the public hearing:



COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING AND AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING

ORAL COMMENTS

Comment 1: Oral Comment by State Representative Dora Olivo

MS. OLIVO: Good evening. For the record, I am in support of the widening of Farm Road 2234 as it is being proposed by the Texas Department of Transportation. The widening is very much needed, not only to increase vehicle capacity and reduce congestion but even more importantly to improve highway safety in this area. I know that there are many other TxDOT projects. However, this project is equally important. This Farm Road 2234 thoroughfare already lost out on stimulus funding because it was not shovel ready. TxDOT needs to get this thoroughfare shovel ready so that it is placed on a priority list and not placed on the back burner.

I strongly urge TxDOT to work with the appropriate governmental entities to secure the necessary funding to obtain the right-of-way and for the construction of this project. Please keep me advised of the priority designation of this project. Thank you for your assistance.

Response:

Comment noted.

Comment 2: Oral Comment by Fort Bend Commissioner Richard Morrison

MR. MORRISON: Thank y'all for being here tonight. I am the commissioner of Precinct 1. And only a sliver of the east side of this road is in my precinct; but it's very important, this project, as it hooks up with 521, which is a major thoroughfare. I too support the widening to four lanes. I know that TxDOT is limited in funds now, but we can get this project shovel ready. After the environmental process is over, we can meet together to shrink the acquisition down from six lanes to four lanes, which is what we're proposing to build. I know Precinct 1 supports that plan. And we'll aggressively seek funding to get the right-of-way if we can shrink it down from six lanes to four lanes, which will help this project become shovel ready. Thank you.

Response:

The full proposed right-of-way width is required for a four-lane roadway design with shoulders and open ditches. TxDOT determined early in the project's design that the proposed roadway cross-section is less expensive than the curb-and-gutter cross-section.

Comment 3: Oral Comment by Rodrigo Terrien

MR. TERRIEN: Good evening. My name is Rodrigo Terrien, candidate

for Fort Bend County judge. I come here to support the project also. If the funds are not available, then the project can be phased in parts where construction can start from FM 521 at least all the way to the toll road, which would provide more access to the public more effectively, more immediately. It's very important to do this project for local, our county and traffic control. And also, the east end needs to be started and completed first so we can have the old FM 521. But since the toll's already -- we're still waiting. Okay? And also, sidewalks, if possible, so our school -- that way, safety for students to be able to walk and not on busy roads. Thank you.

Response:

TxDOT data indicate that the average daily traffic volume on FM 2234 is higher west of the Fort Bend County Toll Road than east of it. If the FM 2234 project were divided by the Fort Bend County Toll Road, the west side of the project would be needed more than the east side of the east side. However, TxDOT will continue its effort to build the entire project, from FM 3345 to FM 521, as currently planned. Regarding sidewalks, TxDOT is looking into providing them near the schools, as suggested.

Comment 4: Oral Comment by Clyde Brown

Good evening. My name is Clyde Brown. I'm a representative -- a deacon at Missouri City Baptist Church. Our concern right now is the devaluation of the property once the acquisition has taken place. We do support the construction here that may come about, but we're just mostly concerned about the devaluation of the property. We see the congestion every day in the area. The traffic is backed up. In fact, I try to avoid it at certain times, not to be in the area of 12 Park -- between 12 Park and Turtle Creek areas gets backed up so much. But what we are concerned about at Missouri City Baptist Church is the devaluation of the property once the acquisition takes place. Thank you.

Response:

TxDOT policy is not to discount or increase fair market value for any future effects of the proposed highway. The National Cooperative Highway Research Program's Report 456, "Guidebook for Assessing the Social and Economic Effects of Transportation Projects" by D. Forkenbrock and G. Weisbrod in 2001, notes that "changes in property values are driven by, and hence mirror, the value associated with local changes in accessibility, safety, noise, visual amenity, community cohesion, and business productivity. In general, a transportation project would only lead to changes in property values (and in subsequent land use) if it caused a direct change in one or more of these other local factors that affect the desirability of a location." (p. 159)

"The property value effects of an individual transportation project are often positive in some areas and negative in other areas. The variability of these effects results from differences in the individual factors: some effects, such as accessibility,

can occur over a wide area, while other effects, such as noise, often involve a much smaller area. A new highway may reduce property values adjacent to the route between off-ramps because of the greater noise and reduced view, but increase property values near off-ramps because of the improved accessibility and potential business productivity.... The property value effects of an individual transportation project can differ for residential and commercial land." (p. 161)

"The estimation of monetary values is not only inexact, it also raises public concern over whether some property owners would potentially reap future windfalls in wealth, while others would potentially suffer from unavoidable losses. In fact, it is the policy of most public agencies in the United States to compensate property owners only when their property must be taken or if they would be unable to continue with their current activities at the location in question. If local property owners would be able to continue their activities, public agencies would not compensate them for subsequent downturns in property values – nor would they ask owners to pay if property values subsequently increased." (p. 162)

Comment 5: Oral Comment by Dennis Young

DR. YOUNG: My name is Dennis Winston Young, pastor of Missouri City Baptist Church. I also support the project because at 4:30 to 6:00 in the evening that whole street is just flooded. That needs to be cleared up. So, we're in support of the project. One of my concerns is that with the land being recouped, so much of our parking space is going to be taken up that it's going to be difficult for us, as a church, to operate. And we need to speak to you guys and see how that's going to be worked out. Because at the moment we're already having parking problems. Every Sunday folks are parked in the street. And from what we've seen right now on the street, we're maybe up to 40 to 50 parking spaces, which is quite a bit. So, that's our basic concern. But we do support the project. Thank you.

Response:

The proposed action would acquire about 60 feet of right-of-way from the Missouri City Baptist Church parking lot. TxDOT would compensate the church at fair market value for the loss of the land and improvements and offer assistance for obtaining replacement land for parking.

Comment 6: Oral Comment by Cynthia Bennett

Good evening. My name is Cynthia Bennett. I'm also a member of Missouri City Baptist Church. And I do support this project. Because 18 years ago -- I'm a 20-year resident of Missouri City. Eighteen years ago I was in a near fatal car accident due to the problem with the congestion on FM 2234. However, my major concern, as a member of Missouri City Baptist Church and a landowner of the rental property across from the church, is y'all taking parking spaces from the church. And it's really bad for us already on Sunday because we have developed so much till we

are parking on the street. And I'm very, very concerned. What are you guys going to do to compensate us? I know it is a very big need for us to have this widening. I'm just worried about the parking space and the devaluing and the taking of the property. Thank you.

Response:

As stated in the response to Comment 5, TxDOT would compensate the church at fair market value for the loss of the land and improvements and offer assistance for obtaining replacement land for parking. Furthermore, as stated in the response to Comment 4, TxDOT policy is not to discount or increase fair market value for any future effects of the proposed highway.

Comment 7: Oral Comment by Mary Ross

MS. ROSS: Good evening. I have three things. Number 1, Green Valley Estates neighborhood seemed to be indicated on the diagram to receive noise mitigation or sound walls but not mentioned by name in your plan. I don't know if that would put them at risk of not being included in your plan. But I would like for you to please consider naming the Green Valley Estates neighborhood in your plan to receive those noise mitigation walls. And maybe they're confused with the Ridgemont neighborhood. But I know sometimes when it comes to those types of details, it's kind of easy to get left out.

So, second, since the purpose of this project is to increase safety, I'd like for you to please consider adding sidewalks to your plan on the north side of FM 2234, directly in front of the Ridgemont Elementary School. Just the fact that it's an elementary school and a rather large one in this area. Sidewalks are a major consideration, I know, for the City of Houston and the county. I don't know anything about TxDOT. But it's always our first -- the safety of our children is always our first priority in this area. So, I'd like to -- I don't know how -- we don't want to hold up the project in any way; but if it's something that can be done, I'd like to ask you to do that.

And third -- well, I'll do that in writing. Thank you.

Response:

- 1. Although the project's Environmental Assessment and the Public Hearing presentation both refer to the noise wall between West Ripple Ridge Drive and East Ripple Ridge Drive as "Ridgemont 3," this does not mean that the wall will not be built at Green Valley Estates, as shown in the Environmental Assessment and presented at the Noise Workshop in 2005.*
- 2. The commenter is apparently referring to Blue Ridge Elementary School. As stated above in the response for Comment 3, TxDOT is considering providing sidewalks near this school as part of this project.*

Comment 8: Oral Comment by Pamela McKinney

MS. MCKINNEY: Good evening. My name is Pamela McKinney, and I'm a resident of the Green Valley Estates subdivision. And I have a question about the stimulus dollars. Since we were not shovel ready and we missed out on that funding, will we have a second bite of the apple? Will we be able to receive stimulus dollars once this becomes shovel ready? Thank you.

Response:

Typically, projects that require substantial right-of-way are not added to the list of economic stimulus projects because they are not ready for construction. Since this project requires 49 land parcels for additional right-of-way, it is not likely to be added to future stimulus project lists even if more stimulus funding is authorized. TxDOT can acquire land parcels for new right-of-way only after the project has received environmental clearance, and only if funding for right-of-way purchase is available at that time.

Comment 9: Oral Comment by Christopher Archie

MR. ARCHIE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for the meeting. My name is Christopher Archie, and I represent Pastor Reed White at Christian Bible Church. I'm the apprentice project manager.

Currently we're in the process of developing the church between Turtle Creek and Cartwright Road. The church owns that property. And I'm glad you helped to clear up some things in saying that this is preliminary. I would hope that in your preliminary developments here, that you would be sensitive to the needs of not just the church itself, in terms of this left-turn lane. Currently, as it's noted on the plans, parishioners would have to drive clear up to Cartwright Road to U-turn and then come back. As we know, the community businesses, represented churches and homeowners represent a strong community. It's important that the functionality of these businesses and churches operate and collaborate with the safety of the city and not displace them, not make it inconvenient. You know how competitive things are. There are other businesses that are concerned, as well. So, when we're looking at the left-hand turn lane, there is a raised median in the area. I think it's 16 foot wide. And we're in hopes that you would consider those concerns.

The church also is looking at developing additional property for commercial use. No commercial owner is going to purchase property which is going to be prohibitive for traffic. Safety certainly is the foremost concern. I'm going to second and be adamant about that. We're certainly concerned about safety. But we have to collaborate and be sensitive to the needs of the businesses,

as well as residents, churches and others who may be affected by this project.

Dollars are important. We understand that. We understand the importance of monies coming in to fund this project. My understanding is that there is no monies available at this time. Well, I think this is all federal money. I don't know if there's a tax base from businesses. But our goal and my goal, as the project manager, in the community -- I live in the community of Missouri City -- is to see our city develop, to see it work, to see it function and to have more of these kinds of dialogues and not, you know, the stonewalling or this is how we're going to do it, like it or not like it, somewhere else. So, my being here today is to plant that seed, that there's more dialogue in regards to some of the issues, particularly in the radius and the left-hand turn lanes. Thank you.

Response:

Openings in the proposed raised median are not recommended in the curved section of the road as they could undermine highway safety. Nearby openings and intersections would provide the needed access to adjacent properties.

Comment 10: Oral Comment by Elise Harmon

MS. HARMON: My name is Elise Harmon, and I'm here to speak on behalf of a concerned citizens group. We advocate for the schools here in -- on the edge of Houston and in Missouri City. We're concerned about the safety of the children from the two elementary schools, Ridgemont and Blue Ridge, who have to walk down 2234. When their parents are off to work before they're off to school, they have to make their way to school. And also for the students in Willowridge, who also walk down 2234. Especially since our school district, Fort Bend ISD, is considering, as a money saver, to do away with after-school buses that take those students home when they stay after school for tutorial or they stay after school for athletics. If you're going to build a sound wall and the other things that you're going to build at least on the left-hand side of the road, we need sidewalks for the safety of the children who attend the schools here on 2234. Thank you.

Response:

As stated in the response to Comment 2, TxDOT is currently considering providing sidewalks near the schools along FM 2234.

Comment 11: Oral Comment by Willy Johnson

MR. JOHNSON: Excuse me. Good evening, everyone. I'm a business owner. My name is Willy Johnson. I own Customer Storage Plus U-Haul, which is next door to Blue Ridge Elementary School. I

looked at your proposed drawings; and I noticed that you do have the raised mediums, which in my case would block off the entrance to my business from the west side of 2234. The problem I have with that is that I do have a business within my business there, that is a charter school bus service. They have approximately 40 buses. They go north and south out of the entrance of the property. And with the proposed medium, they can't make a left-hand turn. And on the way back in, coming from the west, they can't make a left-hand turn into either one of my entrances into my property. That is a problem for me.

The other problem I see on 2234 is that during school days, there is traffic from parents that are lined up on 22 -- well, from South Post Oak to Blue Ridge Elementary, on the shoulder, waiting to pick up kids every day, every school day. That is a safety issue. We have had accidents right there at the entrances to the school parking lot, where people have been trying to turn in and have had accidents.

So, I do approve the expansion of the road; but I do have to have some sort of access coming into my property from the west on 2234, coming from Turtle Creek toward Post Oak. We're cut off. We can't turn in. And for a bus, which is approximately 40 to 50 feet long, there's no way they're going to be able to go down 2234 and find a way to turn around and come back to the east. Because I doubt TxDOT will allow you to make a U-turn at Chimney Rock or Blue Ridge Road. So, I do need some consideration on that issue. Thank you.

Response:

The commenter's property is very close to another proposed median opening that is already in the project plans. TxDOT will consider consolidating the two openings in response to this request.

Comment 12: Oral Comment by Harvey Sanders

MR. SANDERS: Good evening. My name is Harvey Sanders, and I'm a deacon with Missouri City Baptist Church. And my concern is for the continuation of the church. We are a growth church, a church that's in the midst of growing right now. This project, although we welcome it because of the positive influence it would have on the community, we have to worry about whether or not it's going to curtail some events at the church. So, I'm asking you, on behalf of the church, to consider, deeply consider some way of compensating us, if that's necessary, so that we can be an ongoing service in this community. I thank you.

Response:

As stated in the response to Comment 5, TxDOT would compensate the church at fair market value for the loss of the land and improvements and offer assistance for obtaining replacement land for parking.

Comment 13: Oral Comment by Donna Thomas

MS. THOMAS: Good evening. I'm Donna Thomas, from Green Valley Estates. I'm also the president of the association. Back in 2004 we did pick out sound barrier walls. And there were other residents and neighbors there at the same time. We are aware of the widening of the road, but it's been put off for so many years. I'm still not happy that it's being put off even more due to the funding's not available. Now, I don't know where our tax dollars are going; but I would like to see some of those tax monies spent down on our end sooner than later. I understand Shadow Creek Ranch is in this plan of getting the road widened. Now, Shadow Creek Ranch hasn't existed for years. So, if they get those roads widened before we do, plenty of people around here are not going to be happy. So, I'd appreciate it if you'd consider shoveling our shovel-ready sites as soon as possible. Because we've been waiting for a long time. Thank you.

Response:

Design plans for both sections of FM 2234 have been substantially complete for some time. However, because the Shadow Creek section of FM 2234 did not require new right-of-way, it made the list of the economic stimulus projects. As stated above in the response to Comment 8, the section of FM 2234 west of FM 521 did not make the stimulus project list because it requires 49 land parcels for additional right-of-way that can only be acquired after the project is environmentally cleared and funds are available.

Comment 14: Oral Comment by Robin Sam

MS. SAM: Good evening. My name is Robin Sam. I'm with the Green Valley Estates neighborhood. I'm also their vice-president on the board of directors. My question is, this project has been posed since at least 1999. If it is not shovel ready, why not? Could the previous stimulus money given to TxDOT have been used to make it shovel ready? Also, where was the previous stimulus money spent? In what neighborhoods and how much stimulus money did TxDOT receive? Thank you.

Response:

The FM 2234 project has completed its engineering design and an environmental impact assessment has been prepared, but it is not shovel-ready because additional right-of-way has not yet been acquired, as stated in the response to Comment 8. Federal ARRA stimulus money awarded to TxDOT Houston District is funding the projects in the following table.

<i>County</i>	<i>Highway</i>	<i>Limits</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>ARRA Funds Au- thorized</i>
Brazoria	FM 1459	SH 35 to FM 524	Asphalt overlay and pavement markings	\$720,758
Brazoria	FM 2234	Fort Bend C/L to SH 288	Reconstruct and widen from 2 lanes to 4-lane divided rural section (raised median)	\$11,500,000
Brazoria	FM 524	SH 35 to FM 1301	Asphalt overlay and pavement markings	\$639,700
Brazoria	SH 35	South of SH 35 Bypass to FM 523	One-course surface treatment, asphalt concrete pavement	\$3,249,043
Fort Bend	FM 1093	FM 1489 to FM 359	Base repair and overlay	\$821,886
Fort Bend	FM 2234	FM 521 to Brazoria C/L	Reconstruct and widen from 2 lanes to 4-lane divided rural section (raised median)	\$3,000,000
Fort Bend	FM 3155	US 90A to Richmond State School	Base repair and overlay	\$207,545
Fort Bend	FM 521	Sh 6 to Brazoria County Line	Base repair and overlay	\$653,888
Fort Bend	FM 762 and CR	At Smithers Lake and Mullins Reynolds at Bes-sies Creek	Replace bridge and approaches	\$1,790,503
Fort Bend	SH 36	US 90A to Avenue M	Replace asphalt with concrete	\$1,269,484
Fort Bend	US 59	At FM 360	Construct grade separation	\$13,615,501
Fort Bend	US 90A	Wharton County Line to Spur 10	Base repair and overlay	\$1,118,221
Fort Bend	VA	Various locations on US 59	Landscape development	\$312,500
Galveston	CR	McKay Road at drainage ditch	Replace bridge	\$313,362
Galveston	FM 3005	San Luis Pass toll bridge to west end of Galveston's seawall	Raise roadway and base repairs (Phase 1)	\$3,227,313
Galveston	LP 197	FM 1765 to FM 519	Base repairs, milling & 1.5" asphalt overlay	\$646,223
Galveston	SH 87	Crystal Beach to Gilchrist	Rehabilitate, overlay and clean ditches (to 5.0' elevation)	\$1,551,997
Galveston	SH 87	Intersection at SH 124 to 2 miles west of SH 124	Raise, rehabilitate and overlay (to 5.0' elevation)	\$1,985,652
Galveston	SH 87	Bolivar Ferry landing to Crystal Beach	Raise, rehabilitate and overlay (to 5.0' elevation)	\$2,630,305
Galveston	VA	Various locations	Countywide full depth concrete repair	\$442,389
Harris	BW 8	At US 59 North	Construct 4 direct connectors (WB-SB, NB-EB, WB-NB, SB-EB)	\$50,000,000
Harris	BW 8	At White Oak Bayou	Reshape and stabilize erosion	\$106,335
Harris	CS	At Allen's Landing in Houston	Landscape and beautification of historic transportation hub	\$1,250,065
Harris	FM 1093	Dairy Ashford to Post Oak	2" planing, 2" ACP overlay, pavement markings	\$4,459,705
Harris	FM 2978	0.229 mi S of Huffsmith Kuykendahl to 0.14 mi N of Huffsmith Kuykendahl	Milling, asphalt overlay and pavement markings	\$366,817
Harris	FM 2978	0.307 mi N of UPRR to 0.470 mi S of UPRR	Construct railroad-highway grade separation	\$6,909,231
Harris	IH 10	Washington Ave. to Taylor St.	Reconstruct and widen to 2 3-lane frontage roads & rehab bridges and approaches	\$88,117,000
Harris	IH 10	At SH 99	Construct 2 direct connectors	\$30,000,000
Harris	IH 10	E of Memorial Brook to	Landscaping	\$651,751

<i>County</i>	<i>Highway</i>	<i>Limits</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>ARRA Funds Au- thorized</i>
		Washington Ave in sections		
Harris	IH 10	W of Yorkchester to Lumpkin in sections	Landscaping	\$400,000
Harris	IH 45	N of BW 8 to Cypresswood Drive and S of BW 8 to N of BW 8	Pavement markings	\$324,477
Harris	IH 610	East of Ella to IH 45	Reconstruct roadway	\$43,000,000
Harris	IH10	White Oak Bayou Bridge to US 59	Reconstruct roadway	\$27,000,000
Harris	SH 146	SH 146 (SB) to SP 330 (WB)	Construct direct connector (ramp E DC SB to WB)	\$4,658,000
Harris	SH 225	Shell Overpass to Miller Cutoff Road	Full depth concrete repair and repair of spalling in	\$882,735
Harris	US 290	SH 6 to FM 529	Crack & spall repair, full depth concrete repair (in sections)	\$118,220
Harris	US 90	W of Krenek to E of Runneburg	Mill, seal coat, base repair and ACP overlay	\$1,241,291
Harris	VA	Various locations	Bridge maintenance-repairing steel members, sealing access doors, cleaning and painting caps and other misc work	\$1,348,545
Harris	VA	Various locations districtwide	Upgrade/reconstruct traffic signals	\$946,870
Harris	VA	Various locations districtwide	Upgrade/reconstruct traffic signals	\$898,350
Harris	VA	On OST from SH 288 to Griggs Rd; Griggs Rd from OST to Calhoun	Landscape- OST/Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority in Houston	\$1,000,134
Harris	VA	S. Pinemont to Deep Forest	Hike and bike trail	\$2,027,593
Montgomery	FM 1314	0.212 mi NW of Mills Road to 0.126 mi SE of Mills Road	Drainage improvements	\$367,819
Montgomery	IH 45	N of LP 336 to S of FM 830	Widen to 8 main lanes & reconstruct 2-lane frontage roads	\$75,000,000
Montgomery	IH 45	N of Calvary to S of FM 830	Widen to 6 main lanes, construct 1 NB entrance ramp & 1 SB exit ramp and bridge replacements	\$53,027,895
Montgomery	LP 494	US 59 to Kingwood Drive	Widen subgrade, OCST and ACP overlay	\$4,317,263
Montgomery	VA	Various locations	Fault line base repairs	\$500,000
Waller	FM 1458	FM 359 to Brazos River	Subgrade widening, seal coat, ACP O/L and pavement markings	\$1,835,566
Waller	FM 1489	IH 10 eastbound frontage road to Waller/Fort Bend County Line	Seal coat, overlay and pavement markings	\$777,940
Waller	FM 359	BU 290 to Fort Bend County Line (in sections)	Seal coat, overlay and pavement markings	\$1,657,626
Waller	FM 362	BU US 290 to 1.943 mi S of BU 290H	Add shoulders and ACP overlay	\$961,664
Waller	FM 362	0.5 mi N of Clapp Rd to FM 529	Seal coat and 1.5" overlay, pavement markings	\$654,828

Comment 15: Oral Comment by Ed McAninch

MR. MCANINCH: Good evening. For the record, Ed McAninch, M-c-A-n-i-n-c-h. I'm worried about the property at Ripple Ridge and McHard Road. This is a commercial dedicated property, and the sound wall should not exist. So, therefore, I would protest the proposed line for the sound wall for this commercial property and ask that it be removed. Thank you.

Response:

The commenter evidently means the property behind the eastern segment of the proposed Ridgemont 2 noise wall, between Park Manor Street and Amy Ridge Road. TxDOT will remove that noise wall segment from the project design.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Comment 16: Written Comment by State Representative Dora Olivo

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE COMMITTEES: PUBLIC EDUCATION  BORDER & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

DORA OLIVO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 27

March 24, 2010

Pat Henry, Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
Houston District
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251



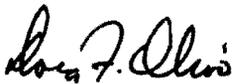
RE: CSJ: 2105 01 020

Dear Mr. Henry:

For the record, I am in support of the widening of FM 2234 (McHard Road) from FM 3345 (Cartwright Road) to FM 521 as is being proposed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT). The widening is very much needed, not only to increase vehicle capacity and reduce congestion, but even more importantly, to improve highway safety. I know that there are many other TX DOT projects; however, this project is equally important. This FM 2234 thoroughfare already lost out on Stimulus Funding because it was not "shovel ready". TX DOT needs to get this thoroughfare "shovel ready" so that it is placed on a priority list and not placed on the back burner.

I strongly urge TX DOT to work with the appropriate governmental entities to secure the necessary funding to obtain the right of way and for the construction of this project. Please keep me advised of the priority designation of this project. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Dora Olivo

Response:

Comment noted.

Comment 17: Written Comment by bkelly

From: <BKLLY@aol.com>
To: <hou-piowebmail@dot.state.tx.us>
Date: 4/7/2010 1:08 PM
Subject: Proposal to Widen Texas Parkway (FM 2234)

I think the widening of Texas Parkway is long overdue!

The people that live in those neighborhoods have to wait in long lines at the red lights while they change from green back to red again, 3 to 4 times before they finally get to the light.

The few businesses that are there also suffer because the traffic is so bad. No one wants to stop and shop because they know they will have to get back on the road behind a lot more cars.

This also prevents new businesses from moving in....

If that area around Turtle Creek ever had to evacuate, it would be utter chaos! It does not make sense to have a major thoroughfare connecting with a major freeway (or tollway) and have it remain with only 2 lanes.

BKlly

Response:

Comment noted.

Comment 18: Written Comment by Harry Mach



Harry K. Mach
President

P. O. Box 130630
Houston, Texas 77210
(713) 695-6000

3-29-10

Mr. Mark D. Patterson, P.E.
Consultant Contract Administration Director
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007

Dear Mr. Patterson,

Thank you for your efforts to widen FM 2234. This will relieve congestion as well as improve the safety of this road with the added median.

Our address is 6700 McHard Road. We are a 900+ member private club catering to shotgun sports. We are open 5 days a week with not only member traffic but with moderate heavy-truck traffic that accommodates club operations.

This traffic enters and exits in either direction on McHard Road. We would request a median cut at our entrance to facilitate traffic flow in either direction. This would allow west bound egress to *not* be required to turn east bound from our facility, proceed approximately 1/4-mile to the nearest median opening, make a U-turn and then proceed west on McHard.

You may reach me @ 713-302-6224 cell or 713-695-6000 office. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Mach", written over a horizontal line.

Harry Mach
6700 McHard Road
Houston, Texas 77053

Response:

There is a proposed median opening just east of the requested location. TxDOT will look into consolidating this opening with one at the requested location.

Comment 19: Written Comment by Anonymous Commenter

Comment/Comentarios:

Thank you for your efforts to widen FM 2234. This will relieve congestion as well as improve the safety of this road with the added median.

Our address is 6700 McHard Road. We are a 900+ member private club catering to shotgun sports. We are open 5 days a week with not only member traffic but with moderate heavy-truck traffic that accommodates club operations.

This traffic enters and exits in either direction on McHard Road. We would request a median cut at our entrance to facilitate traffic flow in either direction. This would allow west bound egress to not be required to turn east bound from our facility, proceed approximately 1/4-mile to the nearest median opening, make a U-turn and then proceed west on McHard.

You may reach me @ 713-302-6224 cell or 713-695-6000 office. Thank you for your time.

Response:

Please refer the the response to Comment 18.

Comment 20: Written Comment by Allison Bell

From: <alliebell@sbcglobal.net>
To: <HOU-PIOWEBMAIL@dot.state.tx.us>
Date: 3/29/2010 1:31 PM
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Allison Bell
Address: 8614 Running Bird Lane, Missouri City, TX 77489 832-722-8160

Comment: Please forward maps and information about the FM 2234 project via email or regular mail. Additionally, some residential properties are slated to be acquired due to this improvement. Is 8614 Running Bird Lane, Missouri, City TX 77489 one of them?

Concerned Citizen,

Allison Bell

Response:

TxDOT provided the requested information to this commenter on March 31, 2010.

Comment 21: Written Comment by Keith Antone

From: <keith.antone@oracle.com>
To: <HOU-PIOWEBMAIL@dot.state.tx.us>
Date: 4/5/2010 11:00 AM
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Keith Antone
Address: 16634 W Ripple Ridge Drive, Houston, Texas 77053, 832-722-7876

Comment: re: Transportation Study: FM 2234 (McHard Road) from FM 3345 to FM 521

I am a resident of the Green Valley Estates subdivision, located off of FM 2234. I am a supporter of this proposed project, and I would like to see this construction start as soon as possible. The traffic on FM 2234 has increased considerably over the last few years, and I believe that it is in the best interest of safety to widen this road to prevent auto accidents. I would like to point out a few items that should not be overlooked in this planning:

(1) Sidewalks on this stretch of FM 2234 and biking lanes are badly needed. There are many of the residents who would like to travel to nearby locations by foot, but are unable to due to the current lack of walking paths.

(2) There are also many bike riders who enjoy using the highway for leisure activities, and I would like to ask that they be considered as well. Bike paths would definitely be welcomed for the residents as well as the bike riders who frequent the roadway.

(3) The installation of the noise abatement walls are crucial. Currently, there is nothing that dampens the noise from the highway, and the sound of large trucks and vehicles traveling down the highway is a constant nuisance.

(4) The inclusion of speed bumps (humps) would be a much welcomed improvement in the subdivision, especially on West Ripple Ridge Drive. Cars now turn off of the highway onto our street, and they travel at high speeds, ignoring the posted speed limits. This is a huge safety issue for the children living in the neighborhood, as well as the drivers who are backing out of their driveways.

This neighborhood was constructed beginning in 1999, and I would be extremely disappointed to see the funding that could be used for this project go to other proposed developments, such as the roadwork occurring on FM 2234 in Brazoria County near the Shadow Creek Ranch development. Our neighborhoods have been in existence much longer, and I believe that we are much more deserving of this development.

Thank you for your time.

Response:

- 1. Sidewalks will not be provided in the requested area due to the lack of substantiated need in this area.*
- 2. This area is not part of the Regional Bikeway Master Plan; therefore, bike-ways are not proposed for this project.*
- 3. Noise walls are proposed for this project and are in the project design.*
- 4. The City of Houston Public Works & Engineering Department, not TxDOT, maintains West Ripple Ridge Road. The commenter should direct his comment on speed bumps to the City of Houston for their action.*

Comment 22: Written Comment by Joe Phillips

Comment/Comentarios: ① The median gap @ approx. sta 438 blocks the west bound exit of our driveway. We ship long loads sometimes in excess of 100'. The gap needs to be opened to allow our trucks west bound entry to FM 2234.

② We need east + west bound access for long loads during construction.

FLEXICORE OF TEXAS
8634 McHARD Rd
Houston TX 77053

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 Notice in / Anuncio en: Houston Chronicle La Voz Fort Bend Sun
 Letter mailed to me / Carta enviada por correo a mí Word of mouth / Of de boca en boca Other/Otro: _____
 Do you live, work or own property adjacent to McHard Road from Cartwright Road to Alameda Road? Yes No
 Usted vive, trabaja o es dueño de propiedad adyacente a McHard Road de Cartwright Road a Alameda Road? Si No
 (Optional / Opcional) Name/Nombre: Joe Phillips Address / Dirección: 8634 McHard Rd.

Transcription: (1) the median gap at approximately Station 438+00 block the westbound exit of our driveway. We ship long loads sometimes in excess of 100'. The gap needs to be opened to allow our trucks westbound entry to FM 2234. (2) We need east- and westbound access for long loads during construction. (signed) Flexicore of Texas, 8634 McHard Rd, Houston, TX 77053.

Response:

1. TxDOT is considering a median opening at the requested location.
2. The project will be built so that access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times. Property owners should contact TxDOT during construction to find when construction is scheduled in their areas.

Comment 23: Written Comment by State Representative Dora Olivo

2010-04-06 13:56

Rep. Olivo

(512) 463-1403 >>

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DORA OLIVO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 27

April 6, 2010

Pat Henry, Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT)
Houston District
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251

RE: CSJ: 2105 01 020

Dear Mr. Henry:

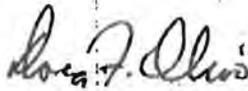
In addition to the comments in my letter which I submitted at the Public Hearing on March 25, 2010 regarding the widening of FM 2234 (McHard Road) from FM 3345 (Cartwright Road) to FM 521, I respectfully submit the following:

It is my understanding that TX DOT has submitted that the right of way include the proposed widening from two to six lanes. This proposal plans for future expansion if needed from four to six lanes.

Going from two to four lanes will add and require millions of dollars to purchase the right of way. Going to six lanes will require even more millions of dollars. Adding the requirement of more funding for the right of way will most likely deal a death blow to the widening of McHard Road. Purchasing the right of way for four lanes will make the project more reasonable in terms of cost.

Please give serious consideration to the additional right of costs and consequently the viability of the project. It is important that the project proceed with the widening to four lanes. The public safety issue is clearly at stake. Thank you for moving this project forward.

Sincerely,



Dora F. Olivo

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E-MAIL: DORA.OLIVO@HOUSE.STATE.TX.US • WEBSITE: WWW.IRMS6.STATE.TX.US

Response:

Please refer to the response to Comment 2.

Comment 24: Written Comment by Wendy

Comment/Comentarios: Location: 8300 McHard Rd, Houston, TX 77053
 We, Honghua America, LLC is a manufacturing based Drilling Rig producer in oil industry. I noticed that there will be a divider between the new four-lane on McHard Rd, ^{in front of us.} The problem is we have trucks going and coming on daily basis, for those trucks (huge trucks) will not be able to turn from the nearest entrance at rush hour or heavy traffic, it probably will occupy two lanes to make a U turn then going back to our location. Please consider that we have A LOT of business based on those huge truck, so if we could thinner the divider between four-lane road or have an open entrance for us. ~~that~~ that will be appreciate. Please note that there are a lot of companies next to us having heavy duty trucks everyday, so if we could take off the dividers only for this part of Road, that would be a lot of easier for us to commute.

How did you hear about this meeting? / ¿Cómo se enteró usted de esta reunión?
 Notice in / Anuncio en: Houston Chronicle La Voz Fort Bend Sun
 Letter mailed to me / Carta enviada por correo a mí Word of mouth / Oí de boca en boca Other/Otro: _____
 Do you live, work or own property adjacent to McHard Road from Cartwright Road to Alameda Road? Yes No
 Usted vive, trabaja o es dueño de propiedad adyacente a McHard Road de Cartwright Road a Alameda Road? SI No
 (Optional / Opcional) Name/Nombre: Wendy Address / Dirección: 8300 McHard Rd, Houston TX 77053.

Transcription: Location: 8300 McHard Road, Houston, TX 77053. We, Honghua America, LLC, are a manufacturing-based drilling rig producer in the oil industry. I noticed that there will be a divider between the new 4-lane on McHard Road in front of us. The problem is that we have trucks going and coming on a daily basis, for those trucks (huge trucks) will not be able to turn from the nearest entrance at rush hour or heavy traffic; it will probably occupy two lanes to make a U-turn then going back to our location. Please consider that we have A LOT of business based on those huge trucks, so if we could thin the divider between the four-lane road, or have an open entrance for us, that will be appreciated. Please note that there are a lot of companies next to us having heavy duty trucks every day, so if we could take off the dividers only for this part of the road, that would be a lot easier for us to commute.

Response:
TxDOT is considering providing a median opening at the requested location.

Comment 25: Written Comment by Glenn French

Comment/Comentarios: I am concerned about the current lack and proposed lack of culverts/driveway providing access to our property located @ 5412 McHard Rd. Currently we are forced to access our property by Horse Ln., a private drive, and have twice broken a water line providing water to commercial, ~~most~~ residential, and agricultural properties. The Tx highway dept. in Rosenberg, Tx has informed us that we do not meet the minimum opening requirements for culverts, effectively denying us access to our property. I am also concerned about the effect of the acquisition of ~60% of our property on our remaining property, in my opinion this will largely render my remaining property useless and largely valueless.

How did you hear about this meeting? / ¿Cómo se enteró usted de esta reunión?
 Notice in / Anuncio en: Houston Chronicle La Voz Fort Bend Sun
 Letter mailed to me / Carta enviada por correo a mí Word of mouth / Oí de boca en boca Other/Otro: _____
 Do you live, work or own property adjacent to McHard Road from Cartwright Road to Alameda Road? Yes No
 Usted vive, trabaja o es dueño de propiedad adyacente a McHard Road de Cartwright Road a Alameda Road? Sí No
 (Optional / Opcional) Name/Nombre: Glenn R. French Address / Dirección: Home 7123 Gardley Idaty, Tx
Affected 5412 McHard Rd.

Transcription: I am concerned about the current lack and proposed lack of culverts/driveway providing access to our property located at 5412 McHard Road. Currently, we are forced to access our property by Horse Lane, a private drive, and have twice broken a water line providing water to commercial, residential and agricultural properties. The Texas Highway Department in Rosenberg, Texas has informed us that we do not meet the minimum opening requirements for culverts, effectively denying us access to our property. I am also concerned about the effect of the acquisition of about 60 percent of our property on our remaining property. In my opinion, this will largely render my remaining property useless and largely valueless.

Response:

The commenter has been contacted and provided with a specific response to his question. Regarding property values, please see the response to Comment 4.

Comment 26: Written Comment by Ed McAninch

Comment/Comentarios: Amy Ridge Rd - West
McHard Rd - North

0.5 acre Commercial Reserve / Sound Wall proposed
Needs to be removed from plan.

Unrestricted Reserve "D" - Green Valley Est
Needs traffic light at Amy Ridge Rd @ McHard Rd

How did you hear about this meeting? / ¿Cómo se enteró usted de esta reunión?
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 Usted vive, trabaja o es dueño de propiedad adyacente a McHard Road de Cartwright Road a Alameda Road? Sí No

(Optional / Opcional) Name/Nombre: _____ Address / Dirección: _____
ED MCANINCH 713 498 2003
Houston, Alameda St. - T.

Transcription: Amy Ridge Road – West; McHard Road – North. 0.5 acre Commercial Reserve / Sound wall proposed; needs to be removed from plan. Unrestricted reserve “D” – Green Valley Estates; needs traffic light at Amy Ridge Road at McHard Road.

Response:

1. As stated in the response to Comment 15 above, the eastern segment of the proposed Ridgmont 2 noise wall, between Park Manor Street and Amy Ridge Road, will be removed from the project design.
2. TxDOT is considering providing a traffic light at the requested location.

Comment 27: Written Comment by Max Manoochak

Comment/Comentarios: _____

 A raised Median from starting the project
 TO Turtle Creek is impossible - access
 TO PROPERTY (businesses) on right side,
 please either waive the raised Median or have
 a cut in between, business will hurt a lot *
 Sincerely Max Manoochak 281.702-2250

Transcription: A raised median from starting the project to Turtle Creek Drive [makes it] im-possible [to] access property (businesses) on the right side. Please either waive the raised median or have a cut in between. Businesses will hurt a lot. Sincerely, Max Manoochak.

Response:

The location the commenter refers to is in the curved section of FM 2234 where a median opening is not feasible. Please see the response to Comment 9.

Comment 28: Written Comment by Edwin Guevara

Comment/Comentarios: Just wondering how close to the fence the noise barrier wall would be and how many or how long and tall this would be. Would it affect any under ground electrical wiring to my house or the neighborhood. Are there going to be any significant increase on the traffic lights. Would they be any road closures while the construction continues.

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 Usted vive, trabaja o es dueño de propiedad adyacente a McHard Road de Cartwright Road a Alameda Road? Sí No
 (Optional / Opcional) Name/Nombre: Edwin Guevara Address / Dirección: 4533 S. Ridge Walk Dr.
Houston TX 77053

Transcription: Just wondering how close to the fence the noise barrier wall would be, and how many or how long and tall this would be. Would it affect any underground electrical wiring to my house or the neighborhood? Is there going to be any significant increase on the traffic lights? Would there be any road closures while the construction continues?

Response:

The noise walls would be built at the proposed TxDOT right-of-way line. The nine proposed segments of noise walls for this project total 4,640 feet in length (excluding the segment of the Ridgemont 2 noise wall that would block a commercial property, as discussed in the response to Comment 15 above). All noise walls would be nine feet tall. Any underground utility that would be affected by the construction of the noise wall foundations would be relocated; the unaffected utilities will remain in place. TxDOT has determined that additional traffic lights are not necessary. TxDOT would maintain one lane of through traffic in each direction on FM 2234 at all times, but intersections may be closed briefly while they are being rebuilt.

Comment 29: Written Comment by Mary Ross

subject.

Comment/Comentarios: Because this project has been in process since 2000, - 10 years now - I request on behalf of the 24 Houston/Fort Bend neighborhoods, that this project be funded BEFORE the portion of FM 2234 between FM 521 (Almeda) and Hwy 288. We were told that this project could be considered "shovel ready" and therefore qualify for federal stimulus money if they/you could solve ROW acquisition problems. Our Fort Bend County Precinct 1 and 2 Commissioners seem to have worked that problem out, so I ask again that THIS project get funded before the portion between FM 521 and Hwy 288.

Mary Ross - Mary Ross, President Fort Bend/Houston Super Neighborhood Council.

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 Notice in / Anuncio en: Houston Chronicle La Voz Fort Bend Sun
 Letter mailed to me / Carta enviada por correo a mí Word of mouth / Of boca en boca Other/Otro: Don Oliver
 Do you live, work or own property adjacent to McHard Road from Cartwright Road to Almeda Road? Yes No
 Usted vive, trabaja o es dueño de propiedad adyacente a McHard Road de Cartwright Road a Almeda Road? Sí No
 (Optional / Opcional) Name/Nombre: Mary Ross Address / Dirección: Nailery P.O. Box 92 Missouri City, TX 77459

Transcription: Because this project has been in process since 2000—10 years now—I request, on behalf of the 24 Houston/Fort Bend neighborhoods, that this project be funded BEFORE the portion of FM 2234 between FM 521 (Almeda) and Highway 288. We were told that his project could be considered “shovel-ready” and therefore qualify for federal stimulus money if they/you could solve right-of-way acquisition problems. Our Fort Bend County Precinct 1 and 2 Commissioners seem to have worked that problem out, so I ask again that THIS project get funded before

the portion between FM 521 and Highway 288. (signed) Mary C. Ross, Resident, Fort Bend/Houston Super Neighborhood Council.

Response:

Please see the response to Comment 13.

Comment 30: Written Comment by Belinda Clark

Comment/Comentarios:

I disagree with the amount of land acquired next to Walgreen. If Walgreen is saved my house should be. What will happen to the lot I own next to me. I own that too.

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 Usted vive, trabaja o es dueño de propiedad adyacente a McHard Road de Cartwright Road a Alameda Road? SI No
 (Optional / Opcional) Name/Nombre: Belinda Clark Address / Dirección: 16834 Green Quail Dr.

Transcription: I disagree with the amount of land acquired next to Walgreen’s. If Walgreen’s is saved, my house should be. What will happen to the lot I own next to me? I own that too.

Response:

The current right-of-way at the Walgreen’s store is 126 feet wide, while the current right-of-way at the commenter’s house is 100 feet wide, so additional right-of-way is proposed to be acquired in the area of the house to bring the width to 126 feet. However, after examining the project design at the house after receiving this comment, TxDOT is considering reducing the amount of right-of-way to be acquired there.

Comment 31: Written Comment by Belinda Clark

Comment/Comentarios:

I have put thousands of dollars into my home that my parents left me. I have been in house for close to 2 yrs after making many improvements, included \$18,000.00 for fencing on two lots. This project is putting my life on hold!!! Do I continue upgrading my house or put it on hold for years, to see if this project happens???

How did you hear about this meeting? / ¿Cómo se enteró usted de esta reunión?

Notice in / Anuncio en: Houston Chronicle La Voz Fort Bend Sun

Letter mailed to me / Carta enviada por correo a mí Word of mouth / Oí de boca en boca Other/Otro: _____

Do you live, work or own property adjacent to McHard Road from Cartwright Road to Alameda Road? Yes No

Usted vive, trabaja o es dueño de propiedad adyacente a McHard Road de Cartwright Road a Alameda Road? Sí No

(Optional / Opcional) Name/Nombre: _____

Address / Dirección: _____

Belinda Clark

16834 Green Quail Drive

Transcription: I have put thousands of dollars into my home that my parents left to me. I have been in [the] house for close to 2 years after making many improvements, including \$18,000 for fencing on two lots. This project is putting my life on hold!!! Do I continue upgrading my house or put it on hold for years, to see if this project happens???

Response:

Although TxDOT is trying to secure funding for this project, it is unknown at this time when funds will become available. Homeowners' decisions on whether to improve their properties are strictly at their discretion. TxDOT pays fair market value of the property at the time of purchase and has no control over when external funding is available for this project.

Comment 32: Written Comment by an Anonymous Commenter

To limit TxDOT SPENDING for
purchasing Right away and
construction cost? By
constructing in Phases
from FM 521 and
Ft. Bend Park Toll Road
This will NOT effect
Church and private
property owners west
of the Ft. Bend Toll Road
Sidewalk along Blue Ridge Elem
FROM S Post Oak and Chimney Rock

Transcription: To limit TxDOT spending for purchasing right-of-way and construction cost? By constructing in phases from FM 521 and Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road? This will not affect church and private property owners west of the Fort Bend Toll Road. Sidewalk along Blue Ridge Elementary School from South Post Oak Boulevard and Chimney Rock Road.

Response:

Please refer to the responses to Comment 3 regarding phasing the project and provision of sidewalks.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the mostly positive comments received during and following the public hearing, it is recommended that federal funding for the proposed widening of FM 2234 (McHard Road) from FM 3345 to FM 521 be authorized, with the following change to the project design:

- Deletion of the 110-foot-long eastern segment of the noise wall labeled “Ridgemont 2” in Appendix A of the Environmental Assessment (between Park Manor Street and Amy Ridge Road), since two comments point out that this segment is in front of a commercial property.

On completion of further design studies, TxDOT may also recommend that sidewalks be added to the project design near Blue Ridge Elementary School, and that median openings be modified at various locations to facilitate access to adjacent properties.

**APPENDIX A
NOTICES FOR PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISED IN LOCAL
NEWSPAPERS**

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STATE OF TEXAS:

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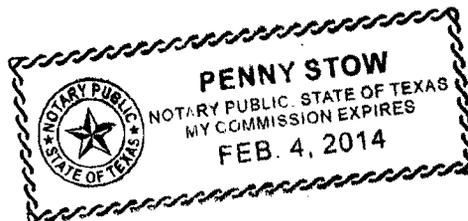
Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on the day personally appeared: MONICA MENDOZA, who after being duly sworn, says that she is the ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE LEAD at the HOUSTON CHRONICLE, a daily newspaper published in Harris County, Texas, and that the publication, of which the annexed herein, or attached to, is a true and correct copy, was published to-wit:

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Penny Stow

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

**Notice of Public Hearing
FM 2234 (McHard Road)
from FM 3345 to FM 521**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on the proposed widening of FM 2234 (McHard Road) from FM 3345 (Cartwright Road) to FM 521 (Alameda Road), in Bend County, Texas. The hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, in the McNair Auditorium of Willowridge High School, 17001 Chimney Rock Road, Houston, Texas 77053. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed project and receive comments from the public. The hearing will begin with an open house from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Project staff will answer questions on the proposed project during the open house. The formal public hearing will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by a public comment period.

TxDOT proposes to widen the existing 2-lane undivided highway to a 4-lane divided road with a raised median and open ditches for drainage. To do this, TxDOT would need to widen the 100-foot-wide right-of-way to 170 feet. The project would increase vehicle capacity, reduce congestion and improve highway safety.

Approximately 40 acres of additional right-of-way would be required. Several business and residential displacements are proposed. Staff from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Section will be available to discuss land acquisition procedures and the benefits and programs available for displaced residents and businesses.

The Environmental Assessment, project exhibit maps and design drawings will be available for review at the hearing, beginning at 6:00 pm. This information, and the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, is available by appointment for review and copying at TxDOT's Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77057.

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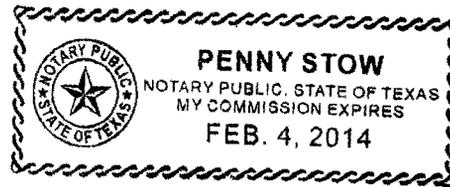
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE LEAD

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this the 28th Day of February A.D. 2010



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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Aviso de Audiencia**Pública****FM 2234 (McHard Road):****de FM 3345 a FM 521**

1 Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxT) llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre la propuesta expansión de FM 2234 (McHard Rd) desde FM 3345 (Wright Road) a FM 521 (Alameda Road). La audiencia se llevará a cabo el Miércoles, 24 de marzo de 2010, en el Auditorio Nair de Willowridge High School, 16301 Chimney Rock Road, Houston, Texas 77053. El propósito de la audiencia es discutir los efectos sociales, económicos y ambientales del proyecto propuesto y recibir comentarios del público. La audiencia comenzará con una casa abierta de 6:00 a 7:00 PM. Personal del proyecto responderá preguntas sobre el proyecto durante la casa abierta. La audiencia pública formal comenzará a las 7:00 PM, seguida de un período de comentario público.

TxDOT propone ampliar carretera de 2 carriles existente a una carretera de 4 carriles dividido con una mediana elevada y zanjas abiertas para drenaje. Para construir este proyecto, TxDOT necesitará ampliar el derecho de vía de 100-pies hasta 125 a 170 pies. El proyecto podría aumentar la capacidad de vehículo, reducir la congestión y mejorar la seguridad de la carretera.

Se necesitarían aproximadamente 40 acres de derecho de vía adicional.

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Todos los ciudadanos interesados están invitados a asistir a esta audiencia. Las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tienen necesidades especiales de comunicación o alojamiento son incentivadas a contactar al District Public Information Officer (713) 802-5072 al menos con dos días laborales antes de la audiencia. La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en inglés. Las solicitudes de intérpretes de lenguaje u otras necesidades de comunicación especial se deben hacer por lo menos dos días laborales antes de la audiencia pública. TxDOT hará esfuerzo razonable para acomodar a estas necesidades. La oficina de TxDOT está abierta del lunes al viernes de 8:00 AM a 5:00 PM, excepto días feriados.

Comentarios orales y escritos sobre este proyecto podrán presentarse en la audiencia.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF HARRIS:

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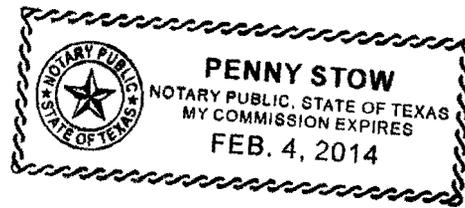
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visite de Audiencia**Pública****FM 2234 (McHard Road):
desde FM 3345 a FM 521**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FM 2234 (MCHARD ROAD): FROM FM 3345 TO FM 521**

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February 25, 2010

APPENDIX B NOTICES FOR PUBLIC HEARING MAILED TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS

Letters were mailed to the following adjacent property addresses:

<i>Property Address</i>	<i>Property Owner</i>
1415 Acorn Court	Julio & Marilyn A. Mendoza
1419 Acorn Court	Sydney H. Jones
1423 Acorn Court	Ann P. Luu
1427 Acorn Court	Edward Darby
1431 Acorn Court	Lucy James
1435 Acorn Court	Akeem Alade Oyewunmi
1439 Acorn Court	James W. & Dorothy H. Wilks
1443 Acorn Court	Ikenna N. & Candice R. Lewis
1447 Acorn Court	Milo Simone
1451 Acorn Court	Milton G. Paul
1455 Acorn Court	Gloria J. Thomas
1459 Acorn Court	Ander D. Boone
1463 Acorn Court	Cassandra Wilson
16902 Birdhaven Lane	Ruben V. & Raquel G. Gutierrez
16903 Birdhaven Lane	Ernest L. & Jeannie D. Holmes
16906 Birdhaven Lane	Paul & Lydia Tobias Jr.
16907 Birdhaven Lane	Manuel D. Aleman
1535 Cartwright Road	Audley Wallace
1603 Cartwright Road	
16834 Green Quail Drive	
16835 Green Quail Drive	
16175 Lazy Ridge Road	Sheila Robinson
4903 S. Lazy Ridge Road	Neal Grover
4907 S. Lazy Ridge Road	Prizco Sanchez
3703 McHard Road	Nguyen & Huong Luu Lieu
3710 McHard Road	
3715 McHard Road	
4126 McHard Road	Raymond Hugh Goodrich et al.
4331 McHard Road	
4408 McHard Road	
5412 McHard Road	Glenn Ray French
5414 McHard Road	
5530 McHard Road	
5823 McHard Road	
6235 McHard Road	Willie J. Johnson
6241 McHard Road	
6770 McHard Road	
6820 McHard Road	
7003 McHard Road	Saiyedali M. Karovalia
7022 McHard Road	George Harden

<i>Property Address</i>	<i>Property Owner</i>
7206 McHard Road	Imran Majumder
7210 McHard Road	SymaKhon et al.
8100 McHard Road	
8235 McHard Road	
8300 McHard Road	
8303 McHard Road	
8310 McHard Road	
8519 McHard Road	J. W. Herron
8521 McHard Road	David D. Dacus
7010 McHard Road	Erroll & Ella Cunningham
8634-8718 McHard Road	
McHard Road	Raymond Hugh Goodrich
McHard Road	Ty Truong et al.
McHard Road	Steven C. & Rose M. Bryant
McHard Road	Jeffery H. & Anne G. Jeong
McHard Road	William C. Morris III et al.
McHard Road	Kirk S. LaGuarta
McHard Road	Gregory Grohoski et al.
McHard Road	Peter Glenn & Jenny Zeng
McHard Road	Richard Tran
McHard Road	S. E. McHard Jr.
McHard Road	L. W.Martin Jr.
McHard Road at South Post Oak Road	Nickolaos S. & Veronica J. Terzakis
15950 S. Post Oak Road	
16902 Quail Glen Drive	Claudia Salazar & Joseph Moreno III
16903 Quail Glen Drive	Lillie Jean Sowell
16816 Quail Park Drive	
5407 Regal Ridge Lane	Marisela Garza & Leticia Espinoza
5409 Regal Ridge Lane	
5415 Regal Ridge Lane	DannyGonan
5417 Regal Ridge Lane	Austra N. Judice
5421 Regal Ridge Lane	Sandra K. Hills
5423 Regal Ridge Lane	Gerald D. & Renee D. Daniels
5425 Regal Ridge Lane	
5427 Regal Ridge Lane	Reynalda Pina
5429 Regal Ridge Lane	Raman Panagadan et al.
5431 Regal Ridge Lane	Jay Raman
5433 Regal Ridge Lane	Dalmacio Arroyo Tejeda
5439 Regal Ridge Lane	
5403 Regal Ridge Lane	Patrick Mbah
5411 Regal Ridge Lane	Rajagopala Pillai
5435 Regal Ridge Lane	Linda Bedford
16631 E. Ridgewalk Drive	Michael Simien
4503 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Sandra Weithers
4507 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Patricia J. Garza
4511 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Claude L. Lamb
4519 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Nichelle M. Carriere

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4523 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Edwin G. & Nora E. Guevara
4603 S. Ridgewalk Drive	William S. & Sherron A. Wooldridge
4607 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Cortni Browning
4611 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Darryl K. & Annie M. Wilson
4615 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Josaulyn M. Hoskin
4619 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Patrick Doyle
4623 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Leonard Stevenson et al.
4627 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Nicole R. Collier
4631 S. Ridgewalk Drive	James C. & Yolanda P. Henry
4635 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Beatrice D. Thomas
4639 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Shelby S. Molina
4643 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Warren Green et al.
4647 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Linda F. Williams
4651 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Joel Thomas
4655 S. Ridgewalk Drive	Christine Murungi
16711 E. Ripple Ridge Drive	Bridgette L. McClendon
16718 W Ripple Ridge Drive	Khon & Van T. Syma
8602 Running Bird Lane	N.V. Chacko
8606 Running Bird Lane	Thomas Kuruvilla
8610 Running Bird Lane	Eddie C. & Wintress A. LaRue
8614 Running Bird Lane	Bell & Allison Kavis
8618 Running Bird Lane	Olivia Johnson
8622 Running Bird Lane	Eric & Ebony L. Thomas
8626 Running Bird Lane	Maxine Burnett
8630 Running Bird Lane	Linda C. Jackson
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3222 Texas Parkway	
3403 Texas Parkway	
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February 17, 2010

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«Company»

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«Address2»

«City», «State» «Zip»

Property Address: «Number» «Street»

Subject: Invitation to Public Hearing on FM 2234 (McHard Road) Widening

Dear «Title» «LastName»:

You are invited to attend a public hearing on the proposed widening of FM 2234 (McHard Road) from FM 3345 (Cartwright Road) to FM 521 (Almeda Road). The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed widening of FM 2234 and receive comments from the public. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct the hearing on:

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

6:00 pm – Open House

7:00 pm – Public Hearing

Willowridge High School – McNair Auditorium

16301 Chimney Rock Road

Houston, Texas 77053

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Sincerely,

Bruce F. Leon, Ph.D.

Manager, Environmental Planning



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Dirección de la propiedad: «Number» «Street»

Asunto: Invitación a Audiencia Pública sobre la ampliación de FM 2234 (McHard Road)

Estimado «TitleSp» «LastName»:

Le invitamos a asistir a una audiencia pública sobre la propuesta expansión de FM 2234 (McHard Road) desde FM 3345 (Cartwright Road) a FM 521 (Almeda Road). El propósito de la audiencia es discutir la propuesta expansión de FM 2234 y recibir comentarios del público. El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el

Miércoles, 24 de Marzo de 2010

6:00 pm – Junta de Casa Abierta

7:00 pm – Audiencia Pública

Willowridge High School – Auditorio McNair

16301 Chimney Rock Road

Houston, Texas 77053

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Sinceramente,

Bruce F. Leon, Ph.D.

Gerente de Planificación Ambiental

APPENDIX C NOTICES FOR PUBLIC HEARING MAILED TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

Letters were mailed to the following elected officials:

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Title</i>
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Mario Gallegos, Jr.	State Senator, District 6
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Sylvester Turner	State Representative, District 139
Armando Walle	State Representative, District 140
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Melissa Noriega	Houston City Council Member, Position 3
Ronald Green	Houston City Council Member, Position 4
Jolanda Jones	Houston City Council Member, Position 5
Jarvis Johnson	Houston City Council Member, District B
Edward Gonzalez	Houston City Council Member, District H
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APPENDIX D
PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEETS

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from FM 3345 to FM 521

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Name	Address	City, State, Zip
1 Tom CARTER	3026 Country Club	Sugar Land TX 77478
2 RODRIGO CARRION	1122 Ave. C	FRESNO TX 77545
3 DORIS BASSETT		Houston TX - 77099
4 Janice Kruse	2902 Bright Trail	Sugar Land TX 77479
5 Russell Gerami	Ft Bend ISD - Lake Olympia Trans Ctr	Missouri City TX 77459
6 GLENN FRENCH	7123 YARDLY DRIVE	Katy, Texas 77494
7 Jeff & Cindy Vargas	3510 Indian Point	Mo City 77459
8 Belinda Clark	16834 Green Quail Lane	Missouri City, 77489
9 Diane Tezend	P3815 Southwest Freeway	Ford Bend / Sugar Land SEN Newp, PC.
10 Clyde Brown	1314 Twinning Oaks Ln	mo. city TX 77489
11 Larry McDaniel	1117 FM 359	Richmond TX 77406
12 Brittany Caskey	823 Katy	Katy, TX
13 Edwin Guerrero	4533 S. Rickwood K	Houston TX 77053
14 Mary Lass	15543 W. Little Brook Dr Houston: P.O. Box 92 Missouri City 77459	Missouri City, TX 77459
15 Vanita Wynn	14430 Brightbrook Houston TX	Museum
16 Clint Ray		
17 Ron R Reynolds	18 Sullivan Court, #	Missouri City, TX 77459
18 Maxine Burnett	8626 Manning Blvd	Missouri City TX 77469

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1	Jayce Ware	4639 S. Ridgwalk	Houston TX, 77053
2	Lydia Tobias	16906 BIRDAVEN LN	Missouri City TX 77489
3	REN ADAM	7715 CHASWOOD	MO CITY TX 77489
4	Theresa J. Lat	16507 Quail Briar Dr.	MO CITY TX 77489
5	Cynthia Bennett	3112 SWINGTALE LN	MO. CITY TX 77459
6	Stans & G.	15918 BAZELANAR LANE	MO. CITY TX 77489
7	TAI TRUONG	4011 CALABRIA BAY CT	MO CITY TX 77457
8	PAMELI McKNINEY	16714 LAZY RIDGE RD	HOUSTON 77053
9	LELA SUE MACIT	6760 Mc HARD	HOUSTON 77053
10	Willie Johnson	6735 Mc Hard	HOUSTON 77053
11	Felecia Ewars-Smith	303 TEXAS PEWY SUITE 213 Missouri City, TX 77457	Missouri City, TX 77459
12	SAMUEL STEWART		MISSOURI CITY TX 77457
13	William Moore	16814 AMY RIDGE RD HOUSTON TX 77053	Houston TX 77053
14	Jayce Ware	8630 DUNNING BARK LANE	MO CITY, TX 77489
15	Patricia Herrington	1610 WILLOW RIDGE	MO CITY TX 77459
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1 Vincent Hanu	411 ANACAPULON	PEARLAND, TX 77574
2 Lorene Harrison	1000 Farrah Lane #1322	Stafford, TX 77477
3 Charles Rowe	2410 Fall Meadow Dr	Missouri City, TX 77459
4 Emma Odum	16334 Napa Vine Dr	Houston, TX 77053
5 HARVEY SANDERS	16507 Quail Brook Dr	MISSOURI CITY, TX 77489
6 L G MURRELL, JR	117 FROSTWOOD DR	LAKE JACKSON TX 77566
7 DANE MOLINA	4639 S. Ridgewalk Dr	Houston, TX 77053
8 George H. Hicks	1447 Lazy Glen Dr	MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS 77489
9 LIASWAT RE	1300 Tuttle Creek	MISSOURI CITY 77489
10 MICHAEL D. WILSON	5412 McHARD RD	HOUSTON TEXAS 77053
11 Alice Moore	1707 Glacier Blue Dr.	Fresno, TX 77545
12 Steve Bryant	16406 Emilia Ct.	Spring TX 77379
13 The WATKINS	303 TX PARKWAY	Mo. CITY 77489
14 Anthony James	1419 Acorn Ct.	Missouri City, 77489
15 Jeff [unclear]	8634 McHard R	Houston TX 77053
16 Bridgette McClendon	16711 E. Rippleridge Ln	Houston TX 77053
17 Kimberly Fogle	16816 Laurel Park	Missouri City, Texas 77489
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1	Jon Zwahr	15302 Corsair	Houston, TX 77053
2	Dwight Parker	8415 Quail Run Ct	MO. City 77489
3	John Hudson	3014 Fairway DR.	Sugar Land 77478
4	Coco Harris	Sienna Plantation	MO City 77459
5	Darlene J. Miller	1117 Tidewater Ln	Mo City 77489
6	M. L. E. MATA. DDE	900 Wesley	Houston, TX 77002
7	Jim ES	16331 Huntington Ave Ln	Mo. City 77489
8	George Burley	1138 Mossridge Dr.	Missouri City TX 77489
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1 Lena Isom Brown	1303 N. Jeal Estates Cir	Fresno TX 77545
2 Latanya Howard	16502 Amy Ridge	Houston, TX 77053
3 Yolanda McLin	15126 Chasendge DR	Mo. City 77489
4 KEITH ANTOINE	16634 W RIPPLE RIDGE	Houston, 77053
5 Mike Kingster	4615 Sunde's Dr	Missouri 77459
6 A. J. Colbert	6923 McCullum Rd	Missouri City 77489
7 Mike Simien	16631 E. Ridge walk	Houston / 77053
8 Darlene Reed	16607 Quail Meadow Ln	Mo city 77489
9 Rhonda Johnson	1219 Beech bend Dr.	Mo city TX 77489
10 Tiffany Nelson	Birdhouse	Missouri City 77489
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1 ERROLL CUNNINGHAM	7010 MCHARD RD	HOUSTON TX 77053
2 Max Marochehr	3007 Texas Park Way	MO City TX 77415
3 Nickolas Terzakis	16303 W Kangler Rd. 77453	Rosharon TX 77453
4 BRANSON BRADY	5823 MCHARD RD 77053	HOUSTON, TX 77053
5 ALLEN OWEN	2022 MASTERS LANE	MC 77459
6 Etise Leaks Harman	1807 WATERSIDE DRIVE	MC 77459 -
7 Harold E. Braun	3435 OVERLAYS DR	Houston TX 77042
8 KAYLON REALTY	P.O. Box 420609 H. TX 77042	Houston TX 77042
9 YVONNE JONES	4603 Chimney Ridge Dr	HOUSTON TX 77053
10 ALEX PRICE	5507 MOSS HILL LANE	ROSHARON TX 77583
11 David Wall	1001 Fannin	Houston, TX 77002
12 Fanny Young	1810 Shadow Wind Dr.	Mo City 77489
13 DONNA THOMAS	16110 Boot Ridge	HO TX 77053
14 ROBIN SAM	4607 RIDGEROD LN	HOUSTON TX 77053
15 Ekenna Lewis	1443 Acorn Ct	Missouri City TX 77489
16 Candice Lewis	" "	" "
17 Reynold Hughes	5823 Mc ^{Harden} Rd	Houston TX. 77053
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1	Loriel Vomare	4014 Elm Stream	
2	RYNALDA PINTA	5427 RIZAL RIDGE	HOUSTON, TX 77053
3	Vivian Burley	1138 Mossridge Dr.	Missouri City TX 77489
4	Eric Thomas	8622 Running Bird Ln	Missouri City, TX 77489
5	Parash Lad	611 Walker	Houston TX
6	Brenda Patton	1418 Dusty Ridge	mo. City TX 77459
7	Ed McAninch	10779 Bridlewood	Houston, TX 77024
8	Regina Whitmill	16214 Bunker Ridge Rd	Houston TX 77053
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Name	Address	City, State, Zip
1 Lillie J. Sawell	16903 Quail Glen Dr.	Mo. City TX. 77489
2 Wenwen Wang	5-300 McHard Rd.	Houston Tx 77053
3 SANDRA LUTHEMERS	11503 S. Ridgewalk	Houston Tx 77053
4 DENNIS W. JOUNG	P.O. BOX 1680, Missouri	Mo city Tx 77459
5 DeWayne Davis	3814 Pecan Valley	Mo City, TX 77459
6 VARGHESE SAMUEL	16950 S. Post oak Rd	Houston - Tx 77548
7 Christopher Archer	1314 Turtle Creek	Mo city Tx 77489
8 David Harden	1447 Lazy Springs Dr	Missouri City TX 77489
9 RUKUNUDDIN MOMIN	1300 TURTLE CREEK	Missouri City TX 77485
10 Dora J. Jones	2602 Princess Ln.	Missouri City, TX 77459
11 Otto Allen	15894 Ridgecroft RD	Houston
12 THUY NGUYEN	8011 Calabria Blvd. CT	Houston
13 H.E. MACH	6700 McHard	Houston Tx
14 Grady Prestage	PO Box 459	Missouri City, TX 77459
15 Zen Zheng	Houston Chronicle	
16 Shelby Molina	4639 S Ridgewalk Dr	Houston, TX 77053
17 CATHY LANG	7034 DICKSON WAY	MISSOURI CITY, TX 77489
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Name	Elected Office	Address	City, State, Zip	Will You Make a Statement?
X Ron Reynolds	State Rep - Elect District 27	18 Sullivan Court, Missouri	63159	No
2 Ruben DAVIS	CONSTABLE	303 Texas Parkway	Mer. City, Tx	No
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Name	Elected Office	Address	City, State, Zip	Will You Make a Statement?
1. Pastor White	Pastor	1341 ...	Missouri ...	yes
2. Pastor White	Pastor	Christopher Archie		
3 Dora Qlivo	State Rep			yes
4 Grady Prestage	County Commissioner	Ft. Bend County		No
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6 Clarence Holliday	representing Congressman Al Green			no
6 Clarence "Doc" Holliday	representing Congressman Al Green			No
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9 Ron Reynolds	State Rep. (elect.)			
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Name	Elected Office	Address	City, State, Zip	Will You Make a Statement?
1 Richard Morrison	Commissioner Precinct 1	1517 E. Sprague, TX	Richmond 77469	Yes
2 ALLEN OWEN	Mayor		Missouri City	No
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APPENDIX E
PUBLIC HEARING DISPLAY BOARDS

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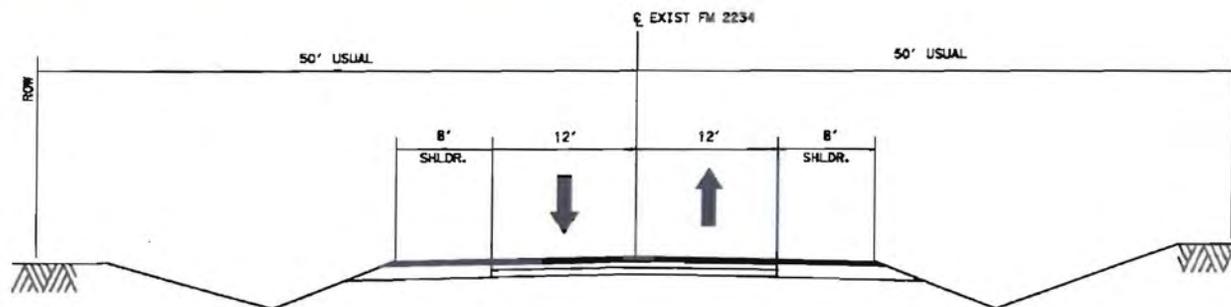
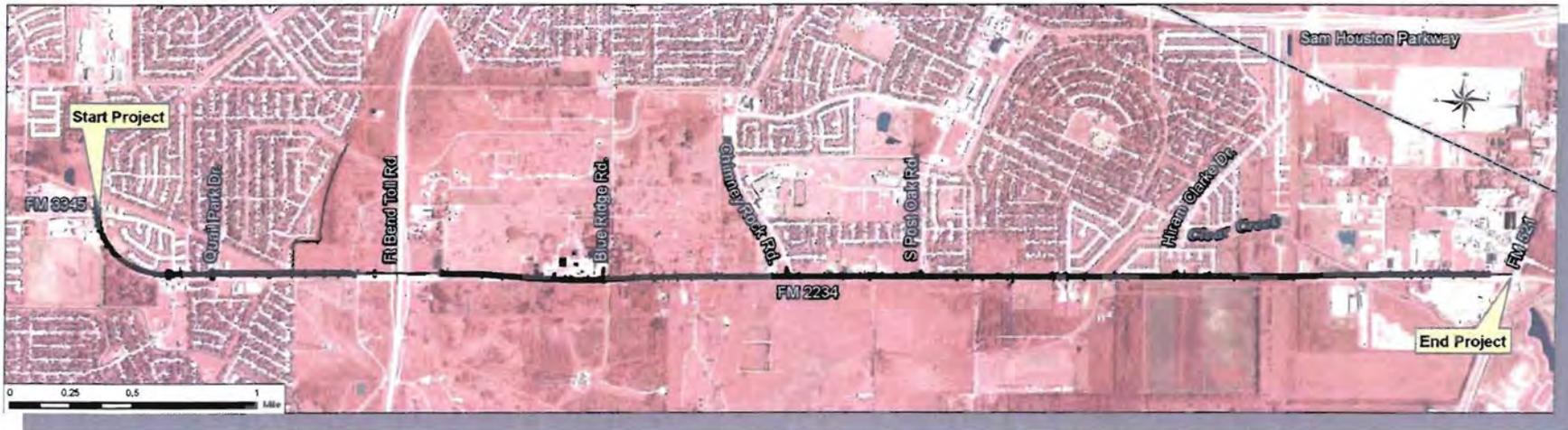
Purpose and Need for the Project



- ◆ Traffic expected to increase by 70% in 2030
- ◆ Accidents occur more often than average rate
- ◆ Proposed action would increase capacity by adding 2 lanes
- ◆ Raised median, left-turn and right-turn lanes would improve vehicle safety

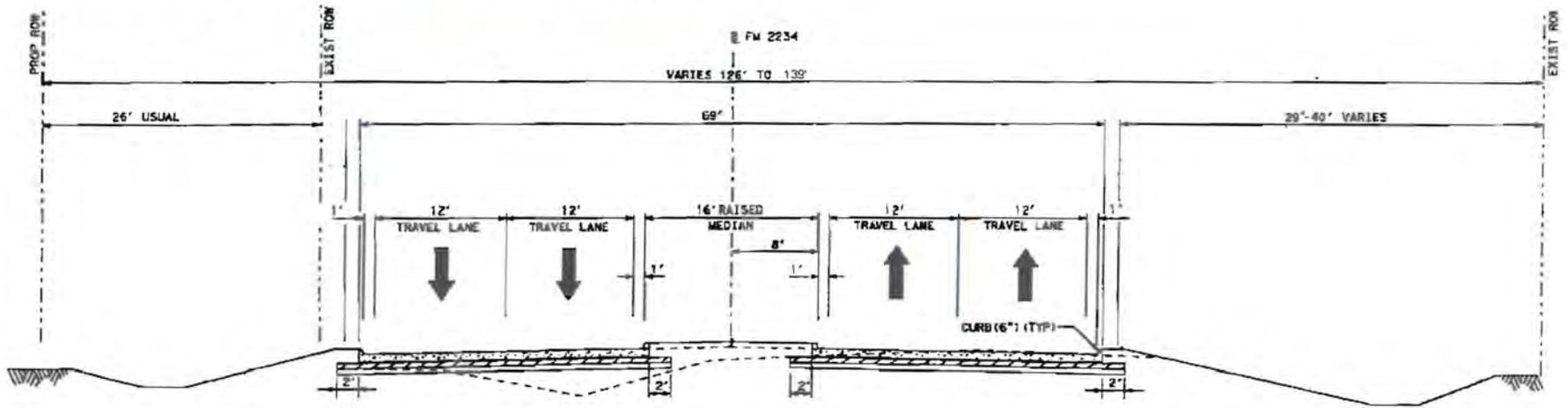
The Existing Roadway

- ◆ Project is 5.8 miles long
- ◆ Two undivided lanes in 100-foot wide right-of-way

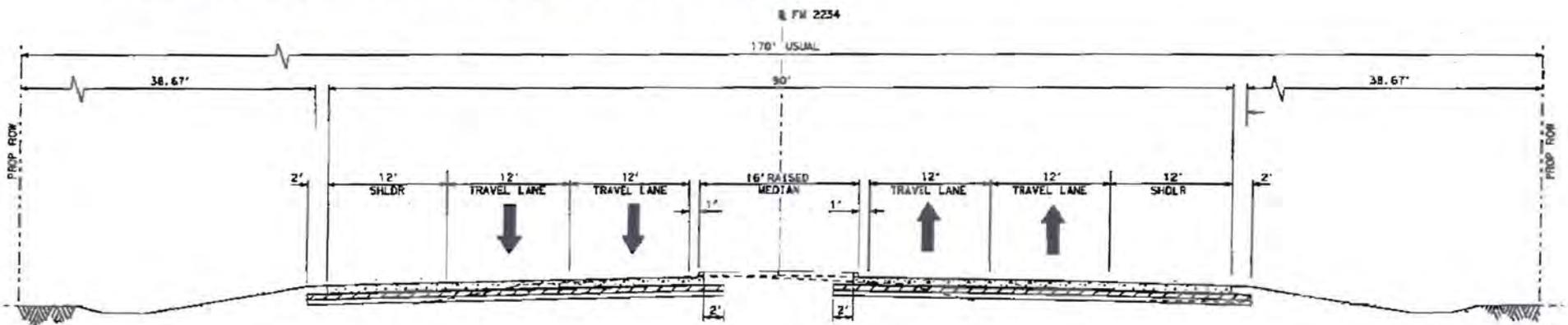


The Proposed Roadway

From FM 3345 to Turtle Creek Drive



From Turtle Creek Drive to FM 521



Environmental Findings



- ◆ Loss of 38 acres of pasture, 6 acres of woods
- ◆ No effect on endangered species
- ◆ Project crosses Clear Creek and floodplain, but would have minor effect on water quality
- ◆ 4.7 acres of wetlands affected; TxDOT would compensate for loss of jurisdictional wetlands with mitigation
- ◆ No effect on historic resources
- ◆ No change to neighborhood cohesion or access to public service facilities



Displacements and Relocations



- ◆ The project would displace several homes and businesses for the widened right-of-way
- ◆ Replacement housing and commercial space of comparable quality is available in the area
- ◆ TxDOT compensates fairly for all acquired property and relocates according to federal law
- ◆ Relocation assistance is available; visit the TxDOT Right-of-Way table in the Foyer

Noise Mitigation

- ◆ Noise levels at 39 residences would exceed Federal Highway Administration criteria
- ◆ Noise barrier walls are proposed for Quail Green, Quail Glen and Ridgemont communities along the FM 2234 right-of-way
- ◆ Noise walls would be nine feet tall and made of concrete
- ◆ A majority of affected residents voted for the noise walls



Project Schedule

All dates are approximate and subject to change.

- ◆ Public hearing on March 24, 2010
- ◆ Public hearing report issued in mid-2010
- ◆ Request for decision from Federal Highway Administration in mid-2010
- ◆ Right-of-way acquisition and construction are proposed to begin when funds are available
- ◆ Construction would take about two years

APPENDIX F
PUBLIC HEARING SLIDE PRESENTATION



James Koch:

Good evening. My name is James Koch, and I am the Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Texas Department of Transportation, Houston District.

Welcome to this Public Hearing at Willowridge High School for the proposed widening of FM 2234, also called McHard Road. The project limits are from FM 3345 to FM 521, or you may know them as Cartwright Road to Almeda Road. The project is in Fort Bend County, Texas.

Today is March 24, 2010, and the time is 7:00 pm.

At this time, please turn off or silence your cell phones and pagers, and keep them silent during the hearing.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present the proposed project design and the results of the environmental studies for the proposed widening of FM 2234 and gather any comments you may have regarding these plans.

This Public Hearing is being recorded by a court reporter for the public record.

A slide titled "Public Hearing Agenda" with a list of three items: "Registration and Exhibit Viewing", "Public Hearing Presentation", and "Public Comments Session". The slide features a vertical image on the left showing a road leading to a building under a blue sky. At the bottom, there is a Texas Department of Transportation logo and the text "FM 2234 Public Hearing 2".

Public Hearing Agenda

- Registration and Exhibit Viewing
- Public Hearing Presentation
- Public Comments Session

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FM 2234 Public Hearing 2

James Koch:

You may have noticed the sign-in table as you walked in through the Foyer this evening. If you have not already done so, please sign in before you leave tonight. The sign-in sheets allow us to record tonight's participation and give you the opportunity to be added to the project mailing list.

Also available at the sign-in table at tonight's hearing are handouts with project information, and comment forms for your written comments. For those who wish to make an oral comment during the formal public comment session tonight, speaker registration cards are also available at the sign-in table.

The comment session will follow tonight's presentation. We will not answer questions during the presentation or comment session, but we will be available to answer your questions following the comment session.

Please feel free to view the exhibits on display in the Foyer. The exhibits will be available after all public comments are heard.



Published Hearing Notices

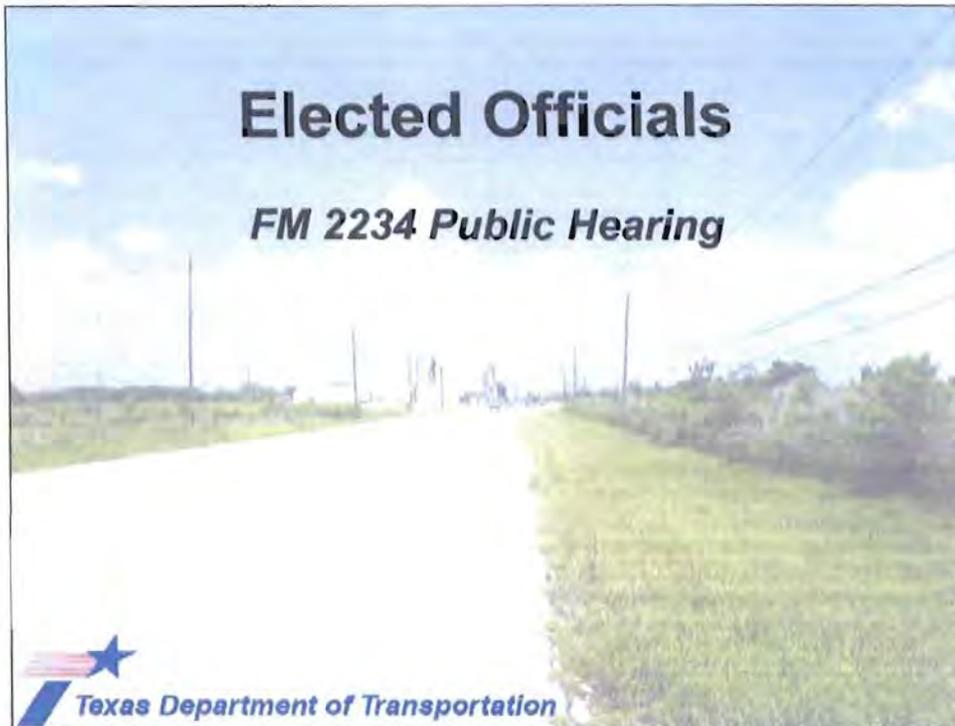
- **Houston Chronicle (in English)**
 - Monday, February 22, 2010
 - Sunday, March 14, 2010
- **La Voz (in Spanish)**
 - Sunday, February 28, 2010
 - Sunday, March 14, 2010
- **Fort Bend Sun**
 - Thursday, February 25, 2010
 - Thursday, March 11, 2010

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James Koch:

Notices of this Public Hearing were advertised in the Houston Chronicle, La Voz and the Fort Bend Sun.

In addition, invitation letters were mailed to adjacent property owners and elected officials.



James Koch:

At this point, I would like to recognize the elected officials that are attending tonight's hearing.

[Read names from sign-in sheet. These names will be provided to you before 7 pm.]

If there are other elected officials present tonight, please raise your hand and I will recognize you. *[Recognize each person]*



FM 2234 Project Information

is on file and available for review at:
TxDOT Houston District Office
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007
(713) 802-5000



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James Koch:

As specified in the Public Hearing notices that were published, the Schematic Layout showing the project location and design, the Environmental Assessment and other information related to the project are available for viewing in the Foyer, and on file and available for public review at TxDOT's Houston District Office at 7600 Washington Avenue in Houston.

Participating with me in tonight's presentation is Fawzi Abou-Hossa of TxDOT for Project Design and Bruce Leon of Quadrant Consultants for Environmental Studies.

I will now pass the presentation over to Mr. Abou-Hossa to discuss Project Design.



Project Need and Purpose

- Reduce congestion by increasing capacity (expand from 2 to 4 lanes)
- Improve traffic safety by providing a widened divided roadway, left-turn and right-turn lanes, and shoulders



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Fawzi Abou-Hossa:

Thank you, Mr. Koch. My name is Fawzi Abou-Hossa, and I am the TxDOT design engineer for the FM 2234 project.

The project is needed to relieve traffic congestion and improve vehicle safety.

Traffic volume on FM 2234 is expected to increase 70 percent by 2030. This traffic volume is less likely to become congested on a 4-lane roadway than a 2-lane roadway.

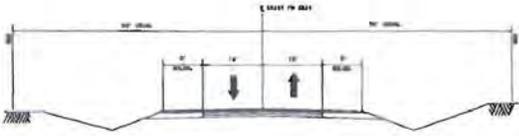
In addition, FM 2234 is more accident-prone than many highways. Since it has no place for left-turning vehicles to stop out of the line of traffic, rear-end collisions are more common on this highway. Also, since the shoulders are narrow, there is little room for drivers to maneuver in emergency situations.

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase the roadway capacity to provide for free-flowing traffic and improve driving safety by designing the widened highway to TxDOT and national design safety standards. This includes providing left-turn lanes, right-turn lanes and wider shoulders.



Existing Roadway

- Two undivided lanes
- 2- to 8-foot shoulders
- 100-foot wide right-of-way



100' TOTAL WIDTH
12' LANE
12' LANE
8' SHOULDER
8' SHOULDER

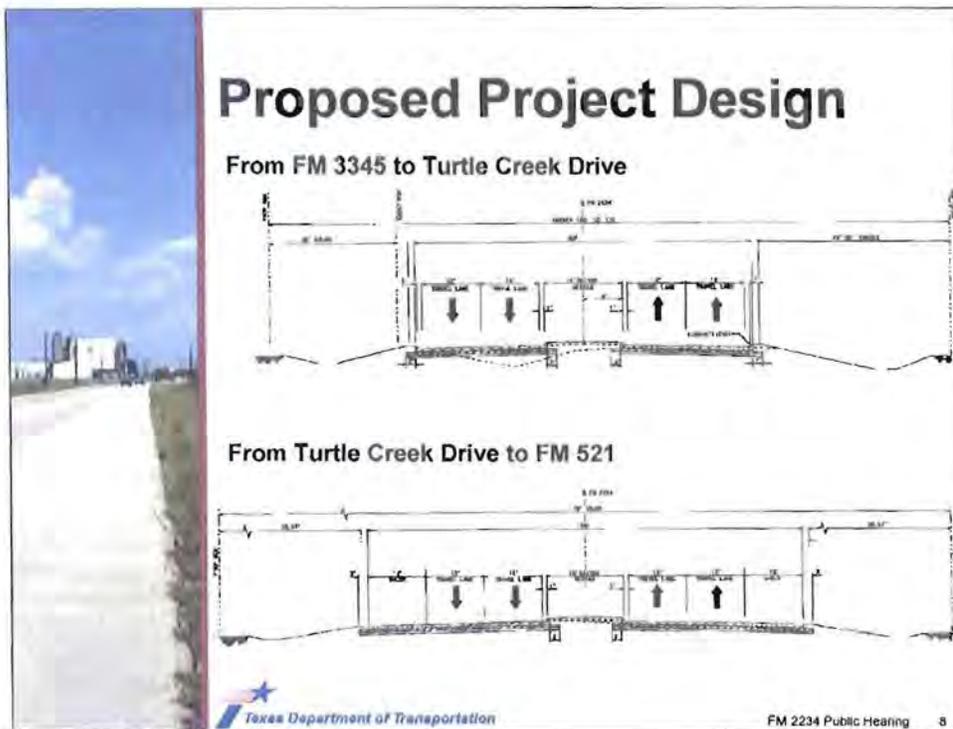


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Fawzi Abou-Hossa:

The existing roadway, from FM 3345 to FM 521, is a 2-lane undivided roadway within a right-of-way that is currently 100 feet wide.

The project is 5.8 miles long.



Fawzi Abou-Hossa:

The proposed project would widen FM 2234 from two to four lanes, with a raised median, left-turn lanes and right-turn lanes at some intersections.

From FM 3345 to Turtle Creek Drive, the proposed project would use the existing 126-foot-wide right-of-way. From Turtle Creek Drive to FM 521, the proposed project would widen the right-of-way to 170 feet and add 12-foot shoulders on both sides.

A new relief ditch would be built east of the Quail Run neighborhood for additional drainage from the roadway.



Project Schedule and Cost

- Construction cost: \$28 million (estimate)
- Right-of-way acquisition and construction are proposed to start when funds are available
- Construction would take about 2 years (estimated) when funds are available

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Fawzi Abou-Hossa:

Based on the schematic design presented this evening, the construction cost estimate for the project is 28 million dollars.

Right-of-way acquisition and construction are proposed to begin when funds are available. Construction would start when right-of-way is acquired and would take about two years to complete. At this time, funds are not available for either right-of-way acquisition or construction.

This concludes the project information and schematic design portion of the presentation. At this time, I would like to introduce Bruce Leon, who will describe the environmental studies.



Environmental Assessment

- Alternative actions, including No Build
- Environment affected by proposed action
- Consequences of proposed action on the environment
- Public involvement
- Recommendation of preferred alternative

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Bruce Leon:

Thank you, Mr. Abou-Hossa. My name is Bruce Leon, and I am the environmental consultant for the proposed FM 2234 widening project.

An Environmental Assessment has been prepared and approved as satisfactory for further processing from the Federal Highway Administration, enabling us to hold this Public Hearing.

The environmental assessment includes a statement of the need for, and purpose of the project; consideration of alternative actions to accomplish the purpose, including No Build; examination of the affected environment; assessment of the environmental consequences of the proposed action; a public involvement program; and recommendation of the preferred alternative.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for your review this evening in the Foyer.

A Public Meeting was held on April 8, 2005, at Blue Ridge Elementary School. The proposed action presented at that meeting is substantially the same as the one presented here, except that the project now has a raised median instead of a flush median.



Alternatives Considered

- A: No Build
- B: Widen to the north
- C: Widen to the south
- D: Widen to both sides (recommended)

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Bruce Leon:

An alternatives analysis was conducted for the proposed project. Four alternatives were evaluated.

The No Build Alternative means to simply maintain the existing road. The No Build Alternative would not meet the need for the project.

Alternative B would acquire land only on the north side to widen FM 2234 to four lanes. It would meet the need for the project, but would displace many more homes and businesses, a church and a school.

Alternative C would acquire land only on the south side to widen FM 2234 to four lanes. It would also meet the need for the project, but would also displace more homes.

Alternative D is the Recommended Alternative. It would acquire land on both sides of the roadway to widen FM 2234 to four lanes. The Recommended Alternative would cause the fewest homes and businesses to be displaced.



Environment Evaluated

- Water quality
- Floodplains
- Plants
- Wildlife
- Endangered species
- Wetlands
- Air quality
- Noise
- Archaeology
- Historical resources
- Hazardous materials
- Community cohesion
- Environmental justice
- Indirect impacts
- Cumulative impacts


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Bruce Leon:

For this project, we considered 15 categories of environmental impact, which are listed on this slide.

[pause to allow time to review categories]

We examined the potential direct environmental impacts of the project, the potential indirect impacts of other projects spurred by this project, and the cumulative impact of all projects in the area.



Natural Resources

- The project crosses Clear Creek and its floodplain
- Most land is pasture or grassland
- 4.7 acres of wetlands affected
- Minor loss of wildlife habitat
- No effect on endangered species

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Bruce Leon:

We found that the project would not have a significant impact on natural resources.

The proposed action would cross Clear Creek twice. About two miles of the project corridor is in the 100-year floodplain, so the project includes a new relief drainage ditch to handle the runoff from the roadway. The project would not change current flood levels.

The project would take about 38 acres of pasture land, about six acres of wooded land and 4.7 acres of wetlands. TxDOT would mitigate impacts to jurisdictional wetlands by obtaining credits from the Coastal Bottomland Mitigation Bank in Brazoria County. TxDOT has also applied for a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fill waters and wetlands for this project.

The project would cause a minor loss of wildlife habitat. No endangered species would be affected by the project.



Communities

- Neighborhood cohesion and access to public service facilities would not be affected
- Project complies with regional Air Quality plan to bring Houston area into compliance with EPA standards

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Bruce Leon:

The project would not divide neighborhoods, nor restrict access to public services, nor affect community cohesion.

Impacts to air quality have been considered. The project complies with the State Implementation Plan to bring the Houston area into compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's air quality standards.



Displacements and Relocation

- The project would displace several homes and businesses
- Replacement housing of comparable quality is available in the area
- TxDOT compensates fairly for all acquired property and relocates according to federal law
- Relocation assistance is available

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Bruce Leon:

The project would displace several homes and businesses. The final number and locations of homes and businesses to be displaced would be determined after land acquisition begins.

We have determined that there is a plentiful supply of comparable replacement housing and commercial space in the area for relocation. TxDOT conducts property acquisition and relocation assistance in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisitions Act. TxDOT counselors contact affected property owners and inform them of benefits available through the Relocation Assistance Program, including fair compensation, location of replacement housing or facilities, and assistance with moving expenses. Residents receive ample notice to prepare for moving. This assistance is available to all qualified people, farms, businesses and organizations that move from real property or move personal property from real property. TxDOT also assists in arranging other resources to reduce relocation hardships.



Noise Impacts and Mitigation

- 39 residences with noise impacts
- Noise walls proposed at Quail Green, Quail Glen and Ridgemont neighborhoods
- Proposed noise walls are concrete, 9 feet tall

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Bruce Leon:

A noise analysis was performed during the environmental assessment for this project. Based on traffic projections for 2030, noise levels would increase by 2 to 9 decibels and approach or exceed the Federal Highway Administration's Noise Abatement Criteria at 39 residential receivers.

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Next Steps

- Public hearing summary report in mid-2010 and available at:
 - TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, (713) 802-5000
 - TxDOT Web Site, www.txdot.gov
- Project decision to be requested from FHWA in mid-2010
- Right-of-way acquisition and construction are proposed to start when funding is available

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Bruce Leon:

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Thank you for your attention. Now I will turn the Hearing back over to Mr. Koch.



James Koch:

Thank you, Dr. Leon. Now we will begin the formal public comment session.

The purpose of this comment session is to receive your comments that are relevant to the project. Written and oral comments will be considered equally. You may submit written comments in the comment box tonight or submit them on the written comment form to the mailing address or e-mail address provided in the Public Hearing Program. All written comments must be postmarked or emailed by April 7, 2010 to be added to the public record.

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[Staff distributes cards and pens]

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I would like to recognize _____.

[Call elected officials' names in order. Names of officials wishing to speak should be on the Elected Officials Sign-in Sheet]

Thank you. We will now collect any additional speaker registration cards. Please raise your hand if you have a card, and our staff will pick it up.



Public Hearing Oral Comments

- Submit Speaker Registration Card
- Use microphone and face court reporter
- State your name and whom you represent (if applicable)
- Please only comment on matters relevant to the FM 2234 project
- Oral comments are limited to 3 minutes
- Unused time may not be given to another speaker

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James Koch:

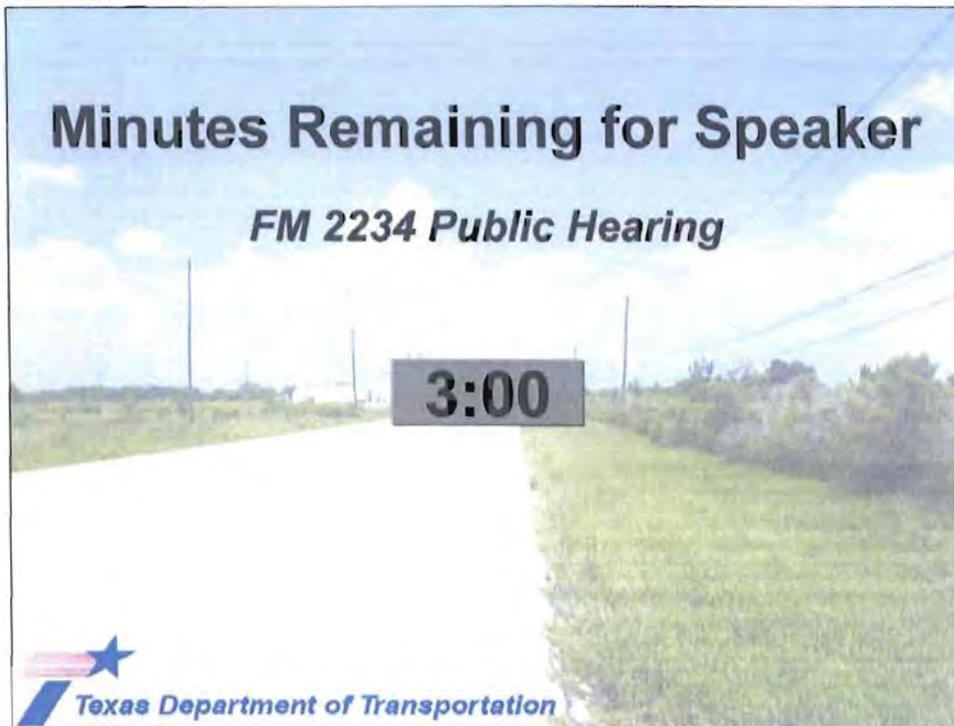
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The first speaker is _____.



James Koch:

[Listen to oral comment]

The next speaker is _____.

[Listen to oral comment]

[Continue until all speakers have given comments]



Written Comments

- Place in Comment Box tonight
- By mail: use comment form
 - Mail to Director of Project Development, TxDOT Houston District, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251
 - Postmark by **April 7, 2010**
- By e-mail
 - Send to Hou-PIOWebmail@dot.state.tx.us
 - Email by **April 7, 2010**

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James Koch:

Thank you for your comments. If you would like to submit a written comment, you can write it on the comment card you received as you came in and place it in the box marked Comments in the Foyer as you leave.

Or you may send your comments by mail or email to TxDOT by April 7, 2010, at the address on the screen.

Project staff will be available after the hearing to discuss the project with you in the display area.

And now, since there are no more speakers registered to make a public comment, we will close the comment session of this Public Hearing. It is _____ p.m., and the Hearing is adjourned. Thank you.

APPENDIX G

TXDOT CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

Project number: _____

County: **Fort Bend**

CSJ: **2105-01-020**

Highway name and project limits: **FM 2234 from FM 3345 to FM 521**

This is to certify that:

- A public hearing has been held, covering the project location and design.
- Consideration has been given to the economic, social and environmental effects of the project's location and design.
- The statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been considered in determining the economic, social and environmental effects.
- The project's consistency with the goals and objectives of such urban planning as has been promulgated by the community has been considered.

District Engineer

Date

APPENDIX H
VERBATIM PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPT

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FM 2234 PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 24, 2010

On the 24th day of March 2010, the following proceedings came to be held in the above-titled action, held at Willowridge High School, 16301 Chimney Rock Road, Houston, Fort Bend County, Texas.

Proceedings reported by computerized stenotype machine.

MR. KOCH: Good evening. My name is James Koch. I am the director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Texas Department of Transportation, Houston District.

Welcome to this public hearing at Willowridge High School for the proposed widening of FM 2234, also called McHard Road. The project limits are from FM 3345 to FM 521, or you may know them as Cartwright Road to Almeda Road. The project is in Fort Bend County, Texas. 19:03

Today is March 24th, 2010; and the time is 7:00 p.m. 19:03

At this time please turn off or silence your cell phones and pagers and keep them silent during the hearing. 19:04

The purpose of this public hearing is to present the proposed project design and the results of the environmental studies for the proposed widening of FM 2234 and gather any comments you may have regarding these plans. 19:04

This public hearing is being recorded by a court reporter for the public record.

You may have noticed the sign-in table as you walked in through the foyer this evening. If you have not already done so, please sign in before you leave tonight. The sign-in sheets allow us to record tonight's participation and give you the opportunity to be added to the project mailing list. 19:04

Also available at the sign-in table at tonight's hearing are handouts with project information and comment forms for your written comments. For those who wish to make an oral comment during the formal public comment session tonight, speaker registration cards are also available at the sign-in table. 19:04

The comment session will follow tonight's presentation. We will not answer questions during the presentation or comment session, but we will be available to answer your questions following the comment session. 19:04

Please feel free to view the exhibits on display in the foyer. The exhibits will be available after all public comments are heard. 19:05

Notices of this public hearing were advertised in the Houston Chronicle, La Voz and the Fort Bend Sun.

In addition, invitation letters were mailed to adjacent property owners and elected officials. 19:05

At this point I would like to recognize the elected officials that are attending tonight's hearing.

We have state representative Dora Olivo; Grady Prestige, county commissioner; Clarence "Doc" Holiday representing -- representing Congressman Al Green's office; Ron Reynolds, state representative elect; Richard Morrison, commissioner Precinct 1; and Allen Owen, mayor of Missouri City. 19:05

If there are other elected officials present tonight, please raise your hand; and I will recognize you. 19:06

Okay. As specified in the public hearing notices that were published, the schematic layout showing the project location and design, the environmental assessment and other information related to the project are available for viewing in the foyer and on file and available for public review at TxDot's Houston District office at 7600 Washington Avenue in Houston. 19:06

Participating with me in tonight's presentation is Fawzi Abou-Hossa, of TxDOT, for project design, and Bruce Leon, of Quadrant Consultants, for environmental studies. 19:06

I will now pass the presentation over to Mr. Abou-Hossa to discuss project design. 19:06

MR. ABOU-HOSSA: Thank you, Mr. Koch. My name is Fawzi Abou-Hossa, and I am the TxDOT design engineer for the FM 2234 project.

The project is needed to relieve traffic congestion and improve vehicle safety. 19:07

Traffic volume on FM 2234 is expected to increase 70 percent by the year 2030. This traffic

volume is less likely to become congested on a four-lane roadway than a two-lane roadway. 19:07

In addition, FM 2234 is more accident prone than many highways. Since it has no place for left-turning vehicles to stop out of the line of traffic, rear-end collisions are more common on this highway. Also, since the shoulders are narrow, there is little room for drivers to maneuver in emergency situations. 19:07

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase the roadway capacity to provide for free-flowing traffic and improve driving safety by designing the widened highway to TxDOT and national design safety standards. This includes providing left-turn lanes, right-turn lanes and wider shoulders. 19:08

The existing roadway from FM 3345 to FM 521 is a two-lane undivided roadway within a right-of-way that is currently 100 feet wide. 19:08

The project is 5.8 miles long.

The proposed project would widen FM 2234 from two to four lanes, with a raised median, left-turn lanes and right-turn lanes at some intersections. 19:08

From FM 3324 to Turtle Creek Drive, the proposed project would use the existing 126-foot wide right-of-way. From Turtle Creek Drive to FM 521, the proposed project would widen the right-of-way to 170 feet and add 12-foot shoulders on both sides. 19:09

A new relief ditch would be built east of the Quail Run neighborhood for additional drainage from the roadway.

Based on the schematic design presented this evening, the construction cost estimate for the project is \$28 million. 19:09

Right-of-way acquisition and construction are proposed to begin when funds are available. Construction would start when right-of-way is acquired and would take about two years to complete. At this time funds are not available either for right-of-way acquisition or for construction. 19:09

This concludes the project information and schematic design portion of the presentation. At this time I would like to introduce Bruce Leon, who will describe the environmental studies. 19:10

MR. LEON: Thank you, Mr. Abou-Hossa. My name is Bruce Leon, and I am the environmental consultant for the proposed FM 2234 widening project.

An environmental assessment has been prepared and approved as satisfactory for further processing from the Federal Highway Administration, enabling us to hold this public hearing. 19:10

The environmental assessment includes a statement of the need for and the purpose of the project; consideration of alternative actions to accomplish the purpose, including no build; examination of the affected environment; assessment of the environmental consequences of the proposed action; a public involvement program; and recommendation of the preferred alternative. 19:10
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Copies of the environmental assessment are available for your review this evening in the foyer.

A public meeting was held on April 8, 2005, at Blue Ridge Elementary School. The proposed action presented at that meeting is substantially the same as the one presented here, except that the project now has a raised median instead of a flush median. 19:11

An alternatives analysis was conducted for the proposed project. Four alternatives were evaluated. 19:11

The no-build alternative means to simply maintain the existing road. The no-build alternative would not meet the need for the project.

Alternative B would acquire land only on the north side to widen FM 2234 to four lanes. It would meet the need for the project but would displace many more homes and businesses, a church and a school. 19:11

Alternative C would acquire land only on the south side to widen FM 2234 to four lanes. It would also meet the need for the project but would also displace more homes. 19:12

Alternative D is the recommended alternative. It would acquire land on both sides of the roadway to widen FM 2234 to four lanes. The recommended alternative would cause the fewest homes and businesses to be displaced. 19:12

For this project we considered 15 categories of environmental impact, which are listed on the slide behind me.

We examined the potential direct environmental impacts for the project, the potential indirect environmental impacts of all other projects spurred by this project, and the cumulative impact of all projects in the area. 19:12

We found that the project would not have a significant impact on natural resources. 19:13

The proposed action would cross Clear Creek twice. About two miles of the project corridor is in the 100-year floodplain. So, the project includes a new relief drainage ditch to handle the runoff from the roadway. The project would not change current flood levels. 19:13

The project would take about 38 acres of pastureland, about 6 acres of wooded land and 4.7 acres of wetlands. TxDOT would mitigate impact to jurisdictional wetlands by obtaining credits from the Coastal Bottomland Mitigation Bank in Brazoria County. TxDOT has also applied for a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fill waters and wetlands for this project. 19:13
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The project would cause a minor loss of wildlife habitat. No endangered species would be affected by the project.

The project would not divide neighborhoods nor restrict access to public services nor affect community cohesion. 19:14

Impacts to air quality have been considered. The project complies with the State Implementation Plan to bring the Houston area into compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's air quality 19:14

standards.

The project would displace several homes and businesses. The final number and locations of homes and businesses to be displaced would be determined after land acquisition begins. 19:14

We have determined that there is a plentiful supply of comparable replacement housing and commercial space in the area for relocation. TxDOT conducts property acquisition and relocation assistance in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Act. TxDOT counselors contact affected property owners and inform them of benefits available through the relocation assistance program, including fair compensation, location of replacement housing or facilities, and assistance with moving expenses. Residents receive ample notice to prepare for moving. This assistance is available to all qualified people, farms, businesses and organizations that move from real property or move personal property from real property. TxDOT also assists in arranging other resources to reduce relocation hardships. 19:15

A noise analysis was performed during the environmental assessment for this project. Based on traffic projections for 2030, noise levels would increase by 2 to 9 decibels and approach or exceed the Federal Highway Administration's noise abatement criteria at 39 residential receivers. 19:16

Thirty-eight receivers are proposed to be mitigated for highway noise with a 9-foot high concrete noise barrier wall. The walls are proposed to be built inside the TxDOT right-of-way in the Quail Green, Quail Glen and Ridgemont subdivisions. One receiver has driveway access to FM 2234, which prevents construction of a continuous noise barrier wall. 19:16

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voted for the noise barrier wall. And therefore, these walls are part of the project design. 19:17

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Thank you for your attention. Now I will turn the hearing back over to Mr. Koch.

MR. KOCH: I'd like to also recognize Rubin Davis, constable, as another elected official at the meeting. 19:18

Thank you, Dr. Leon. Now we will begin the formal public comment session.

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I would like to recognize state representative Dora Olivo.

MS. OLIVO: Good evening. For the record, I am in support of the widening of Farm Road 2234 as it is being proposed by the Texas Department of Transportation. The widening is very much needed, not only to increase vehicle capacity and reduce congestion but even more importantly to improve highway safety in this area. I know that there are many other TxDOT projects. However, this project is equally important. This Farm Road 2234 thoroughfare already lost out on stimulus funding because it was not shovel ready. 19:20

TxDOT needs to get this thoroughfare shovel ready so that it is placed on a priority list and not placed on the back burner. 19:20

I strongly urge TxDOT to work with the appropriate governmental entities to secure the necessary funding to obtain the right-of-way and for the construction of this project. Please keep me advised of the priority designation of this project. Thank you for your assistance. 19:21

MR. KOCH: Thank you.

I would also like to recognize Commissioner Richard Morrison. 19:21

MR. MORRISON: Thank y'all for being here

tonight. I am the commissioner of Precinct 1. And only a sliver of the east side of this road is in my precinct; but it's very important, this project, as it hooks up with 521, which is a major thoroughfare. I too support the widening to four lanes. I know that TxDOT is limited in funds now, but we can get this project shovel ready. After the environmental process is over, we can meet together to shrink the acquisition down from six lanes to four lanes, which is what we're proposing to build. I know Precinct 1 supports that plan. And we'll aggressively seek funding to get the right-of-way if we can shrink it down from six lanes to four lanes, which will help this project become shovel ready. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Thank you.

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The comment session will adjourn after all who have registered to make oral comments have had an opportunity to speak.

The first speaker is Nicholas Disoki.

FEMALE IN AUDIENCE: You may disregard that. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Okay. Rodrigo Terrien.

MR. TERRIEN: Good evening. I come here to support the project also. If the funds are not available, then the project can be phased in parts where construction can start from FM 521 at least all the way to the toll road, which would provide more access to the public more effectively, more immediately. It's very important to do this project for local, our county and traffic control. And also, the east end needs to be started and completed first so we can have the old FM 521. But since the toll's already -- we're still waiting. Okay? And also, sidewalks, if possible, so our school -- that way, safety for students to be able to walk and not on busy roads. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Thank you. Sir, could you state your name for the record, please.

MR. TERRIEN: Yes. My name is Rodrigo Terrien, candidate for Fort Bend County judge. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Clyde Brown.

MR. BROWN: Good evening. My name is Clyde Brown. I'm a representative -- a deacon at Missouri City Baptist Church. Our concern right now is the devaluation of the property once the acquisition has taken place. We do support the construction here that may come about, but we're just mostly concerned about the devaluation of the property. We see the congestion every day in the area. The traffic is backed up. In fact, I try to avoid it at certain times, not to be in the area of 12 Park -- between 12 Park and Turtle Creek areas gets backed up so much. But what we are concerned about at Missouri City Baptist Church is the devaluation of the property once the acquisition takes place. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Dr. Dennis Young.

DR. YOUNG: My name is Dennis Winston Young, pastor of Missouri City Baptist Church. I also support the project because at 4:30 to 6:00 in the

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evening that whole street is just flooded. That needs to be cleared up. So, we're in support of the project. One of my concerns is that with the land being recouped, so much of our parking space is going to be taken up that it's going to be difficult for us, as a church, to operate. And we need to speak to you guys and see how that's going to be worked out. Because at the moment we're already having parking problems. Every Sunday folks are parked in the street. And from what we've seen right now on the street, we're maybe up to 40 to 50 parking spaces, which is quite a bit. So, that's our basic concern. But we do support the project. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Cynthia Bennett.

MS. BENNETT: Good evening. My name is Cynthia Bennett. I'm also a member of Missouri City Baptist Church. And I do support this project. Because 18 years ago -- I'm a 20-year resident of Missouri City. Eighteen years ago I was in a near fatal car accident due to the problem with the congestion on FM 2234. However, my major concern, as a member of Missouri City Baptist Church and a landowner of the rental property across from the church, is y'all taking parking spaces from the church. And it's really bad for us already on Sunday because we have developed so much till we are parking on the street. And I'm very, very concerned. What are you guys going to do to compensate us? I know it is a very big need for us to have this widening. I'm just worried about the parking space and the devaluing and the taking of the property. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Mary Ross.

MS. ROSS: Good evening. I have three things. Number 1, Green Valley Estates neighborhood seemed to be indicated on the diagram to receive noise mitigation or sound walls but not mentioned by name in your plan. I don't know if that would put them at risk of not being included in your plan. But I would like for you to please consider naming the Green Valley

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Estates neighborhood in your plan to receive those noise mitigation walls. And maybe they're confused with the Ridgemont neighborhood. But I know sometimes when it comes to those types of details, it's kind of easy to get left out. 19:29

So, second, since the purpose of this project is to increase safety, I'd like for you to please consider adding sidewalks to your plan on the north side of FM 2234, directly in front of the Ridgemont Elementary School. Just the fact that it's an elementary school and a rather large one in this area. Sidewalks are a major consideration, I know, for the City of Houston and the county. I don't know anything about TxDOT. But it's always our first -- the safety of our children is always our first priority in this area. So, I'd like to -- I don't know how -- we don't want to hold up the project in any way; but if it's something that can be done, I'd like to ask you to do that. 19:29 19:30

And third -- well, I'll do that in writing. Thank you. 19:30

MR. KOCH: Okay. Commissioner Morrison, did you have any additional comments?

MR. MORRISON: No.

MR. KOCH: Pamela McKinney.

MS. MCKINNEY: Good evening. My name is Pamela McKinney, and I'm a resident of the Green Valley Estates subdivision. And I have a question about the stimulus dollars. Since we were not shovel ready and we missed out on that funding, will we have a second bite of the apple? Will we be able to receive stimulus dollars once this becomes shovel ready? Thank you. 19:30 19:30

MR. KOCH: Christopher Archie.

MR. ARCHIE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for the meeting. My name is Christopher Archie, and I represent Pastor Reed White at Christian Bible Church. I'm the apprentice project manager. 19:31

Currently we're in the process of developing

the church between Turtle Creek and Cartwright Road.
The church owns that property. And I'm glad you helped 19:31
to clear up some things in saying that this is
preliminary. I would hope that in your preliminary
developments here, that you would be sensitive to the
needs of not just the church itself, in terms of this
left-turn lane. Currently, as it's noted on the plans, 19:31
parishioners would have to drive clear up to Cartwright
Road to U-turn and then come back. As we know, the
community businesses, represented churches and
homeowners represent a strong community. It's
important that the functionality of these businesses 19:32
and churches operate and collaborate with the safety of
the city and not displace them, not make it
inconvenient. You know how competitive things are.
There are other businesses that are concerned, as well.
So, when we're looking at the left-hand turn lane, 19:32
there is a raised median in the area. I think it's 16
foot wide. And we're in hopes that you would consider
those concerns.

The church also is looking at developing
additional property for commercial use. No commercial 19:32
owner is going to purchase property which is going to
be prohibitive for traffic. Safety certainly is the
foremost concern. I'm going to second and be adamant
about that. We're certainly concerned about safety.
But we have to collaborate and be sensitive to the 19:33
needs of the businesses, as well as residents, churches
and others who may be affected by this project.

Dollars are important. We understand that.
We understand the importance of monies coming in to
fund this project. My understanding is that there is 19:33
no monies available at this time. Well, I think this
is all federal money. I don't know if there's a tax
base from businesses. But our goal and my goal, as the
project manager, in the community -- I live in the
community of Missouri City -- is to see our city 19:33
develop, to see it work, to see it function and to have
more of these kinds of dialogues and not, you know, the

stonewalling or this is how we're going to do it, like it or not like it, somewhere else. So, my being here today is to plant that seed, that there's more dialogue in regards to some of the issues, particularly in the radius and the left-hand turn lanes. Thank you. 19:33

MR. KOCH: Elise Harmon.

MS. HARMON: My name is Elise Harmon, and I'm here to speak on behalf of a concerned citizens group. We advocate for the schools here in -- on the edge of Houston and in Missouri City. We're concerned about the safety of the children from the two elementary schools, Ridgemont and Blue Ridge, who have to walk down 2234. When their parents are off to work before they're off to school, they have to make their way to school. And also for the students in Willowridge, who also walk down 2234. Especially since our school district, Fort Bend ISD, is considering, as a money saver, to do away with after-school buses that take those students home when they stay after school for tutorial or they stay after school for athletics. If you're going to build a sound wall and the other things that you're going to build at least on the left-hand side of the road, we need sidewalks for the safety of the children who attend the schools here on 2234. Thank you. 19:34 19:34 19:35 19:35

MR. KOCH: Willy Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: Excuse me. Good evening, everyone. I'm a business owner. My name is Willy Johnson. I own Customer Storage Plus U-Haul, which is next door to Blue Ridge Elementary School. I looked at your proposed drawings; and I noticed that you do have the raised mediums, which in my case would block off the entrance to my business from the west side of 2234. The problem I have with that is that I do have a business within my business there, that is a charter school bus service. They have approximately 40 buses. They go north and south out of the entrance of the property. And with the proposed medium, they can't make a left-hand turn. And on the way back in, coming 19:35 19:36 19:36

from the west, they can't make a left-hand turn into either one of my entrances into my property. That is a problem for me.

The other problem I see on 2234 is that during school days, there is traffic from parents that are lined up on 22 -- well, from South Post Oak to Blue Ridge Elementary, on the shoulder, waiting to pick up kids every day, every school day. That is a safety issue. We have had accidents right there at the entrances to the school parking lot, where people have been trying to turn in and have had accidents.

So, I do approve the expansion of the road; but I do have to have some sort of access coming into my property from the west on 2234, coming from Turtle Creek toward Post Oak. We're cut off. We can't turn in. And for a bus, which is approximately 40 to 50 feet long, there's no way they're going to be able to go down 2234 and find a way to turn around and come back to the east. Because I doubt TxDOT will allow you to make a U-turn at Chimney Rock or Blue Ridge Road. So, I do need some consideration on that issue. Thank you.

MR. KOCH: Harvey Sanders.

MR. SANDERS: Good evening. My name is Harvey Sanders, and I'm a deacon with Missouri City Baptist Church. And my concern is for the continuation of the church. We are a growth church, a church that's in the midst of growing right now. This project, although we welcome it because of the positive influence it would have on the community, we have to worry about whether or not it's going to curtail some events at the church. So, I'm asking you, on behalf of the church, to consider, deeply consider some way of compensating us, if that's necessary, so that we can be an ongoing service in this community. I thank you.

MR. KOCH: Donna Thomas.

MS. THOMAS: Good evening. I'm Donna Thomas, from Green Valley Estates. I'm also the president of the association. Back in 2004 we did pick

out sound barrier walls. And there were other residents and neighbors there at the same time. We are aware of the widening of the road, but it's been put off for so many years. I'm still not happy that it's being put off even more due to the funding's not available. Now, I don't know where our tax dollars are going; but I would like to see some of those tax monies spent down on our end sooner than later. I understand Shadow Creek Ranch is in this plan of getting the road widened. Now, Shadow Creek Ranch hasn't existed for years. So, if they get those roads widened before we do, plenty of people around here are not going to be happy. So, I'd appreciate it if you'd consider shoveling our shovel-ready sites as soon as possible. Because we've been waiting for a long time. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Robin Sam.

MS. SAM: Good evening. My name is Robin Sam. I'm with the Green Valley Estates neighborhood. I'm also their vice-president on the board of directors. My question is, this project has been posed since at least 1999. If it is not shovel ready, why not? Could the previous stimulus money given to TxDOT have been used to make it shovel ready? Also, where was the previous stimulus money spent? In what neighborhoods and how much stimulus money did TxDOT receive? Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Ed McAninch.

MR. MCANINCH: Good evening. For the record, Ed McAninch, M-c-A-n-i-n-c-h. I'm worried about the property at Ripple Ridge and McHard Road. This is a commercial dedicated property, and the sound wall should not exist. So, therefore, I would protest the proposed line for the sound wall for this commercial property and ask that it be removed. Thank you.

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MR. KOCH: Thank you all for your comments. If you'd like to submit a written comment, you can write it on the comment card you received as you came in and place it in the box marked "comments"

in the foyer as you leave. 19:42

Or you can send your comments by mail or e-mail to TxDOT by April 7th, 2010, at the address on the screen.

Project staff will be available after the hearing to discuss the project with you in the display area. 19:42

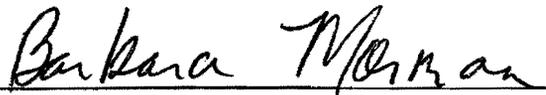
And now, since there are no more speakers registered to make a public comment, we will close the comment session of this public hearing. It is 7:42, and the hearing is adjourned. Thank you. 19:43

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