



**Notice
Opportunity for a Public Hearing**

FARM TO MARKET (FM) 3180

From Interstate Highway (IH) 10 to 0.60 miles south of FM 565

CSJ: 3271-01-015

Chambers County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing improvements to FM 3180 from IH-10 to 0.60 miles south of FM 565 in Chambers County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 2.46 miles. An open house public meeting was conducted on September 28, 2017. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 this notice is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety by reducing crashes, support existing and future development, improve traffic operations and reduce congestion by improving mobility. The project will widen FM 3180 to a four-lane roadway with a continuous two-way left turn lane. Each lane (two in each direction) will be 12-feet wide and the paved shoulder will be 5-feet wide on each side. Drainage structures and driveway culverts will be modified by installing sloped end sections. The existing bridge structure over Hackberry Gully will be widened to match the roadway section of four-lanes with shoulders and two-way left turn lane.

All work will occur within the existing right-of-way (ROW). No additional ROW or permanent/temporary easement is required; therefore, no displacements or relocations of residences and businesses are necessary.

The project limits are within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies. The facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility, stream, or other property. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

The activities associated with the bridge widening at Hackberry Gully will impact waters of the U.S. located in the existing ROW; therefore, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #14 under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is required.

The environmental study is ongoing. Maps showing the project location and design, environmental information, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Beaumont District Office located at 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708.

Any interested person may submit comments or request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Comments and requests

for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before Tuesday, May 1, 2018, to the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, Jason Waldrep, PE, Project Manager, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708 or via email at Jason.Waldrep@txdot.gov.

For more information, visit www.txdot.gov and Search: FM 3180 Chambers County. If you have general questions or concerns regarding this proposed project, you may contact Mr. Omar X. De Leon, PE, at the Liberty Area Office at (936) 336-2244.