

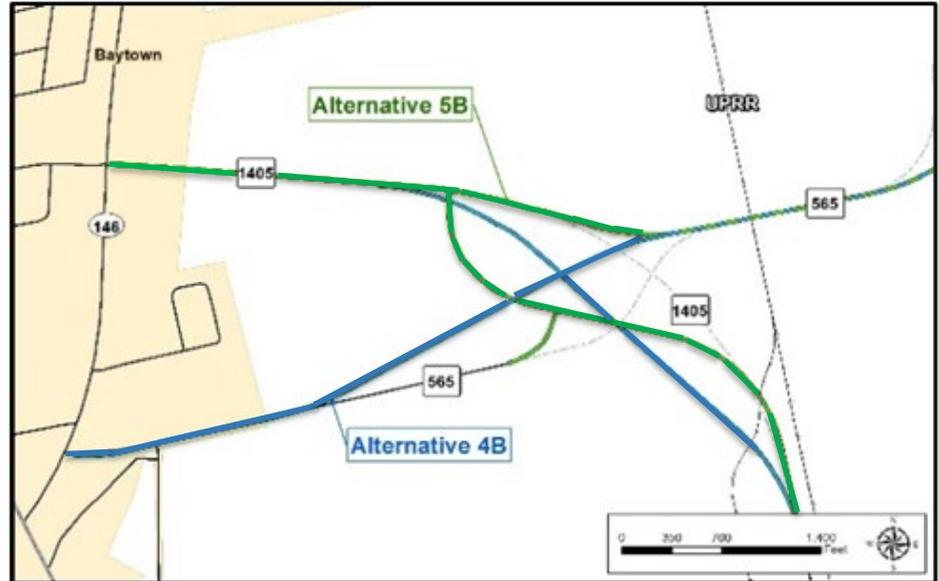
FM 565 from SH 99 to SH 146 FACT SHEET

Proposed Project Map and Limits

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont District is proposing to reconstruct and improve Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 565 from State Highway (SH) 99 to SH 146 in Chambers County, Texas. Right of way (ROW) will be needed for throughout the corridor to create a typical ROW width of 120 feet.

Proposed Improvements

The approximately 2.9-mile proposed project would reconstruct, re-align, and widen the existing two-lane section with narrow shoulders to accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 16-foot raised median (with periodic left turn lanes) and 10-foot outside shoulders. A new FM 565 bridge is proposed to overpass the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing, thus eliminating the at grade crossing. Two alternatives, 4B and 5B, are proposed for the FM 565 and FM 1405 intersection. Alternatives 1 through 3 were dismissed on previous public feedback. The proposed project would be constructed within a typical ROW width of 120 feet and would tie into the realigned portion of FM 565 currently under construction between the UPRR and Ameriport Parkway. Sidewalks are proposed as part of the project in front of the Tower Terrace neighborhood.



Project Purpose and Need

What are we trying to do?

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and mobility in the project area.

What problems are we trying to address?

- FM 565 is inadequate to meet current and future traffic resulting in congestion and reduced mobility.
- The existing roadway does not have designated turn lanes and does not meet current design standards.
- Increasing congestion at the UPRR crossing causing decreased response time of emergency vehicles.

Proposed Project Schedule*

- Finalize Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment – Fall 2022
- Public Hearing – Winter 2022
- Environmental Clearance – Spring 2023
- Begin ROW Acquisition – Following Environmental Clearance
- Finalize Design and Begin Construction – Winter 2024

*This project schedule and dates are tentative and subject to change.

How Can I Stay Informed?

- Visit www.txdot.gov and sear keywords “FM 565 – Chambers County”
- Contact Lisa Collins at TxDOT, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708-1701 or email: bmtprojects@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.