

SH 105 Improvement Project
Virtual Public Meeting Comment Response Matrix
Legend

Topic	Response
A	A median opening is currently not proposed at the Countrywood Boulevard and SH 105 intersection due to its proximity to the existing signalized Pinewood Boulevard intersection. However, the schematic team will continue to evaluate options for improvements to SH 105 and associated ingress/egress from both Pinewood and Countrywood.
B	TxDOT makes every effort to minimize the amount of right-of-way (ROW) needed from adjacent properties, and to minimize the potential impacts on property owners affected by proposed roadway improvements. TxDOT engineers propose the purchase of ROW in a manner to best utilize existing ROW while designing a safe facility to meet <u>demonstrated transportation needs.</u>
C	Any anticipated impacts to property would be assessed during the ROW acquisition process. The TxDOT Right of Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Program would be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970, as amended in the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987. Once the ROW map is approved and the project is environmentally cleared, the TxDOT ROW acquisition staff would contact property owners to initiate TxDOT's Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Program. Then, the TxDOT ROW acquisition staff would determine the project ROW needs at the landowner's parcel based on the approved ROW map. TxDOT will appraise the property, and fair market value will be offered to the landowner for any land and improvements needed. Additionally, damages to the remaining property (if any) would also be appraised and offered. Relocation benefits would be offered to all eligible tenants.
D	A detailed drainage analysis was conducted for the project. The drainage analysis analyzed improvements to existing drainage channels as well as new detention ponds to address drainage along SH 105. To mitigate drainage impacts, a combination of detention ponds (to detain water) and channel clearing (to improve hydraulic conveyance/capacity) were deemed appropriate. Recommendations from the drainage analysis included four proposed detention ponds, as well as clearing more than 7,000 linear feet of existing drainage channels.
E	The proposed project is needed to improve connectivity within Southeast Texas, and to enhance operational efficiency, and safety along SH 105. The capacity of the existing facility is inadequate to meet projected traffic volumes for the area, resulting in congestion as well as reduced mobility. Improving the roadway to meet the minimum design criteria of a four-lane divided facility would add capacity and address future transportation needs. Incorporating a median would improve the safety along SH 105 by providing a buffer between opposing traffic. A 48-foot wide median is the minimum required median width of a rural depressed highway in accordance with TxDOT's Roadway Design Manual, revised July 2020.
F	The purpose of the proposed median is to improve safety. The proposed median width reduces both headlight glare and the chances of head-on collisions and provides a storage and recovery area for errant vehicles. TxDOT makes safety one of the primary considerations of roadway design and would comply with design standards per TxDOT's Roadway Design Manual, revised July 2020. The use of safety-conscious design standards would reduce the likelihood of a crash and the severity of crashes that may occur along a roadway. The roadway would be designed to meet or exceed design standards for safety. Safety concerns will continue to be analyzed throughout the design <u>process.</u>
G	A backage road that connected Countrywood Boulevard to Pinewood Boulevard was previously proposed as part of the SH 105 Improvement Project. After receiving public input from the MetroQuest survey that ran from December 2020 through January 2021, it was determined that the backage road would be removed from the design.

Comment #	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment	Response
1	[No Name Provided]	11/2/2021	Verbal	Not sure if it's too early to leave a comment on the proposed Highway 105 widening, but if I was you guys, I would care less with the public thinks and I would do it. I've been dreaming of that highway to be widened since I was old enough to drive. And now, knowing my kids are fixing to drive that same highway, I think something needs to be done. I could care less what the public says. If I had the funds, I'd build it anyway. So, you have my approval.	Comment noted.
2	Oge, Deborah	11/18/2021	Email	When we will know what area or land will be impacted and how much or which option A-B or C has been selected. I own property on Hwy 105 near Vaglica Road.	Based on the alternatives analysis results and public feedback, Alternative C (widening to the north and south) was carried forward. The latest schematic design can be viewed by visiting www.txdot.gov , keywords "SH 105 Sour Lake."
3	Tortorice, Mary	11/18/2021	Email	Regarding SH 105 project. I find it interesting that the retention ponds are west of the areas that flood the most. It could be that you are trying to stop the flow of water from the Sour Lake area. However, after living here for 44 years I feel like I have a good understanding of the area. We have flooded 2 times. the 100 year flood and Harvey I feel Harvey doesn't really count. But the flooding to our home in 1990 was entirely due to the back-up of the bayou. Water left and we were standing in our drive and watched as it crept up from a different direction and you could watch it come from totally different directions all due to the bayou being full. Unless the bayou is cleaned out and unless the existing drainage easements are made to carry water those of us that are east of Bonura road are going to have flooding issues. The largest population affected by your highway project is Pinewood and Countrywood. I do not see how your plans will help in any way to alleviate the lack of drainage that occurs. You are adding more culverts but to where? There are no ditches on 105 to mention and the water has no place to go. I think your plan has a lot of potential. But it is not complete. Get some ditches and clean out the bayou and i will be in your corner.	Please see response for D
4	Owens, Diana	11/19/2021	Email	Hwy 105 widening project	Comment noted.
5	Perkins, Eric & Patti	11/19/2021	Written	We noticed on the new schematic that you show an access drive crossing diagonally our 2 acre plot to your proposed detention pond. This makes no sense to destroy a whole plot for a drive. This essentially renders the property to ~0~ value. Please contact to discuss placement.	Please see response for B and C
6	Hurst, Jackson	11/21/2021	Email	I approve and support TxDOT's SH 105 Improvement Project. The aspect that I love about TxDOT's SH 105 Improvement Project is that TX 105 will be widened from 2 lanes to 4 lanes in each direction from TX 326 to Pine Island Bayou which will reduce congestion and improve safety on TX 105.	Comment noted.
7	Marshall, Vicki	11/23/2021	Email	I oppose the Bonura Road extension as it is related to the Highway 105 expansion project in Sour Lake, Tx. Opening Bonura Road to the highway is destructive to the Countrywood Subdivision because it will reduce security and safety for the residents of this community. A remedy would be to put a crossover at the entrance of Countrywood like the one being put at the Pinewood entrance. Countrywood will NOT benefit from having two entrances, and the Bonura extension is not needed for the highway expansion. It serves absolutely no benefit to the property owners of this Subdivision.	Please see response for A
8	Wooten, Janice	11/24/2021	Verbal	Hi, my name is Janice Wooten. I live at 529 Morris Road West in Countrywood, Sour Lake, Texas and I was calling in regards to putting in the road from 105 to connect to Bonura Road in Countrywood. Yep, not liking this idea, whether it cuts through Tommy and Barbara Smith's property or whether it's on the east or the west side of them because the east side is going to be my property, and Tommy's and my extra two acres that I have beside my house were designated to have that, if push came to shove, we could sell those two acres if we wanted to. If you all come through there with that, there's no way we would have it and we would end up losing that property. Don't see where it would be beneficial to anybody because it would come in and then you'd have to either turn right or left on to Morris Road to decide which way you're going out into Countrywood. Don't think it's a smart idea. Think you guys need to look at coming in to where it's not going to be destroying somebody's property that is connected to their house. My number is REDACTED. Again, my name is Janice Wooten.	Please see response for A, B, and C
9	Cohrs, Greg & Sandra	11/25/2021	Email	We reside in Sour Lake. We support the SH 105 Sour Lake expansion. The current situation results in periodic fatality head-on accidents that the expansion project will mitigate. Also, the traffic is heavy and the expansion project will improve the traffic flow tremendously.	Comment noted.
10	Leger, Mark	11/26/2021	Email	This is about the Sour Lake Hwy 105 project. There is some confusion about where the entrance to Countrywood Estates will be. Some people think it will be the Bonura Rd extension, this would take the Whites property and most feel like me that taking anyone's property is not really a option. The existing exit has been there for 40 years, there is no need to take someone properties when there is already and exit that has proven to be good for the neighborhood.	Please see response for A, B, and C

11	Ernie, Erickson	11/27/2021	Email	I had listened to the recorded virtual meeting about the HW105 project. I heard that detention ponds were being included in the project but didn't understand where these ponds were being dug, and what waterways are they affecting. ...I live in Country Wood Estates, backing up to Coon Marsh Gully. If this project forces more water through coon Marsh gully, you're potentially going to cause homes to flood, as the gully drainage is not very good and has gotten worse since the gully project was completed. Maybe a year ago or more, I did speak with some surveyors walking the gully, I assume was part of this project. If so, what was their results. Never heard. Thank you for the attention to my concerns. Also, a backroad was taken from the project. What was that?	Please see response for G. A hydraulic analysis was conducted for the SH 105 Improvement Project to evaluate and address drainage concerns. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies.
12	Gerber, Mandy	11/28/2021	Email	I am sending this in the hopes that you will truly listen to our concerns on the Highway 105 project and the Bonura Road North extension in Countrywood Estates. I feel as though I should begin by telling you a little about myself. I have lived in Countrywood Estates for 31 years. I grew up here, went to High School at HJ. Once I got married my husband and I built a home next door to my parents and have raised our family here. I will begin with my concerns with the highway. Have you thought about the wildlife you are going to encourage to cross the highway wanting to eat the grass from the median?? I believe this will increase car accidents with wildlife tremendously. Who is going to maintain the grass, keep it mowed? I have seen several medians exactly like the ones you are proposing for highway 105 and they are overgrown. It looks terrible. Also, it goes back to my point about the wildlife, high unkept grass will only encourage them to cross the road and cause accidents. I could go on and on but you will only get bored and quite reading. It is very important that you read the next part of my letter very carefully. I hope you will take it in with an open heart and an open mind. I am now going to express my concerns for the Bonura Road North extension. I will admit some of my concerns are personal and some are for my many neighbors, especially those raising young children. First I will start by saying you are doing Mr. Smith a huge injustice. Mr. Smith has worked so hard for his beautiful home, barn and property. For you to split it down the middle for a new entrance that is only going to cause destruction on Mr. Smith's property and to out neighborhood. If you walk down Bonura Road, Lawrence Drive and around Creekside Loop, you have walked exactly one mile. So of course this is a very high traffic area for walkers, joggers, bike riders, moms pushing their babies in strollers etc. But unfortunately something we also have a lot of is speeding down Bonura Road. My family and I have started contacting the Sheriffs Dept. but we still don't get any patrolling out here. If you extend Bonura Road the Speeding will only increase and a walker or someone's pet may get hit maybe even killed, who is responsible? We already have issues with ATV's and four wheelers racing down Bonura Road. Who is going to be responsible when the racers hit a car head on as they are pulling in your new entrance? For a more personal reason of not wanting the Bonura Road extension, my family and I live on Bonura Road and have like I said before for over 30 years. I am LEGALLY BLIND and will eventually become completely blind. I'm wanting to get a guide dog and that requires a lot of independent walking. I have a difficult time now with all of the speeding and inconsiderate drivers that live in this neighborhood. If you extend Bonura Road you will make it virtually impossible for me to even try to safely make it down to check my mail. You are taking any independence I thought I could have in this neighborhood completely away if you choose to make this new entrance. I don't think you realize how much you are truly impacting our lives. There is also the fact that you are giving criminals a quick escape. We do have crime out here but its not something that happens often. Who is going to be responsible when crime increases? It's hell to get law enforcement out here. You are giving criminals a fast and easy get away. I think you have probably made up your minds on the highway issues but I hope you will take everyone's concerns seriously. As far as the Bonura Road extension I hope you have made no final decisions. You don't live here and you have no idea what is best for Countrywood Estates. If you continue with this extension you will destroy a neighborhood, you will take part the Smith property and I have no doubt that their will be one or more accidents on Bonura Road that may cost someone their life. Do you want that on your conscience.	Please see response for A, B, C, E, and F. TxDOT will maintain highway ROW vegetation. TxDOT is responsible for the design and construction of roadways, in accordance with engineering standards, to enhance mobility and safety for motorists. Law enforcement are responsible for the enforcement of traffic laws.
13	Bonura, Gerard	11/29/2021	Email	The pond on parcel 20781 is not needed because the Hardin County Appraisal District argues that Country Wood Estate is not flood prone. Constructing this detention pond is contrary to the Appraisal District's stance. This pond is not needed and should be eliminated from SH 105 Drainage project.	Please see response for D
14	Bucklew, Josh	11/29/2021	Email	I live in Countrywood Estates on Bonura Rd and have several comments about the SH105 proposal. 1. Raised median, bike lane, etc - all we need is what exists now from Beaumont to Bevil Oaks. Two lanes with turning lane and standard shoulder. 2. Extending Bonura Rd all the way to SH105 - this is not necessary. I would rather see a road built connecting Countrywood and Pinewood neighborhoods since many residents myself included go back and forth. This would make travel easier without needing to go onto SH105 to go from one to the other and would provide a secondary route into and out of either neighborhood. Countrywood residents wanting to go east (left towards Beaumont) could utilize the existing traffic light at Pinewood Blvd to do so if the proposed raised median is put in. ---Maybe crossover behind the (being constructed) new gas station at corner of SH105 and Pinewood Blvd, land is already cleared.	Please see response to A, E, and G

15	Kolander, JoLee	11/29/2021	Email	<p>PLEASE do not create an extension of Bonura Road, for the purposes of adding a second highway entrance/exit of the Countrywood subdivision. I believe I not only speak for myself and my family but my fellow Countrywood neighbors as well. Adding an additional entry/exit is not only unnecessary, but harmful to our community. We, my husband and I, purchased our home back in 2013, and it was a huge plus of the neighborhood being a hidden gem. The traffic is very minimal and usually only residents. If there were to be a second drive, this would increase traffic, especially for my street in particular. Even with the one entrance, we have issues with people speeding. I have two small children and multiple animals. I would hate to live on an even busier street. As stated above, we chose the house based on the fact of how little traffic there is. The only benefit of a 2nd entrance that I can see, would be so that those turning East wouldn't have to make a u-turn. There are multiple streets and neighborhoods on highway 90, which runs parallel to 105, where you must make a u-turn and it is not an issue. I think if you would ask those residents of whom this would affect, they would by a vast majority agree with me. I feel as though you should send out surveys, emails, calls, text or even go door to door to get the opinions of those this will no doubt negatively affect. This does affect mine and my children's lives and will have an egregious impact on us. The expansion of 105 is coming and we aren't against making 105 wider, however this does NOT need ruin the community of Countrywood. IF you needed to make a second entrance there is an abandoned house on a large lot, connecting to Pinewood Boulevard that could easily be made to adjoin both neighborhoods. Personally since 2013 we've been hoping the state would do this. It would also be much more cost effective, since it would require less land to make the aforementioned connection road. From talking to our neighbors, this sounds like an idea that was proposed by multiple people, but for some reason was never considered. May I ask why not? I hope you find this email informative as well as constructive. We hope you will make the right decision for ALL PARTIES involved!</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
16	Kolander, JoLee	11/29/2021	Email	<p>PLEASE do not create an extension of the Countrywood subdivision to add another entry/exit. I believe I not only speak for myself and my family but my fellow Countrywood neighbors. Adding an additional entry/exit is not only unnecessary, but harmful to our community. We, my husband and I, purchased our house back in 2013 it was a huge plus of it almost being a hidden gem. The traffic is minimal and usually only residents only. If there were to be a second drive this would increase traffic, especially for my street in particular. Even with one entrance we struggle with people speeding. I have two small children and multiple animals. I would hate to live on such a busy street. Which stated above we chose the house based on the fact of what little traffic there is. A positive in your eyes could ONLY be so that those turning east wouldn't have to make a u-turn. There are multiple streets and neighborhoods across the state of Texas that must make a u-turn and it is not an issue. I think if you would ask the residents of those this would affect they would by a major majority agree with me. I feel as those you should send out surveys, emails, calls, text or even go door to door on making a decision that doesn't affect you or your livelihood but ours. This does affect mine and my children's, I would think we should have some say. The expansion of is coming and we aren't against make 105 wider, however this does NOT need to affect my life. IF you needed to make a second entrance there is abandon property that you could make a connection to pinewood. Personally since 2013 we've been hoping the state would do this. It would also be cost affect since it would require less land to make a new road. From talking to neighbors this sounds like a proposed idea that has not even been considered. May I ask why not? I hope you find this email informative as well as constructive. We hope you guys make the right decision.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
17	Bonura, Gerard	11/30/2021	Email	<p>This project ignores the existing drainage systems! The November 2021 schematic displays 8 existing Drainage Easements. These drainage systems have been neglected throughout the years they have existed. You are not addressing these systems for improvement. Instead, you are seizing property for convenience. Seizing property for convenience violates the Land Owner Bill of Rights. Delete the pond on parcel 20781. Improve the existing drainage. FEMA Floodplain map defines the existing drainage easements as "Regulatory Floodways". Involve the Army Corp. of Engineers and address the existing drainage systems and stop seizing private property for convenience! During a rain event, the bridge over Pine Island Bayou is the first section of SH 105 that floods. There are no detention ponds between Pinewood Boulevard and this bridge. Relocate the pond on parcel 20781 closer and prevent the bridge highway from flooding. The schematic that was published in 2020's virtual notice, included a detention pond on parcel 22907. The 2021 schematic no longer includes the pond on parcel 22907! This property has been developed and the pond is now eliminated due to the enhanced tax revenue from the property development. In 2020, parcel 22907 was ideal and you targeted it for a pond due to convenience! The powerful dollar has conveniently changed your mind. You target properties for convenience! You are violating The Landowner Bill of Rights and misusing eminent domain! Target ideal properties! Parcel 20781 is occupied by a producing tenant farmer. Eliminate this property and target ideal properties. Parcel 69908, 68690, 22943, 22902, 48377... are a few to choose from. Contact Entergy Gulf States Inc. and use their parcel 11937 for the pond and avoid seizing private property! Entergy might donate the space!</p>	Please see response for B, C, and D. Based on the feedback obtained from the SH 105 MetroQuest survey (which was available from Dec. 7, 2020 through Jan. 15, 2021) and subsequent drainage analysis, the majority of the smaller detention ponds previously proposed in the 2020 schematic were removed.

18	Bonura, JoAnne	11/30/2021	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pond on parcel 20781 is not needed because the Hardin County Appraisal District argues that Country Wood is not flood prone. Constructing this detention pond is contrary to the Appraisal District's stance. This pond is not needed and should be eliminated from SH 105 Drainage project. • This project ignores the existing drainage systems! The November 2021 schematic displays 8 existing Drainage Easements. These drainage systems have been neglected throughout the years they have existed. You are not addressing these systems for improvement. Instead, you are seizing property for convenience. Seizing property for convenience violates the Land Owner Bill of Rights. Delete the pond on parcel 20781. Maintain and improve the existing drainage system. • FEMA Floodplain map defines the existing drainage easements as "Regulatory Floodways". Involve the Army Corp. of Engineers and address the existing drainage systems and stop seizing private property for convenience! • This project is adding 3 new detention ponds. Since the existing drainage systems have been neglected, the new ponds will be neglected as well. Address the current drainage system and stop seizing private property for your convenience! • The schematic that was published in 2020's virtual notice, included a detention pond on parcel 22907. The 2021 schematic no longer includes the pond on parcel 22907! This property has been developed and the pond is now eliminated due to the enhanced tax revenue from the property development. In 2020, parcel 22907 was ideal and you targeted it for a pond due to convenience! The powerful dollar has conveniently changed your mind. You target properties for convenience! You are violating The Landowner Bill of Rights and misusing eminent domain! Target ideal properties! • Parcel 20781 is occupied by a producing tenant farmer. Eliminate this property and target ideal properties. Parcel 69908, 68690, 22943, 22902, 48377... are a few to choose from. Contact Entergy Gulf States Inc. and use their parcel 11937 for the pond and avoid seizing private property! Entergy might donate the parcel! • The detention pond on parcel 20781 will require a driveway. You have targeted parcel 69908 which is uninhabited. Use this parcel in full for the pond. You can then connect Coon Marsh gully through this property up to SH 105. You have an existing drainage easement!! • During a rain event, the bridge over Pine Island Bayou is the first section of SH 105 that floods. There are no detention ponds between Pinewood Boulevard and this bridge. Relocate the pond on parcel 20781 closer to prevent the bridge from flooding and to allow for drainage of the pond into the Bayou. • According to Halff, rain water runoff is typically south to north. The pond on parcel 20781 should be relocated on the south side of SH 105 the same as two other proposed ponds and further prevent the highway from flooding. Also, the south side of SH 105 has existing Right-of-Ways!! • FYI, Pignut gully does not have a culvert!! Improve Pignut gully and add a culvert! Goleman gully does not connect to SH 105. Maintain and improve this drainage system by connecting it to SH 105!! 	<p>Please see response B, C, and D. In this area, there are existing forested wetlands located south of SH 105. The proposed detention pond location aims at minimizing the impacts to the existing forested wetlands. Based on the feedback obtained from the SH 105 MetroQuest survey (which was available from Dec. 7, 2020 through Jan. 15, 2021) and subsequent drainage analysis, the majority of the smaller detention ponds previously proposed in the 2020 schematic were removed.</p>
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19	Bonura, Lawrence W.	11/30/2021	Email	<p>SH 105 Improvement Project, which includes reconstructing and expanding SH 105 in Hardin County, Texas from 0.1 mile east of SH 326 in Sour Lake to Pine Island Bayou near Bevil Oaks. · Increasing Culvert size/ replacing Culvert with Bridges will not help if the gullies are not kept clean, it is my understanding that there is no Funding in the Project to clean the existing Gullies there need to be a 30 + buffer away from the gully to maintain drainage. a few years back the county came in and half a__ cleaned the gully that ran through the property, within a matter of a few months trees started to fall, damming up the gullies. So, unless you keep the gullies area clear of fallen trees larger Culverts/ Bridges want due any good. (See Attach Picture) Goleman Gully · Who is responsible for Clearing /Cleaning Coon Marsh Gully from SH105 just passed the Bonura Road North crossing in Country Wood, is it the County Responsibility are is TxDOT? · The Detention Pond Located on Parcel 20781, This piece of property has been in my family for over 80 + Years, if the Project and the County would Clean / Clear the existing Gullies taking this piece of property away from my Family would not need to happen, taking this property is an easy way out. · What about the loss Revenue of this piece of property, we average 120 Roll of Hay each time we cut and we average 2-3 cutting a year weather permitting? · The Detention Pond will be a Mosquito Farm, because the water will not drain, due to the gullies not draining. Who will be responsible for Maintaining those Pond Surely not the Hardin County, they're not able to maintain the gullies and the ditches that are in Country Wood? · I have been travelling SH 105 since 1991, 7 days a week, to Work and to Town with no traffic concern. With the grass median you will increase the danger of SH 105 by putting a food plot in a very high wildlife, environment with Deer and Hogs, making the travel of that section of 105 very risky for the public · I would like to know who will be responsible for those accidents/fatalities create by the grass median · The Grass Median, is that a part of Safety, yet it creates a Hazard, is it a guarantee to prevent Head on Collision, (can you tell me the number of seconds it would take a vehicle traveling at 65mph to cross 48' · Can you tell me who will be responsible for maintaining the grass median, I was traveling HW 90 not sure who is suppose to Maintain that grass median, I guess no one, there are 8 FT Willow Trees grown in that grass Median, which someone sprayed to killer their growth (See Attach Picture) HW 90 · Bonura Road Extension, will increase the Speed, and Crime Rate in this Subdivision. The Straight run on Bonura Road is a Race Track for 4-Wheeler, Side by Sides and Automobiles, if you move forward with the Extension, you will increase the speed that they drive and the Accidents that it will cause, who would be responsible for the increase in speed as well as the accident that it will create, Pandemic as create a storage, making it difficult for Sheriffs Dept. to be able respond to Calls and to Patrolling in Country Wood. · The single entrance at the front of County Wood is a Deterrent for Crime in this subdivision there is (ONE WAY IN-ONE WAY OUT) · Will this be an alternative phone number to call when the Crime rate goes up TxDOT Beaumont District at REDACTED? Please consider abolishing the Bonura Road Extension · Life is a beautiful thing, Life is all about choices, are you able to live with the choices you make. Ruining people live by take their personal property is wrong, my stomach has been in knots ever sense this project was mention The Bible Says Mark 12:28-31 The Greatest Commandment 28 One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" 29 Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! 30 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." · Will you be able to look your neighbor in the Eye when this is all over?</p>	<p>Please see response A, B, C, D, E, and F. TxDOT will maintain highway ROW vegetation. In this area, there are existing forested wetlands located north and south of SH 105. The proposed detention pond location aims at minimizing the impacts to the existing forested wetlands. TxDOT obtained a drainage easement to construct Coon Marsh Gully when SH 105 was originally constructed. A separate contract to perform maintenance on existing TxDOT drainage easements is under development.</p>
20	Smith, Tommy	11/30/2021	Verbal	<p>Yes, this is Tommy Smith in Countrywood Estates concerning the State Highway 105 project. To whom it may concern, as a land and homeowner in the Countrywood Estates, we are very much against the Bonura Road Extension to State Highway 105 crossing our property at 535 Morris Road. Your project on State Highway 105 can continue without having this extension from Bonura Road. With leaving our existing entrance in the same place, there can be a crossover for this entrance just as well, just as there will be in other parts of the highway project. We purchased our property in 1989. It has always been the way we have entered and exited without any problems. There is a way to leave this entrance without the extension road. With the relocating of this entrance, this will cause the people from the northeast corner, phase one, to have to travel to the southwest corner to exit back east. Also, this will increase crime, speed, litter, and a greater hazard risk to the children that play. This is not an advantage of any of the rest. It is definitely a disadvantage. When we purchased our land in 1989, it was unimproved land. We have put time, years, money, and pride towards the improvements of our land and home only to be notified by neighbors and family members that a road was going to go right through the middle of it, taking it from us. This is totally wrong, and we are very much against this. We feel we should have been notified in some way by TxDOT on something this serious. The neighboring addition, Pinewood, only has one way in and one way out. This dish is three times the size of Countrywood and there is no more land for any more growth. We hope and pray that you will consider the residents and homeowners of Countrywood, and here I plead to leave us alone. This extension holds no purpose or value to anyone.</p>	<p>Please see response for A, B, and C</p>

21	Smith, Tommy	11/30/2021	Email	<p>As a land and home owner in Country Wood Estates we are very much against the Bonura Road extension to SH105. Crossing our property at 535 Morris Road. The project on SH 105 can continue without having this extension from Bonura Road. With leaving our existing entrance in the same place. There can be a crossover for this entrance just as there will be in other parts of the Hwy project. We purchased our property in 1989. This has always been the way we have entered and existed without any problems. There is a way to leave this entrance without the extension road. With the relocating of this entrance this will cause the people from the NE corner (phase 1) to have to travel to SW corner to exist back east. Also, this will increase crime, speed, litter, and be a greater hazard risk to the children at play. This is not an advantage for any of the residents. It is definitely a disadvantage. When we purchased our land in 1989 it was unimproved land. We have put time, many years, money and pride towards the improvements of our land and home. To only be notified by neighbors and family members that a road was going to go right through the middle of it. Taking it from us. This is totally wrong and we are very much against this. We feel we should have been notified in some way by TxDOT on something this serious. The neighboring addition Pinewood only has one way in and one way out. This addition is 3 times the size of Country Wood. In which there is no more land for any more growth. We hope and pray that you will consider the residents and home owners of Country Wood and hear our plead to leave us along. This EXTENSION HOLDS NO PURPOSE OR VALUE TO ANYONE.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
22	Yawman, Gary & Lois	11/30/2021	Email	<p>My wife and I are residents of Countrywood Estates. We use Bonura Road to and from our home daily. However, we are strongly OPPOSED to extending Bonura to SH 105. The plans being discussed, either extending straight south through the western portion of the existing pasture, or the eastern portion of the pasture, would be greatly disruptive to the residents in this area. Either plan would permanently divide and/or reduce the owners property, and they would lose the use of this pasture, which is something they moved here for, and have enjoyed for 30 years. Not to mention reducing their property value. The proposed eastern route would also be disruptive to the residents nearby, and especially the house that would end up opposite the new intersection of Bonura and Morris Road. Our first choice would be re-designing the existing main entrance to Countrywood Blvd., properly signaled, with turn lanes, allowing ingress and egress to the East or West on SH 105. If a second entrance is deemed necessary, the backage road from Countrywood Blvd to Pinewood Blvd would seem to be more desirable, since it would result in the fewest disruptions to the residents.</p>	Please see response for A, B, C, and G
23	Barefield, Ben	12/1/2021	Verbal	<p>Hi, my name is Ben Barefield. I live out in 220 Countrywood Circle in Sour Lake, Texas. I'm calling to oppose the 105 Sour Lake, you know, where you're going to expand highway 105. What my concern is y'all trying to take in the Smith property and have an exit from the development to 105 where we've always had one main entrance for at least 35 years that's worked really well. I'm opposing taking the Smith property and putting in another exit from Countrywood. We've always had one exit in and out, and I'd like for y'all to keep that. My is Ben Barefield and I live at 220 Countrywood and that is my major complaint because y'all going to disrupt our lives.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
24	Bonura, Gerard	12/1/2021	Email	<p>This project is adding 3 new detention ponds. Since the existing drainage systems have been neglected, the new ponds will be neglected as well. Address the current drainage system neglect and improve these systems. Stop seizing private property for your convenience! The detention pond on parcel 20781 will require a driveway. You have targeted parcel 69908 which is uninhabited. Use this parcel in full for the pond. You can then connect Coon Marsh gully through this property up to SH 105. You have an existing drainage easement!! FYI, Pignut gully does not have a culvert!! Improve Pignut gully and add a culvert! Goleman gully does not connect to SH 105. Improve this drainage and connect it to SH 105! According to Halff, rain water runoff is typically south to north. The pond on parcel 20781 should be relocated on the south side of SH 105 the same as two other proposed ponds and further prevent the highway from flooding. Also, the south side of SH 105 has existing Right-of-Ways!!</p>	Please see response B, C, and D. In this area, there are existing forested wetlands located south of SH 105. The proposed detention pond location aims at minimizing the impacts to the existing forested wetlands.
25	Kiser, Scotty	12/1/2021	Email	<p>My name is Scotty Kiser and my residence is at 536 Morris Road West in Sour Lake Texas. I wanted to relay my opposition to the plan to create a new entrance to Countrywood subdivision using Bonura Road. This is a horrible idea in my opinion. You will not only sever Mr. and Smith's property in half but we will as residents will still not have a safe way to exit the neighborhood and be able to turn east towards Beaumont. Why not create a passage so that we (Countrywood residents) can access Pinewoods entrance so that we could safely have a red light to enter the highway? I realize the state is will probably claim imminent domain and do whatever the state wants to, but we as a community will continue to try and fight this till the end. WE DO NOT WANT THIS NEW ENTRANCE TO COUNTRYWOOD AT BONURA ROAD.</p>	Please see response for A, B, C, and G
26	[No Name Provided]	12/2/2021	Verbal	<p>I want to voice my opinion on the Bonura extension off Highway 105. I see no reason for it. It has no purpose. You're doing more harm than good. My vote is against it. Please reconsider and look at the other options that you have that there is many. Once again, the Bonura extension has no purpose and would do more damage than good. My vote is against it.</p>	Please see response for A.

27	Bonura, Bub & Mae	12/2/2021	Email	<p>* Detention Ponds they're a convince because the gulleys, canals and bayous are neglected and never kept up , cleaned, or maintained which is the same thing that will happen with the Detention Ponds . If people weren't so lazy and looked for the easy way out they would take care of the things in place to decrease flooding and help water flow. ... Attached is pictures of neglected and un maintained canals. But let's take the convenient route and take private property from individuals to make up for other people's laziness..INSTEAD OF TAKING CARE OF WHATS ALREADY IN PLACE. YALL HAVE NO RIGHT TO COME IN AND TAKE AWAY OTHERS LAND FOR YALLS CONVIENCE . IMPROVE WHATS ALREADY IN PLACE . As far as Countrywood its zoned as a no flood zone. Far as the Detention Ponds by Countrywood on the Bonura's property that land is 4 generations purchased by my Grandpa years ago that I never had the privilege to meet but that's all we have left of him and my Grandma. Those fields are hay fields, my father is retired and worked his entire life to be retired, those fields are income they pay bills and feed animals . Acres mean grass, grass means hay and hay means income and food for animals. Take the acres away for Detention Ponds that will be neglected like all the other drainage and water ways that are already in place you take money away from someone that's worked their whole life for what they have cause someone else is to lazy to take care, maintain, and clean what we already have in place. Would you want your families land taken away???. NO YOU WOULDNT SO ITS NOT OK TO TAKE OURS. WOULD YOU WANT DETENTION PONDS BEHIND YOUR HOUSE WHICH WILL BE AN EYE SORE , MOSQUITO AND SNAKE BREEDING GROUND???. NO YOU WOULDNT . * Taking away the Smiths property to put a road through the middle of their yard . How fair is that? They have worked their whole life for what they have , retired now to enjoy life on their own property but yall believe yall have the right to take it from them . Would you want a road in the middle of your yard that you grandchildren play in and your family spend time together in ? BET NOT. SO ITS NOT OK TO TAKE THEIRS OR ANYONES ELSE'S PROPERTY. * The bright idea of grass medians , well let's plant a food plot in the middle of the highway so wildlife can run out to eat and the number of wrecks and fatalities on 105 hit an all time high sounds like a brilliant idea. Would you want your family traveling on a highway full of food plots to increase the chances of wrecks and fatalities. BET NOT SO WHY DO YOU THINK WE WANT IT? On top of that it will be maintained and taken care of like the waterways and drainage canals already in place ...</p>	Please see response for A, B, C, D, E, and F
28	Coatney, Mary	12/2/2021	Email	<p>Please do NOT make a new entrance/exit to Countrywood on Hwy 105 cutting through land owned by the Smiths to connect to Bonura. The entrance/exit we have now is sufficient, and the traffic light at the Pinewood entrance is working fine to control the traffic. A new entrance/exit is not needed, so it seems there is some other hidden reason for suggesting the one cutting through the land belonging to the Smiths. If another meeting is needed to resolve this issue, please set up a new one for concerned Countrywood residents to attend. Transparency in this matter would be appreciated.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
29	Neale, Misti	12/2/2021	Email	<p>It has been brought to my attention that you are considering cutting through Bonura road or taking a piece of the property for a road expansion. I would like to express my opinion on this. I am strongly against this and would like to know what alternative plans you have considered. In my opinion this is highly unnecessary and a turn pocket would work just fine.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
30	Shaffer, Rhonda	12/2/2021	Verbal	<p>I would like to speak to someone about the Highway 105 Expansion Project in Hardin County. My name is Rhonda Shaffer. I live in the Countrywood Addition. If someone would call me back, my number is REDACTED.</p>	Comment noted.
31	Shaffer, Rhonda	12/2/2021	Verbal	<p>My name is Rhonda Shaffer. I'm a resident in Hardin County and Countrywood Estates off of Highway 105. I'm calling in regards to the Highway 105 expansion and the plan to take Bonura Road out to Highway 105 as another entrance into the neighborhood. I am totally opposed to this, and I want to state this for the record for two reasons. I don't think that the property should be taken from the Smiths and this second entrance to the neighborhood brings in a lot more traffic and we have a safe, secure neighborhood with the one entrance. I think the one entrance should remain the same way it is now. Or possibly, leave the entrance the way it is now and add one backroad that connects to Pinewood Boulevard. I am totally against Bonura being taken out to 105.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
32	Shaffer, Rhonda	12/2/2021	Email	<p>My husband and I are adamantly opposed to the proposed Bonura Road extension in Countrywood Estates off of Hwy 105 in Hardin County. This is opening our neighborhood to more traffic and safety and security issues by adding an additional entrance/exit to the quiet neighborhood. Another reason we are opposed is because it would be wrong to take part of the Smith's property to accomplish this. Leave our entrance to Countrywood as it is and do not add a second entrance to the neighborhood. A side road leading from the east side of Countrywood that connects to the Pinewood Blvd would be a much better option.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
33	Smith, Brenda	12/2/2021	Email	<p>I am sending this email in reference to the Bonura extension that is projected project in the Countrywood Subdivision in Sour Lake Texas. The projected project to add Bonura extension is unnecessary and should be reevaluated. Please consider making a turnaround as is being done for most driveways and roads on Highway 105. This could prevent displacement of an elderly couple that has owned this property for over 25 years. This property is a beautiful addition to this neighborhood and putting a road through the center of it will destroy the beauty of this acreage and is irreplaceable in this neighborhood and our town.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C

34	Smith, Tommy	12/2/2021	Written	<p>As a land and home owner in Country Wood Estates we are very much against the Bonura Road extension to SH105. Crossing our property at 535 Morris Road. The project on SH 105 can continue without having this extension from Bonura Road. With leaving our existing entrance in the same place. There can be a crossover for this entrance just as there will be in other parts of the Hwy project. We purchased our property in 1989. This has always been the way we have entered and existed without any problems. There is a way to leave this entrance without the extension road. With the relocating of this entrance this will cause the people from the NE corner (phase 1) to have to travel to SW corner to exist back east. Also, this will increase crime, speed, litter, and be a greater hazard risk to the children at play. This is not an advantage for any of the residents. It is definitely a disadvantage. When we purchased our land in 1989 it was unimproved land. We have put time, many years, money and pride towards the improvements of our land and home. To only be notified by neighbors and family members that a road was going to go right through the middle of it. Taking it from us. This is totally wrong and we are very much against this. We feel we should have been notified in some way by TxDOT on something this serious. The neighboring addition Pinewood only has one way in and one way out. This addition is 3 times the size of Country Wood. In which there is no more land for any more growth. We hope and pray that you will consider the residents and home owners of Country Wood and hear our plead to leave us along. This EXTENSION HOLDS NO PURPOSE OR VALUE TO ANYONE.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
35	Smith, Tonya	12/2/2021	Email	<p>I am writing to express my concern of the current proposed construction of the Bonura Rd Extension. I noticed on the map that the road will affect someone's personal property in such a ways that it will actually divide their property in half while running right over their barn. I would have to think that there is another way or alternate option with avoiding this much devastation to someone's home and personal investment that they have worked to establish and maintain.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
36	Woolls, Amy	12/2/2021	Email	<p>I understand the need for the expansion of Hwy 105 between Bevil Oaks and Sour Lake. However, the plan for this expansion is ludacris. There is no need for the 40' grassy median. Furthermore, we own a livestock company and have 18 wheelers as well as trucks and trailers that haul cattle and horses in and out daily. We have been here for 50 plus years!! The proposed "turn around" past our driveway is going to cause major traffic issues. We need a direct "turn in ". I am at 15922 Schroeder Rd. If KAT Construction can have it's own turn at their business, we will need one as well. As for the Bonura Road extension, this is going to cause more issues than good.</p>	Please see response for A, E, and F
37	Dunham-Cole, Nara	12/3/2021	Email	<p>As a resident of Sour Lake and specifically Countrywood Estates we are greatly disturbed by the plans of widening the road from Pine Island Bayou bring to Highway 326. The amount of time that it will take to get to and from Beaumont now is going to be unbearable due to construction. There are no pedestrians that walk or jog up and down 105 as this is claimed to be for. Yes, there are a FEW cyclists on the weekends, but not enough that warrants a 79 million dollar project. Countrywood has functioned just fine the way that it is and we do not understand why the STATE would want to take away our neighbors property to expand Bonura Road. This idea of going through Tommy and Barbara Smith's pasture is reckless, heartless, and not necessary. We do not need an additional entrance into our quiet neighborhood, but we definitely do NOT need to take away our neighbors land and their property to do this! Yes, their property that they have worked for, raised their family on and have retired on. This isn't right. This is not just a piece of land that is up for grabs. This belongs to the Smiths! If you all move forward with this expansion, we lose so much. We lose our quiet neighborhood that we love. We lose our privacy. We lose our children having the freedom to ride their bikes because of increased traffic. What we gain is an additional entrance into this neighborhood for people to access that do not live here. We gain the risk of crime increasing because of fewer cameras catching the passing traffic. As a resident and a neighbor of Tommy and Barbara Smith, we are pleading with the State NOT to expand Bonura Road. Please do not allow this to fall on deaf ears. If this was your home and your property, you would not want it to be taken from you.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C. TxDOT would coordinate construction activities to minimize detours and other traffic disruptions throughout construction areas. Safety and the need for coordinated efforts for construction and traffic efficiency are foremost considerations in this process. TxDOT is committed to proactively plan, design and construct facilities to safely accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. The purpose of the proposed sidewalks is to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and accommodations along the SH 105 corridor, taking into consideration both existing and anticipated bicycle and pedestrian needs.

38	Gerber, Mandy	12/3/2021	Email	<p>Concerns about changes on highway 105 My name is Mandy Bonura Gerber I have lived in Countrywood from 1991 to 1999. I moved back to Countrywood in 2004 to raise my own family here where I have been for the last 14 years. This has been my home most of my life. This is where I learned to drive, this is where my son learned to drive and this is where my daughter is starting to learn to drive. The changes you are wanting to make are not safe, are not time saving in a time of emergency, it is not safe with the eighteen wheelers, school buses, farm equipment, emergency vehicles and everyday travelers. In my opinion the option of putting in a grass median is not the best option for the following reasons: 1. We have lots of growing families in Countrywood. Lots of teens learning to drive. This is not safe for experienced drivers but for a new teen driver could only be devastation. 2. We have many elderly and needs for emergency vehicles. At a time of emergency there is no time to waste and to not be able to exit Countrywood going straight to Beaumont is absolutely mind blowing. 3. We also have times were there is frequent break ins. It takes the sheriffs department long enough to get here any turning lane traffic or congestion will only cause more delay and a chance of a bigger situation. 4. Many of our children here that travel to and from school by school bus. To put these children in any kind of danger in a median style turning lane is mind blowing as well. These are innocent children. Have you ever watched the eighteen wheelers fly down 105? To have school buses waiting in these ridiculous turning lanes is a death trap. I am not sure you are thinking of peoples safety. ...I see nothing positive about your proposal. I see lots of danger and unsafe situations for our community. However, the only safe way is to continue what you have from Major Drive to Bevil Oaks on down 105 through the Sour Lake community. Two lanes on each side with and turning lane in the middle, very simple. I hope you take all of these concerns into consideration. This is for the safety of our children and out community. Please think long and hard before you make such a huge impact on us. 5. This community is just recovering from Harvey, some of our neighbors are still living in travel trailers or with family. And here you are wanting to take some of their homes away. How much devastation can one community handle?</p>	<p>Please see response for B, E, and F. While the addition of medians and crossovers may result in additional travel time to access properties, it is anticipated that emergency response times would be overall reduced due to increased mobility created by the additional travel lanes.</p>
39	Hicks, Beth	12/3/2021	Verbal	<p>Yes, my name is Beth Hicks and I'm calling about the Beaumont project of the expansion of Highway 105 from Bevel Oaks to Sour Lake. I'm mainly calling about the changes they're wanting to make to the Countrywood Estates subdivision and the Bonura extension. I am very much against that. I live down in the quarter by that and we do not need that extension. There is no need to take the Smith's property or add any other roads. Countrywood has been like that for forty years with the one road in and the road out just like time would have one road in and one road out. We only have 150 houses and there's no reason to change up the way everything is now. I am begging you, please do not take the Smith's property. That is their property that they've had for over thirty years and it is not fair for the state to come in and confiscate their property. We do not want that road. We have grandchildren and lots of young kids that ride bikes and four-wheelers and play all in that area. And if you open up another road, that's just going to bring in more traffic and the kids will be speeding up and down the road. Please do not do that extension of Bonura. I am asking you. I live right there across from where the extension will be and we are not happy with it at all. It will affect us tremendously with more people having access to inside our subdivision. And then also more traffic and more people that don't belong in there coming in, especially with that new gas station. So please reconsider, and table the extension of the Bonura Road and just leave the main entrance the way it is and we can work it out to where we can go up and turn around and go back to Beaumont. Please, just leave it like it is and you could do it like it is on Highway 90. That will be fine with us, but don't add any of the roads into our subdivision.</p>	<p>Please see response for A, B, and C</p>

40	Hicks, Beth	12/3/2021	Email	<p>I live in Countrywood Estates and am a home owner. I'm asking you to please not do the Bonura Rd extension. For over 40 years this subdivision has had only one entrance in and out. I don't understand why now the state thinks it's necessary to make another road in our small, 150 home, subdivision. If Pinewood, which has over 450 homes, is ok with one entrance in and out, then why do you think Countrywood needs another one. I've read all the proposals and watched the video and I don't feel this Bonura Rd extension is necessary. It's unbelievable that our state wants to take our neighbor's, The Smith's, property and make a road out of it. I'm furious that they are trying to do this. They've owned this property for over 30 years. Until Harvey hit, Tommy Smith had horses and a few cows on the property. He's already been trying to find new ones to put on his property. My grandchildren loved walking over and feeding the horses apples. My husband and I loved sitting on the porch and watching the horses play in the field. And now you want to take all this away from us, for a road that nobody wants except the state. This is our subdivision, not the state's. We love it the way it is now. We have the one main entrance to go in and out of, this works for us. You can do Hwy 105 just like Hwy 90, we can go west and then turn back east to get to Beaumont....Countrywood Estates only has 150 homes and no room for expansions. Another road isn't needed or wanted. Right now if something happens in the back part of our subdivision, our security cameras capture anyone passing on Morris Rd, but if you do the Bonura extension, that won't be helpful anymore. We are happy the way it is now and beg you to leave us alone. It's not fair to take someone's property that they've worked their whole lives for and lived for retirement to take care of farm animals and garden. The state has no right to do this. Our grandchildren won't be able to ride bikes or play near the road or we won't be able to drive our golf carts because of increased traffic. I ask you, how would you feel if this was your home and someone comes in and says, I'm taking it away from you, you'd be outraged too. You'd be fighting to keep it just like we are for our neighbors and friends, Tommy and Barbara Smith. It's just a piece of land to you, but it's their home, it's what they worked hard to build and they love working on that land. They have a beautiful barn that they painted the flag of Texas on. That barn is the pride of our subdivision and we love looking at it. Please drop this Bonura extension, leave Countrywood Estates alone, we are fine like we are now, one road in and out at the main entrance. ... To be honest, I think the 48' grassy median is crazy, why not build it just like it is in Bevil Oaks....</p>	Please see response for A, B, C, E, and F
41	Hicks, Richard	12/3/2021	Verbal	<p>Yes, this is Richard Hicks and I live at 518 Morris Road West in Sour Lake. In reference to the DOT 105 road expansion, I am against the DOT taking Tommy Smith's land and splitting it up. There's no reason for it. The DOT, y'all have not proved your case, as a matter of fact, to put in a new road when you're leaving the old road open. So, I feel like it's not a good idea to take land from a landowner, which is included all through the years and had animals on it and everything else, and just splitting up is just not right. Y'all can figure something else out, but I can tell you this, I think the whole neighborhood is against it. And if you want to go ahead and go against the whole neighborhood plus Pinewood, it's just not right, I mean to tell you that right now, it's not right. I am totally against splitting Thomas Smith's land up. It is uncalled for and that's all I have to say.</p>	Please see response for A, B, and C
42	Reaux, James	12/3/2021	Email	<p>In looking at the presentation on the proposed widening construction on SH105 between Pine Island Bayou to Sour Lake, Texas, it shows that a new entrance in Countrywood Estates will be made by extending Bonura Road to SH105. I would hope that the entrance in use now would not be closed. There is no need to open up an entrance on that side of the neighborhood. It was said there would be a crossover to Pinewood Blvd from Countrywood Blvd and I did not see that on the proposed map. Has that been cancelled? In building a road on each side of the old roadway, then making the old roadway a low median, there has got to be a better way to safely let vehicles travel than what is done on the interstates with narrow lanes and no where to go if a crash or breakdown occur. There are also School Buses every school day that makes stops along the proposed construction so I hope their safety is allowed for.</p>	Please see response for A and G. TxDOT would coordinate construction activities to minimize detours and other traffic disruptions throughout construction areas. Safety and the need for coordinated efforts for construction and traffic efficiency are foremost considerations in this process.