



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

SH 146 from I-10 to FM 1405

Thursday, December 5, 2019

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve SH 146 from I-10 to FM 1405 in Chambers County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing for the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at the new McLeod Community Building, 10717 Langston Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:00 PM with the public hearing starting at 6:00 PM, which includes a formal presentation and comment period. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project.

The existing SH 146 roadway from I-10 south to FM 1405 is a north-south, four-lane roadway with a two-way continuous left-turn lane and open ditch drainage traversing the eastern area of Baytown and the southern area of Mont Belvieu in western Chambers County. The existing roadway consists of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with an 8-foot-wide shoulder in each direction, separated by a 16-foot-wide two-way center turn lane.

The proposed project would enhance safety by implementing an access management treatment as identified in the March 2018 *SH 146 Subregional Plan* conducted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the metropolitan planning organization charged with developing transportation plans and programs for the 8-county Houston-Galveston Regional Transportation Study area, which includes Chambers County. The proposed project involves installing a raised median to replace the two-way center turn lane and, thus, limit the number of conflict points along SH 146 by consolidating the number of median openings and restricting certain movements with the existing signalization and "Michigan U-turns" at designated areas between the signalized intersections. In addition, a right-turn lane would be constructed for the southbound SH 146 traffic at the Devinwood Drive/Cedar Bluff Drive intersection for accessing the Johnny Clark Jr. Elementary School campus and a sidewalk on both sides of SH 146 from the I-10 eastbound frontage road to Chambers Town Center.

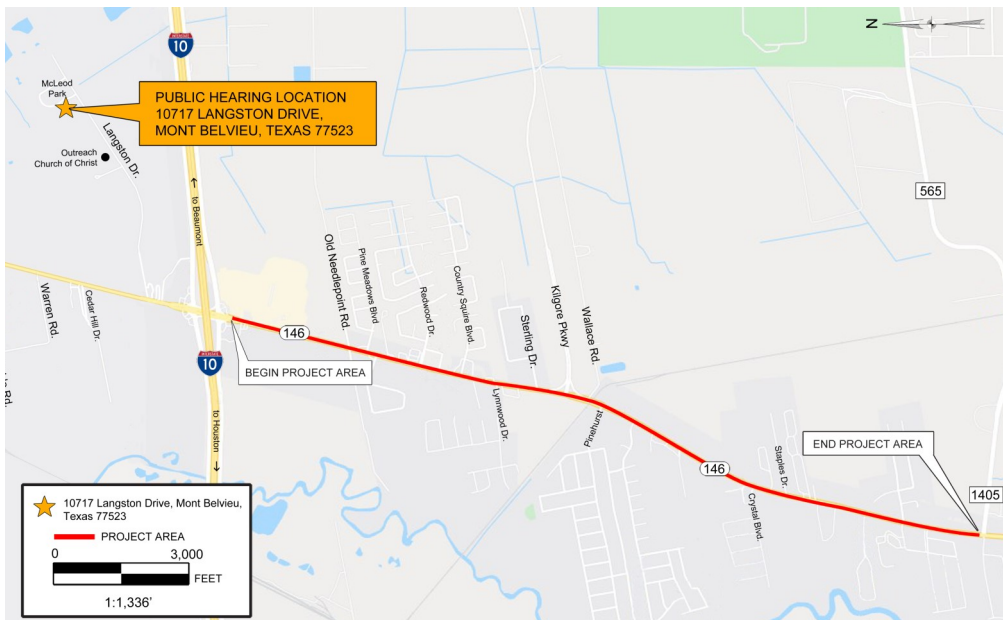
All work would occur within the existing 120-foot-wide right of way. No additional right of way or permanent/temporary easements are required; therefore, no displacements or relocations of residences or businesses are necessary.

Any to all environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, 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 AM and 5:00 PM at the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708. To schedule an appointment, please contact Sarah Dupre at (409) 898-5745. Project information can also be viewed by visiting <https://www.txdot.gov> and searching "SH 146 Chambers County." This information will also be available for inspection at the public hearing. Additionally, responses to comments received will similarly be on file and available for inspection once they have been prepared.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Beaumont District Office. Comments must be received on or before Friday, December 20, 2019, to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Sarah Dupre, Public Information Officer, at (409) 898-5745. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Mr. Larry Sheppard, P.E., at (409) 898-5732, or you can submit your comments by email to bmtprojects@txdot.gov.



WHEN:
Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 5 PM

WHERE:
McLeod Community Building
10717 Langston Drive
Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523

Comments must be received by
Friday, December 20, 2019,
and may be submitted at the Public Hearing, or
by mail, email, or online to:

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Beaumont, Texas 77708
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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.