



Notice

Public Meeting

I-45 North Walker County Project (Segment 3)

From 2.1 miles south of FM 1696 to 0.8 miles north of FM 2989

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Walker County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation – Bryan District is proposing improvements to Interstate 45 (I-45) from 2.1 miles south of FM 1696 to 0.8 miles north of FM 2989 in Walker County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public meeting on the proposed project.

The meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Walker County Storm Shelter, 455 Highway 75, Huntsville, TX 77320**. Attendees will be able to come and go as they please to review project displays and ask questions of TxDOT staff in an open house format. The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed project and receive public comment. On the day of the public meeting, the information presented will be made available on the TxDOT website, www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-45 Segment 3".

The proposed project would update approximately 11 miles of I-45 in Walker County between Huntsville and Madisonville to current design standards, increase the roadway's capacity to accommodate future traffic volumes, and improve access for local travelers. The improvements include adding one main lane in each direction, adding one-way frontage roads on both sides of the main lanes south of FM 1696, and replacing bridges and increasing vertical clearance to accommodate freight traffic.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT Bryan District Right-of-Way Office by calling (979) 213-7591.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and would involve an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 N. Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803, (979) 778-9231. This information also will be available for inspection at the meeting.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or have difficulty communicating in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact Bob Colwell, Bryan District Public Information Officer, at (979) 778-9764 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, May 9, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be presented at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted by mail to the I-45 North Walker County Project, c/o HDR, Inc., 17111 Preston Rd., Ste. 300, Dallas, TX 75248. Written comments may also be submitted by email to BRY45@TxDOT.gov. **All comments must be received on or before Monday, June 3, 2024.** Responses to comments received will be on file and available for inspection at the TxDOT Bryan District Office once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the public meeting, please call (936) 209-4174 or email BRY45@TxDOT.gov.

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