

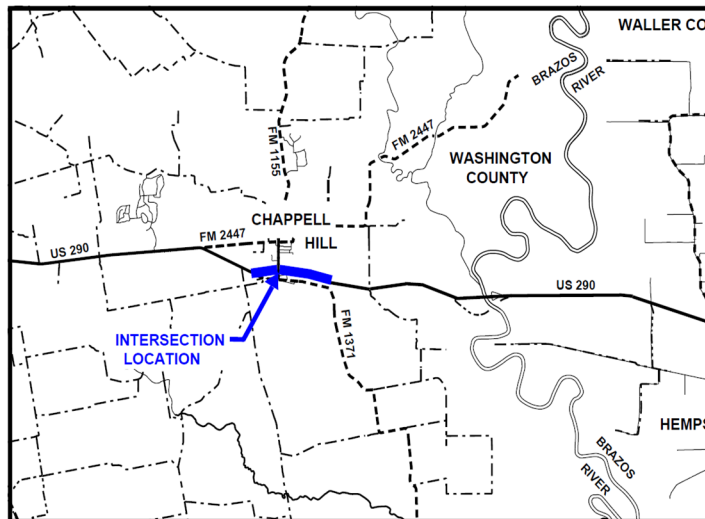


Notice

Public Meeting US 290 Improvement Project - FM 1155 Intersection Update From FM 1371 to SH 6 Washington & Waller Counties CSJs: 0114-10-097 & 0114-11-083

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Bryan District is holding a public meeting to seek input on proposed improvements to the intersection of US 290 at FM 1155 in Chappell Hill, Washington County. The improvements are part of a large-scale project to widen US 290 from FM 1371 to SH 6 in Washington and Waller Counties. The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety, improve mobility, and provide added capacity along US 290 to accommodate future, higher traffic flows.

This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an in-person public meeting on the proposed improvements. The public meeting will start on **Jan. 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. with an open house followed by a live presentation at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall of the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church located at 9175 FM 1371, Chappell Hill, TX 77426.**



Attendees will be able to review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions after the live presentation. Public meeting information including exhibits and presentation will be available on the project webpage for viewing and download on the day of the public meeting. To get to the project webpage, go to the following web address at the indicated date and time: www.txdot.gov, keyword search “**US 290 at FM 1155**”.

In 2021, as part of the long-term US 290 Improvement Project, an extensive evaluation of the intersection at FM 1155 was conducted to explore feasible improvement options that address traffic congestion and improve safety within the Chappell Hill Community. Findings showing three options were presented in two public meetings held in Dec. 2021 and Jan. 2022. The intersection improvement options included: an at-grade Median U-Turn Intersection; a Grade Separation Intersection, often referred to as an Overpass; and a New Location South Route that would extend around the southern limits of Chappell Hill. In June 2022, based on TxDOT’s technical evaluation along with local stakeholder and public input, TxDOT announced selection of the Overpass as the option for further development. The proposed Overpass intersection improvements include a US 290 bridge over FM 1155 with entrance and exit ramps to provide local access to Chappell Hill. Pedestrian accommodations would also be provided at the intersection to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to cross under US 290 safely. Right of way will be required for these improvements.

TxDOT also undertook an effort to provide more immediate solutions that address the operation and safety of the FM 1155 intersection ahead of the proposed long-term US 290 Improvement Project described above. Short-term solutions would target implementation within 2022, and near-term solutions would target implementation within a two-to-three year timeframe. Updates to the short- and near-term solutions for the FM 1155 intersection will also be provided in the public meeting.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potential displacements. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, services and benefits for those displaced, and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right of way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT Bryan District office by calling (979) 218-2870.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “**US 290 at FM 1155**”.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating, 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 you 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, Jan. 12, 2023. 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 submitted by mail to the TxDOT Bryan District Office, Attn: Juan Quiroz, P.E., 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Juan.Quiroz@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023** to be included in the public meeting documentation.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the public meeting, please contact Juan Quiroz, P.E. at (979) 778-9719 or by email at Juan.Quiroz@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.