



**TxDOT Open House on US 181 at SH 35 Interchange Upgrade Project
April 17, 2018**

On April 17, 2018 the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Corpus Christi District will hold a public open house to provide information and answer questions on a proposed project to construct improvements to the U.S. Highway (US) 181 interchange at State Highway (SH) 35, in the town of Gregory and in the vicinity of the City of Portland. The limits of the proposed project would extend from Farm-to-Market (FM) 3239 (Buddy Ganem Drive) to 0.6 miles southeast of Spur 202.

This is the second phase in a project to construct improvements to US 181 and the US 181/SH 35 interchange. The first phase of the project included the construction of an overpass at the Union Pacific Railroad just north of Gregory and improvements to the intersections at FM 2986 and Spur 202. The first phase of the project was completed in April 2008. All required environmental studies and public involvement for the first and second phase of the project were completed prior to construction of the first phase. Additional right-of-way (ROW) was acquired as part of the first phase of the project, however, no additional ROW would be required for the second phase.

The second phase of the project would include construction of US 181 mainlanes through Gregory to connect to existing freeway sections, construction of auxiliary lanes including on and off ramps and turn lanes, grade separations at Childress Street, Sunset Road and at SH 35, a ramp reversal south of the US 181/SH 35 interchange in an existing freeway section, and widening of roadway shoulders in existing freeway sections. This second phase would complete the improvements as proposed in the schematic layout, approved in November 1999 and revised in April 2004, and in the Environmental Assessment (EA) which received a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in August 2001 and was revised and approved in June 2004.

The proposed project would enhance mobility and safety by providing additional travel lanes and by constructing overpasses which separate through traffic from residential traffic. For additional information about this meeting, contact Kimberly McGlaun at (361) 808-2509 or by email at kimberly.a.mcglau@txdot.gov.

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Format: All members of the public are welcome to visit the open house to view project information, meet the project team, ask questions and provide comments on the proposed project.

Location: Portland Community Center, 2000 Billy G. Webb, Portland, Texas 78374

The public open house will be conducted in English. Anyone interested in attending the meeting who has special communication or accommodation needs, or needs an interpreter, is encouraged to call (361) 808-2509. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate special needs.

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.