



FM 1375 PROJECT NEWS

February 2024

Quick Facts

Project Location:

FM 1375 in Montgomery County

Project Length:

Approximately 6 miles

Project Limits:

FM 149 to Walker County Line

Estimated Cost & Funding:

\$10.3 million

Project is funded.

Project Number (CSJ):

1402-03-013

Right of Way Needs:

No proposed right of way; conversion of Special Use Permit to DOT Easement required

Potential Displacements:

None

Let Date (Construction Bid Date)

Feb. 2025

Anticipated Construction Term

18-24 months

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 Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA TxDOT.



Welcome to the Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to the public hearing. This public hearing is being conducted online and in-person. Both options provide an opportunity to view a pre-recorded presentation in English and Spanish. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the proposed project, engage with the community and gather feedback. Your input is important in the project development process. Details on how to comment are on the following page.

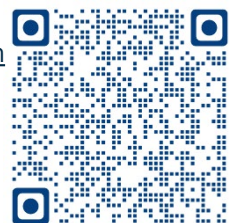
Project Description

During this public hearing, you are invited to review materials for the proposed improvements to Farm to Market (FM) 1375 from FM 149 to the Walker County Line in Montgomery County, Texas. The proposed project would widen the existing FM 1375 from 10-foot-wide to 12-foot-wide, add 5-foot-wide outside shoulders with open ditches, and includes one bridge replacement over Caney Creek and one bridge class culvert replacement at Green Branch. The project would not add lanes to FM 1375. The total project length is approximately 6 miles long and right-of-way acquisition is not anticipated for this project.

The proposed project is located within the Sam Houston National Forest (SHNF) protected under Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. In accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, this hearing is required to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments on the project's potential impacts as a result of approximately 5.4 acres of tree removal within the SHNF.

The project team anticipates a *de minimis* determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the SHNF may be submitted for TxDOT's consideration prior to making the final *de minimis* determination.

For more information, go to: www.txdot.gov/projects/hearing-meetings.htm or scan the QR code here.



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Why is this project proposed?

FM 1375 is a 2-lane roadway with one 10-foot-wide lane in each direction and lacks adequately-sized shoulders for motorists to use for turning or stopping. These characteristics do not meet current roadway design standards and increase the risk for crashes.

The bridge over Caney Creek and the culvert over Green Branch have met their design life expectancy

The purpose of the project is to address aging infrastructure and to improve safety.

Project Questions or Need Help?

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How to Get Involved

You are invited to participate in the development of this project by reviewing the materials and providing comments.

You may submit comments in any language in the following ways:

- Place the comment card in the Comment Box at the in-person open house.
- Send your comment via U.S. Mail postmarked by Friday, March 15, 2024:
TxDOT Houston District
Advanced Project Development Director
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386
- Send your comment via email to:
HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov
- Record your verbal comment by calling (713) 913-0873.

All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 15, 2024, to be considered in the official public hearing summary report.

Documentation of this public hearing will be available online at the project webpage when completed. This report will contain responses to all comments received by the deadline.

Please reference the project number shown on the first page in all communication.

Next Steps

2019 - 2024

- Preliminary Design and Environmental Documentation

February 2024

- Virtual and In-Person Open House Public Hearing

Mid 2024

- Respond to Public Comments

Late 2024*

- Anticipated Environmental Decision and Complete Final Design/DOT easement granted

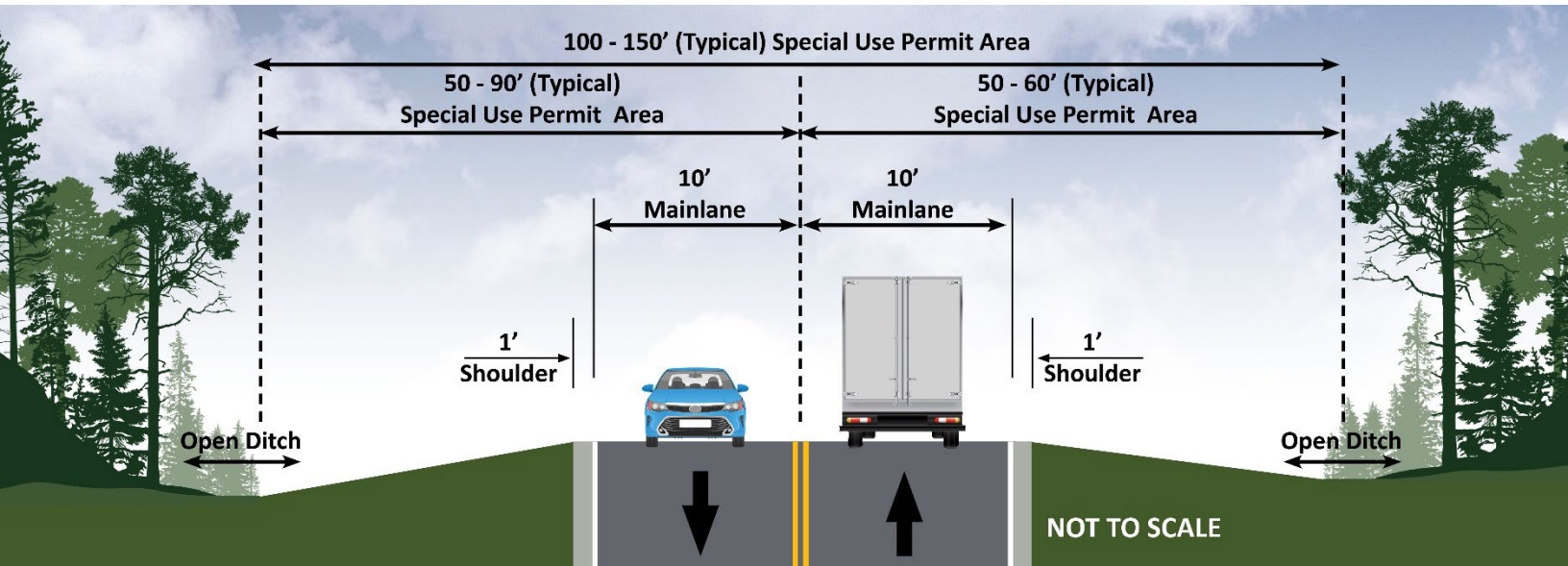
Mid 2025*

- Construction Anticipated to Begin

**This schedule is approximate and subject to change.*

Existing Roadway

The image below represents a cross-section view of the roadway as it is today.

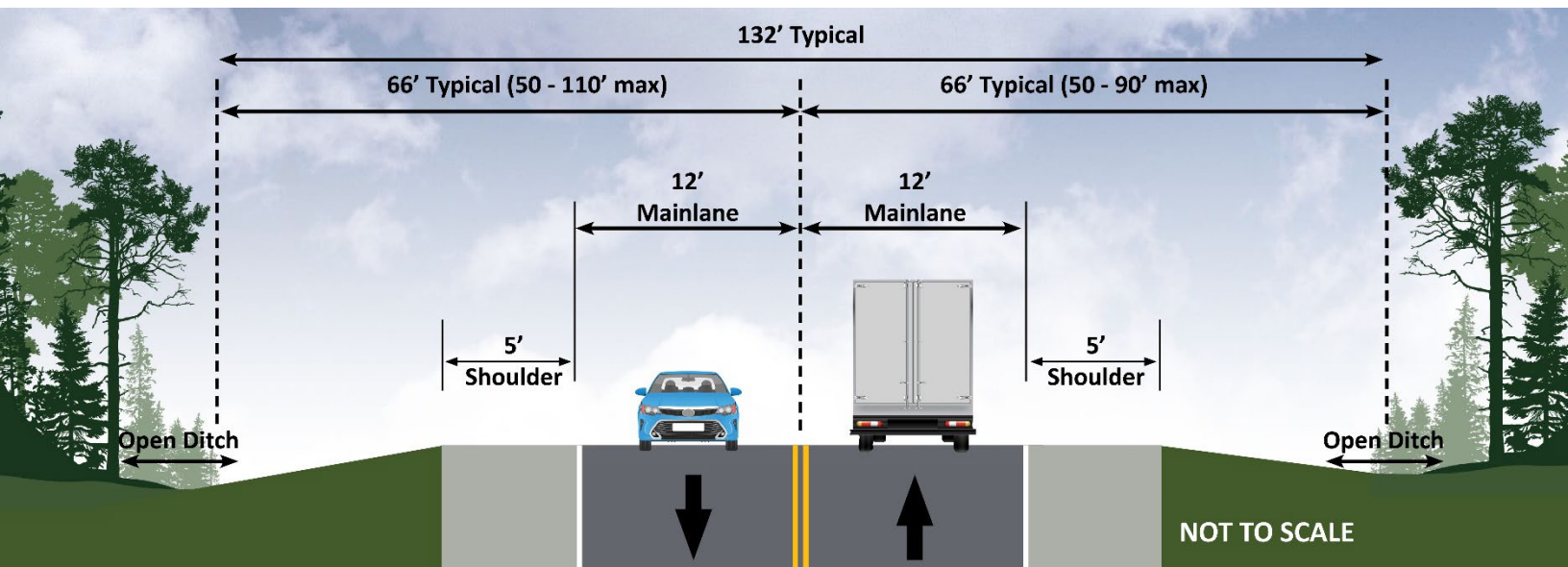


- Two 10-foot-wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction)
- 1-foot-wide outside shoulders
- Special Use Permit area 100 to 340' wide
- Open drainage ditches

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Proposed Roadway

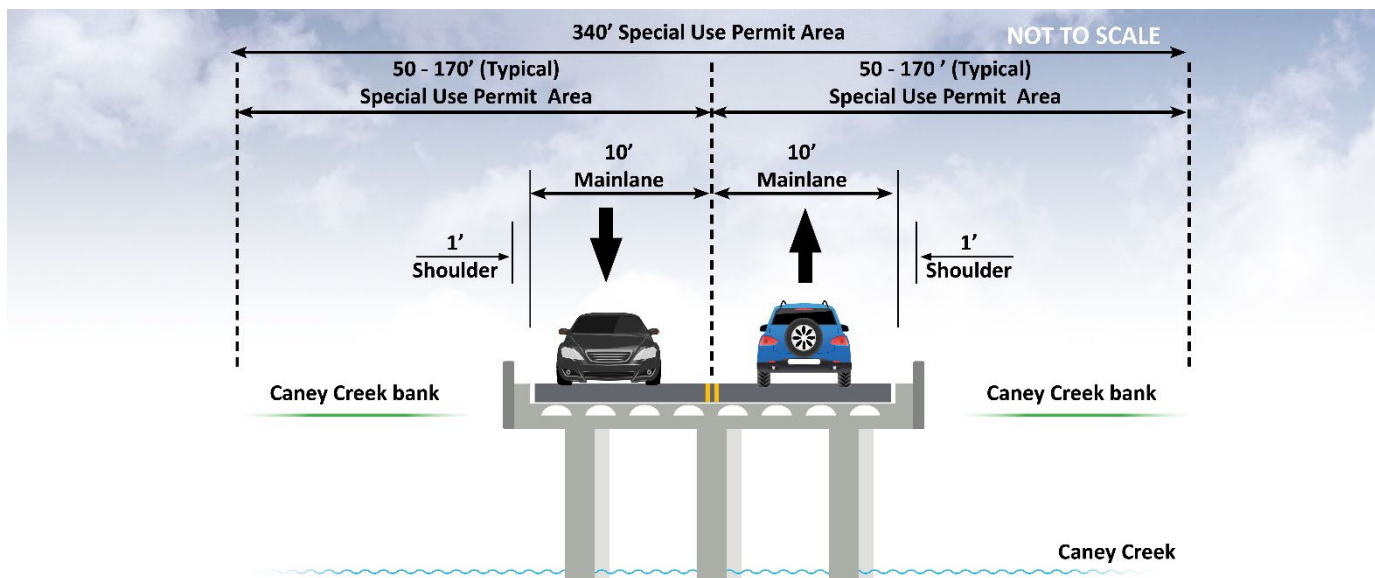
The image below represents a cross-section view of how the road would look after construction of the proposed project.



- Two 12-foot-wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction)
- 5-foot-wide outside shoulders
- Open drainage ditches

Existing Bridge

The image below represents a cross-section view of the bridge over Caney Creek as it is today.

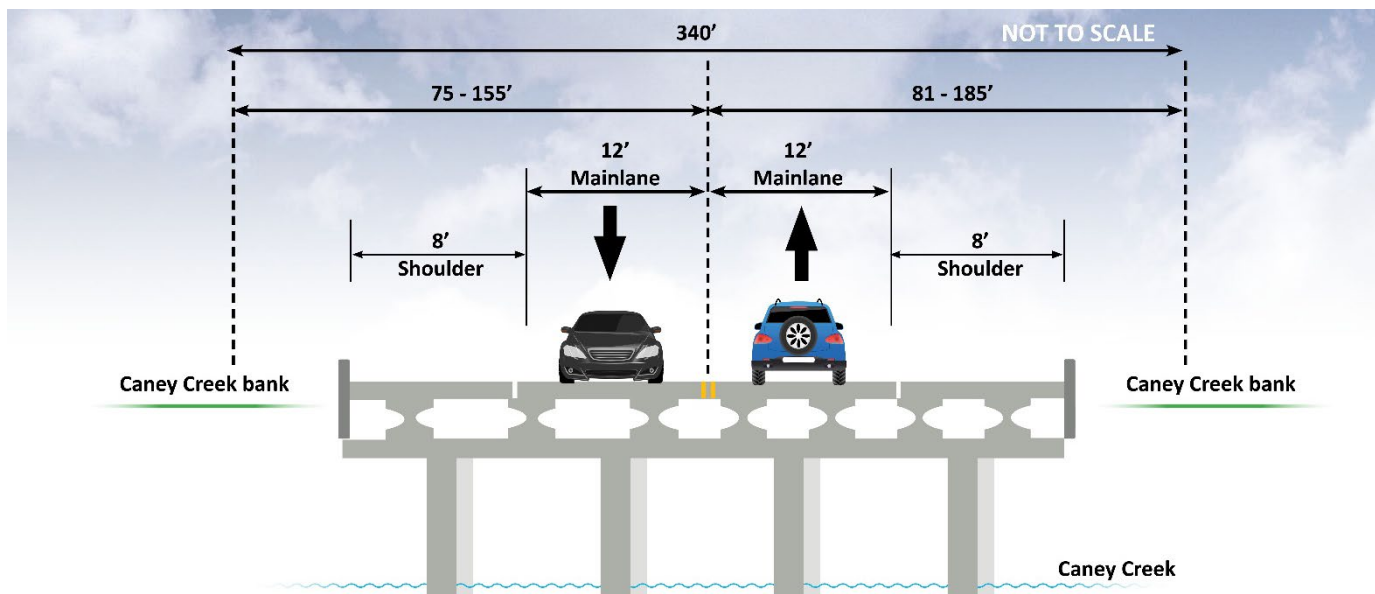


- Two 10-foot-wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction)
- 1-foot-wide outside shoulders
- Special Use Permit Area maximizes at 340' wide

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Proposed Bridge

The image below represents a cross-section view of how the bridge over Caney Creek would look after construction of the proposed project.



Note: Bridge columns would be placed outside the high water line of Caney Creek.

- Two 12-foot-wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction)
- 8-foot-wide outside shoulders