



Farm-to-Market 1488

From Business 290 to Joseph Road

Virtual Public Meeting: Between August 2, 2022 and August 18, 2022

In-Person Public Meeting: August 4, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Welcome to the Public Meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to the public meeting for the proposed improvements along Farm-to-Market (FM) 1488 from Business (BU) 290 in Hempstead to Joseph Road. The purpose of this public meeting is to engage with the public and receive comments on the proposed project.

This public meeting is being conducted both virtually and in-person. The virtual option includes a pre-recorded presentation in English and Spanish. You are invited to view the narrated presentation, learn about the proposed improvements, and provide your input to the project team. The in-person option will include the same information and materials presented in the virtual option.

Public comments are encouraged. Details on how to comment are on the following page.

Project Summary

Project Limits:

From BU 290 to Joseph Road

Project Length:

Approximately 20 miles

Right-of-Way Required:

Approximately 279 acres

Potential Displacements:

15 Potential Displacements

Estimated Construction Cost/Timeline:

Approximately \$202 million/
4-5 years to construct

Project is not currently funded; construction dependent upon receiving funding

Project Reference Number:

0409-03-012

Project History and Preferred Alternative

This is the second public meeting for the proposed project. The first public meeting, held on March 3, 2020, presented three alternatives to widen FM 1488 and also presented nine different alternatives to realign the multiple 90-degree curves.

Since the public meeting, the alternatives were refined and the preferred alternative is available for review tonight. The alternatives were refined based on:

- Public input received after the first public meeting
- Continued geometric refinement
- Safety enhancement
- Reduction of impacts

Proposed Project Description

TxDOT Houston District is proposing to widen FM 1488 from BU 290 to Joseph Road from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway.

The section between BU 290 and United States (US) 290 would be converted to a four-lane roadway with 18-foot-wide raised median, a 10-foot-wide sidepath on both sides of the roadway to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians, and curb and gutter. The remainder of the project limits from US 290 to Joseph Road would be widened from two lanes to four lanes, with 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, 4-foot-wide inside shoulders, 5-foot-wide sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians, open ditch drainage and a 40-foot-wide depressed grassy median. There are two areas of the project where FM 1488 would be converted to a four-lane roadway with a 16-foot-wide flush median that would serve as a center left turn lane, with 10-foot-wide outside shoulders and 5-foot-wide sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians. This layout is proposed from west of Giboney Road to east of Hegar Road and from west of Woodway Drive to Joseph Road. In addition, several curves on FM 1488 would be realigned to meet safety criteria.

How to Participate

VIRTUAL OPTION: Starting at Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 5 p.m., through Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 11:59 p.m., visit www.txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 1488 from BU 290".

IN-PERSON OPTION: Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Fields Store Elementary School (31670 Giboney Road, Waller, TX 77484)

Project Need:

- Safety needs to be improved
- Mobility needs to be improved
- Connectivity needs to be improved between Conroe and the Woodlands on IH 45 and Hempstead, Brenham, and Austin on US 290

Project Purpose:

- Improve safety by realigning multiple 90-degree curves to meet current safety criteria
- Increase mobility by adding capacity and providing median openings and/or crossovers at selected locations
- Improve connectivity by upgrading FM 1488 to a four-lane divided roadway

On FM 1488 from 2017 to 2021 there have been...

231

Total Crashes



76



Injury Crashes

50



Crashes along the 90-degree curve areas

4 Fatalities

How to Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by reviewing the materials online or in person and submitting comments. You may submit comments in English or Spanish in the following ways:

- Place your comment form in the comment box at the in-person option
- Send the comment card via U.S. Mail to:
TxDOT Houston District
Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

- Submit comments via email to:
HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov
- Enter a comment online at the project website, by clicking the “Online Comment Card (English and Spanish)” link and entering comments in the online form. (See bottom of page for website address)

All comments are due by **August 19, 2022** in order to be considered in the official public meeting summary.

Documentation of this Public Meeting will be available online at the web address below approximately 3 months after the meeting tonight. This Report will contain responses to all comments received by the due date. Please reference the Project Reference Number (CSJ: 0409-03-012 (SES)), in any communication.

Process and Timeline





FM 1488 from BU 290 to Joseph Road
(Desde la BU 290 hasta la Joseph Road)

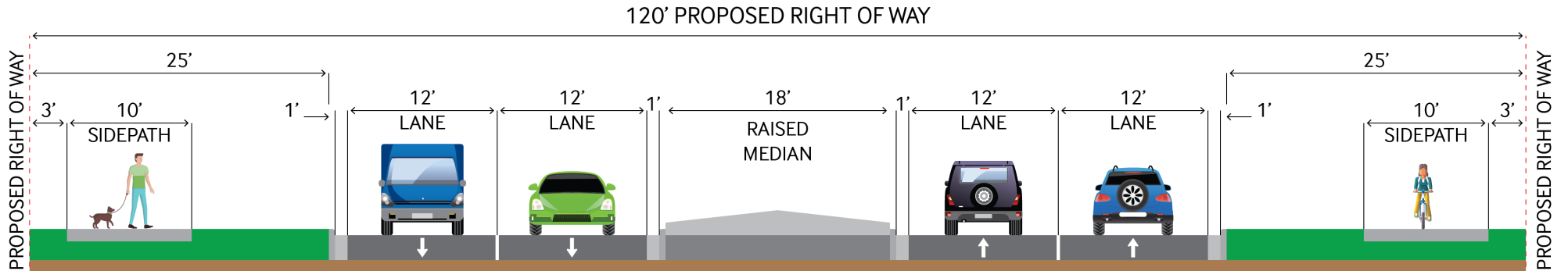
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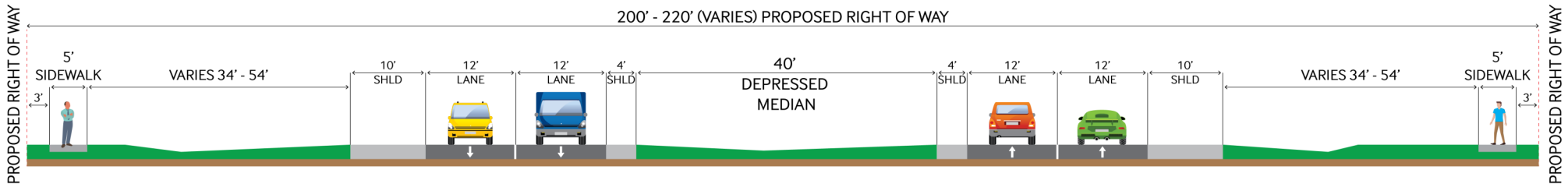
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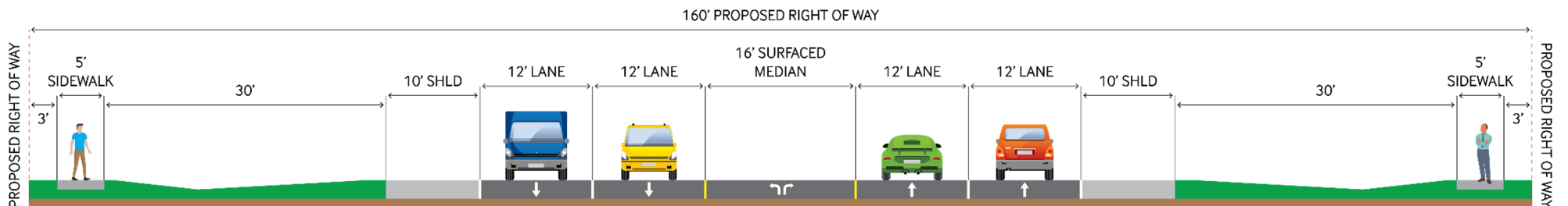
**Proposed Design Raised Median from BU 290 to US 290
(Diseño con mediana elevada propuesta desde la BU 290 hasta la US 290)**



**Proposed Design Depressed Median from US 290 to Joseph Road
(Diseño con mediana a desnivel desde la US 290 hasta la Joseph Road)**



**Proposed Design Paved Median from west of Giboney Road to east of Hegar Road, from west of Woodway Drive to Joseph Road
(Diseño con mediana pavimentada desde el oeste de Giboney Road hasta el este de Hegar Road y desde oeste de Woodway Drive hasta la Joseph Road)**



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