



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
Farm-to-Market 1488
from Business 290 to Joseph Road
CSJ: 0409-03-012
Waller and Harris Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing to widen Farm-to-Market (FM) 1488 from Business (BU) 290 to Joseph Road in Waller and Harris Counties, Texas.

This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The virtual public meeting will be available starting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 5 p.m. To log onto the virtual public meeting go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, and type “**FM 1488 from BU 290**” in the search box at the top-right corner of the webpage.

Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 802-5766 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail, online or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Fields Store Elementary School (31670 Giboney Road, Waller TX 77484).**

The proposed design would widen existing FM 1488 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 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.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way (ROW) and potentially displace five residences, six commercial structures and four non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT District Office by calling (713) 802-5766.

The proposed project could involve construction in wetlands.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for review by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. Appointments



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may be made at the District Office by calling (713) 802-5766. Information will also be available at TxDOT's Maintenance Office located at 400 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas 77445. Appointments may be made at the Maintenance Office by calling (979) 921-2400.

Maps showing the project location, drawings illustrating the proposed design, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword "**FM 1488 from BU 290**" at the date and time listed above.

The public meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English or Spanish, 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 virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Susanna Scott, the Houston District Environmental Project Manager, at (713) 802-5766 or by email at Susanna.Scott@txdot.gov no later than 4 p.m. CT, August 1, 2022. 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 Houston District Office, Advanced Project Development Director, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251. Written comments may also be submitted by email to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov or online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "**FM 1488 from BU 290**". Please reference "CSJ 0409-03-012 (SES)" on all comments. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before August 19, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., to be included in the Public Meeting Documentation. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword "**FM 1488 from BU 290**", approximately three months after the close of the comment period.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Susanna Scott at (713) 802-5766. If you have questions regarding the project design, please contact Mercy Tham at (713) 802-5276.

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.