



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 359
From FM 1093 to Mason Road
CSJ: 0543-02-075
Fort Bend County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing improvements along FM 359 from FM 1093 to Mason Road in Fort Bend County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a virtual public meeting with an in-person option on the proposed project. **The virtual public meeting will be available on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 5 p.m. through Friday, February 10, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.** To view the presentation and materials, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above:

<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>.

The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. 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 713-802-5260 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 or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation as posted online, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions, and submit written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Foster High School, 4400 FM 723, Richmond, Texas, 77406.**

The proposed improvements to FM 359 would include the reconstruction and widening of the existing roadway from two lanes to four lanes, and the construction of shared use paths to accommodate bicyclist and pedestrians. The improvements would also include 12-foot-wide left-turn lanes in various locations and the construction of a typical 18-foot-wide raised median (the proposed median width varies). The number of lanes may vary along the project limits to accommodate turning movements at various intersections and driveways.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right-of-way and potentially displace one residence and seven 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 right-of-way acquisition and construction, may be obtained from the TxDOT District office by calling (713) 802-5775.

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 <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The public meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because either 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 participate in the public meeting, please contact Darrell Dooley, Environmental Project Manager at (713) 802-5840 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, January 19, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some 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](mailto:houstonpiowebmail@txdot.gov) or online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>. All comments must be received on or before Friday, February

10, 2023, to be included in the virtual public meeting summary report. Responses to comments received will be available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html> approximately 3 months after the close of the comment period.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Samuel Ainabe, Schematic Project Manager, at 713-802-5260 or by email to Samuel.Ainabe@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 December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.