



FM 646 from FM 3436 to SH 146 PROJECT NEWS

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Quick Facts

Project Location:
Farm-to-Market (FM) 646, Dickinson,
Galveston County, Texas

Project Length:
Approximately 0.90 mile

Project Limits
From FM 3436 to State Highway (SH) 146

Estimated Construction Cost
\$14 million
Project is funded

Project Reference Number
CSJ: 0978-02-053

Right of Way Needs
4.30 acres – Original Design
0.33 acre – Design Changes
4.63 Total Acres

Potential Displacements
None – Original Design
None – Design Changes

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 December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA TxDOT.



Welcome to the Public Meeting

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

Project Description

During this public meeting, the public is invited to review materials for the proposed design changes to FM 646 from FM 3436 to SH 146, in Galveston County. Design modifications would involve extending the limits of the curb and gutter drainage system, decreasing the proposed shoulder widths, adding truck loons, shifting median openings, adding a shared use path, and minor widening of the proposed right of way (ROW) near FM 3436 and near SH 146.

Project History

TxDOT originally proposed improvements to FM 646 from IH 45 to Bayshore Blvd, a total of 8.9 miles. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued on May 23, 2011.

- The construction from IH 45 to Edmund Way has been completed, a total of approximately 1.3 miles.
- To date, four re-evaluations have been completed for other sections of the original project limits to address design changes including the addition of detention ponds, construction easements, additional ROW requirements, pedestrian facilities, and potential displacements in those areas.
- As the design progresses in this segment, minor design changes have occurred which prompted this re-evaluation and tonight's community involvement.

Hover your phone camera over the QR code to access TxDOT's webpage for more information.



Why is this project proposed?

The purpose of the project is to accommodate future traffic, accommodate hurricane evacuation and improve safety and mobility by constructing a divided roadway with raised medians and pedestrian facilities. While preparing the detailed design, TxDOT determined additional design changes to be necessary, therefore triggering this re-evaluation.

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 English or Spanish in the following ways:

- Place the comment card in the Comment Box at the in-person option
- Send your comment via U.S. Mail to:
TxDOT Houston District
Director of Project Development
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386
- Send your comment via email to:
HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov

All comments must be received or postmarked by January 30, 2023, to be considered in the official public meeting summary report.

Documentation of this public meeting will be available online at the project webpage approximately 3 months after the close of the comment period. This report will contain responses to all comments received by the deadline.

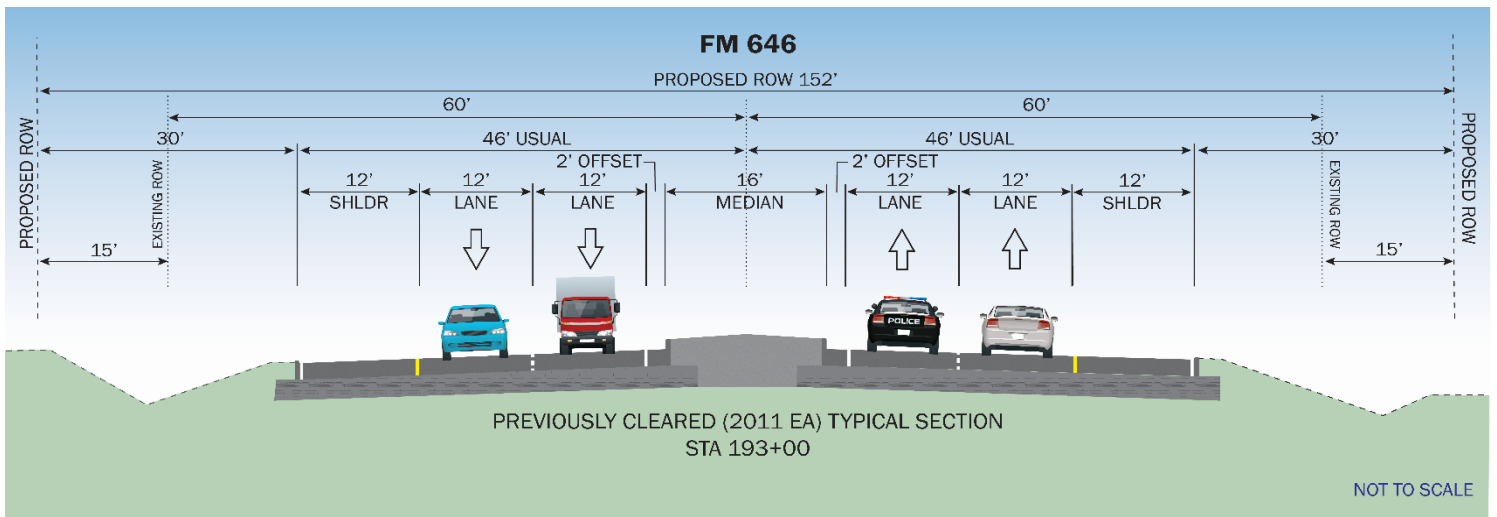
Please reference the project number shown on the first page in all communication.

Estimated Project Milestones



Approved 2011 Roadway Design

The image below represents a cross-section view of the roadway as it was approved in the 2011 design. The roadway is a four-lane, divided roadway with two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction with 12-foot-wide outside shoulders. No bicycle or pedestrian accommodations were originally proposed.



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) commits to purposefully involve the public in planning and project implementation by providing for early, continuous, transparent and effective access to information and decision-making processes.

Proposed Roadway Design Changes

The image below represents a cross-section view of how the road might look after construction of the proposed project. The following is a list of the proposed design changes in this re-evaluation:

- Addition of 12 additional feet of proposed right of way along the south side for 400 ft near FM 3436
- The extension of the limits of the curb and gutter within the project limits
- A decrease in width of the westbound shoulder from 12ft to 10ft wide
- A decrease in the width of the eastbound shoulder from 12ft to 8ft wide
- The addition of a share use path (SUP) on the south side of FM 646 for bicycles and pedestrians
- The addition of truck loons to accommodate large vehicle turning movements
- A shift in the median openings to allow better traffic flow and turning movements at major intersections
- An additional 30ft wide proposed ROW strip on the north and south sides of FM 646 near SH 146 intersection

