



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
Farm-To-Market (FM) 646
From FM 3436 to State Highway (SH) 146
CSJ: 0978-02-053
Galveston County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing improvements along Farm-to-Market (FM) 646 from FM 3436 to State Highway (SH) 146 in Galveston County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the project team 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 10, 2023, at 5 p.m. until Monday, January 30, 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 and search for this project: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>

The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation in English and Spanish 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) 802-5885 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.

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, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of the project team, and submit written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, from 5p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at John Barber Middle School, 5651 FM 517 Road East, Dickinson, Texas 77539.**

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was received on May 23, 2011, to widen approximately 8 miles of FM 646 from IH 45 to Bayshore Boulevard. The portion between IH 45 and Edmund Way (1.3 miles) has been constructed. A reevaluation is being performed for the portion of the project limits, from FM 3436 to SH 146, a total of approximately 0.90 mile. Design modifications would involve: 1) extending the limits of the curb and gutter drainage system; 2) decreasing the proposed shoulder widths; 3) adding truck loons; 4) shifting median openings; 5) adding a shared use path; and 6) minor widening of the proposed right of way (ROW) near FM 3436 and near SH 146.

A total of 0.33 acre of new ROW would be required for the proposed design changes. Although additional ROW would be required, no additional residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from Andrew Leske by calling (713) 802-5885.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

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 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, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 or at the TxDOT Galveston Area Office located at 5407 Gulf Freeway (I-45), La Marque, Texas 77568. Project materials are also available online at the project page, which may be accessed through <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>.

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 public meeting, please contact Andrew Leske, Environmental Program Manager, at (713) 802-5885 no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the project team 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 77251-1386. Written comments may also be submitted by email to HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov. All comments must be received

or postmarked by Monday, January 30, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at the project page which may be accessed through <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html> once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the public meeting, please contact Andrew Leske, Environmental Program Manager, at (713) 802-5885 or by email at andrew.leske@txdot.gov. If you have any questions regarding the project design please contact Andy Ngo, Transportation Specialist, at (713) 802-5782 or by email at Andy.Ngo@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.