



# Farm-to-Market (FM) 723 Improvement Project

## From North of the Brazos River to South of Beadle Lane

Tuesday, April 13, 2021



### Project Summary

**Project Location:**  
Fort Bend County

**Project Length:**  
Approximately 3.5 miles

**Project Limits:**  
From north of the Brazos River to south of Beadle Lane

**Estimated Construction Cost:**  
\$ 41.4 Million

**Project Funding:**  
Project is currently funded.

**Project Let Date:**  
September 2022

**Project Reference Number:**  
CSJ: 0188-09-051

**Right-of-Way Required:**  
31 Acres

**Potential Displacements:**  
One non-residential structure would potentially be displaced  
No residential or commercial displacements are anticipated

### Virtual Public Meeting

Given the unique circumstance of the COVID-19 outbreak, along with our commitment to protecting public health during this national emergency, TxDOT is conducting this virtual public meeting to avoid in-person contact.

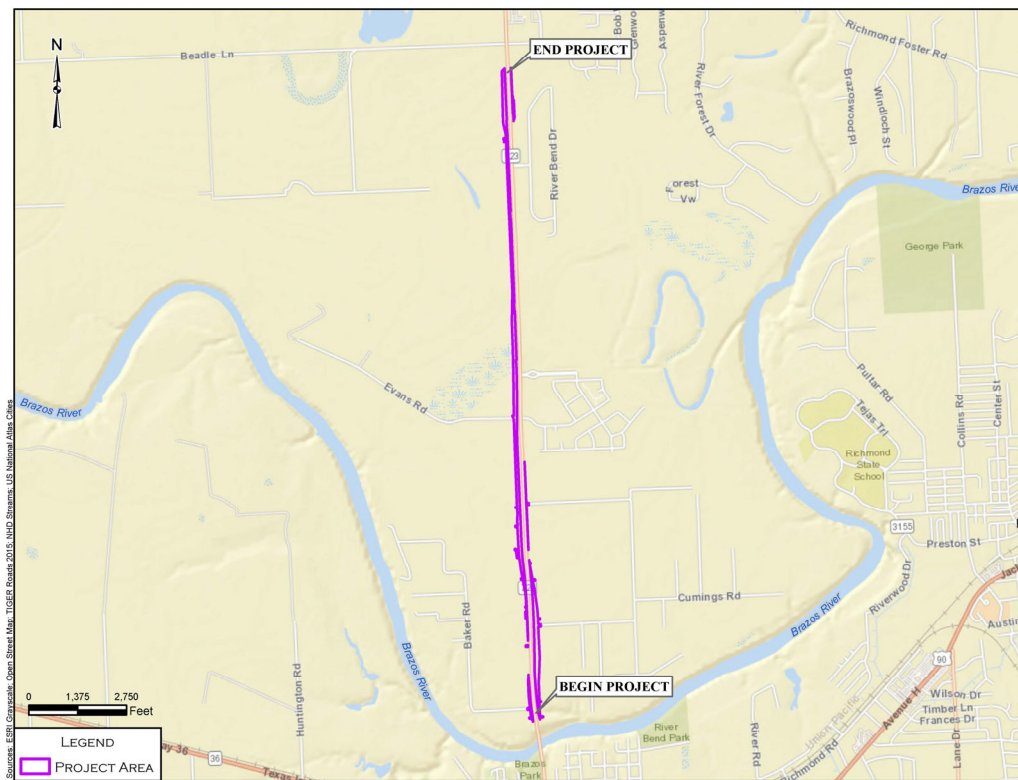
The virtual presentation will cover the same information the Houston District would have shared at an in-person public meeting.

### Proposed Project Description

The proposed project is reevaluating a previously environmentally approved project along FM 723 from Avenue D to FM 1093. The original project generally consisted of widening FM 723 within the project limits from a two-lane (one lane each direction) undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway (two lanes each direction). The typical proposed right-of-way width (ROW) in the approved project is 180-feet. This project received environmental clearance, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), on April 24, 2019.

The original FM 723 project is being reevaluated to address proposed design changes to the project. The proposed changes consist of raising a section of the proposed FM 723 profile above the 100-year floodplain elevation from north of the Brazos River to south of Beadle Lane. The roadway would be constructed on embankments and bridges. The project would include constructing seven bridges to allow for normal floodplain function during flood events. The roadway elevation would vary and would be raised up to ten feet from the elevation of the existing roadway. The design change would require approximately 31 acres of additional ROW and the new proposed ROW width would vary from 270 feet to 310 feet.

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.



## Why is this project proposed?

In the H-GAC 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program, TxDOT and local governments identified a list of roadways that should be considered for additional flood mitigation because of their importance to public safety, mobility, and the state and region's economy. Many of the identified roadways were flooded during one or more recent flood events. FM 723 from the Brazos River to FM 359 was identified as a roadway that needed to be elevated above the floodplain.

## Next Steps

- Consider Public Comments  
Spring 2021
- Finalize Environmental Analysis  
Spring 2021
- Environmental Decision  
Spring 2021
- Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition  
Summer 2021
- Complete Final Design  
Summer 2022
- Construction Begins  
Fall 2022
- Construction Duration  
36 Months

## How to Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by attending the virtual public meeting and submitting comments.

You may submit comments in English or Spanish in the following ways:

### 1. Email:

Hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov

### 2. Mail:

Director of Project Development  
Texas Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 1386  
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

### 3. Submit Online:

Visit [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov)

In the upper right-hand search box enter:

**FM 723 from North of the Brazos**

Scroll to the bottom of the page and then click: **Email**

All comments must be received or postmarked by **Wednesday, April 28, 2021** in order to be considered in the official virtual public meeting summary.

A Virtual Public Meeting Summary will be available online at the above web address in approximately three months. This Summary will contain responses to all comments received and any design changes that resulted in response to public comment.

Please reference the Project Reference Number, CSJ: 0188-09-051, in any communication.