



## **Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting**

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#### **Farm-to-Market (FM) 723**

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

#### **CSJ: 0188-09-051 (SW)**

#### **Fort Bend County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) is proposing to raise FM 723 above the 100-year floodplain from north of the Brazos River to south of Beadle Lane in Fort Bend County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/041321.html>. Project staff will give a presentation which will be a pre-recorded video and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the webpage until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 802-5260 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. CT, 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.

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 right-of-way (ROW) width in the approved project is 180-feet. This project received 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 approved project. The proposed changes consist of raising a section of the 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 proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace one non-residential structure. The proposed project would not displace any residential or commercial 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, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (713) 802-5704 or (713) 802-5714 or by e-mailing: [HOU\\_ROWPROJECTDELIVERY\\_Questions@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU_ROWPROJECTDELIVERY_Questions@txdot.gov).

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

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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/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/041321.html>.

The virtual 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, please contact TxDOT's Public Information Office, at (713) 802-5076 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, April 8, 2021. 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, PO. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houstonwebmail@txdot.gov) or online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "FM 723 from North of the Brazos". Please reference CSJ {0188-09-051} on all comments. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, April 28, 2021 to be included in the public record. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "FM 723 from North of the Brazos", approximately three months after the close of the comment period.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact the Project Manager at (713) 802-5260 or at [samuel.ainabe@txdot.gov](mailto: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.

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