

Notice Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option Farm-to-Market (FM) 1314 Ferne Drive to State Loop (SL) 494

CSJ: 1986-01-066 Montgomery County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District is proposing improvements along FM 1314 from Ferne Drive to SL 494 in Montgomery County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the project team will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual public meeting will be available on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 5 P.M.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, and type "**FM 1314 from Ferne Dr.**" in the search box at the top right corner of the webpage.

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) 802-5840 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 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 delivered in the online public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially-distanced approach, and leave written comments. The in-person option will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., at the Porter High School cafeteria, 22625 Sandy Lane, Porter, Texas 77365.

The proposed improvements would improve mobility and enhance safety by constructing a 16-foot-wide raised median with left-turn lanes along approximately five miles of FM 1314 from Ferne Drive to SL 494. The proposed improvements would also include the installation of upgraded vehicle detection systems at several signals and raised pavement markers. The project would take place within existing right of way and no displacements are anticipated.

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 inspection 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 the TxDOT Montgomery County Area Office, 901 N FM 3083, CONROE, TX 77303. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 1314 from Ferne Dr.".

The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish are not your primary languages 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 Darrell Dooley, District Environmental Specialist, at (713) 802-5840 no later than 4 P.M., February 3, 2022. 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 directly online using the comment form link on the project website, available at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 1314 from Ferne Dr.". You can also submit comments 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 on or before Monday, February 28, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 1314 from Ferne Dr.", once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual public meeting, please contact Darrell Dooley, District Environmental Specialist, at (713) 802-5840 or at Darrell.Dooley@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.