



Draft Environmental Assessment Notice of Availability
and

Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 2100

From Huffman-Cleveland Road North to State Highway (SH) 99

CSJ: 1062-02-011

Harris County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing improvements along FM 2100 from Huffman-Cleveland Road North to SH 99 in Harris County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a Virtual Public Hearing with an in-person option on the proposed project. **The Virtual Public Hearing will be available starting on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5 p.m. through Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.** To view the presentation and materials, go to the following web address beginning at the date and time indicated above:
<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>.

The Virtual Public Hearing 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 date and time listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 802-5269 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 leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at May Community Center, 2100 Wolf Road., Huffman, Texas 77336.**

For both the Virtual Public Hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (281) 215-3841 to provide verbal testimony during the comment period. Written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All comments received before the end of the comment period will be considered equally and will be included as part of the official record. Responses to comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>

The proposed project would accommodate future anticipated traffic demand and growth in the region, while improving safety by providing a divided highway with raised medians and dedicated left turn lanes at select intersections. The total length of the proposed project is approximately 5.6 miles.

The proposed improvements use portions of the existing Plum Grove Road and FM 2100 roadways and a section on new location. At approximately 0.4-miles north of Magnolia Lane, FM 2100 would be realigned onto a new location to the northeast for approximately 1.7 miles and then would follow Plum Grove Road to the project corridor's northern terminus at SH 99.

The existing FM 2100 roadway consists of two 10-foot-wide travel lanes (one in each direction), 1-foot-wide outside shoulders, open drainage ditches, and no sidewalks or bicycle accommodations. The existing FM 2100 right-of-way (ROW) varies from approximately 100 to 150 feet in width. The existing Plum Grove Road roadway consists of two 10-foot-wide travel lanes (one in each direction), 1-foot-wide outside shoulders, open drainage ditches, and no sidewalks or bicycle accommodations. The existing Plum Grove Road ROW is approximately 50 feet in width.

The proposed improvements include widening the existing two-lane facilities to four lanes by adding one 12-foot-wide travel lane in each direction, a 30-foot-wide raised median, a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of FM 2100, and a 10-foot-wide sidepath on the west side of FM 2100. The sidepath would accommodate bicycle travel. The roadway would have curb and gutter drainage and two proposed drainage channels would be constructed east of FM 2100 and south of Meyer Road. The FM 2100 proposed ROW is 150 feet in width.

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A transition section is proposed from north of Wolf Road to Commons Vista Drive. The proposed ROW would be approximately 150 feet in width with two 11- to 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, a 30- to 42-foot-wide raised median, a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side, a 10-foot-wide sidepath on the west side, and curb and gutter drainage. At the FM 2100 and SH 99 intersection, additional 12-foot-wide turning lanes would also be provided.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require acquisition of approximately 66.06 acres of ROW and an additional 38.31 acres for proposed drainage channels, bringing the total proposed ROW to 104.37 acres. Five potential displacements are anticipated to result from the Build Alternative. The five potential displacements include one commercial business, two churches, and two shed structures all located on the west side of the proposed alignment. No additional displacements are anticipated to result from the Build Alternative. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about 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 ROW acquisition and construction, may be obtained from TxDOT Houston District Office by calling (713) 802-5269.

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 North Harris County Area Office, located at 16803 Eastex Freeway (I-69/US 59), Humble, Texas 77396. To schedule an appointment to view materials at the North Harris County Area Office, please call (281) 319-6400. Project materials are also available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>

The Public Hearing 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 Hearing, please contact Reina Gonzalez, TxDOT Houston District Environmental Coordinator at (713) 802-5269 or Chance Norman, P.E., TxDOT Schematic Project Manager at (713) 802-5251 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, February 23, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the project team to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are encouraged. Written comments 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. Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (281) 215-3841 and verbally provide testimony from 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023. All comments must be received or postmarked by Thursday, March 16, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at <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 Virtual Public Hearing, please contact Reina Gonzalez, TxDOT Houston District Environmental Coordinator at (713) 802-5269, or via email at Reina.Gonzalez@txdot.gov or Chance Norman, P.E., TxDOT Schematic Project Manager at (713) 802-5251, or via email at Chance.Norman@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.