



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Open House
Farm-To-Market 2977 (FM 2977)
From Farm-To-Market 762 (FM 762) to Farm-To-Market 361 (FM 361)
CSJ: 3048-01-018
Fort Bend County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District proposes improvements along Farm-to-Market (FM) 2977 from FM 762 to FM 361 in Fort Bend 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 open house. **The pre-recorded virtual public meeting will be available starting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, by 5 p.m.** The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. To view the virtual public meeting presentation and view project information, go to the following web address: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>.

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) 802-5262 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. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person open house for individuals who would like to participate in person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation as posted online, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions, and submit written comments. **The in-person open house will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Thomas E. Randall High School, 7600 Koeblen Road, Richmond, Texas 77469.**

The proposed eight-mile-long project would reconstruct and widen FM 2977, from a two-lane (one in each direction) undivided roadway to a four-lane (two in each direction) roadway with raised medians. The proposed improvements are being developed as two distinct roadway sections: an urban section from FM 762 to Powerline Road and a suburban section from Powerline Road to FM 361.

The proposed project would be subject to final design considerations, require approximately 73 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW), and potentially displace six residences and five non-residential 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 ROW acquisition and construction, may be obtained from the TxDOT Houston District Office by calling ROW representative Nena Calvin at (713) 802-5696.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and would involve an action in a floodplain. To improve drainage in the project area, the project team proposes three detention ponds. One pond would be located in the northern or urban section of FM 2977, and two would be located in the southern or less developed suburban section of the project. 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. You may call (713) 802-5262 to set up an appointment or contact Carlos Zepeda (281) 238-7920, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to schedule an appointment at the Fort Bend Area Office, 4235 SH 36, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Project materials are also available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>.

The public meeting presentation 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, an interpreter will be provided. If you have a disability and need assistance, special

arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you would like interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact Sarah Wyckoff, Environmental Project Manager, at (713) 802-5262 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, June 15, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is necessary as some services and accommodation 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 on or postmarked by Monday, July 10, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at the web address listed above once completed.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual public meeting, please contact Sam Ainabe, Engineering Project Manager at (713) 802-5260 or by email at 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.