



**Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing**  
**FM 518: From SH 288 to SH 35**  
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**Brazoria County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing to present the proposed reconstruction and widening of Farm-to-Market (FM) 518 from State Highway (SH) 288 to SH 35 in Brazoria County, Texas. The Public Hearing will be held on March 26, 2019 at Berry Miller Junior High School located at 3301 Manvel Road, Pearland, Texas 77584. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing and presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project.

While the stated project limits are from SH 288 to SH 35, the actual construction limits are only from SH 288 to Halbert Drive/McLean Road. No improvements are proposed from Halbert Drive/McLean Road and SH 35. Within the construction limits, the existing roadway would be widened from a four-lane to a six-lane roadway with a curb and gutter. The proposed project is approximately 6 miles in length.

The proposed improvements would require approximately 25 acres of additional ROW. Residential and commercial displacements are anticipated to occur as a result of the proposed project. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacements, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT Houston District Office at the address listed below.

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit is anticipated for the proposed project. Portions of the proposed project are located within the 100-year floodplain; therefore, the hydraulic design would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration policies and standards.

This notice advises the public that a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review. The Draft EA, maps showing the proposed project location, schematic and other information regarding the project will be available for review at the Public Hearing and are on file and available for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. These materials are also available for review at the TxDOT Southeast Harris Area Office located at 702 FM 1959, Houston, TX 77034 and online at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>. Written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be submitted at the Public Hearing or in person, or by mail to TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Comments must be received on or before April 10, 2019 to be part of the official Public Hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the Public Hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the Public Hearing, please contact Ms. Zain Walkabout at (713) 802-5358.

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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.