



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting
FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 521
CSJ: 0111-03-064
Fort Bend County, Texas



The Fort Bend County Engineering Department, in cooperation with TxDOT, is proposing to widen Farm-to-Market (FM) 521 from State Highway (SH) 6 to County Road (CR) 56 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 consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online on Fort Bend County's website beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov>, keyword "FM 521". The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded presentation by the project team, project exhibits and other information, and an opportunity to comment. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Friday, July 2, 2021. If you do not have internet access, you may call Mr. Kevin Mineo, Senior Project Engineer, Binkley & Barfield, Inc., (project design consultant) Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 713-869-3433 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail, online, or email as explained below.

The purpose of the virtual public meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. The proposed project would accommodate future anticipated traffic demand and growth in the region and improve drainage, while enhancing safety by providing raised medians and dedicated turn lanes at select intersections. The length of the proposed project is approximately 5 miles.

Existing FM 521 from SH 6 to CR 56 includes one 12-foot-wide travel lane in each direction and 8-foot-wide outside shoulders. The typical existing right-of-way (ROW) width is approximately 120 feet.

The proposed improvements from SH 6 to CR 56 would involve reconstructing and widening FM 521 from two to four lanes with two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, a 16-foot-wide noncontinuous raised grassy median, a 10-foot-wide side path typically along the east side of FM 521, and a possible bridge at the railroad crossing. Left and right turn lanes and median openings would be provided at designated locations. A traffic signal warrant analysis was completed and determined four new traffic signal locations; two existing traffic signals will also be replaced.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the Fort Bend County website at www.fortbendcountytexas.gov.

Maps and drawings showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov>, keyword "FM 521".

The pre-recorded virtual public meeting will be available in English and Spanish. If English or Spanish is not your primary language and you have difficulty communicating effectively in English or Spanish, or you need an interpreter or document translator, one will be provided to you upon request. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate in the virtual public meeting, please contact Mr. Kevin Mineo, Senior Project Engineer, Binkley & Barfield, Inc. at 713-869-3433 or by email at FBCProject-FM521South@binkleybarfield.com no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 10, 2021. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some accommodations may require time for Fort Bend County to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the Mr. Kevin Mineo, Senior Project Engineer, Binkley & Barfield, 1710 Seamist Dr, Houston, Texas 77008.

Written comments may also be submitted by email **FBCProject-FM521South@binkleybarfield.com** or online at <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov>, keyword “FM 521”. Please reference CSJ 0598-02-111 on all comments. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Friday, July 2, 2021 to be included in the public meeting summary report. Responses to comments received will be available online at <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov>, keyword “FM 521”, 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) 869-3433.

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.