



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Open House
I-10 from Heights Boulevard to I-45
Control Section Job (CSJ): 0271-07-326
Harris County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing improvements along Interstate 10 (I-10) from Heights Boulevard to I-45 in Harris County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the project team will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person open house. **The virtual public meeting will be available starting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, 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 project information, visit: www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html.

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) 802-5199 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 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 option for individuals who would like to participate in person. Attendees will be able to view the same pre-recorded 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 Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office Auditorium located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007.**

This will be the second public meeting conducted for the proposed project and will present significant design modifications resultant of feedback received from the initial public meeting held in July 2022. The proposed project would raise the elevation of the existing I-10 main lanes above the floodplain of White Oak Bayou from Heights Boulevard to I-45 in Downtown Houston. The proposed construction area would be approximately 1.8 miles in length. The project also includes the construction of a 26-acre detention pond located beneath the elevated I-10 main lanes between Studemont Street and Houston Avenue and would construct a 10-foot-wide shared use path on the north side of I-10 along White Oak Bayou between Studemont Street and I-45. The shared use path would include a connection to the south side of I-10 at Sabine Street. The project requires approximately 1.2 acres of new right of way (ROW) to accommodate the proposed improvements.

Although additional ROW 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 ROW acquisition may be obtained from the TxDOT Houston District Office by calling (713) 802-5352.

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 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. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person open house.

The public meeting 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 free-of-charge. 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 or in-person open house, please contact Gabriel Adame, the Houston District NEPA Public

Engagement Coordinator, at (713) 802-5199 or by email at Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov no later than 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 8, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required 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 in any language 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 Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024. 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 Grady Mapes, P.E., at (713) 866-7040 or by email at Grady.Mapes@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.

Please call 713-802-5199 to request special accommodations or if you have need for interpretation/translation.

Mandarin: 如對住宿有特殊要求或需要口譯或筆譯，請撥打 (713) 802-5199.

Swahili: Tafadhali piga simu kwa (713) 802-5199 ili kuomba malazi maalum au ikiwa unahitaji ukalimani au utafsiri.

Vietnamese: Xin hãy gọi (713) 802-5199 để yêu cầu cho các điều chỉnh đặc biệt hoặc nếu bạn cần có phiên dịch hoặc biên dịch.

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