


April 9, 2026

Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Open House Pre-Recorded Presentation

I-10 from Heights Boulevard to I-45

Harris County, Texas

Control Section Job (CSJ): 0271-07-326




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The Texas Department of Transportation, Houston District, would like to welcome you to this virtual public hearing with an in-person open house. This presentation will provide information and updates on the Interstate 10, or I-10, project from Heights Boulevard to I-45. This is a pre-recorded presentation. My name is Gabriel Adame and I am part of the project team. I would like to thank you for participating in this public hearing.

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Public Hearing Technical Difficulties and Accommodation Requests

Please contact Gabriel Adame at 713-802-5199 should you have:

- Difficulties accessing public hearing information online
- Requests for special accommodations
- Language or interpretation needs other than English and Spanish

Details on how to submit an official comment will be provided later in the presentation.



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If you have any technical difficulties accessing the public hearing information, need special accommodations, or speak a language other than English or Spanish and have interpretation needs please contact myself Gabriel Adame at 713-802-5199. Details on how to submit comments will be provided further in the presentation.

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Virtual Public Hearing with an In-Person Open House

In-Person Open House

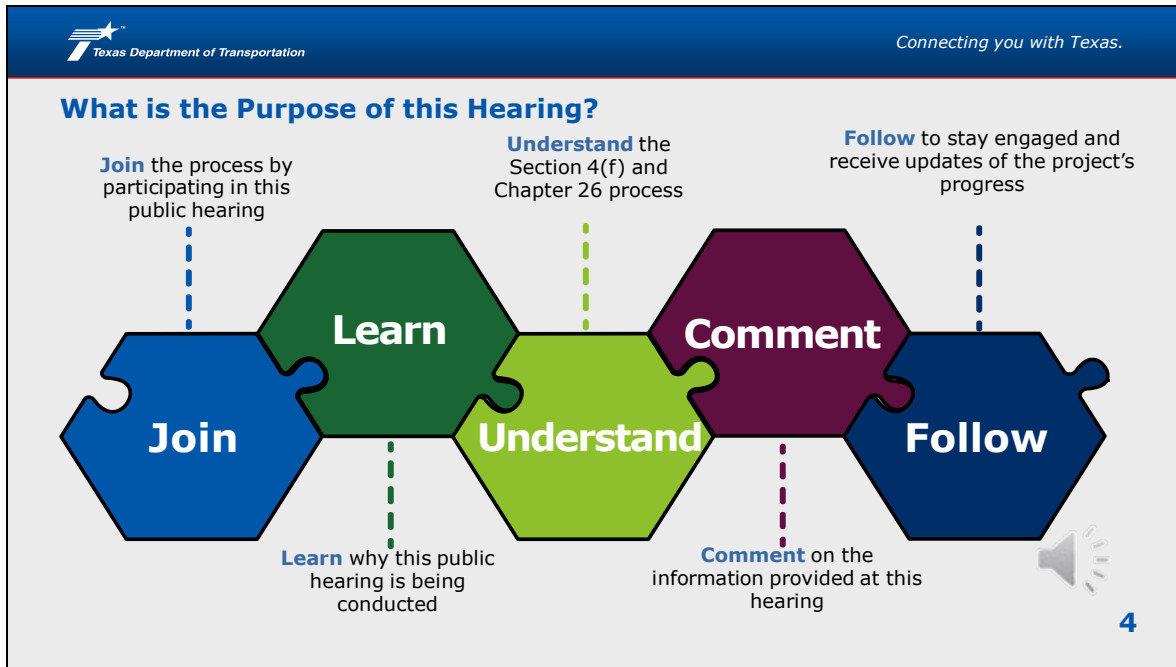
**Tuesday, April 14, 2026
5 to 7 p.m.
TxDOT Houston District Office
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, Texas 77007**



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The virtual public hearing is being held in conjunction with an in-person open house. The open house will be held on April 14, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office Auditorium located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas, 77007. The information presented in the virtual public hearing and the in-person open house is identical, and the opportunities to comment do not differ.



The purpose of this public hearing is to engage with stakeholders and the adjacent communities and to receive feedback. It also offers an opportunity for the project team to address any questions or concerns from the public.

TxDOT commits to purposefully involve the public in planning and project implementation by providing for early, continuous, transparent and effective access to information and decision-making processes.

At this hearing TxDOT would like you to:

- Join the process through your participation in this hearing,
- Learn why this Public Hearing is being conducted
- Understand the Section 4(f) and Chapter 26 process as it relates to this project
- Comment on the information provided at this hearing, and
- Follow to stay engaged and receive updates on the project's construction progress

Throughout this presentation, individual puzzle pieces will appear in the upper right-hand corner of each slide. The color of the puzzle piece indicates which of the five topics – Join, Learn, Understand, Comment, or Follow – is being discussed.

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Texas Department of Transportation Join Connecting you with Texas.

Outreach and Notification Methods

- Information was posted to the TxDOT website on March 9, 2026
- Social Media posts were made on Facebook, NextDoor, and X (Twitter) TxDOT accounts
- Elected Official Letters were sent by mail and email on March 7, 2026
- Postcard notifications were mailed directly to local agencies on March 25, 2026
- Approximately 13,000 postcards were mailed directly to mailboxes in neighborhoods adjacent to the project within 77007 and 77009 on March 25, 2026
- A notice in English was published in *The Leader* and *Community Impact* on the weeks of March 16, 23, and April 4. A notice in Spanish was published in *La Voz* on the same dates.
- Roadside message boards with hearing information were placed along I-10 from starting the week of March 25, 2026.

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In preparation for this public hearing, notices in both English and Spanish were published on the TxDOT webpage on March 9, 2026.

Elected officials were notified of this public hearing by mail and email on March 7, 2026.

Postcard notification was mailed to adjacent landowners on March 25, 2026.

In addition, approximately 13,000 postcards were mailed out using Every Door Direct on March 25, 2026 to mailboxes within the 77007 and 77009 zip codes.



Informative flyers were hand-delivered to Houston City Hall, local community facilities, University of Houston-Downtown Administration building, and Stude Park on March 23, 2026.

Notices were also published in *The Leader*, *Community Impact* and *La Voz* beginning on the week of March 16, 2026 then again on the week of March 23, 2026 and finally on April 4, 2026, in English and Spanish, respectively.

TxDOT advertised the hearing on roadside message boards along I-10 starting the week of March 25.

In addition, links to the hearing notice were posted on the TxDOT Facebook page and TxDOT Houston District X page, formerly known as Twitter.

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Project Overview


Project Name: I-10

Project Length: 1.8 miles

Project Limits: Heights Blvd to I-45 in Downtown Houston

Project Reference Number: 0271-07-326

Cost: \$407.8M

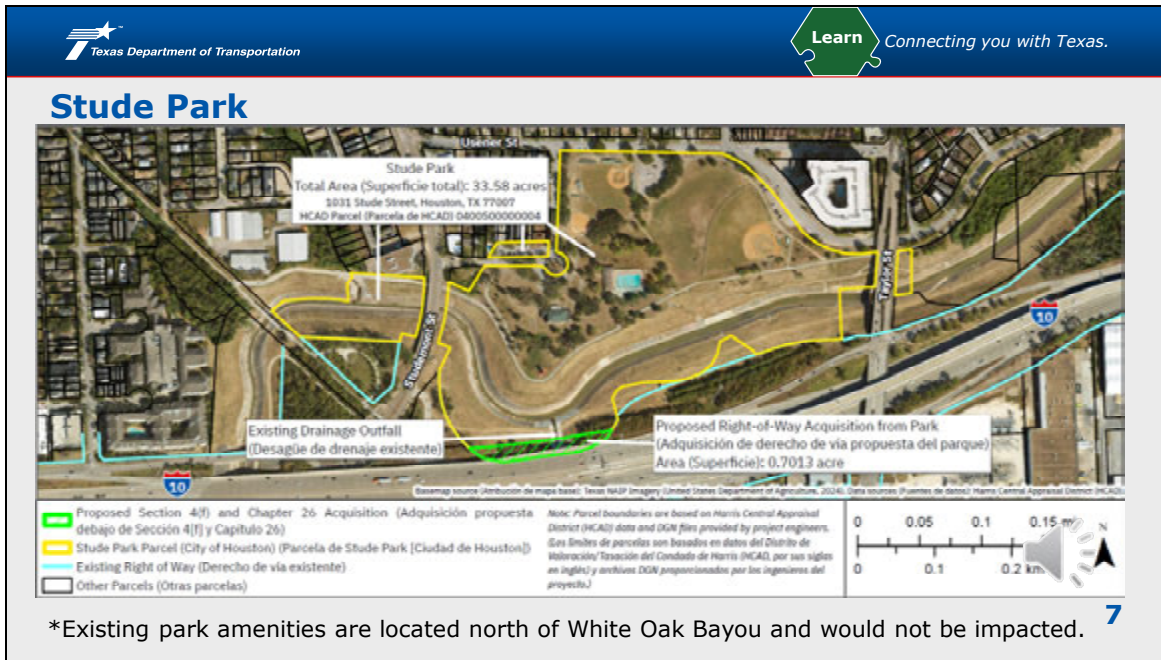


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The roadway project is currently under construction to raise the I-10 main lanes above the floodplain of White Oak Bayou from Heights Boulevard to I-45 near Downtown Houston in Harris County. The project is approximately 1.8 miles long. The total project cost finalized at \$407.8M. This information can also be found in the project handout, for quick reference.

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The focus of this hearing is the proposed acquisition of a portion of the Stude Park property to accommodate the 10-foot shared use path and other project elements such as drainage and supportive bridge structures. As shown on this slide, the construction would require the acquisition of 0.7013 acre from the Stude Park property.

Stude Park is a recreational area that includes amenities such as a community center, pool, playground, sports field, gym, and trails. The portion of the property that would be acquired is currently used for drainage to White Oak Bayou and all existing park amenities and features located north of White Oak Bayou would not be impacted.

The slide features a blue header with the Texas Department of Transportation logo on the left and a green puzzle-piece icon with the word "Learn" and the slogan "Connecting you with Texas." on the right. The main title "Why is this Hearing Needed?" is in blue. Below it, a teal box contains the question "What is Section 4(f) and Chapter 26?". A light blue box contains a bulleted list of four points. A speaker icon is located in the bottom right of the list box, and a small blue number "8" is in the bottom right corner of the slide frame.

Why is this Hearing Needed?

What is Section 4(f) and Chapter 26?

- Stude Park is designated and used as a public park within the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department.
- Publicly-owned parklands are afforded protection under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and Chapter 26 of the Texas Park and Wildlife Code.
- A public hearing is required to solicit input from the public prior to acquisition of this property.
- Since the existing features of the park would not be impacted, TxDOT anticipates a *de minimis* determination for this use.

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As a publicly owned recreational area, Stude Park is protected under Chapter 26 of the Texas Park Wildlife Code and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966; therefore, a public hearing must be conducted prior to acquisition of the property.



Since the existing features of the park would not be impacted, TxDOT anticipates a *de minimis* determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. A *de minimis* impact is one that, after taking into account avoidance, minimization, mitigation and enhancement measures, results in no adverse effect to the activities, features or attributes qualifying a park or recreational area for protection under Section 4(f).

Public comment on the potential effects of this construction on the activities, features, or attributes of Stude Park may be submitted as instructed later in the presentation. Comments from the public hearing will also be considered in the re-evaluation of the original environmental decision.




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This project is following the federal, and because of that, TxDOT is required to assess the potential environmental effects of the proposed project in accordance with Federal standards. The process that is followed is called the National Environmental Policy Act process, otherwise known as NEPA. The NEPA process provides analyses of the potential impacts to the natural and manmade environment and helps the decision maker to make an informed decision on whether or not to proceed with the project. On July 17, 2025, TxDOT received a signed Memorandum of Understanding from the Federal Highway Administration that permits TxDOT to assume responsibility from the Federal Highway Administration for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA projects. This review and approval process applies to this project.

TxDOT Right-of-Way (ROW) Process



Approximately 0.7013 acre of park right of way is required	No impacts to commercial properties	No impacts to residential properties
		

Please visit www.txdot.gov for more information about the Uniform Act and TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program 

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Approximately 0.7013 acre of additional right-of-way is required for completion of the shared use path installation, drainage, and other structural bridge elements. No additional impacts to commercial or residential properties are anticipated from this action.






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How to Submit Your Comments

All comments must be received or postmarked by **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**. Comments may be submitted any language in the following ways:

- Phone:** Call the project phone line at 346-352-5691
- Comment Card:** Download the comment card from the website, fill it out and email or mail it to TxDOT. Include reference to CSJ: 0271-07-326/TS
- Online:** To access the public hearing page, scan the QR code or visit www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html
Click on the "Online Comment Form" underneath the "Download" section.
- Email:** Submit to: HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov
- In-person:** Drop the Comment Form in the comment box at the in-person open house
- Mail:** Mail the comment card: TxDOT Houston District
Advanced Project Development Director
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386



TxDOT encourages you to review the information presented in this presentation and provide feedback. You may submit comments in any language in the following ways:


You can call and leave a verbal comment by dialing 346-352-5691
Download the comment card by scanning the QR code on screen or from the project webpage - www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html and email to HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov
Fill out the comment card at the open house and drop in the comment box.

Mail the comment card to: TxDOT Houston District
Attention: Advanced Project Development
Director
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386




Comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, April 29, 2026, to be included in the public **hearing** documentation.


Responses to verbal and written comments received during the comment period will be included in the public hearing documentation that will be posted on the project webpage when complete.


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 **Follow** *Connecting you with Texas.*

Contact Information – Engage with TxDOT Online

<p>Houston District Contact Contact the TxDOT Public Engagement Coordinator anytime during project development:</p> <p>Gabriel Adame Phone: 713-802-5199 Email: Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov</p>	<p> Follow us on X (Twitter): twitter.com/TxDOTHouston</p> <p> Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/txdothouston</p> <p> Follow us on Instagram: www.instagram.com/txdothouston</p>
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 To access the public hearing page visit www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html or scan the QR code

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions anytime during project development. 

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Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, and feel free to contact me, Gabriel Adame the Public Engagement Coordinator at the TxDOT Houston District office, by phone at 713-802-5199 or email me at Gabriel.Adame@TxDOT.gov with any questions or comments at any time during the project development process. And don't forget to click on these links and follow us on X formerly Twitter, for ongoing road closures and construction updates on the Houston District X page. You may also keep up with TxDOT news on our Facebook page or follow us on our Instagram page.

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Texas Department of Transportation

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DRIVE *like a* **TEXAN**
Kind. Courteous. Safe.

Drive like a Texan

Kind. Courteous. Safe. Next time you get behind the wheel, remember that a little kindness and courtesy go a long way to make our roads safer for everyone.

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Please take a moment to reflect on the importance of safe driving. TxDOT's Drive Like a Texan campaign aims for you to drive kind, courteous, and safe.

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The slide features a blue header with the Texas Department of Transportation logo on the left and the slogan "Connecting you with Texas." on the right. The main content is centered in a white oval on a light gray background. The text is in blue and black, with the date "Wednesday, April 29, 2026" underlined. A small speaker icon is located in the bottom right corner of the slide area, and the number "14" is displayed below it.

**Thank you for participating
in this public hearing**

**Please remember to submit comments
by Wednesday, April 29, 2026.**

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Thank you for participating in this public hearing. Please remember to submit your comments no later than Wednesday, April 29, 2026, to be included in the official public hearing documentation.