



I-610 SOUTH MEETING HANDOUT

June 2023

Quick Facts

Location:
Southeast Houston, Texas

Length:
5.7 Miles

Limits:
FM 521 (Almeda Road) to Telephone Rd

Reference Number:
CSJ 0271-16-158 & 159

Right of Way Needs:
Undetermined at this time

Potential Displacements:
Undetermined at this time

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this study are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA TxDOT.



Welcome to the Public Meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to the public meeting. This public meeting is being conducted both virtually and in-person. Both options provide an opportunity to view a pre-recorded presentation in English and Spanish and provide your feedback. The purpose of the public meeting is to engage with the community and gather your input on this study. Your input is important to the Feasibility Study process. Details on how to comment are on the next page.

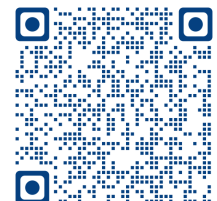
Feasibility Study Description

The purpose of a feasibility study is to identify transportation needs while determining critical elements of engineering and economic feasibility of a proposed corridor. The feasibility study will establish design concepts, general right-of-way requirements and associated project impacts. Various elements associated with a study can include studying various alternatives, analyzing current and future traffic volumes, analyzing potential environmental problems, developing cost estimates and determining feasibility.

During this public meeting you are invited to review materials for the feasibility study of I-610 South from Farm-to-Market (FM) 521 (Almeda Road) to Telephone Road in Harris County. This public meeting is the first of several meetings that TxDOT will conduct to engage the surrounding community and receive feedback. Potential improvements, or alternatives, will be developed for this section of I-610 South based on public and stakeholder input, along with analysis of current and future needs. The alternatives would then move forward into project development, including preliminary design and environmental review. Potential impacts and displacements would be determined as the feasibility study progresses and would be presented at future public meetings.

For more information, go to:
<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html> or scan the QR code here.

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Why is this study being conducted?

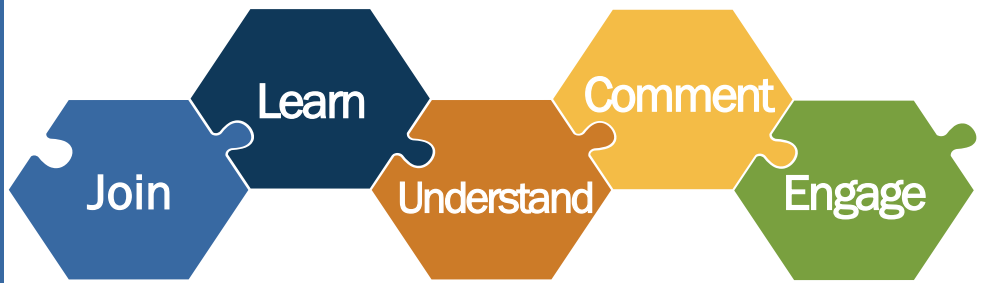
TxDOT is performing this study to determine the transportation needs along I-610 South between FM 521, also known as Almeda Road, and Telephone Road. This segment of I-610 South is over 50 years old and does not meet current design standards. I-610 South is a critical roadway for the movement of people and goods. This portion of I-610 South serves major destinations like NRG and major employers such as the Texas Medical Center and is on both the state and national highway freight networks. In 2022, this segment of I-610 South was ranked by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) as the 58th most congested roadway in Texas. Regional population is expected to increase by 65% by the year 2045 and this study will help to identify future improvements needed to address the population growth.

Questions or Need Help

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How to Get Involved

You are invited to participate in the study by reviewing the materials and providing comments.

You may submit comments in English or Spanish in the following ways:

- Place the comment card in the Comment Box at an in-person open house
- Send the comment card via U.S. Mail postmarked by June 30, 2023:
TxDOT Houston District
Director of Project Development
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386
- Send your comment via email to:
HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov

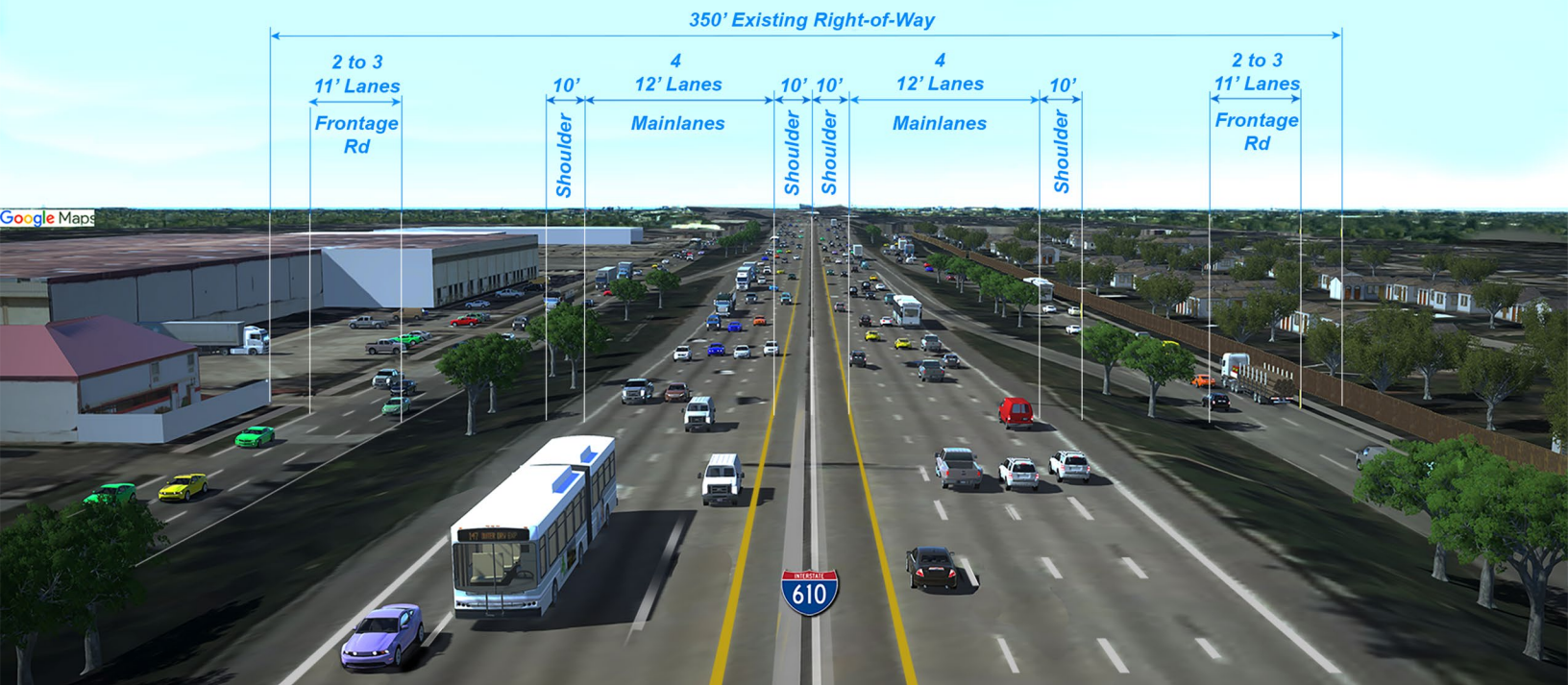
All comments must be received or postmarked by June 30, 2023, to be considered in the official public meeting summary report.

Documentation of this public meeting will be available online at the TxDOT webpage when completed. This report will contain responses to all comments received by the June 30, 2023, deadline.

Please include the reference number shown on the first page in all communication.

Next Steps





Existing Roadway

The image above shows a cross-section view of the roadway as it is today. The current roadway has four 12-foot-wide main lanes in each direction with 10-foot-wide shoulders. The frontage roads have two to three 11-foot-wide lanes and are discontinuous in some areas. The existing right-of-way is approximately 350 feet.

The Texas Department of Transportation (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.

Existing Roadway Conditions

The image to the bottom right shows the Cullen Boulevard bridge, which is one of nine bridges in this segment of I-610 South that does not meet the minimum vertical clearance requirement of 16.5 feet for roadways crossing under I-610 South.

The image to the bottom left shows the entrance ramp at Long Drive. Some entrance and exit ramps in this part of I-610 South are very steep and not long enough to safely merge into traffic.

