



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
Northpark Drive Reconstruction
From Russel Palmer Road
To Woodland Hills Drive
Control Section Jobs (CSJs): 0912-37-245 & 0912-72-618
Harris and Montgomery Counties, Texas

The Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority (LHRA) and City of Houston Tax Incremental Redevelopment Zone (TIRZ) 10, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, are proposing improvements and reconstruction along Northpark Drive, from east of Russel Palmer Road to east of Woodland Hills Drive, in Harris and Montgomery Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that the project team will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person open house. **The virtual public meeting will be available starting on Tuesday, March 5, 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 view project information, visit: www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html.

Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 802-5199 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 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. 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 Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kingwood Park Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345.**

The proposed project would include the reconstruction and widening of Northpark Drive, from a four lane roadway (two lanes in each direction) with 11-foot-wide lanes, to a six lane roadway, that includes three 12-foot-wide main lanes in each direction, 1-foot-wide outside/inside shoulders, and 11- to 12-foot-wide left and right turning lanes. The proposed project would reconstruct and narrow the existing raised medians, and depressed grass medians, to allow for the addition of the proposed travel lane and turning lanes. The proposed reconstruction may include new signals at the Woodland Hills Drive and Hidden Pines Drive intersections, pending traffic warrant studies at both locations. To provide drainage in the project area, the project preliminarily proposes new drainage features, including open ditches, curb-and-gutter, and one stormwater detention basin in a location yet to be determined.

The project would require the acquisition of approximately 6 to 38 feet of right of way (ROW) along the north and south sides of Northpark Drive, resulting in a new ROW width of 126 to 298 feet. The project would require 3.7 acres of additional ROW and would result in 34 partial acquisitions, but no displacements. Additional ROW for the proposed stormwater detention pond would be separate from the ROW needed for the roadway improvements and is not included in the 3.7 acres noted above.

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 LHRA ROW Representative, by emailing info@lhra.com.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following property protected under Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Kingwood Greenbelt Trail.

The proposed project would require a temporary use during construction of 0.23 acre of the Greenbelt trail located from Hidden Pines Drive east to Woodland Hills Drive. The Kingwood Greenbelt Trail is a hiking and biking recreation trail, 75-miles long, throughout Kingwood. A portion of the property that would be impacted by the proposed project is currently used as sidewalk. The existing sidewalk is 4-foot-wide and would be replaced with a 10-foot-wide shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians. The project team anticipates an exception determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation act of 1966. Public comments on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the Greenbelt Trail may be submitted as instructed below.

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. to 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.

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 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 public meeting, please contact Gabriel Adame, NEPA Public Engagement Coordinator, at (713) 802-5199, or Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov, no later than 4 p.m. Friday, March 1, 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 by mail, in any language, 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 or Info@lakehoustonra.com. All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 22, 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 public meeting, please contact Elizabeth Moreau, Environmental Project Planner, at (713) 802-5223 or by email at Elizabeth.Moreau@txdot.gov. You may also look on the LHRA website regarding the Northpark Drive project here: www.lakehoustonra.com/t-1014-northpark-drive-reconstruction-project/.

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.

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

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