



State Highway 249 (SH 249)

Beltway 8 N (BW 8) to Interstate Highway 45 N (I-45)

Virtual Option:
August 23, 2022 to
September 12, 2022

In-Person Option:
August 25, 2022

Project Summary

Project Location:

Harris County, TX

Project Length:

Approximately 7.2 miles

Project Limits:

From BW 8 N to I-45 N

Estimated Project Cost:

\$130.6 million (This project is not yet funded)

Project Reference Number:

CSJ: 0720-03-131

Right-of-Way Required:

Approximately 31 acres

Potential Displacements:

9 Residential and 14 Commercial

Potential Parcel Impacts:

135 Parcels

Welcome to the Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to the public hearing for the proposed improvements along SH 249 from BW 8 North to I-45 North in Harris County, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to introduce the preferred alternative, to make available the approved Draft Environmental Assessment, and gather public input.

This public hearing is being conducted both virtually and in-person. The virtual option includes a pre-recorded presentation in English and Spanish. You are invited to view the narrated presentation, learn about the proposed improvements, and provide your input to the project team. The in-person option will include the same information and materials presented in the virtual option. Public comments and verbal testimony are encouraged. Please see details on how to comment under "How to Get Involved" on the following page.

Proposed Project Description

The TxDOT Houston District Office proposes to reconstruct and widen SH 249 (from BW 8 North to I-45 North) from a six-lane roadway to an eight-lane divided roadway, for a total distance of approximately 7.2 miles. In each direction, the inside and outside travel lanes would be 13-foot-wide and the middle two lanes would be 12-foot-wide, with 6- to 30-foot-wide raised medians to separate travel directions. Ten-foot-wide sidepaths would be constructed on both sides of the roadway near the ROW limits and could be used by both pedestrians and bicyclists. Three stormwater detention facilities would also be added on new location along the project corridor. The proposed ROW would be approximately 162 to 180 feet wide.

Project History

TxDOT has held two public meetings for this project. Public Meeting 1 was held on November 2, 2017, and Public Meeting 2 was held on June 12, 2018. In Public Meeting 1, two build alternatives were presented (Alternative 1 and Alternative 2) and design options were shown for each alternative. Both alternatives proposed to widen the existing SH 249 roadway from six lanes to eight lanes and included at-grade intersection improvements, the addition of a raised median, turn-lane improvements, bus stop improvements, and the addition of continuous shared use paths. Additionally, Alternative 2 proposed to construct overpasses at Bammel North Houston Road, North Houston Rosslyn Road, Antoine Drive, and Veterans Memorial Drive.

Public Meeting 1 resulted in 15 comments from the public, which included support for the project, concerns regarding impacts to properties, and suggestions regarding design improvements. Feedback also indicated a slight preference for Alternative 1 over Alternative 2 and a preference for the acquisition of right-of-way (ROW) from the north side of SH 249 rather than acquisition from both sides or from the south side of SH 249. This alternative was labeled Alternative 1a. As a result, in Public Meeting 2, TxDOT moved forward with Alternative 1a, which included widening SH 249 at-grade and acquisition of ROW from the north side of SH 249. Sixteen comments were received from Public Meeting 2, which included support of the project, safety concerns, concerns about traffic noise, concerns about impacts to properties, suggestions regarding bike lane accommodations, and other design suggestions. The project team reviewed the comments received, further evaluated design options, and refined the design to a recommended alternative. Subsequently, Detention Pond 2 was reduced to avoid impacts to potential wetlands and Detention Pond 3 was added to the proposed project. In addition, bus turnouts were removed from the proposed design per request from METRO.

How to Participate

VIRTUAL OPTION:

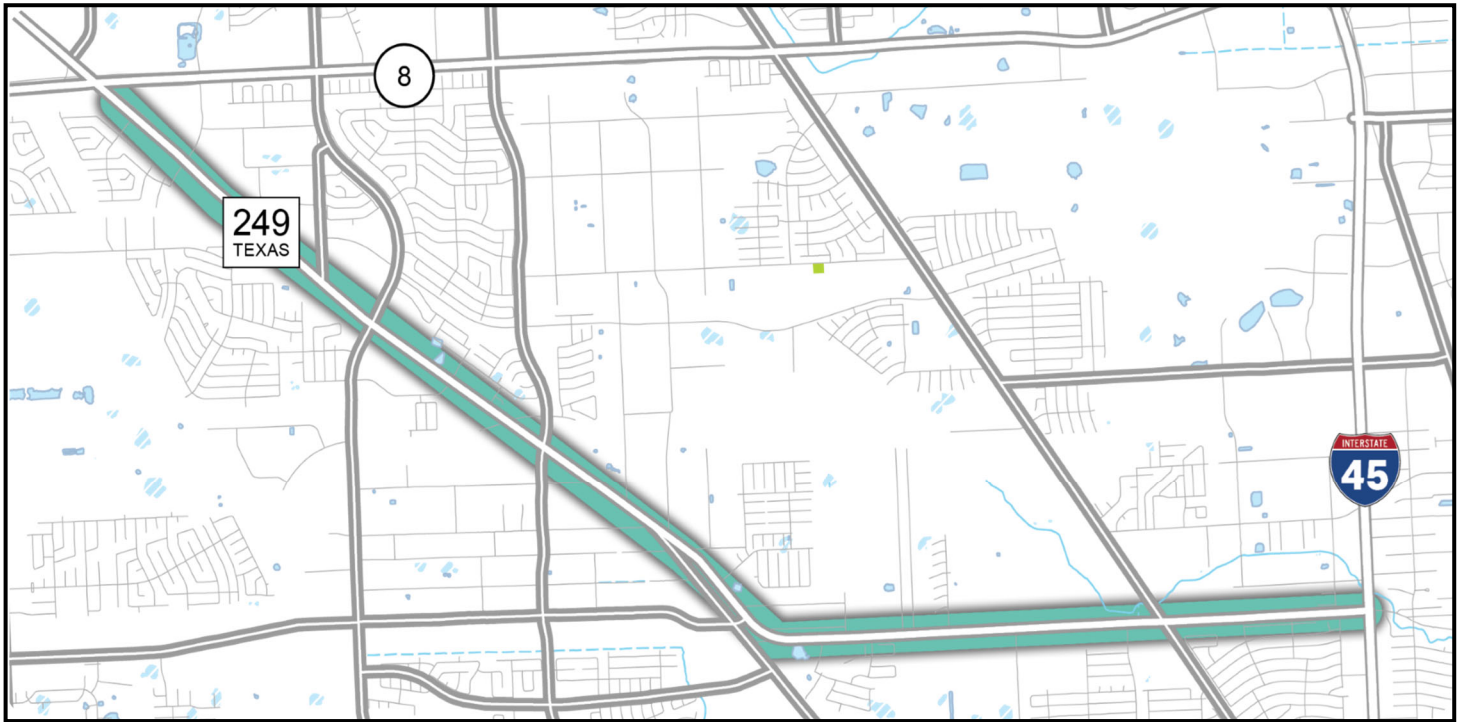
Starting Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Visit www.txdot.gov, keyword search

"SH 249 from Beltway 8 N"

IN-PERSON OPTION:

Thursday, August 25, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at White Oak Conference Center, 7603 Antoine Drive, Building A, Houston, TX 77088



Why is this project proposed?

The proposed project is needed because the existing SH 249 does not meet current highway design standards and lacks sufficient capacity to adequately support the projected increased traffic and population growth. The lack of capacity would result in congestion, reduced mobility, and safety concerns.

The purpose of the proposed project is to upgrade SH 249 to current design standards, improve mobility and reduce congestion, and increase operational efficiency and safety at intersections along SH 249.

Next Steps

- Consider public comments and testimony
Due Monday, September 12, 2022
- Finalize environmental analysis and document decision
Early 2023
- Complete final design
2025
- Begin right-of-way acquisition in
2027
- Construction anticipated to begin
2029

How To Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by reviewing the materials online or in person and submitting comments.

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

- Call the project comment phone line (346) 922-3035 to leave a verbal testimony.
- Place the comment card in the Comment Box at the in-person option.
- Send the comment card by U.S. Mail to:

**TxDOT Houston District
Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386**

- Submit comments by email to:
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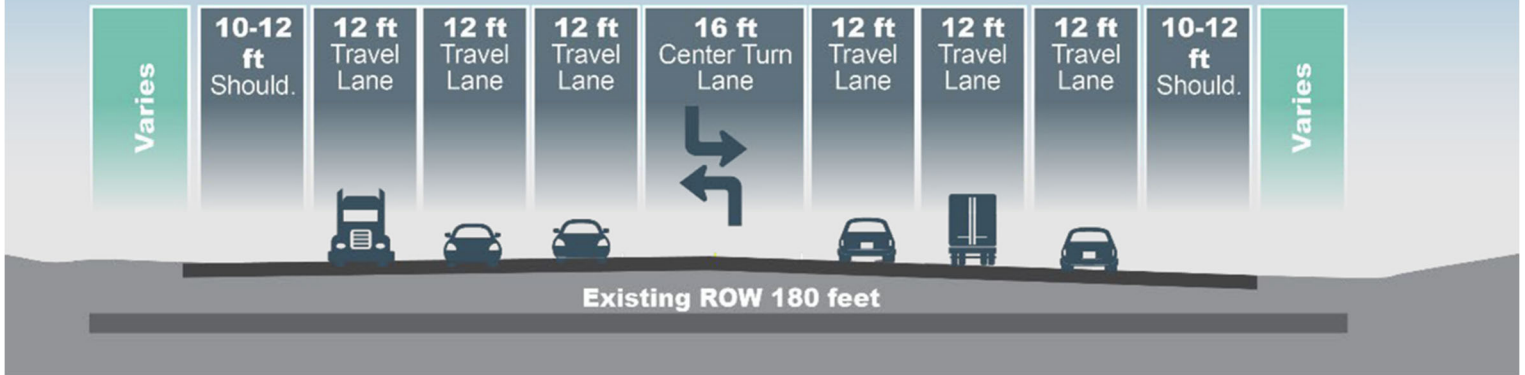
All comments and testimony are due by Monday, September 12, 2022, in order to be considered in the official public hearing summary.

Documentation of this Public Hearing will be available online at the above web address approximately three months after the close of the comment period. This report will contain responses to all comments received by the due date.

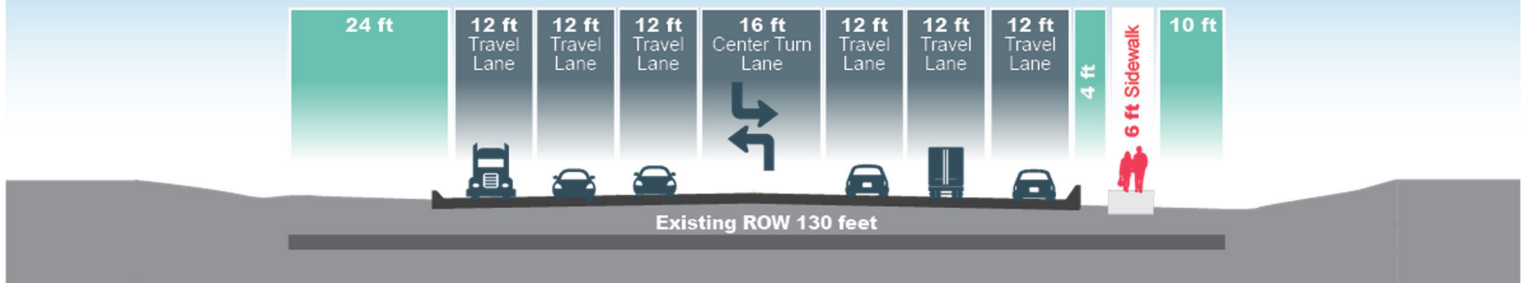
Please reference the Project Reference Number CSJ:0720-03-131 (SW) in any communication.

Existing Typical Sections

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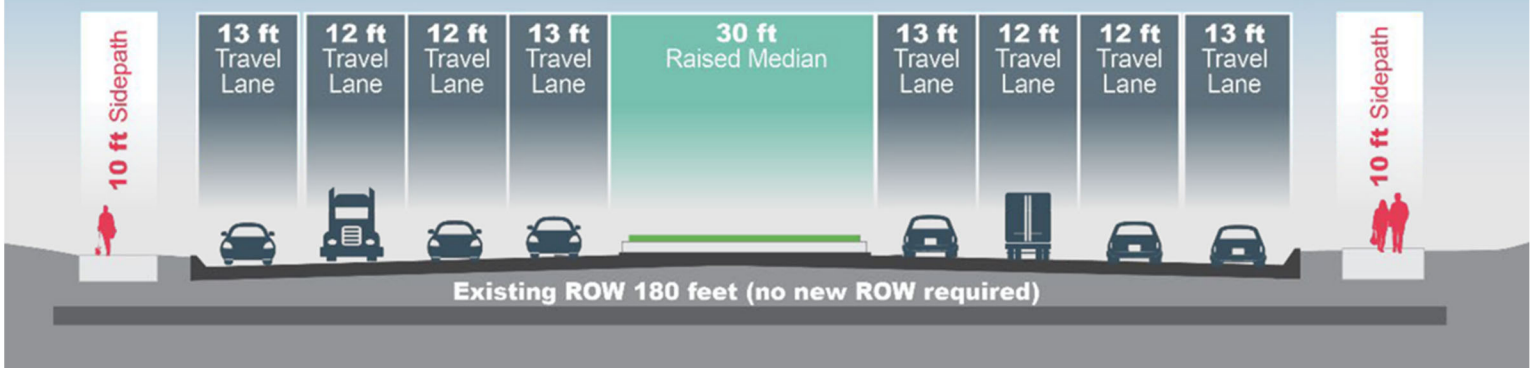


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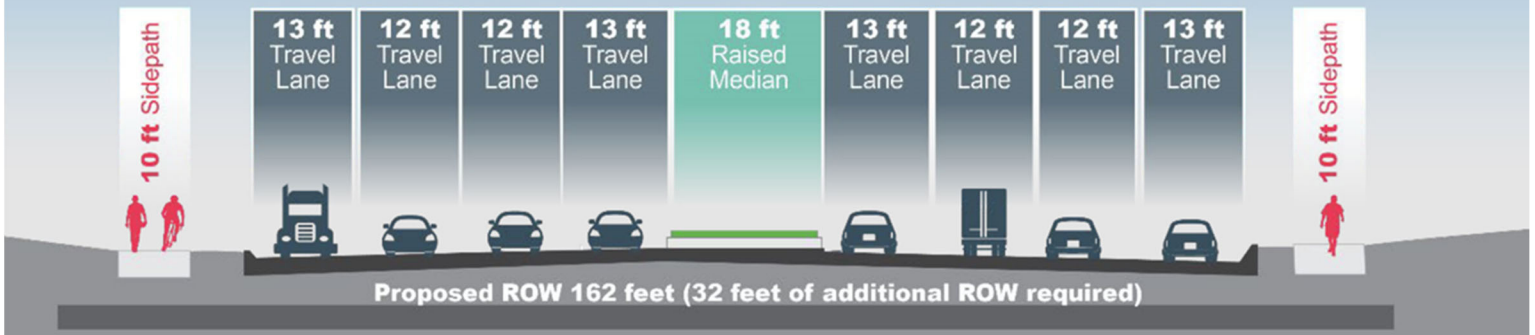


Proposed Typical Sections

HOLLISTER DR TO LINCOLN DR



LINCOLN DR TO WEST OF I-45 N





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Project Map here



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In Spanish