



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
STATE HIGHWAY 242
FROM FARM-TO-MARKET 1488 TO INTERSTATE 45
CSJ: 3538-01-034
Montgomery County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District proposes improvements and design modifications to the State Highway 242 (SH 242) from Farm-to-Market 1488 (FM 1488) to Interstate 45 (I-45) project in Montgomery County, Texas. The design modification is a result of stakeholder and community input received from the SH 242 public meeting held June 23, 2022. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting with an in-person option to review the proposed design changes to the project. **The pre-recorded virtual public meeting will be available starting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html>.

The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. 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) 802-5262 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 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 option for individuals who would like to participate in person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the virtual public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions, and submit written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at The Woodlands College Park High School Cafeteria, 3701 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77384.**

The TxDOT Houston District proposes a design modification of the SH 242 from FM 1488 to I-45 roadway project from an added capacity roadway expansion project to a non-added capacity intersection, shoulder, and drainage improvement project. The design modification is a result of stakeholder and community input received from the SH 242 public meeting held June 23, 2022.

Originally the design proposed to add two additional through lanes (one eastbound and westbound) to the existing SH 242 roadway. The revised project would maintain the SH 242 roadway lane configuration as it currently exists. The project now proposes to add and/or widen right-turn and left-turn lanes at thirteen intersection locations. No additional right of way would be required for the roadway improvements; however, approximately 10.74 acres of right of way would be needed for three proposed stormwater detention ponds. Additionally, since the proposed project would not increase the capacity or change the horizontal or vertical alignment of the roadway, no noise barriers are warranted with these improvements.

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 right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from calling (713) 802-5740.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain. Approximately 2.7 acres of the proposed detention ponds are within the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated 100-year floodplain. The proposed project would not raise the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

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 by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Montgomery Area Office located at 901 N FM 3083, Conroe, TX 77303. To schedule an appointment to review the materials, please contact Abraham M. Guzman, P.E., at (956) 538-3301. Project materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

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. 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 either the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Sarah Wyckoff, District Environmental Coordinator, at (713) 802-5262 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, 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 or postmarked by Friday, March 24, 2023.** Responses to comments received will be available online at the project webpage once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Andy Ngo at (713) 802-5782 or by email at Andy.Ngo@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.