



Notice

Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

State Highway (SH) 35 (Spur 5)

Interstate Highway 45 (I-45) to Interstate Highway 610 (I-610)
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Harris County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing to construct SH 35 (Spur 5) from I-45 to I-610 in Harris County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the project team will be conducting a virtual public hearing with an in-person option on the proposed project. **The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online starting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. through Friday, December 30, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.** To view the presentation and materials, go to the following web address beginning at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, and type “**SH 35 (Spur 5) from I-45 to I-610**” in the search box.

The virtual public hearing 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 date and time listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (281) 841-6888 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.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person, instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation as posted online, which will be playing on a screen; review hard copies of project materials; ask questions of the project team; and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Houston Texans YMCA, 5202 Griggs Road, Houston, Texas 77021.**

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call 281-768-3560 to provide verbal testimony during the comment period. Written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All comments received before the end of the comment period will be considered equally and will be included as part of the official record. Responses to comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “**SH 35 (Spur 5) from I-45 to I-610**”.

TxDOT is proposing to extend existing Spur 5 and construct a roadway on new location, south of existing Spur 5, as SH 35. The proposed project would consist of a four to ten lane roadway between I-45 and Dixie Drive with an interchange at I-610. Each lane would be a 12-foot lane. The number of main lanes transitions from 4 main lanes (between Dixie Drive and Glencoe Avenue) to 6 main lanes (between Glencoe Avenue and Griggs Road) to 10 main lanes (between Griggs Road and Old Spanish Trail) and back to 8 main lanes (between Old Spanish Trail and I-45).

The SH 35/I-610 interchange would consist of an elevated, multi-level interchange between SH 35 and I-610; SH 35 would be elevated over I-610. Four elevated direct connectors, each consisting of one 14-foot lane, would be constructed to permit entrance and exit to SH 35 and I-610.

The project is approximately 3.4 miles in length and would require approximately 14 acres of additional right-of-way.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, potentially displace three single-family residences and five non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, may be obtained from the TxDOT District Office by calling (713) 802-5056.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

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 by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 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, keyword search “**SH 35 (Spur 5) from I-45 to I-610**”.

The public hearing 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 the public hearing, please contact Tunisia Smith, at (713) 802-5560 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Thursday, December 1, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the project team to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are encouraged. Written comments may be submitted by mail 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. Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call 281-768-3560 and verbally provide testimony from 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Friday, December 30, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "**SH 35 (Spur 5) from I-45 to I-610**", once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual public hearing, please contact Jeanne Javadi, Project Engineer, at (281) 841-6888 or by email at Jeanne.javadi@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.