



## **Notice**

**Virtual Public Hearing  
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026  
Acquisition of PAs 38, 39 and 40  
Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Dredge Material Placement Area Parcel  
CSJ (Project Number): 5500-00-079  
Galveston County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to acquire multiple parcels of land to use as placement areas for materials dredged from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in Galveston County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project. The virtual hearing will be available on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026, by 5 p.m. and will remain available for comment until Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/maritime/2026/acquisition-of-pas-022426.html](http://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/maritime/2026/acquisition-of-pas-022426.html). The virtual 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 time and date listed above.

If you do not have internet access, you may call 512-468-5600 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 written comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below. All written comments will be considered by TxDOT and 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/projects/hearings-meetings/maritime/2026/acquisition-of-pas-022426.html](http://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/maritime/2026/acquisition-of-pas-022426.html).

This notice is provided as required by the Texas Coastal Waterways Act, Transportation Code, Section 51.006. The proposed parcels of land to be considered for acquisition include Placement Areas (PA) 38, 39 and 40. PA 38 is an approximately 203-acre parcel of land in the Burrell Franks Survey, Abstract Number 65, Galveston County, Texas. PA 39 is an approximately 226-acre parcel of land in the Jones Shaw Survey, Abstract Number 179, Galveston County, Texas. PA 40 is an approximately 236-acre parcel of land in the Jones Shaw Survey, Abstract Number 179, and the Abraham Van Nordstrand Survey, Abstract Number 203, Galveston County, Texas

TxDOT is acquiring the property to fulfill its responsibilities as the non-federal sponsor of the GIWW. These responsibilities include providing right of way and placement areas for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) operation and maintenance of the GIWW. Right of way and displacement requirements are not applicable for this acquisition.

Environmental documentation, maps and drawings showing the project location, and other information regarding the proposed project are available for inspection online at [www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/maritime/2026/acquisition-of-pas-022426.html](http://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/maritime/2026/acquisition-of-pas-022426.html).

Maps, USACE environmental documentation, and other displays concerning the proposed site will be available during the virtual public hearing. These displays are on file and available for inspection from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Stassney Campus, 6230 E. Stassney Lane, Austin, Texas 78744. To schedule an appointment, please contact Ray Newby at 512-917-9357.

The virtual public hearing will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you need an interpreter, document translator, or have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate in the virtual public hearing, please contact the TxDOT Maritime Division at 512-486-5600 no later Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026. 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 may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Stassney Campus, Attn: Maritime Division, 6230 E. Stassney Lane, Austin, Texas 78744. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [ray.newby@txdot.gov](mailto:ray.newby@txdot.gov) or [online](#). Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, March 11, 2025, to be considered part of the official virtual public hearing record.

Responses to written comments received will be available [online](#) once they have been prepared.

If you have any general question or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual hearing, please contact Ray Newby, Waterways Program Coordinator, Maritime Division at 512-917-9357 or [ray.newby@txdot.gov](mailto:ray.newby@txdot.gov).