



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment and
Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Rd.)
From SH 110 to FM 346
CSJ: 3021-01-009
Smith County, Texas

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Tyler District proposes to widen FM 2964 from SH 110 to FM 346 in Smith County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project, with a supplemental in-person option. **The virtual hearing will consist of a video presentation with audio and visual components and will be posted online Monday, Aug. 22, 2022 at 8 a.m.** To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to txdot.gov and keyword search "FM 2964 Public Hearing". The presentation will remain available for viewing online until Friday, Sept. 9, 2022. If you do not have internet access, you may call (903) 510-9100 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials.

Additionally, TxDOT is offering an in-person public hearing option. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered online, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and consultants, and provide written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mozelle Brown Elementary School, 14600 CR 2191, Tyler, Texas 75703.**

For both hearing options, members of the public may call (903) 200-1700 to provide verbal testimony, from 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2022. Written comments may be submitted by mail or email. All timely verbal testimony and written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbal testimony and comments will be included as part of the hearing and project record.

From SH 110 at Thistle Drive in Tyler, south to FM 346 near Whitehouse, the proposed improvements to FM 2964 include widening the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane curb-and-gutter roadway with a continuous two-way left-turn lane. Improvements include a shared-use path to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. The project also proposes to realign the FM 2964 intersection with Shiloh Road approximately 1,200 feet west of its current location, at Thistle Drive. The project also proposes to realign the intersection of FM 2964 and Barbee Road. The length of the project is approximately 5.4 miles and proposed right of way (ROW) varies from 100 feet to 225 feet throughout the project.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace 52 residences and six 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 ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the Tyler District office by calling (903) 510-9100.

The draft EA, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available for review online at txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 2964 Public Hearing". These project materials will also be available for review at the in-person hearing. These materials are on file and available for inspection 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Tyler District Office, 2709 W. Front. St., Tyler, Texas 75702



The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, 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 are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting, please contact the project team at (903) 510-9100 no later than 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, 2022. 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 Tyler District Office, 2709 W. Front St., Tyler, Texas 75702. Written comments may also be submitted by email to dylan.mccord@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be received on or before Friday, Sept. 9, 2022.**

As stated above, members of the public may call (903) 200-1700 and verbally provide testimony from 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2022.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Dylan McCord at (903) 510-9116 or dylan.mccord@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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.