



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IH 45: FM 830 to FM 1375

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing for proposed improvements to IH 45 from FM 830 in Montgomery County to FM 1375 in Walker County, Texas. The hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at Lynn Lucas Middle School, which is located at 1304 N. Campbell Street, Willis, Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The hearing will begin with an open house from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Project personnel will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed project at the open house. The formal public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

The proposed project would widen the existing four-lane divided highway to a six-lane divided highway, as well as convert some two-lane frontage roads to one-way, widen shoulders, reconfigure ramps, and upgrade other design features to meet current design standards. The purpose of the proposed project is to increase capacity and upgrade design features along this segment of IH 45 in order to accommodate future growth of the region and resulting traffic volumes, to improve safety, and to facilitate hurricane evacuation.

Approximately 1.9 acres of additional right-of-way is required for the proposed project; however, no displacements will be necessary. Personnel from the TxDOT Right of Way division will be available to discuss the procedures, benefits, programs, and other needed information regarding land acquisition.

The environmental document, maps, and other drawings showing the existing and proposed right-of-way and proposed design will be displayed at the public hearing. This and other information regarding tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction of this project are available for inspection and copying, by appointment, at the TxDOT Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007, and the TxDOT Montgomery Area Office located at 901 N. FM 3083 E., Conroe, TX 77303.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Persons interested in attending the public hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Houston District Office at 713-802-5072 at least two (2) working days prior to the hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. The TxDOT office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

Written and verbal comments may be presented at the hearing. Written statements may also be submitted to the TxDOT Houston District Office at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX or by mail to the Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386 or by email at HOU-PIOWEBMAIL@dot.state.tx.us. All comments must be submitted within ten (10) days after the public hearing (postmarked on or before December 1, 2009).