



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting
FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 1488
From Interstate (I) 45 to Mostyn Drive
CSJ: 0523-10-047
Montgomery County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing improvements along FM 1488 from I-45 to Mostyn Drive in Montgomery County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual public meeting will be available on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 5 P.M.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, and type "FM 1488 from I-45" in the search box at the top-right corner of the webpage.

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 meeting page until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 802-5092 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 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, instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially-distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the KC Event Center, 2655 FM 1488, Conroe, TX 77384.**

The proposed project would replace the continuous center turn lane along FM 1488 from I-45 to Mostyn Drive with a raised median. Additionally, the proposed project would include numerous median breaks with left-turn lanes in both the eastbound and westbound directions to allow for U-turns and provide access to the cross-connecting roadways throughout the project area. At some of these U-turn median breaks, the project proposes the addition of truck loons, which are extra-wide pavement sections on the edge of the roadway that would allow larger vehicles the space necessary to perform a U-turn. Lastly, this project proposes to widen the pavement on the north side of FM 1488 between State Highway 242 and Kuykendahl. This widening would allow for the addition of a westbound auxiliary lane and an extra left turn lane at each intersection with the purpose of alleviating traffic congestion at those major intersections. The proposed project is approximately 14.2 miles in length and would be completed entirely within the existing TxDOT right-of-way (ROW).

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 inspection 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 "FM 1488 from I-45".

The virtual public meeting and in-person option 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 virtual public meeting, please contact Benjamin Burns, Project Manager, at (713) 802-5092 no later than 4 P.M., Monday, November 29, 2021, 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 either at the in-person option or 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. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Responses to

comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “**FM 1488 from I-45**”, once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Benjamin Burns, Project Manager, at (713) 802-5092 or by email at Benjamin.Burns@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.