



Notice
Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
Interstate (I) 10
From Farm-to-Market (FM) 359 to Mason Road
CONTROL: 0271-06-117
Waller, Fort Bend and Harris Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing improvements along I-10 from FM 359 to Mason Road in Waller, Fort Bend and Harris Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that the project team will be conducting a Virtual Public Hearing with an in-person option. **The Virtual Public Hearing will be available starting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. through Friday, July 15, 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 "I-10 from FM 359" 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 time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 802-5137 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.

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 Thursday, June 30, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Katy High School Cafeteria, 6331 Highway Boulevard, Katy, Texas 77494.**

For both the Virtual Public Hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (713) 487-8821 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 "I-10 from FM 359".

The proposed project would include the addition of two managed lanes, two general-purpose lanes, and the extension of frontage roads in some areas on I-10 between Mason Road and FM 359. The length of the project would be approximately 13 miles. The proposed project would reconstruct I-10 to add two managed lanes and two general-purpose lanes from FM 359 to US 90/Katy Mills Boulevard. From US 90/Katy Mills Boulevard to Mason Road, I-10 would be restriped (no added pavement) to accommodate two new managed lanes in the middle of the existing main lanes. Additionally, frontage roads would be extended from Pederson Road to US 90/Katy Mills Boulevard.

The existing I-10 right of way (ROW) varies within the project limits; typically ranging from 320 to 400 feet. Approximately 102 acres of new ROW would be required for this project. About 45 acres of the new ROW would be used for the proposed improvements to I-10. The remainder of the proposed ROW is intended to be used as drainage. No new additional ROW would be needed between US 90/Katy Mills Boulevard to Mason Road, where only restriping is proposed.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace two non-residential structures. No residential structures are anticipated to be

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displaced at this time. 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 TxDOT District Office by calling (713) 802-5137.

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 or the Fort Bend County Area Office, 4235 SH 36, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. An appointment can be scheduled by calling (713) 802-5137. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-10 from FM 359".

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 Jason Holloman, Environmental Specialist at (713) 802-5137 no later than 4 p.m., Friday, June 24, 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 (713) 487-8821 and verbally provide testimony from 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022. All comments must be received on or before Monday, July 18, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-10 from FM 359" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the Virtual Public Hearing, please contact Chance Norman, P.E., at (713) 802-5251 or via email at Chance.Norman@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.