



**Notice Opportunity for a Public Hearing
FM 529 Improvement Project
From SH 99 (Grand Parkway) to FM 362
Control 1006-01-074, 1006-02-009 and 1006-01-079
Harris and Waller Counties, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen Farm-to-Market (FM) 529 Road from State Highway (SH) 99 (Grand Parkway) to FM 362 in Harris and Waller Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The proposed project would include both an urban and a rural roadway configuration along FM 529 to match the needs of the surrounding communities. The urban layout, from SH 99 to Katy Hockley Cut Off Road, would widen FM 529 from two to six lanes (three lanes in each travel direction), and would include 10-foot wide sidepaths for bicycle and pedestrian use on both sides of the roadway. The rural layout, from Katy Hockley Cut Off Road to FM 362, would widen FM 529 from two to four lanes (two lanes in each travel direction), and would similarly include 10-foot wide sidepaths on both sides. The total project length is approximately 12.2 miles.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 109 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) and potentially displace one commercial business, one non-residential structure of unknown use, and one overhead utility tower. 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) 802-5260.

The proposed project would require acquisition of approximately 13.1 acres of new ROW from two historic sites, the Eba Hebert Ranch and Beckendorff Farm (6.3 acres and 6.8 acres, respectively), which represent approximately one percent of the acreage within the boundaries of each of the historic sites. TxDOT anticipates making *de minimis* determinations for these uses under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the historic sites may be submitted as described below.

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 available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 529 to SH 99". If you do not have internet access, you may call the project manager at (713) 802-5260 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process.



The project materials are written 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 you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to review the project materials or submit information, please contact the project manager at (713) 802-5260 or via email at Samuel.Ainabe@txdot.gov no later than 4 P.M., at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the project materials or submit information. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a Public Hearing on this project. Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are also requested. Written hearing requests and comments may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Advanced Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251 or via email to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houston@txdot.gov). Please reference **CSJ 1006-01-074 (JH)** on all requests and comments. All hearing requests and comments must be received or postmarked on or before **Friday, February 4, 2022**. A hearing will be held if ten or more individuals submit timely written requests for a hearing, or if an agency with jurisdiction over the project submits a timely written request for a hearing that is supported by reasons why a hearing will be helpful. Responses and comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "**FM 529 to SH 99**" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact the project manager at (713) 802-5260.

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.