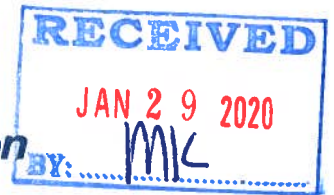




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The Honorable Trey Duhon
ATTN: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DIRECTOR
County Judge, Waller County
836 Austin Street, Suite 203
Hempstead, Texas 77445

RE: Notice of Public Meeting
Waller and Harris Counties
FM 1488: From BU 290 to Joseph Road
Control 0409-03-012

Dear Judge Duhon:

Attached is a notice for the upcoming public meeting for the proposed widening of Farm-to-Market (FM) 1488 from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway from Business (BU) 290 to Joseph Road in both Waller and Harris Counties, Texas. This public meeting is being held to present the proposed design alternatives and seek comments from local officials and interested persons. You, or your representative, are cordially invited to attend. See attached map for details of the meeting location.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Fields Store Elementary School
31670 Giboney Road
Waller, Texas 77484
5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. – Open House Format

We are available to meet with you before the public meeting to review the proposed project and answer any questions that you may have. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Ms. Sue Theiss, at (713) 802-5070.

Sincerely,

Eliza C. Paul, P.E.
District Engineer
Houston District

Attachments

cc: Denetia Robinson
Susanna Scott

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**Notice of Public Meeting
FM 1488: From BU 290 to Joseph Road
Control 0409-03-012
Waller and Harris Counties, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed roadway widening along Farm-to-Market (FM) 1488 from Business (BU) 290 to Joseph Road, in Waller and Harris Counties, Texas. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Fields Store Elementary School Cafeteria, 31670 Giboney Road, Waller, Texas 77484. The meeting will be held in an open house format from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. **No formal presentation will be made.**

The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. The proposed design would widen the existing FM 1488 from a two-lane, undivided roadway to a four-lane, divided roadway. The two-lane roadway between BU 290 and US 290 would be converted to a four-lane roadway with 18-foot (ft.) raised median, 10-ft. side paths to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians, and curb and gutter. The remainder of the proposed facility would be widened from two-lanes to four-lanes, with 10-ft. outside shoulders, 4-ft. inside shoulders, 5-ft. sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians, open ditch drainage and 40-ft. depressed grassy median. In addition, several curves on FM 1488 would be realigned to meet safety criteria. Widening and curve realignment would require additional right-of-way acquisition.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and design drawings will be available for review at the public meeting. This information will also be available by appointment Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., excluding State holidays, at the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District, please contact Sofia Huang, at (713) 802-5233. Information will also be available at TxDOT's maintenance office located at, 400 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas 77445. To schedule an appointment at the maintenance office, please contact Jeffery Earl, at (979) 921-2401. The project information can also be viewed at TxDOT's website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically by March 18, 2020. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Director of Advanced Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251 or submitted electronically, at HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov or at the project website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.

Materials for the public meeting will be presented in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Offices, at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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.



Aviso de Reunión Pública
FM 1488 desde la: Business 290 hasta la Joseph Road
Control 0044-03-012
Condados de Waller y Harris, Texas

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT), Distrito de Houston, tendrá una reunión pública sobre la expansión de la carretera Farm-to-Market (FM) 1488 desde la Business (BU) 290 hasta la Joseph Road en los Condados de Waller y Harris, Texas. La reunión se llevará a cabo el martes 3 de marzo de 2020 en Fields Store Elementary School Cafeteria 31670 Giboney Rd, Waller, TX 77484. La reunión será en formato de casa abierta comenzando a las 5:30 P.M. hasta las 7:30 P.M. **No habrá una presentación formal.**

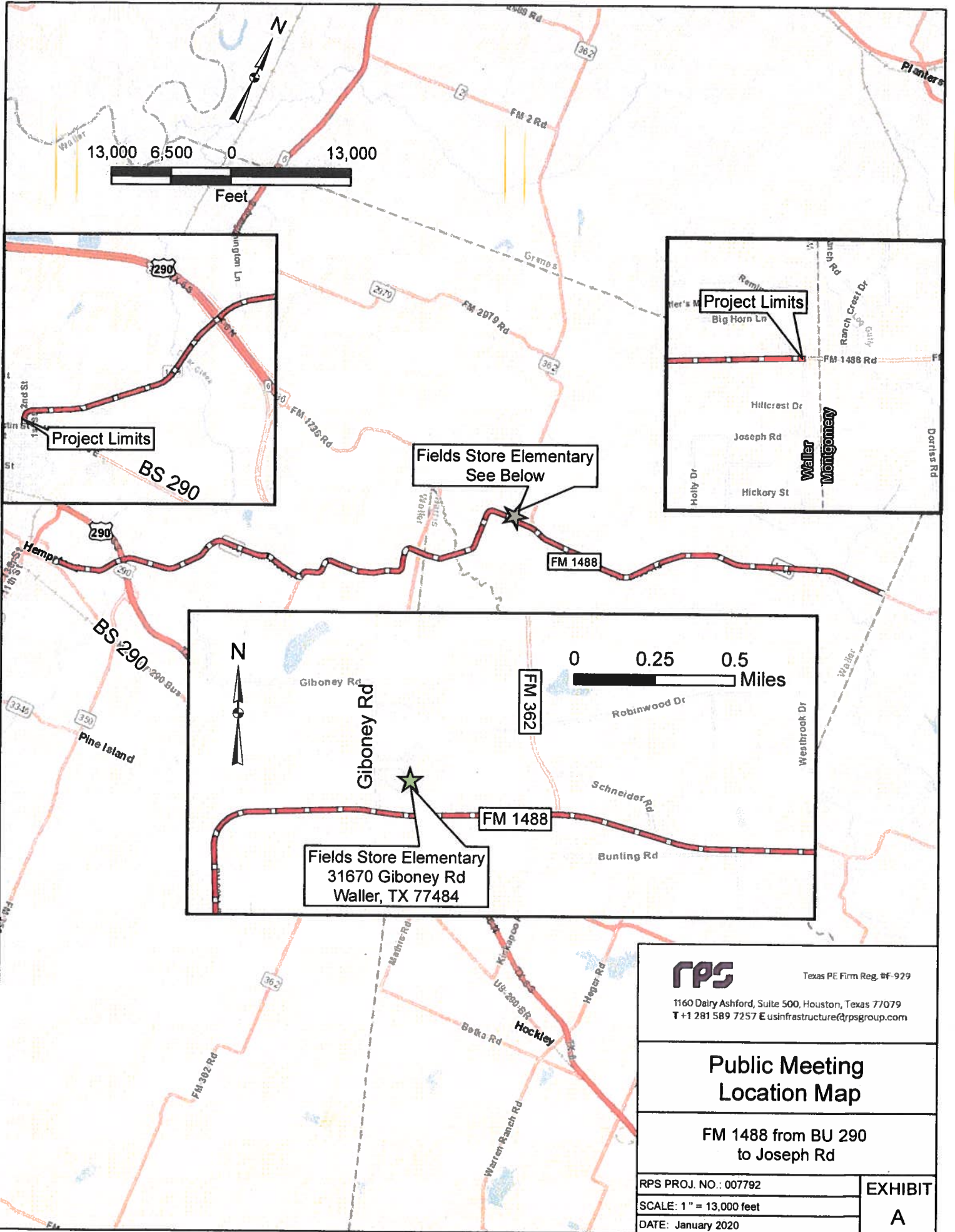
El propósito de la reunión es presentar el proyecto propuesto y recibir comentarios del público. Las mejoras propuestas incluyen, el ensanche de la carretera existente FM 1488 de dos carriles no-dividida a una carretera dividida de cuatro carriles. La carretera de dos carriles entre la BU 290 y la US 290 se convertiría en una carretera de cuatro carriles con una mediana elevada de 18 pies, carriles laterales de 10 pies y bordado y cunetas. El resto del proyecto propuesto se ampliaría de dos carriles a cuatro carriles, con carriles exteriores de 10 pies, carriles interiores de 4 pies, aceras de 5 pies, drenaje de zanja abierta y medianas con hierba de 40 pies de largo. Además, se realinearán varias curvas en la FM 1488 para cumplir con los estándares de seguridad. La ampliación y la realineación de las curvas requieran una adquisición de derecho de vía adicional (ROW).


Mapas que muestran la ubicación del proyecto propuesto y dibujos del diseño, estarán disponibles para su revisión en la reunión pública. Esta información también estará disponible para su revisión en persona, con cita de lunes a viernes entre las 8:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M., excluyendo los días festivos, en la Oficina de Distrito de TxDOT Houston, ubicada en 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. Para programar una cita en el Distrito de Houston, por favor de contactar a Sofia Huang al número de teléfono (713) 802-5233. Información también estará disponible en la Oficina de TxDOT ubicada en el 400 FM 1488, Hempstead TX 77445. Para programar una cita en la oficina, por favor de contactar a Jeffery Earl al número de teléfono (979) 921-2401. La información del proyecto también se puede ver en línea en el TxDOT:
<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.

Todas las personas interesadas están invitadas a participar de esta reunión. Los comentarios escritos, pueden presentarse la noche de la reunión en persona o enviarse por correo a la Oficina de Distrito de TxDOT, Oficina de Información Pública, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251 o por correo electrónico a HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov. También se puede proveer comentarios en línea a <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.

La reunión será en inglés. Las personas interesadas en asistir a la reunión que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o necesidad de acomodo razonable, deben contactar a la Oficina de Distrito de TxDOT, Oficina de Información Pública (713) 802-5076. Las solicitudes deben hacerse con al menos cuatro días antes de la reunión. Se hará todo lo posible para atender estas necesidades.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido, llevado a cabo por TxDOT de conformidad con 23 U.S.C 327 y un Memorandum de Entendimiento fechado el 9 de diciembre del 2019, y ejecutado por la FHWA y el TxDOT.



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<h2>Public Meeting Location Map</h2>	
FM 1488 from BU 290 to Joseph Rd	
RPS PROJ. NO. : 007792	EXHIBIT A
SCALE: 1" = 13,000 feet	
DATE: January 2020	