



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
Airport Boulevard: From Hiram Clarke Road to Farm-to-Market 521 (FM 521)
Harris County, Texas
CSJ: 0912-71-0386

This notice advises the public that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The City of Houston, Harris County, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing improvements to Airport Boulevard from Hiram Clarke Road to FM 521 in Harris County, Texas. The public hearing will be held on April 6, 2017 at James Madison High School, 13719 White Heather Drive, Houston, Texas 77045. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 pm with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

TxDOT proposes to widen and extend Airport Boulevard from Hiram Clarke Road to FM 521, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles, in southwest Houston. The proposed project would connect the existing roadway segments and provide a continuous 4-lane boulevard with raised medians, bicycle lanes and pedestrian sidewalks. TxDOT owns right-of-way (ROW) which ranges from 100-120 feet in width for the proposed Airport Boulevard project. Approximately 7 acres of additional ROW would be required for detention areas though no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information regarding the ROW acquisition process and copies of the Relocation Assistance Booklet will be available at the hearing.

The proposed project would change access along residential streets in the Glen Iris subdivision. The project would bisect Woodkerr Street, Lightstar Drive and Ambrose Street. Woodkerr Street and Ambrose Street (north of proposed Airport Boulevard) would have modified cul-de-sac designs. A new roadway alignment is proposed to connect Lightstar Drive and Ambrose Street (south of proposed Airport Boulevard).

The draft EA and related project information are on file and available for inspection by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, at the TxDOT Fort Bend County Area Office, 4235 SH 36 S., Rosenberg, TX 77471, 281-238-7900, or at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/html>. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person, or by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office. Comments must be received on or before April 21, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed project or the public hearing, please contact Ms. Alexine Stittiams-Ward, Transportation Engineer Supervisor, at 713-802-5418 or Alex.StittiamsWard@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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.