

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I-10 at FM 3180 Interchange

Control Section Job Number (CSJ): 0508-02-120

Chambers County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve the intersection of I-10 at FM 3180 in Chambers County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing regarding the proposed project on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex, Pavilion Meeting room at 12450 Eagle Pointe Drive, Mont Belvieu, TX 77523. An open house will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. where displays will be available for viewing and the public may come at their convenience. The public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m., which includes a formal presentation and comment period. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project will support existing and future development and improve traffic operations and reduce congestion by improving travel time. The proposed project would:

- Reconfigure the I-10 and FM 3180 intersection by reconstructing I-10 as an overpass across FM 3180; currently, FM 3180 is an overpass across I-10
- Widen FM 3180 from two lanes to four lanes
- Install traffic signals at the intersection of FM 3180 and I-10 frontage roads
- Widen the I-10 frontage road bridges over Cotton Bayou

All work would occur within the existing right-of-way (ROW). No additional ROW, permanent/temporary easements are required; therefore, no displacements or relocations of residences and businesses are necessary. The activities associated with the project would impact tidal waters of the U.S. located in the existing ROW; therefore, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and authorizing Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act is anticipated.

A portion of the proposed project ROW is located with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be prepared in accordance with the current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies and procedures. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

Environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project will be available at the event. This information is on file and available for review by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the TxDOT Beaumont District Office located at 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708. To schedule an appointment, contact Sarah Dupre at (409) 898-5745. Project information can also be viewed by visiting www.txdot.gov and Search: **I-10 at FM 3180 public hearing**.

Verbal and written comments may be submitted at the hearing; written comments may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Beaumont District Office, Attn: Larry Sheppard, PE, 8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77708 or electronically to Larry.Sheppard@txdot.gov. Written comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically on or before Thursday, September 6, 2018, to be part of the official hearing record.



The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT Public Information Officer Sarah Dupre at (409) 898-5745. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Larry Sheppard, PE, Project Manager with TxDOT at (409) 892-7311 or by email at Larry.Sheppard@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.