

Farm-to-Market 521

From State Highway 6 to County Road 56 June 17, 2021 | Virtual Public Meeting





Welcome to the Virtual Public Meeting

Fort Bend County, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), welcome you to the virtual public meeting for the proposed FM 521 from SH 6 to CR 56 Widening Project. The purpose of tonight's virtual public meeting is to afford the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed project.

This virtual public meeting is being conducted virtually and includes a presentation in English and Spanish. You are invited to view the narrated presentation, exhibit boards, and proposed improvements schematic.

Public comments are encouraged at any time during the project development process.

Project Summary

Project Location: Fort Bend County

Project Length: Approximately 5 miles

Project Limits:From State Highway 6 south to County Road 56

Estimated Construction Cost: \$42.7 Million

Funding: To Be Determined

Project Reference Number: CSJ: 0111-03-064

Right of Way Required: Approximately 56 acres

Potential Displacements: No displacements are anticipated

Construction Start: Desired—Fall 2022

Proposed Project Description

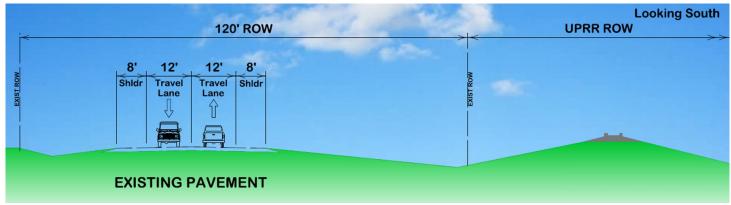
The proposed improvements would involve the following:

- Widening FM 521 between SH 6 and CR 56 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane curb-andgutter roadway
- Constructing a 16-foot-wide, noncontinuous, raised grassy median
- Constructing a 10-foot-wide side path typically along the east side of FM 521
- Installing new traffic signals
- Adding left and right turn lanes at designated locations
- Constructing two new bridges across Briscoe Canal and Juliff Canal
- Possibly constructing a grade-separated railroad crossing bridge (Please see presentation for alternatives)
- Constructing detention ponds

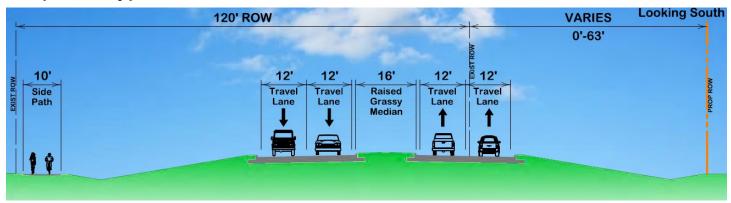
The proposed roadway improvements would require approximately 56 acres of additional right of way and no displacements are anticipated.

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.

Existing Typical Section



Proposed Typical Section



Why is this project proposed?

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility, reduce regional congestion, and bring the facility up to current design standards

Next Steps (Anticipated Timeline)

- Consider Public Meeting comments (Summer 2021)
- Begin right of way acquisition (Summer 2021)
- Additional Public Involvement Opportunity (Winter 2021-2022)
- Finalize environmental analysis (Winter 2021-2022)
- TxDOT Environmental Decision (Spring 2022)
- Final design (Spring 2022)
- Construction begins (Fall 2022)
- Construction time is approximately 24 months (Open Winter 2024)

How to Get Involved

The public is invited to participate in the project development process by reviewing the materials online and submitting comments at any time during the process.

You may submit comments in English or Spanish in the following ways:

- Send the comment card by U.S. Mail to:
 Mr. Kevin Mineo, Senior Project Engineer
 Binkley & Barfield
 1710 Seamist Drive, Houston, Texas 77008
- Comments submitted electronically to: <u>FBCProject-FM521South@binkleybarfield.com</u>

All comments are due by <u>July 2, 2021</u>, in order to be considered in the official Virtual Public Meeting Summary Report.

The Virtual Public Meeting Summary Report will be available online at the above web address approximately 3 months after the end of the comment period. This Virtual Public Meeting Summary Report will contain responses to all comments received by the due date.

Please reference the Project Reference Number, found on page 1 of this document, in any communication.