

Notice Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Open House State Highway (SH) 99 From Highland Knolls/Bay Hill Boulevard to South Fry Road Control Section Job (CSJ): 3510-04-066, etc. Fort Bend County, Texas



Fort Bend County, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is proposing improvements along SH 99 between Highland Knolls/Bay Hill Boulevard and South Fry Road in Fort Bend County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the project team will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person open house. The virtual public meeting will be available starting on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, by 5 p.m. The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. To view the virtual public meeting presentation and view project information, go to the following web address: fbctx.gov/SH-99.

Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 802-5199 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person open house option for individuals who would like to participate in person, instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same prerecorded presentation as posted online, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions and submit written comments. The in-person open house will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Cinco Ranch 9th Grade Center at 23440 Cinco Ranch Boulevard, Katy, Texas 77494.

The proposed project would add continuous two-lane frontage roads along sections of SH 99 between Highland Knolls/Bay Hill Boulevard and South Fry Road. A section of frontage road would be constructed along SH 99 northbound from South Fry Road to Highland Knolls/Bay Hill Boulevard. Two additional sections of frontage road would be constructed along SH 99 southbound from (1) Highland Knolls/Bay Hill Boulevard to Cinco Ranch Boulevard and then (2) from Westheimer Parkway to South Fry Road. The proposed frontage roads, approximately three miles in length, would also include adjustments of ramp access locations, curb and gutter with storm sewer, and would provide an 8 to 10-foot-wide continuous shared-use path to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. This proposed project's shared-use path would connect with the existing shared-use path from Highland Knolls/Bay Hill Boulevard to South Fry Road.

Although approximately 6.77 acres of right-of-way (ROW) would be required, no residential or nonresidential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from Matt Billiot, P.E., project manager with Binkley Barfield, part of the Fort Bend County project team, by calling (713) 869-3433 or via email at sh99fr@binkleybarfield.com.

The proposed project would involve construction in floodplains and wetlands.

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 on file and available for review by appointment at the Fort Bend County Engineer's Office at 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469 by calling Matt Billiot, P.E., project manager, at (713) 869-3433. Project materials are also available online at <u>fbctx.gov/SH-99</u>.

The public meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English or Spanish, one will be provided to you free of charge. 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 attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact Gabriel Adame, NEPA public engagement coordinator, at (713) 802-5199 or <u>Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov</u> no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the project team to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail in any language to Matt Billiot, P.E., project manager, Binkley & Barfield | DCCM, 1710 Seamist Drive, Houston, Texas 77008. Written comments may also be submitted by email to sh99fr@binkleybarfield.com. All comments must be received or postmarked by Monday, Oct. 23, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at the web address listed above once completed.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the public meeting, please contact lke Akinwande, P.E., Fort Bend County Assistant County Engineer, at (281) 633-7506 or by email at <u>lke.Akinwande@fbctx.gov</u>.

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 Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Please call (713) 802-5199 to request special accommodations or if you have need for interpretation/translation.

Mandarin: 如對住宿有特殊要求或需要口譯或筆譯, 請撥打 (713) 802-5199.

Swahili: Tafadhali piga simu kwa (713) 802-5199 ili kuomba malazi maalum au ikiwa unahitaji ukalimani au utafsiri.

Vietnamese: Xin hãy gọi (713) 802-5199 để yêu cầu cho các điều chỉnh đặc biệt hoặc nếu bạn cần có phiên dịch hoặc biên dịch.

Creole: Tanpri rele (713) 802-5199 pou mande aranjman espesyal oswa si ou bezwen entèprèt oswa tradiktè.