

Farm-to-Market 521

From County Road 56 to State Highway 6

Virtual Option: September 27, 2022 at 5 p.m. through October 14, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. In-person Option: September 29, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.





Project Summary

Project Location: Fort Bend County

Project Length: Approximately 5 miles

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

Estimated Construction Cost: \$42.7 Million

Funding: To Be Determined

Project Reference Number: CSJ: 0111-03-064

Right of Way Required: Approximately 65 acres

Potential Displacements: Campbell Concrete and Materials storage structure

Construction Start: 2028

Welcome to the Public Meeting

Fort Bend County, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), welcomes you to the public meeting for the proposed FM 521 from CR 56 to SH 6 widening project. This is the second public meeting being held for this project. The first public meeting (June 2021) introduced the proposed roadway improvements for FM 521 including four railroad crossing alternatives. In this public meeting, the project team will present the recommended alternative based on public comments previously received. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide an opportunity to engage with the public and receive feedback on the proposed project.

This public meeting is being conducted both virtually and in-person. The virtual option includes a pre-recorded presentation in English and Spanish. You are invited to view the narrated presentation, learn about the proposed improvements, and provide your input to the project team. The in-person option will include the same information and materials presented in the virtual option.

Public comments are encouraged. Details on how to comment are on the following page.

Proposed Project Description

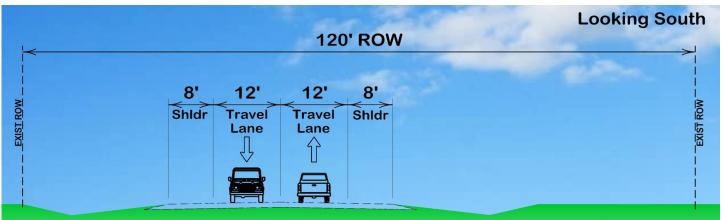
The proposed improvements would involve the following:

- Constructing a grade-separated railroad crossing bridge with the side path located on the bridge structure, providing a safer crossing for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians
- Widening FM 521 between CR 56 and SH 6 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane curb-and-gutter roadway
- Constructing a 16-foot-wide, noncontinuous, raised grassy median
- Constructing a 10-foot-wide side path along the east side of FM 521
- Adding five new traffic signals and replacing two existing signals (see exhibits or video for proposed locations)
- Adding left and right turn lanes at designated locations
- Replacing two existing bridges across Briscoe Canal and Juliff Canal
- Constructing six detention ponds

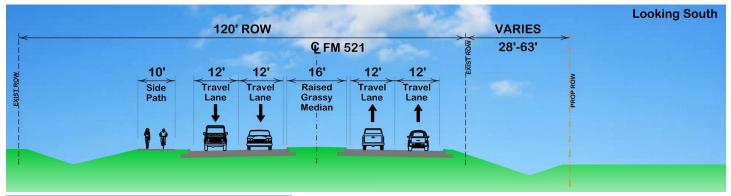
The proposed roadway improvements, including detention ponds, would require approximately 65 acres of additional right of way. One commercial structure displacement associated with Campbell Concrete and Materials would potentially occur.

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
 (Fall 2022)
- TxDOT Environmental Decision (Early 2023)
- Final design (Early 2023)
- Begin right of way acquisition (Anticipated 2023)
- Construction begins (2028)
- Construction time is approximately 24 months

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, Project Manager Binkley & Barfield 1710 Seamist Drive, Houston, Texas 77008

- Comments submitted electronically to: <u>FBCProject-FM521South@binkleybarfield.com</u>
- At the in-person meeting: Fill out the comment card and drop it in the comment box

All comments are due by <u>October 14, 2022</u>, in order to be considered in the official Public Meeting Summary Report.

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

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