

Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
McHard Road
From Cullen Boulevard to Mykawa Road
CSJ: 0912-31-290
Brazoria County, Texas

The City of Pearland, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as joint lead agency, is proposing to construct a four-lane, divided concrete roadway on McHard Road from Cullen Boulevard to Mykawa Road, in Brazoria County, Texas. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Glenda Dawson High School, located at 2050 Cullen Boulevard, Pearland, TX 77581. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m., with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, 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 purpose of the hearing is to present the preferred proposed roadway alignment to the public and discuss the proposed improvements to McHard Road. The proposed 3.45-mile-long facility would extend from Cullen Boulevard to Mykawa Road in the City of Pearland, Texas. The proposed McHard Road would be a four-lane major thoroughfare with intersections planned at Cullen Boulevard and at Adamo, Stone, Max, Roy, Garden, O'Day, Hatfield, Woody, and Mykawa Roads. With the exceptions of Cullen Boulevard and Mykawa Roads, these intersection side streets would include pavement widenings and transitions on McHard Road to meet the proposed class of roadway for each side street right-of-way (ROW) as shown on the City of Pearland Thoroughfare Plan.

The proposed McHard Road would have an urban cross-section consisting of a four-lane divided, curb-and-gutter roadway with a typical 120-foot ROW with an 18-foot raised median. Each travel lane would be 12 feet wide with a 10-foot wide shared pedestrian/bicycle path. The proposed project would require approximately 45 acres of new ROW for the roadway along with 22 acres of new ROW for detention ponds, primarily in undeveloped land formerly used as agricultural land, and would displace 12 residences and three businesses. The acquisition of the required parcels by the City of Pearland would be conducted in accordance with Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, which provide rules, policies, and procedures that govern the relocation of individuals and businesses without discrimination that may be displaced as a result of publicly funded construction ROW acquisition. Information regarding the ROW acquisition process and copies of the Relocation Assistance Booklet will be available at the hearing.

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA), maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection at TxDOT's Houston District Office (7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007) and at the Pearland City Hall (3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, TX 77581). These offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding city and state holidays. Information is posted online at <http://preview.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/022117.html> and at <http://www.pearlandtx.gov/mchard>, and will also be available for inspection at the hearing.

The public hearing will provide an opportunity to submit written comments, and a court reporter will be present to record oral comments. Both written and oral comments will be considered equally. Written comments may be submitted in person at the public hearing, by mail to TxDOT Houston District, Attn: Director of Project Development, P. O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386, or emailed to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov. Comments must be postmarked or emailed by Wednesday, March 8, 2017, to be part of the official hearing record.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Offices at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five working days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

The draft EA document for this project has been approved for further processing by the TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Jennifer Lee, City of Pearland Project Manager, (281) 652-1760.

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.