

## **PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY REPORT**

**FM 529 PROPOSED WIDENING  
FROM GREENHOUSE ROAD TO SH 99 (GRAND PARKWAY)**

**HARRIS COUNTY**

**CSJ Nos. 1006-01-058 and 1006-01-059**

### **Public Hearing**

February 26, 2009

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Cypress Springs High School Cafeteria  
7909 Fry Road  
Cypress, Texas 77433

Presented by

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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## FM 529 Proposed Widening Public Hearing Summary

### Public Hearing Information

- Date:** February 26, 2009
- Location:** Cypress Springs High School Cafeteria  
7909 Fry Road  
Cypress, Texas 77433
- Purpose:** To inform the public and stakeholders of the proposed roadway improvements and to obtain their comments and concerns.

### Format

- 6:00pm to 7:00pm:** Open-house format for public viewing and comment. Exhibits included an Environmental Constraints Map detailing existing environmental conditions, Preliminary Design Schematics with Typical Sections for the proposed alternative, and two copies of the Environmental Assessment for public review.
- 7:00pm to 7:15pm:** Formal slideshow presentation by Gabe Johnson, TxDOT-Houston District's Director of Transportation Planning and Development and Manuel Francisco, Jr. of TxDOT Houston District and Amy M. Brook of Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. One oral comment presented by microphone during the hearing. Brenda A. Foster of Brenda A. Foster Court Reporters transcribed the hearing.

### Attendance

- Citizens:** 38 (per the attached sign-in sheets)
- Elected Officials:** None present
- Media:** None present
- Public Speakers:** 1 citizen

### Attendants

- Texas Department of Transportation**  
Gabe Johnson, Director of Transportation Planning and Development  
Pat Henry, Advanced Project Development Director  
Susan Theiss, Environmental Supervisor  
Martha S. Miller, Transportation Engineer

Samuel E. Ainabe, Engineering Assistant  
Manuel B. Francisco, Jr., Design Manager  
Laura V. Lopez, Design Technician  
Amer Qureshi, P.E., Transportation Engineer  
Frank Leong, Engineering Assistant  
Alan Wang, Transportation Engineer Supervisor  
Rachel Snow, Environmental Coordinator  
Brandon Hobbs, Environmental Coordinator  
Lance Olenius, Environmental Coordinator  
Courtney Blechle, Environmental Coordinator  
Kelly Lark, Environmental Coordinator

**Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc.**

Colleen R. O'Brien, P.E.  
Amy M. Brook  
Angela M. Brock

**Publications / Media**

Notice of this Public Hearing was published in:

- *Houston Chronicle* – Monday, January 26, 2009 and Monday, February 16, 2009
- *Katy Sun* and *Copperfield Sun* – Thursday, January 29, 2009 and Thursday, February 12, 2009 (Papers published by Houston Community Newspapers)
- *La Voz* – Wednesday, January 28, 2009 and Wednesday, February 18, 2009

**Background**

TxDOT began its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public involvement process for the proposed project in 2006. A Public Meeting was held on November 28, 2006 at Cypress Springs High School. Sign-in sheets indicate that 30 citizens and no public officials attended that meeting. Sixteen (16) comment forms were received. They indicated concerns regarding the following issues:

- Safety of the FM 529/Greenhouse Road intersection
- Desire for a dedicated right-turn only lane at Greenhouse Road
- Bicycle lanes and bicycle planning
- Landscaping and beautification of FM 529
- Noise walls and noise wall workshops
- Flooding and flood control
- Desire for a faster timeline for the project

**Description of the Public Hearing**

Continuing the public involvement program in the NEPA process, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held a Public Hearing at Cypress Springs High School on February 26, 2009. The purpose of the hearing was to present the recommended build alternative, solicit public comments and input, and allow the opportunity for public dialogue and exchange with TxDOT regarding the proposed roadway improvements. The hearing was advertised and announced by a variety of methods. Thirty days prior to the hearing, TxDOT engaged in efforts to announce the hearing through mailings and published advertisements. A public notice (Appendix A) was published approximately 30 days and 10 days in advance of the hearing in newspapers with local and city-wide circulation, including the *Houston Chronicle* and *La Voz*, a Spanish language paper. Notices were also sent to landowners with property adjacent to the existing right-of-way (ROW), homeowners associations of adjacent subdivisions, and citizens who had previously expressed interest in being on the mailing list (Appendix B).

As hearing attendees arrived, they were asked to sign in at the registration desk (Appendix C) and were provided a comment form and a handout that included an agenda of the hearing, the proposed design, and space to take notes (Appendix D). Sign-in sheets indicate that 38 citizens and no elected officials attended the hearing.

Prior to the 7:00pm formal presentation and public commenting session, an open house session was held between 6:00pm and 7:00pm to allow viewing of various reference materials, including exhibit boards (Appendix D), a constraints map, and schematics, as well as to give the public the opportunity to talk individually with project team members, including TxDOT and the environmental consulting staff (see Appendix E for open house and hearing photos). A Spanish-speaking TxDOT translator was also present to assist those needing translation.

TxDOT's Mr. Gabe Johnson called the hearing to order at 7:00pm. He began with a discussion about the hearing format and the purpose of the hearing. Following the formal presentation moderated by Mr. Gabe Johnson, a public comment session was held. One (1) oral comment was made during this session (Appendix F). A transcript of the entire hearing (presentation and comments) is also included in Appendix F of this document.

Throughout the open house and hearing, attendees were encouraged to submit written comments on the forms available. A comment table and drop boxes were set up in the open house area. Written comments could also be mailed in or e-mailed during the comment period. A total of 13 written comments were received during the hearing or mailed/e-mailed to TxDOT during the comment period (however, two forms were believed to have been submitted by the same person at the hearing). Copies of these comment forms are included in Appendix G of this document.

**Comments Summary**

By the end of the public comment period on March 13, 2009, TxDOT had received a total of 13 written comments and one oral comment (Appendix G). The comments received were generally

in support of the project. Concerns/issues raised by the comments included inquiries regarding: potential impacts at various properties, maintenance of property access, raised medians versus the proposed continuous center turn-lane (flush median), and noise walls. In addition, bicyclists indicated support for the project and requested that TxDOT keep the shoulder clear of obstructions. Each comment was considered equally, whether it was written, verbal or e-mailed. All of the comments and TxDOT responses are included in a table in Appendix H of this document.

Based on the information in the FM 529 EA (from Greenhouse Road to Proposed SH 99 (Grand Parkway)) and comments received during this Public Hearing, TxDOT recommends implementation of the Preferred Alternative. The engineering, social, economic, and environmental studies conducted thus far indicate that the proposed project would result in no significant effects to the quality of the human or natural environment. TxDOT recommends that FHWA find that implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not be a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human or natural environment and thus issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this project.

**Appendix A: Public Notice and Affidavits of Publication**

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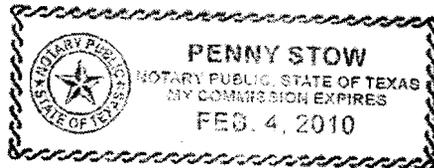
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A schematic plan showing the proposed location and geometric design along with the environmental document and all other studies pertinent to the project are on file and available for review at the District Project Development office at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas.

Persons interested in attending the Public Hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Office at 713-802-5072 at least two working days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT offices are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding national holidays. Since the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two working days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Verbal and written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the hearing or submitted to the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas, 77251-1386, at any time on or before March 13, 2009.

The FM 529 Public Hearing Summary Report will be made available for public viewing at the TxDOT web site: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local-information/houston-district/>

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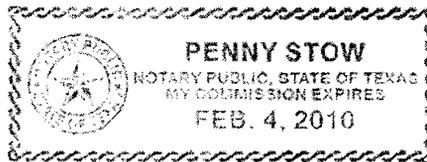
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**AVISO DE****AUDIENCIA PUBLICA**

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TxDOT) va a conducir una audiencia pública sobre el propuesto de ampliación de FM 529 de la Calle Greenhouse a la carretera propuesta Carretera Estatal 99 (SH 99)(Grand Parkway). La audiencia se va a realizar en febrero 26 de 2009 en la cafetería de la Escuela Secundaria Cypress Springs, 7909 Fry Road, Cypress, TX 77433. Documentos y exhibiciones van a ser disponibles para revisar a las 6:00 p.m. y la presentación formal empezara a las 7:00 p.m.

El proposito de la audiencia es para discutir el propuesto de ampliación de FM 529 que presentemente es una carretera con dos sendas de 12 pies de ancho cada una a una carretera con cuatro sendas de 12 pies de ancho cada una, con dos sendas para cada sentido, y dividida por una senda central de 16 pies de ancho con doble sentido para dar vuelta a la izquierda de la Calle Greenhouse a SH 99 (Grand Parkway). No va a ser requerido derecho de via adicional para la accion propuesta y dislocaciones tampoco van a ser necesarias.

Un plan esquemático demostrando la localización propuesta y el diseño geométrico junto con el documento ambiental mas cualquier otros estudios relacionados con el proyecto están en archivo y disponibles para revisar en la oficina de District Project Development en la direccion 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas.

Personas interesadas en asistir la audiencia pública que requieren comunicación o necesidades especiales se les sugiere que llamen a la Oficina de Información Pública de el Distrito de TxDOT, número de telefono (713) 802-5072 por lo menos dos días hábiles de trabajo antes de la audiencia pública. Oficinas de TxDOT estan abiertas de lunes a viernes de las 8:00 de la mañana a 5:00 de la tarde, excluyendo días festivos federales. Siendo que la audiencia pública sera dirigida en ingles, requisitos para intérpretes de otro idioma u otra comunicación especial también deben hacerse cuando menos dos días antes de el día de la audiencia pública. TxDOT va a hacer todo esfuerzo razonable para acomodar estas necesidades.

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El resumen de el reporte de la Audiencia Pública de FM 529 será hecho disponible para vista pública por el internet en la página de web de TxDOT: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local-information/houston-district/>. Aviso de la disponibilidad del resumen de el reporte de la Audiencia Pública será publicado en periódicos locales cuando este disponible para revisar.

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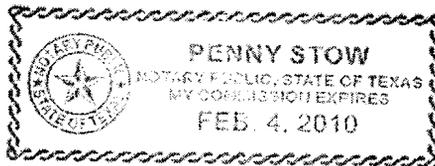
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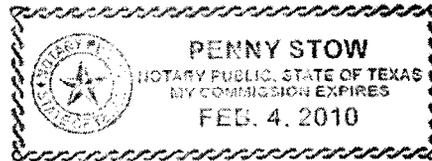
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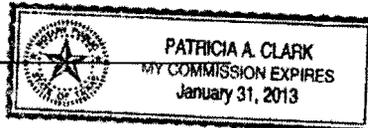
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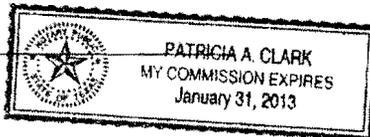
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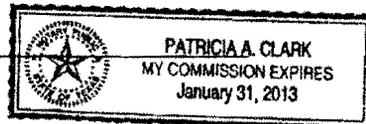
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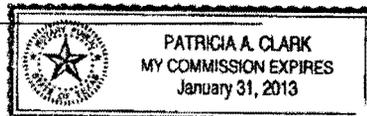
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**Appendix B: Public Notice Mailing List**

Company	Salutation	First Name 1	Last Name 1	Alternate Name	Alternate Last	Mailing Address	City	State	PostalCode
	Mr.	Johnie Bailey	Alpha			6750 West Loop 610 South, Suite 120	Bellaire	TX	77401-4113
	Mr.	Stephen W.	Wall			24903 Teal Lke Court	Katy	TX	77494-3925
	Ms.	Shirley	Alpha			6426 Sewanee Avenue	Houston	TX	77007-3760
	Mr. & Mrs.	Charles D. & Rosa M.	Brown			19402 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Mr. & Mrs.	David P. & Shelly	Siderline			19404 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Mr.	John	Holden			19406 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Ms.	Janet	Bussart			19410 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Ms.	Paula S.	Brewer			19414 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Mr.	Eric D.	Briggs	& Ms. Kimberly R. Overstreet	& Ms. Overstreet	19418 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Ms.	Maria V.	Amador			19422 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Mr.	Rajendra H.	Goonie			19426 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Mr.	Leron E.	Edwards			19430 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Mr.	Juan A.	Garcia	& Ms. Alicia Tellez	& Ms. Tellez	19502 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4301
	Mr.	James L.	Bonner, Jr.			1678 Spring Glade Drive	Cypress	TX	77429-6930
	Mr.	Munira	Rashid			19510 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4312
	Mr. & Mrs.	Antonio & Maria R.	Armenta			19514 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4312
	Mr.	Larry J.	Renney			19518 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4312
	Ms.	Reyna V.	Rivera			19522 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4312
	Ms.	Estely N.	Garcia			19526 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4312
	Messers	Maher H. & Eman F.	Saied			19530 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4312
	Mr. & Mrs.	Arma T. & Raika Q.	Pabroa			19602 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4310
	Mr.	Leon	Griswold, Jr.			19606 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4310
	Ms.	Anna M.	Perez			19610 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4310
	Messers	Hemant M. & Bhanu H.	Swali			19614 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4310
	Ms.	Kernigan	Lacey			19618 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4310
	Mr. & Mrs.	Roberto M. & Maria D.	Alvarado, Jr.			19702 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4308
	Mr. & Mrs.	Ruben & Mary	Leija, Jr.			19706 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4308
	Ms.	Lorraine & Rexie	Tinampay			19710 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4308
	Ms.	Tily	Zubair			19714 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4308
	Mr.	Luis	Montes	& Ms. Monica Garzon	& Ms. Garzon	19718 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4308
	Mr.	Kenneth L.	Koepke	& Ms. Mavis McBride	& Ms. McBride	19722 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4308
	Mr.	Andre	Holiday			19802 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4306
	Mr. & Mrs.	Ronald G. & Candace	Kirk, Jr. &			19806 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4306
	Mr. & Mrs.	Charles T. & Wanda C.	Lewis			19810 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4306
	Mr.	Christopher	Schoth			19814 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4306
	Mr.	Archie M.	Jacobs			19818 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4306
	Ms.	Sylve Suiter A.	Thompson	& Ms. Tracy R. Townsend	& Ms. Townsend	19822 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4306
	Mr. & Mrs.	Anthony L. & Gloria A.	Wilson			19826 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4306
	Mr.	Luciano	Hinojosa			19830 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4306
	Mr.	Mario A.	Gallegos			19902 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4304
	Mr. & Mrs.	Fernando & Maria E.	Banda			19703 River Rock Drive	Katy	TX	77449-6156
	Mr.	Alejandro	Marquez			19910 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4304
	Mr. & Mrs.	Robert L. & Julia	Pike			19914 Azalea Valley Drive	Katy	TX	77449-4304
	Ms. & Mr.	Brenda & Huggins	Towns-Shaughnessy			19714 Creekside Dr	Katy	TX	77449
Harris County Flood Control	Messers	Property Management				9900 Northwest Freeway, # 220	Houston	TX	77092-8621
Hibernia National Bank	Mr.	Gary Satterfield				P.O. Box 61540	New Orleans	LA	70161-1542
Equicap 529 Settlers LLP	Messers					3050 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1170	Houston	TX	77056-6523
135 Settlers Place Ltd.	Messers					340 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 100	Houston	TX	77060-3321
KSL Realty Inc.	Messers					340 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 100	Houston	TX	77060-3321
Cypress Fairbanks ISD	Messers					P.O. Box 395003	Houston	TX	77269
MCM 529 LLC	Messers					6701 Highway Boulevard, Suite 208	Katy	TX	77494
First Service Credit Union	Messers					9621 West Sam Houston	Houston	TX	77064
PCG Exchange 2007 31 4 LLC	Messers	Property Administration Department				220 Jackson Street, Suite 2000	San Francisco	CA	94111-1831

Wells Fargo Bank NA	Messers					3476 Stateview Boulevard	Fort Mill	SC	29715-7203
Chana Enterests	Mr.	Amarpal Singh	Chana			P.O. Box 111849	Houston	TX	77293-0849
Eastbourne Fry & 529 LP	Messers					19 Briar Hollow Lane, Suite 100	Houston	TX	77027-2829
Eastbourne Fry & 529 LP/Ontario 529 LP	Messers					300 International Drive	Buffalo	NY	14221-5781
Johnston Matejek Development, LLC	Messers					10835 West Little York Road	Houston	TX	77041-4003
529 Development Ltd.	Messers					1470 Eldridge Parkway	Houston	TX	77077-1625
Brazos Self Storage Ltd.	Messers					1079 North Earl Rudder	Bryan	TX	77802-2959
	Mr.	Donald R.	McGill			11800 Old Katy Road	Katy	TX	77079-1201
McGill Legacy Ltd.	Messers					11800 Old Katy Road	Katy	TX	77079-1201
NW Houston 529 LP	Messers					4125 Fairway Drive, Suite 128	Carrollton	TX	75010-6506
NW Houston 529 LP	Messers					1601 Elm Street, Suite 3900	Dallas	TX	75201-4708
Walter C. Joseph, Jr., Ltd.	Messers					1100 Louisiana Street, Suite 320	Houston	TX	77002-5231
	Mr.	Johnny	Baker			9121 Elizabeth Road	Houston	TX	77055-6407
	Ms.	Stephanie	Fink			20731 Banner Meadow Lane	Cypress	TX	77433
	Ms.	Mavelin	Rodriguez	& Mr. Eduardo F. Noguera	& Mr. Noguera	7202 Barker Cypress Road, Suite 2207	Cypress	TX	77433
	Ms.	Ruth E.	Zelaya			20723 Banner Meadow Lane	Cypress	TX	77433
	Mr.	Walter	Johnson			20719 Banner Meadow Lane	Cypress	TX	77433
	Mr. & Mrs.	Marcus & Tiffani	Hubbard			20715 Banner Meadow Lane	Cypress	TX	77433
	Prince	Amul	Ngamjiraphak			17409 Harvest Avenue	Cerritos	CA	90703-2549
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	Mr.	Robert	Cranmer			20703 Banner Meadow Lane	Cypress	TX	77433
	Ms.	Martha	Gonzalez	& Mr. Jose L. Ramos	& Mr. Ramos	7003 Parkford Meadow Drive	Cypress	TX	77433
4701 Management Corporation	Messers					115-10 14 Road	Flushing	NY	11356
Fry Road 2004 LP	Messers					P.O. Box 215	Weimar	TX	78962
Royal Partners LLC	Ms.	Anne M.	McKenzie			12131 Malcomson Road, Suite	Houston	TX	77070
	Mr.	Van	Dao			10143 Maplegate Way	Houston	TX	77095
Muine LLC	Mr.	Hai H.	Dao			20230 FM 529, Suite A.	Cypress	TX	77433
Dara Investments Inc.	Messers					P.O. Box 509	Barker	TX	77413
	Mr.	Phillip A.	Donisi, Trustee			24 E. Greenway Plaza Suite 1509	Houston	TX	77046-2486
Amerifirst Investment, Inc.	Messers					7676 Woodway Drive, Suite 338	Houston	TX	77063-1523
JM Texas Land Fund No. 4, LP	Messers					2323 South Shepherd Drive, Suite 900	Houston	TX	77019-7022
JM Texas Land Fund No. 4, LP	Messers					3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 3000	Houston	TX	77027-7567
	Mr. & Mrs.	Crystal L. & Tony	Hicks			7114 Greenwood Point Drive	Cypress	TX	77433-1044
Ghassemi Sardar et.al.	Messers					15 Sterling Street	Sugar Land	TX	77479-2934
Amlan, Inc.	Messers					1011 Highway 6 South , Suite 120	Houston	TX	77077-1036
	Mr.	Richard	Fallin			9545 Katy Freeway, Suite 450	Houston	TX	77024-1460
	Mr. & Mrs.	Dan L. & Kelly	Sears			7003 Great Elms Court	Cypress	TX	77433-1048
Harris County MUD #157	Messers					P.O. Box 711, Suite 2800 South	Houston	TX	77001
	Mr.	Mat C.	Guinn			5003 Braeburn Drive	Bellaire	TX	77401-5317
Harris County MUD #165	Messers	Bob Leared Interest				11111 Katy Freeway, Suite 725	Houston	TX	77079-2175
Bader Inc. DBA FM 529 Food Mart	Messers					1674 Kelliwood Oaks Drive	Katy	TX	77450-4382
Gulf Coast Avenue C LLC	Messers					9545 Katy Freeway, Suite 450	Katy	TX	77024-1460
	Mr.	Calvin	House			15419 House Road	Hockley	TX	77447-9104
WCF Development VIII, LP	Messers					1177 West Loop 610 South	Houston	TX	77027-9027
KB Home Lone Star, LP	Messers					11320 Richmond Avenue	Houston	TX	77082-2616

**Appendix C: Sign-In Sheets**



PUBLIC MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2009

PROPOSED FM 529 IMPROVEMENTS

(from Greenhouse Road to Proposed SH 99 (Grand Parkway))  
Harris County, Texas

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Name	Address	City, Zip Code	Phone	E-mail
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2. William Heimann	645 New World Dr. Katy, Tx 77449			
3. Jennifer Armentrout	116519 Dunleith Cir Cypress 77429	→	281-304-2257	info@sustainableliving.org
4. Kenneth Koepke	19722 Azalea Valley Dr Katy TX 77449		281-550-3252	kkkoepke26@yahoo.com
5. Richard Newton	6807 Creek Village Katy Tx 77449	→	281-858-7975	rsnewton@sbcglobal.net
6. Roy Rowland	6414 Garden Cany KATY, TX 77449	→	281-856-8074	N/A
7. Paul Hawkins	Harris Co. Dist 3 16635 Clay Rd Houston, Tx. 77084		281-463-6300	paul-hawkins@hctx.net
8. Brock Miller	7826 Timberline Run Houston, TX 77095		281-856-9108	bmillers998@sbcglobal.net



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2. David Tanner	3030 Gessner Rd	Houston, TX 77063	281-7619586	DTANNER@CJS.COM
3. Peter Wang	7711 Silent Star Ct	77095 Hous	281 550 3864	plwang01@gmail.com
4. Jose Cruz	19422 AZALEA VALLEY	774	855-4529 281-888-15	
5. Patricia Haverman	6927 Haven Creek Dr.	Katy, TX 77449	281-345-7451	plhkaty@yahoo.com
6. EDDIE Rezaee	22418 Caroline Cove Ln	Katy TX 77450	2817882420	eddie.rezaee@yahoo.com
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8. Jaime Costner	1561 Cedar	Houston 77063	713-204-9054	jeime.75@tdmilton.com



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3. BRENDA BURNER	6231 Pleasant Stream	77449	281-855-3375	BURNER@GMAIL.COM
4. Othas Love	6122 Old Frontage L. Katy TX	77449	Hd- 832 270 3278 WC 281 345 3031	christopher.love@chsl.net
5. Susan Nichols	19011 Brownsore mills Cypress	77433	713- 441-4952	snic.hok@tmhs.org
6. Charlie LaConti	21019 Royal Villa Katy, TX 77449	77449	281-855-8234	claccont@sbcsglobal.net
7. Alicia Tellez	19502 Azalea Valley	77449	714-71-2839	alicia.tellez@wamu.net
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3. AFFRAZ BOOMER	3050 POST OAK BLVD	HOUSTON TX 77056	713-892-5800	Affraz @ equicap group.com
4. Julia Pike	19914 Azalea VLY KATY TX 77449	KATY 77449	281 858 1253	Julia.pike @ sboglobal.net
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3. Robert Mayfield	21111 Southern Colony	Katy	281 861 7901	cottonphonmed@hotmail.com
4. Sherri Poyar	6927 Skyline Plc	Katy	281 610 700	earthscapem@sbcglobal.net
5. Christen Specht	2614 Skyview Glen Ct	Houston		
6. PAULA ANGELLE	6914 Creek Village Dr	KATY	281-856-8535	paula.m.angelle@conocophillips.com
7. S. WALL	21314 Granton Dr	71	281-492 8859	swms@sbcglobal.net
8. V. PEREZ	7005 Fry Rd	Cypress	832-688-1343	

**Appendix D: Handouts and Exhibits**

## PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the findings of the preliminary engineering studies, environmental studies, and the recommended alignment for public input.

## COMMENTS

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking your comments on the proposed **Widening of FM 529 from Greenhouse Road to SH 99 (Grand Parkway)**. Both verbal and written comments are welcome.

If you would like to speak during the "Opportunity for Public Comment" portion of the hearing, please fill out a speaker registration card, available at the sign-in table. Each speaker will be limited to a period of three minutes.

Written comments may be submitted this evening or sent by mail to: Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386.

Comments may also be submitted by E-mail to:  
[HOU-PIOWebmail@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:HOU-PIOWebmail@dot.state.tx.us).

To be included in the official public hearing summary report, all written comments must be postmarked or E-mailed by March 13, 2009.

## PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY REPORT

Please note that you will not receive a direct response to verbal or written comments. All verbal and written statements will be addressed in, and made a part of, the public hearing summary report. The report will be available in mid-2009. It can be viewed at the Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Ave., Houston, Texas, 77007. It will also be available on the TxDOT Houston District Office's web page, <http://www.txdot.gov>. Notice of Availability to review the Public Hearing Summary Report will be published in the same newspapers that published the Notice of Public Hearing.

## PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

**OPEN HOUSE**  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**FORMAL PRESENTATION**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Welcome, Introductions, &  
History of the Project

Mr. Gabe Johnson, P.E.  
Director of Transportation and  
Planning Development,  
TxDOT – Houston District

Project Information &  
Design

Mr. Manny Francisco  
Special Projects Coordinator,  
TxDOT – Houston District

Environmental Studies

Ms. Amy M. Brook  
Senior Associate,  
Berg♦Oliver Associates, Inc.

Opportunity for Public  
Comment

Mr. Gabe Johnson, P.E.



## **PROPÓSITO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**

La razón de esta audiencia pública es para presentar los resultados de los estudios preliminares de ingeniería, estudios ambientales, y la alineación recomendada para comentarios del público.

## **COMENTARIOS**

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas desea sus comentarios sobre la proposición del **Ampleo de FM 529 desde la Calle Greenhouse hasta SH 99 (Grand Parkway)**. Comentarios verbales y escritos son apreciados.

Si usted quisiera presentar durante el tiempo de la "Oportunidad para Comentario del Público" de la audiencia, complete por favor la tarjeta de registro para expositores, disponible en la mesa de registro. Cada expositor va a ser limitado a un tiempo de tres minutos.

Comentarios escritos pueden ser sometidos esta tarde o por correo a: Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386.

Comentarios también pueden ser sometidos por correo electrónico (e-mail) a: [HOU-PIOWebmail@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:HOU-PIOWebmail@dot.state.tx.us).

Todos los comentarios escritos deben ser marcados por el correo postal o enviados por correo electrónico en o antes del 13 de marzo de 2009 para ser incluidos en el reporte oficial de la audiencia pública.

## **REPORTE DE LA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**

Por favor note que no van a recibir contestas directamente a sus comentarios presentados en escrito o verbal. Todos los comentarios presentados en escrito o verbal van a ser discutidos en, y van a ser parte de, el reporte de la audiencia pública. El reporte va a ser disponible en la media parte de 2009. El reporte se puede revisar en Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Ave., Houston, Texas, 77007. También va a ser disponible en la página de web de la Oficina del Distrito de Houston de TxDOT, <http://www.txdot.gov>. Un Aviso de la Disponibilidad para revisar el Reporte de la Audiencia Pública va a ser publicada en los mismos periódicos donde se publicó el Aviso del Audiencia Pública.

## **AGENDA DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**

### **FORMATO ABIERTO**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

### **PRESENTACIÓN FORMAL**

**7:00 p.m.**

Bienvenida, Introducción, y la Historia del Proyecto

Sr. Gabe Johnson, P.E.  
Director de Transportación y Desarrollo de Planeamiento,  
TxDOT – Distrito de Houston

Información del Proyecto y Diseño

Sr. Manny Francisco  
Coordinador de Proyectos Especiales,  
TxDOT – Distrito de Houston

Estudios Ambientales

Srta. Amy M. Brook  
Socia Principal,  
Berg♦Oliver Associates, Inc.

Oportunidad para Comentario del Público

Sr. Gabe Johnson, P.E.





**FM 529:** from Greenhouse Rd to Proposed SH 99  
(Grand Parkway)

# **WELCOME**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Presented by**

**Texas Department of Transportation - Houston District**

**February 26, 2009**

**Cypress Springs High School**



**Berg & Oliver Associates, Inc.**



**FM 529:** from Greenhouse Rd to Proposed SH 99  
(Grand Parkway)

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## **PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

- **PRESENT THE PROPOSED PROJECT DESIGN AND RESULTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**
- **ALLOW PUBLIC TO SHARE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT**



**FM 529:** from Greenhouse Rd to Proposed SH 99  
(Grand Parkway)

## **NEED FOR AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

### The need includes:

- Increasing population
- Increasing traffic congestion
- High accident rate

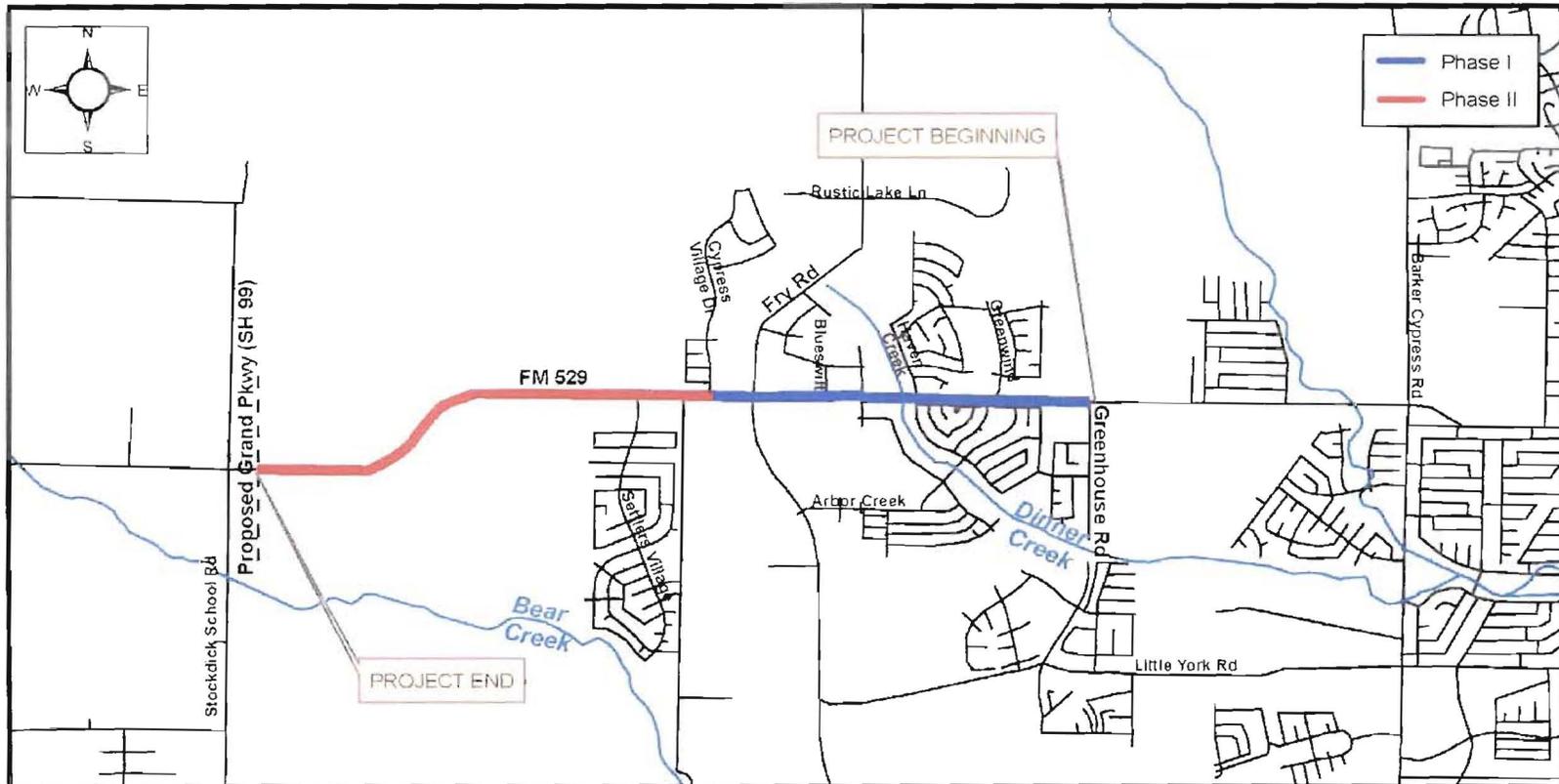
### The purpose is to:

- Add capacity
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Improve traffic safety

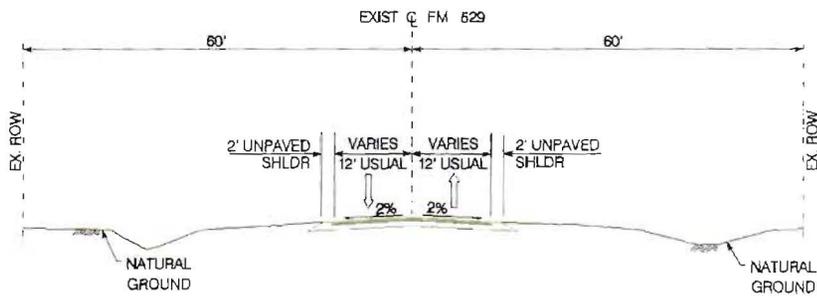


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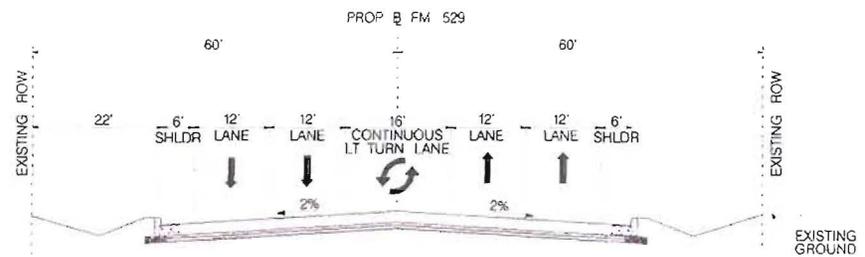
## PROJECT LOCATION MAP



# TYPICAL SECTIONS



**Existing Typical Section**



**Proposed Typical Section**



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(Grand Parkway)

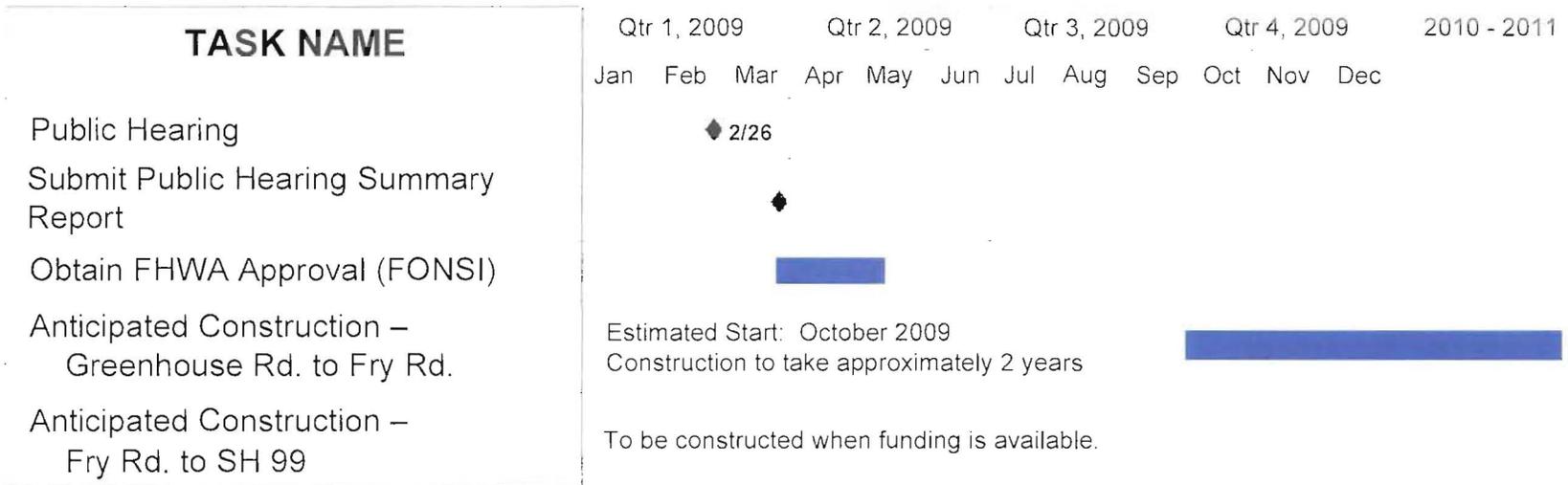
## AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC (ADT) VOLUMES

<i>Limits</i>	<i>2008 ADT</i>	<i>2028 ADT</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Greenhouse Rd to SH 99	27,600	58,300	111%



**FM 529: from Greenhouse Rd to Proposed SH 99  
(Grand Parkway)**

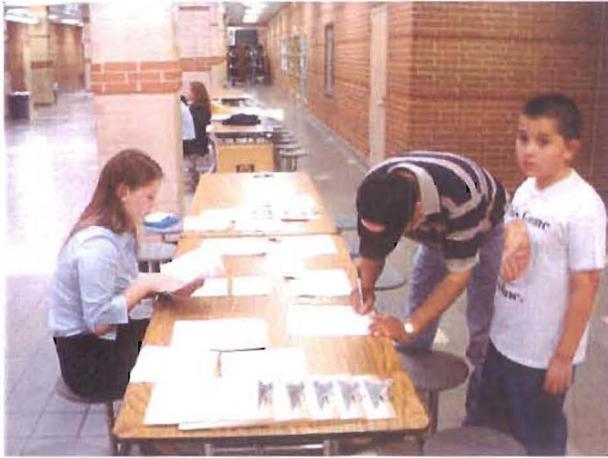
# ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMELINE



**Estimated Construction Cost: ~\$37.59M  
(2009 Dollars)**

**Appendix E: Photographs**

## FM 529 Public Hearing Photos - February 26, 2009



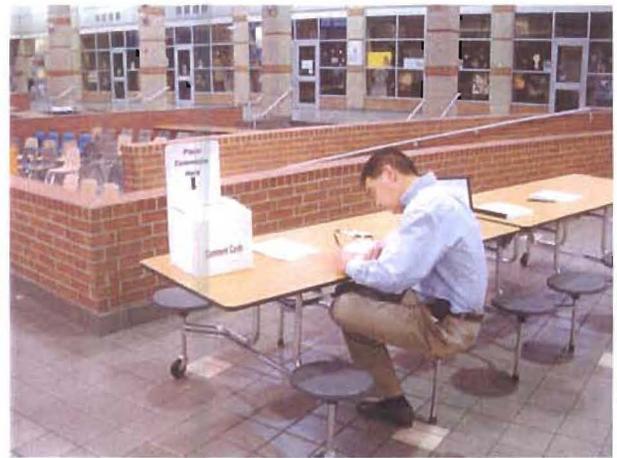
Sign-in table



Citizens viewing the Exhibit Boards



Citizens viewing/discussing the Proposed Schematics



Citizen filling out a Comment Card at the Comment Table



Mr. Gabe Johnson (TxDOT-HOU) speaking during formal presentation



Citizens attending the formal presentation

**Appendix F: Public Hearing Presentation, Transcript and Speaker Cards**

## WELCOME PUBLIC HEARING

FM 529 PROPOSED WIDENING  
FROM GREENHOUSE ROAD TO SH 99  
(GRAND PARKWAY)  
IN HARRIS COUNTY

February 26, 2009



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## FM 529 PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTIONS

## ELECTED OFFICIALS



## FM 529 PUBLIC HEARING PUBLISHED NOTICES

- ❖ HOUSTON CHRONICLE
  - MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009 & MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009
- ❖ KATY SUN & COPPERFIELD SUN
  - THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009 & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009
- ❖ LA VOZ
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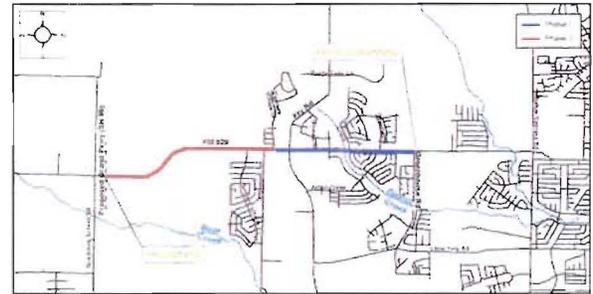
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**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**



**NEED FOR AND PURPOSE OF  
THE PROJECT**

- ❖ REDUCE CURRENT CONGESTION.
- ❖ ACCOMMODATE FUTURE TRAFFIC NEEDS.  

Average Daily Traffic Volumes Increase: 111%  
Year 2008: 27,600 vehicles per day (vpd)  
Year 2028: 58,300 vpd
- ❖ REDUCE ACCIDENTS/IMPROVE SAFETY.



**FM 529  
PUBLIC MEETING**

- ❖ NOVEMBER 28, 2006.
- ❖ MEETING WAS HELD AT THE  
CYPRESS SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA / COMMONS AREA.





### FM 529 ESTIMATED COST AND SCHEDULE

- ❖ ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:  
\$37.59M (2009 DOLLARS)
- ❖ ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION:
  - GREENHOUSE ROAD TO WEST OF FRY ROAD - OCTOBER 2009
  - WEST OF FRY ROAD TO SH 99 - WHEN FUNDING IS AVAILABLE

Texas Department of Transportation

### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
FM 529  
From Greenhouse Road to Proposed SH 99  
Grand Parkway II  
Phase I Construction  
CSJ No. 1000-01-004 and 1000-01-005

Prepared by:  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
AND  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DECEMBER 2008

Texas Department of Transportation

### FM 529 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

- ❖ NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE
- ❖ RECOMMENDED BUILD ALTERNATIVE
  - NO ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUIRED
  - URBAN SECTION

Texas Department of Transportation

**FM 529  
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS**

**NOISE**

- ❖ NOISE LEVEL INCREASE: 4 - 8 DECIBELS
- ❖ NOISE BARRIERS PROPOSED

**AIR QUALITY**

- ❖ PROJECT MEETS NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS



**THE NEXT STEPS IN THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS**

- ❖ PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY REPORT
- ❖ FHWA REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY REPORT
- ❖ AVAILABILITY OF REPORT TO PUBLIC
  - TxDOT DISTRICT OFFICE – HOUSTON  
(713) 802-5000
  - TxDOT AREA OFFICE – WALLER & WEST HARRIS COUNTIES  
(713) 934-5900
  - TxDOT WEB SITE – [WWW.TXDOT.GOV](http://WWW.TXDOT.GOV)



**FM 529  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
SESSION**



**FM 529  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**ELECTED  
OFFICIALS**



## COMMENT SESSION

### ORAL COMMENTS

- ❖ COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD
- ❖ STEP UP TO MICROPHONE
- ❖ 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT

### WRITTEN COMMENTS

- ❖ PLACE IN COMMENT BOX TONIGHT
- ❖ POSTMARK OR E-MAIL COMMENTS BY March 13, 2009
- ❖ HOU-PIOWEBMAIL@DOT.STATE.TX.US



## ORAL COMMENT PERIOD

- ❖ SUBMIT SPEAKER REGISTRATION CARD.
- ❖ USE MICROPHONE IN CENTER AISLE AND FACE COURT REPORTER.
- ❖ PLEASE ONLY COMMENT ON ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE FM 529 FROM GREENHOUSE ROAD TO SH 99 (GRAND PARKWAY) PROJECT.
- ❖ ORAL COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.
- ❖ UNUSED TIME MAY NOT BE GIVEN TO ANOTHER SPEAKER.



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FM 529 Public Hearing - February 26, 2009 I desire to make an oral statement at this Public Hearing.		
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Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes for comments.		

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TXDOT PUBLIC HEARING

FM 529 PROPOSED WIDENING FROM GREENHOUSE ROAD  
TO SH 99 (GRAND PARKWAY) IN HARRIS COUNTY

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On the 26th day of February, 2009, at 7 p.m., the following proceedings came on to be heard in the above-entitled cause held at Cypress Springs High School, 7909 Fry Road, Cypress, Texas:

Proceedings reported by BRENDA A. FOSTER, CSR in and for the State of Texas, reported by machine shorthand.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

**Mr. Gabe Johnson**, Director of Transportation and Planning Development for TxDOT, Houston District

**Mr. Manny Francisco**, TxDOT Engineering Team for FM 529 proposed widening project

**Ms. Amy Brook**, Consultant Team, Berg-Oliver Associates, Inc.

Public Speaker: **Mr. Roy Rowland**

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P R O C E E D I N G S

GABE JOHNSON: Good evening. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Gabe Johnson. I'm a Director of Transportation, Planning and Development, for Texas Department of Transportation, Houston District.

Today's date is February 26th, 2009, and the time is approximately 7 p.m. At this time please turn off or silence any personal electronic devices for the remainder of this hearing. The purpose of this public hearing is to present the proposed project design and the results of the environmental studies for the improvements to F.M. 529 -- is it good?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Speak up a little louder.

GABE JOHNSON: -- for F.M. 529 from Greenhouse Road to State Highway 99, known as Grand Parkway in Harris County and gather any comments you may have regarding these plans. The public hearing is being recorded by a certified court reporter for the formal public record. You may have noticed sign-in tables as you walked into the building this evening; and if you have not already done so, please sign in before you leave tonight. The sign-in sheets allow us to record tonight's participation and give you the



1 and the design, the draft environmental document, which  
 2 is our environmental assessment document, and other  
 3 information related to the project are on file and  
 4 available for public review at TxDOT's Houston District  
 5 Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue in Houston,  
 6 Texas, and TxDOT's Waller and West Houston Area Office  
 7 at 14838 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas.

8           Participating with me in tonight's  
 9 presentation is Mr. Manny Francisco of TxDOT Houston  
 10 District for Project Development and Design and  
 11 Ms. Amy Brook of Berg-Oliver Associates, Incorporated,  
 12 for environmental studies.

13           I will now pass the meeting on to Mr. Manny  
 14 Francisco to discuss the project information and  
 15 design.

16           MANNY FRANCISCO: Thank you, Gabe. Good  
 17 evening. My name is Manny Francisco, and I'm part of  
 18 the TxDOT engineering team for the F.M. 529 proposed  
 19 widening project. TxDOT proposes to widen F.M. 529  
 20 from Greenhouse Road to the proposed State Highway 99  
 21 or the Grand Parkway in Harris County, Texas, as shown  
 22 in this picture. This project begins at Greenhouse  
 23 Road and continues westward approximately 3.3 miles to  
 24 the proposed State Highway 99. The existing F.M. 529  
 25 facility is an undivided rural section roadway with two

1 lanes, one in each direction. The existing posted  
2 speed limit is 45 miles per hour from Greenhouse Road  
3 to Fry Road. From Fry Road to the proposed State  
4 Highway 99, the speed limit varies from 55 miles per  
5 hour to 60 miles per hour.

6 The project is needed to reduce current  
7 congestion of the roadway, accommodate future traffic  
8 demands that would increase congestion and reduce  
9 accidents. Travel demand in the project area is  
10 anticipated to increase from approximately 111 percent  
11 in traffic volumes (from 27,600 vehicles per day to  
12 58,300 vehicles per day) between 2008 and 2028.

13 The purpose of the proposed project is to  
14 increase capacity of the roadway and reduce congestion,  
15 accommodate current and future development on the  
16 project and improve traffic safety. Additional lanes  
17 would provide added capacity for future traffic  
18 volumes.

19 Public participation has included one public  
20 meeting held in November of 2006. That meeting  
21 presented TxDOT's recommended Build Alternative and  
22 gathered public input. Comments were received  
23 regarding safety, bicycle lanes, landscaping and noise  
24 walls. All comments received during the public  
25 involvement process were taken into consideration

1 during the planning and preliminary design of the  
2 project and the development of the Recommended Build  
3 Alternative.

4 The proposed F.M. 529 facility will consist  
5 of four 12-foot travel lanes, two in each direction, 6'  
6 shoulders, a 16-foot wide continuous left-turn lane or  
7 flush median and curb and gutter drainage. Bicyclists  
8 could utilize the outside shoulders.

9 Based on this schematic design presented this  
10 evening, the estimated construction cost of the  
11 project is approximately \$37.59 million. The first  
12 phase would involve construction of the segment from  
13 Greenhouse Road to west of Fry Road. This phase is  
14 expected to begin October of 2009 and would take  
15 approximately two years to complete. The second phase,  
16 construction of the segment from west of Fry Road to  
17 State Highway 99 is not yet funded. It would be  
18 constructed once funding is available.

19 This concludes the project information and  
20 schematic design portion of the presentation. At this  
21 time I would introduce Ms. Amy Brook, who will describe  
22 the environmental studies.

23 AMY BROK: Thank you, Manny. Good  
24 evening. My name is Amy Brook, and I'm part of the  
25 consultant team for the F.M. 529 widening project. A

1 Draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared and  
 2 received preliminary approval for further processing  
 3 from the Federal Highway Administration in January of  
 4 2009, enabling us to hold this public hearing. We have  
 5 copies of the document here this evening for your  
 6 review at the environmental table.

7 An alternatives analysis was conducted for  
 8 the proposed project. Two alternatives were examined.  
 9 The No-Build Alternative would consist only of  
 10 maintenance work on the existing facility. The Build  
 11 Alternative is what is recommended and is being  
 12 presented tonight. It requires no new right-of-way or  
 13 displacements.

14 The alternatives analysis determined this  
 15 recommended alternative was the best fit scenario for  
 16 the improvements of the FM 529 corridor as shown in the  
 17 schematic displays presented this evening.

18 A noise analysis was performed during the  
 19 environmental investigations associated with this  
 20 project. Based on future traffic projections, the  
 21 analysis showed that there are residential and business  
 22 receptors that would approach, equal or exceed the  
 23 noise abatement criteria. Therefore, two walls are  
 24 being recommended east of Fry Road and one west of Fry  
 25 Road. A noise workshop will be held with affected

1 residents prior to construction.

2           Impacts to air quality have been considered,  
3 and the results of the studies indicate that the  
4 project is within the federal criteria for air quality  
5 standards. Coordination was conducted with resource  
6 agencies throughout the environmental process. These  
7 agencies provided review, input and a concurrence on  
8 the assessment of impacts.

9           Following this public hearing, the next step  
10 in the environmental process will include the following  
11 actions: A Public Hearing Summary Report will be  
12 prepared to address the oral and written comments  
13 received at tonight's hearing and within the public  
14 comment period, which ends on March 13th, 2009. The  
15 summary report, as well as any changes as a result of  
16 tonight's hearing, will be submitted to the Federal  
17 Highway Administration for a review. Following the  
18 Federal Highway Administration's approval, this report  
19 will be available upon request. Public notification  
20 will be announced in the same publications used for the  
21 advertisement of this hearing. This summary will be  
22 available to the public in mid-2009 at the TxDOT  
23 District Office in Houston, at the TxDOT Area Office in  
24 Houston or through the TxDOT Web site.

25           Following approval of the summary report,

1 TxDOT will request a finding of "no significant impact"  
2 from the Federal Highway Administration.

3 Thanks for your attention, and I'll turn this  
4 meeting back over to Gabe Johnson.

5 GABE JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Brook. Now  
6 we will begin the formal public comment section. Only  
7 registered speakers will be called upon. Please raise  
8 your hand if you would like to speak for the record  
9 tonight and have not completed a speaker registration  
10 card, and our staff will help you assist you in getting  
11 you cards. Anybody interested to speak?

12 As we collect the cards and we will call on  
13 you. And at this point we don't have any elected  
14 officials to speak. The purpose of the public comment  
15 session is to receive your comments on the issues  
16 relevant to this project, and both written and oral  
17 comments will be considered equally. Oral comments are  
18 limited to three minutes. We will not respond to the  
19 questions during this time. TxDOT representatives and  
20 members of the consultant team will be available to  
21 answer your questions following the comment session.

22 Pardon me. The names of the speakers will be  
23 called upon and in order that we have received those  
24 and when your name is called, please come to the  
25 microphone and use the microphone in front of you and

1 face the court reporter so that she can make the  
2 accurate record for tonight related to your comments.  
3 A timed display on the screen will indicate the start  
4 of each speaker's three minutes. The timer will count  
5 down your remaining time. When the clock is at zero,  
6 your speaking time is over. Once the three-minute  
7 period is over, we ask that you allow the next speaker  
8 to present their comment. You will not be allowed to  
9 give unused time to another speaker. The comment  
10 section will adjourn after all who have registered to  
11 make oral comments have been given the opportunity to  
12 speak.

13 At this point what I see is just one speaker;  
14 and, Mr. Rowland, please come to the microphone.

15 MR. ROY ROWLAND: I have a comment  
16 about -- good afternoon. I have a comment about the  
17 design plan of this proposed project. Why aren't y'all  
18 taking it six lanes all the way out to the Waller  
19 County line on F.M. 529? I drive the road to Old Katy.  
20 That's where I work. I've been living out in this area  
21 since 1993. I've seen development grow, you know,  
22 quite a bit over the past years; and I think that y'all  
23 have a bottle-neck situation that's going on right now  
24 at Barker Cypress and 529. The continuous left lane, I  
25 feel, is a hazard. It's not safe. I think it should

1 be designed like it is for Barker Cypress with a median  
2 and left turn. That way you don't have head-on  
3 collisions like you do on State Highway 6. Everybody  
4 knows that who travel on Highway 6 a lot. So I feel  
5 like that this project should be going on to the Waller  
6 County line, not stop at the Grand, proposed Grand  
7 Parkway, simply because we have a lot of industrial  
8 traffic that comes from the Brookshire area and also a  
9 lot of people that are also being diverted over from  
10 290 because 290 is such a congested mayhem over there,  
11 so they're using 529 as an alternate, using either Katy  
12 Hockley Road as the cut-through to come over to 529 or  
13 Fry Road and Barker Cypress.

14 I think it's inefficient, inadequate for the  
15 future development of this area on out to the county  
16 line. I do believe that there should be adequate money  
17 set aside and research on this so we can have more of a  
18 speedy project on this. It should be six lanes, I do  
19 believe in my opinion, on out to the Waller County  
20 line. That's all I have to say. Thank you, sir.

21 GABE JOHNSON: I think there is no other  
22 registered speakers, and now since there are no  
23 speakers, registered speakers to make a public comment,  
24 we will close the comment section of the hearing. And  
25 it's exactly 7:15 p.m., and the hearing is adjourned,

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I, BRENDA A. FOSTER, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of all portions of evidence and other proceedings requested in writing by counsel for the parties to be included in this volume of the Reporter's Record, in the above-styled and numbered cause.

I further certify that the total cost for the preparation of this Reporter's Record is \$ 200.<sup>00</sup> and was paid/will be paid by Berg Oliver.

WITNESS MY OFFICIAL HAND this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

Brenda A. Foster  
BRENDA A. FOSTER, Texas CSR #2470  
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**SPEAKER REGISTRATION CARD**

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FM 529 Public Hearing – February 26, 2009

I desire to make an oral statement at this Public Hearing.

*Key Rowland*

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(Elected Position/Representing)

*6414 Garden Canyon Dr*

Address

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Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes for comments.

**Appendix G: Comment Forms**

1. How did you hear about this meeting? ¿Como se informo de esta junta?

\_\_\_\_ Newspaper  
Periódico

\_\_\_\_ Told by Friend or Neighbor  
Por Amigo o Vecino

\_\_\_\_ Received Notice in Mail  
Aviso por Correo

✓ Other (please explain):  
Otro (por favor explique)

Received Flyer

2. What is your interest in this project? (highway user, local citizen, adjacent landowner, etc...?)

¿Cual es su interes en este proyecto? (¿usuario de la carretera, ciudadano local, dueño de propiedad adyacente, etc...?)

Local citizen (Settler's Village resident for 25 1/2 years)

3. Please provide any comments that you may have on the FM 529 Improvements Project.

Por favor presente comentarios que usted pueda tener con respecto al Proyecto de Mejoramientos de FM 529.

my wife and I are both in favor of the project

(continue comments on the back of this form / siga con comentarios atras de esta forma)

4. Do you want to be included on the mailing list for future meetings regarding this proposed project?

¿Quiere usted ser incluido en la lista de envío para recibir avisos de juntas futuras para este proyecto propuesto?

Name/Nombre JOHN + TERESA MARTINEZ

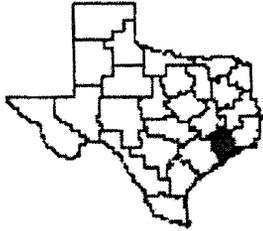
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Address/ 6634 Liberty Valley Dr.

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**FEBRUARY 26 (26 DE FEBRERO), 2009**

**PROPOSED FM 529 IMPROVEMENTS  
(From Greenhouse Road to Proposed SH 99 (Grand Parkway))  
MEJORAMIENTOS PROPUESTOS A FM 529  
(Desde la calle Greenhouse hasta la Carretera Propuesta SH 99 (Grand Parkway))**

**Harris County (Condado de Harris), Texas**

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Local Citizen

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This project is long overdue. ~~The road~~ The road should have been widened simultaneously with the Bayou Express to Greenhouse project.

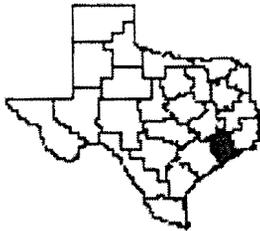
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Name/Nombre William W. Heilmann

Address/ LAS New World Drive City/ Katy, TX Zip Code 77449



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Civil Consultants and Local Developers

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Retail Location @ 529 and Frey Rd. Concerned About

Open Access to Customer Flow During Disruption to Co2b Cuts

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Please insist that TxDOT contractor, provide good communication to each of the retail business along 529 throughout (before/after) the project

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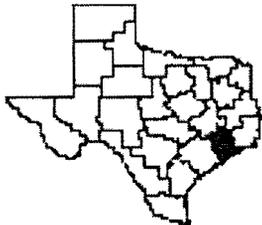
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Name/Nombre THOMAS TANNOR - CVS CONST. MANGER

Address/ 3030 GESSNER RD  
Suite 230

City/ Houston

Zip Code 77063



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RECEIVED NOTICE AS A RETAILER DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY PROJECT

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CVS IS A LAND OWNER @ THE INTERSECTION OF 529 : F24 RP

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VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IMPACT ON CVS BUSINESS  
OVER THE 24 MONTHS OF THE PROJECT.

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Additional comments / Comentarios adicionales:

#1 CVS is CONCERNED about taking of ROW AND the possible condemnation of OUR SIGNAGE AND parking lot in the future AS WE UNDERSTAND this could be A SIX LANE improvement over time.

\* What is TXDOT DOING to ASSURE these fixtures are not impacted.

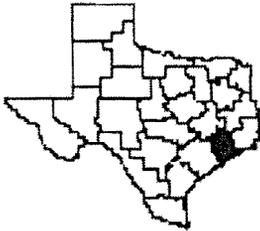
#2 CVS is CONCERNED about traffic flow into property @ current curb cuts to CVS AND adjacent parcels. The impact on previous projects throughout Greater Houston have been difficult if steps are not take by the TXDOT contractor to coordinate DENWAY closings with STORE management AND adjacent LAND OWNERS.

\* What will TXDOT DOE TO ASSURE minimal impact on these retailers AND BUSINESS ALONG ~~FM~~ 529

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Neighborhood Association Email

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Adjacent Landowner

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Please start ASAP!

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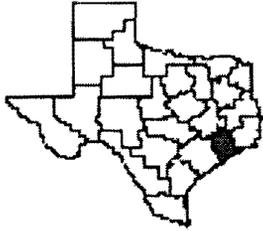
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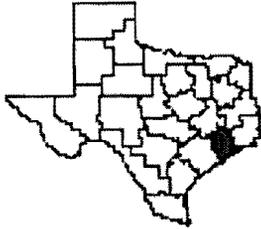
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Put medians with turn lanes v.s. center turn lanes. Have been met too many times head-on by drivers entering turn-lane too early. (Green house at

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Por favor presente comentarios que usted pueda tener con respecto al Proyecto de Mejoramientos de FM 529.  
Get the medians done ASAP! Center turn lanes w/out medians are deadly. I don't need to be a statistic.  
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traffic study at Settles Village And FM 529 due to elementary school in subdivision

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Name/Nombre	<u>Charlie LaConti</u>	<u>Katy</u>	<u>774419</u>
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LAND OWNER. out side of Sattler Village.

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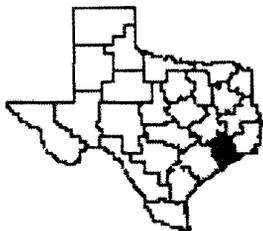
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Name/Nombre ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / EQUICAP GROUP OF COMPANIES

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Local citizen, bicyclist

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FM 529 is identified on the HGAC Regional bikeway plan.

I fully support 6ft shoulders for this project, since →

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Name/Nombre Peter Wang

Address/ 7711 Silent Star Ct City/ Houston Zip Code 77095

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Additional comments / Comentarios adicionales:

they will provide important ~~with~~ accessibility for bicycles.

The shoulders, however, must ~~be~~ have a smooth, even surface. Chip seal is a very bad idea. Keep rumble strips and reflectors out of the main body of the shoulder (OK between main lane and shoulder)

Please consult Ms. Teri Kaplan, TxDOT Houston Region, concerning bicycle-specific design guidelines.

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**Amy M. Brook**

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**From:** Matt Hester [mhester1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 7:22 AM  
**To:** HOU-PIOWebmail@dot.state.tx.us  
**Subject:** FM 529 widening

THANK YOU for including 6' shoulders in the planned widening of 529 fro Greenhouse to SH99. I'm hopeful that y'all will insure that it is to be a smooth surface (not Chip & seal) which can be used by cyclists and that that it will be devoid of rumble strips, reflectors and other such hazards to cyclists. Thanks again!

Matt Hester

**Amy M. Brook**

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**From:** HOU-PIOWebMail HOU-PIOWebMail [HOU-PIOWebMail@dot.state.tx.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2009 6:34 PM  
**To:** Pat Henry  
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**Attachments:** FM 529 widening; ATT06765.txt; ATT06766.htm



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Below and attached are comments submitted regarding the FM 529 widening for your handling.

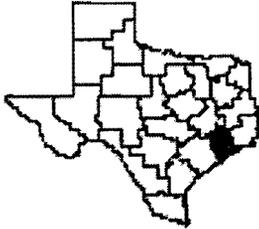
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¿Cual es su interes en este proyecto? (¿usuario de la carretera, ciudadano local, dueño de propiedad adyacente, etc...?)

Local citizen, also head of environmental group in the area

3. Please provide any comments that you may have on the FM 529 Improvements Project.

Por favor presente comentarios que usted pueda tener con respecto al Proyecto de Mejoramientos de FM 529.

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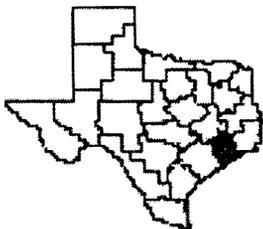
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*Commercial Developer*

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Name/Nombre *Vernon Walker* 1470 Edinburg Pk New Braun 77077  
Address/ City/ Zip Code

**Appendix H: Response to Public Comments**

NAME	PUBLIC COMMENT	RESPONSE
John & Teresa Martinez	My wife and I are both in favor of the project.	TxDOT appreciates your support for the project.
William W. Heimann	This project is long overdue. The road should have been widened simultaneously with the Barker Cypress to Greenhouse project.	TxDOT did not have funds to extend the project at the time of the Barker Cypress Road to Greenhouse Road project, and therefore had to wait until funds became available.
David Tanner	Please insist that TxDOT contractor provide good accommodation to each of the retail business along 529 throughout (before/after) the project.	During construction, TxDOT will do its best to ensure that Contractors coordinate with adjacent landowners and businesses regarding any driveway closings.
No Name (adjacent retailer, believed to be David Tanner, CVS)	<p>Very concerned about impact on CVS business over the 24 month of the project.</p> <p>#1 CVS is concerned about taking of ROW and the possible condemnation of our signage and parking lot in the future as we understand this could be six lane improvement over time. * What is TxDOT doing to assure these fixtures are not impacted.</p> <p>#2 CVS is concerned about traffic flow into property @ current curb cuts to CVS and adjacent parcels. The impact on previous projects throughout Greater Houston have been difficult if steps are not take by the TxDOT contractor to coordinate driveway closings with store management and adjacent landowners. * What will TxDOT due to assure minimal impact on these retailers and business along 529?</p>	<p>The current proposed project requires no additional right-of-way (land) beyond the existing right-of-way.</p> <p>#1 - If another widening project occurs in the future, TxDOT would determine any ROW takings during development of that project and address any potential impacts at that time.</p> <p>#2 - TxDOT would maintain access to all businesses and residences at all times during the construction process. TxDOT will do its best to ensure that Contractors coordinate with adjacent landowners and businesses regarding any driveway closings.</p>
Paula Angelle	Please start ASAP!	TxDOT plans to start construction in October of 2009.
Susan Nichols	Put medians with turn lanes vs. center turn lane. Have been met too many times head-on by drivers entering turn-lane too early. (Greenhouse at FM 529 westbound) Get the medians done ASAP! Center turn lanes without median are deadly. I don't need to be a statistic.	<p>This section of FM 529 is classified as a rural principal arterial with a design speed of 50 MPH.</p> <p>At this time, the project includes a center turn lane. The proposed widening of this roadway would improve safety in this area, and flush medians would provide storage space for left-turning vehicles. Continuous left-turn lanes (flush medians) are desirable on facilities with a design speed of more than 50 MPH. Raised medians are desirable on urban streets with a low design speed of less than 50 MPH. Development of raised medians may occur at a later date as a separate project.</p>

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Charlie LaConti	Traffic study at Settlers Village and FM 529 due to elementary school in subdivision.	Traffic counts were obtained for FM 529 for the proposed project, and these counts included traffic going to and from the school. Since the school is not adjacent to the project, a specific traffic study or analysis for the school itself was not conducted.
Richard Newton	Sound barrier in front on Highland Creek Village.	Based on traffic noise modeling, a noise wall is recommended in front of Highland Creek Village. A Noise Workshop for those residents adjacent to a recommended noise wall location was held on March 10, 2009.
Jose F. Cruz	Saber si no me va afectar mi propiedad. [Translation: "I want to know if this will affect my property."]	<p>El proyecto propuesta no afectara su propiedad y no require tierra additional. TxDOT va construir una pared para obstruir el rido que afecta los residentes que viven en la calle Azalea Valley Drive.</p> <p>The proposed project requires no additional right-of-way (land) beyond the existing right-of-way. Therefore, no land would be acquired from your property. A noise wall has been recommended to be placed behind your row of houses along Azalea Valley Drive (along the right-of-way edge of FM 529).</p>
Equicap Group of Companies	Please inform if the road improvement will need our land.	The proposed project requires no additional right-of-way (land) beyond the existing right-of-way. Therefore, no land would be acquired from your property.

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Peter Wang	FM 529 is identified on the HGAC Regional bikeway plan. I fully support 6 ft shoulders for this project since they will provide important accessibility for bicycles. The shoulders however, must have a smooth, even surface. Chip seal is a very bad idea. Keep rumble strips and reflectors out of the main body of the shoulder (OK between main lane and shoulder). Please consult Ms. Teri Kaplan, TxDOT Houston Region, concerning bicycle-specific design guidelines.	
Matt Hester	THANK YOU for including 6' shoulders in the planned widening of 529 fro Greenhouse to SH99. I'm hopeful that y'all will insure that it is to be a smooth surface (not Chip & seal) which can be used by cyclists and that that it will be devoid of rumble strips, reflectors and other such hazards to cyclists. Thanks again!	FM 529 is identified in the H-GAC Regional bikeway plan as a bikeway need. TxDOT appreciates your support of the proposed 6-foot shoulders, which can be shared by bicyclists.
Sandy Martin	Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for planning for 6ft wide shoulders when widening Hwy 529. As an avid cyclist, please do NOT put rumble strips, bumps, "road toads" or other interferences in the shoulder lane. Cyclists deserve a safe and obstacle free place to ride. Thanks so much!!	The proposed project would result in a concrete facility; therefore, chip seal would not be used in paving. TxDOT will keep rumble strips and reflectors out of the main body of the shoulder.
* Jennifer Armentrout		
* Vernon Wallace		

\* denote comment forms submitted at the Public Hearing, but which contained no comment.