

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FM 2348

Titus County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 6:30 PM at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson Ave., Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455. Titus County proposes to construct FM 2348 from US 67 at FM 1001 to SH 49 in Titus County, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the findings of the preliminary engineering studies, environmental studies and the recommended alignment of FM 2348 for public input. The proposed project would construct a road two 12-foot travel lanes and two 10-foot wide shoulders on new location east of the City of Mount Pleasant. Approximately 74.3 acres of additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed improvements. Potential right-of-way relocations would include six residential relocations. There would be no commercial relocations.

The need and purpose of the proposed project is to address the lack of efficient and safe regional mobility, provide connectivity to regional transportation facilities, and to improve access to community and emergency facilities for the eastern portion of Mount Pleasant and central Titus County.

Portions of the proposed project lie within the 100-year floodplain of Evans Creek; however the proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level which would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances. A wetland investigation identified 11.76 acres of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, within the proposed right-of-way.

An open house will be held prior to the public hearing from 5:30 to 6:30 PM during which the Environmental Assessment and maps and exhibits for the proposed project will be available for review. A schematic layout showing the proposed alignment, along with the Environmental Assessment for the proposed project are on file and available for review and copying prior to the hearing at the City of Mount Pleasant City Manager's Office at 501 N. Madison Ave., Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455; TxDOT Mount Pleasant Area Office at 2210 W. Ferguson, Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455; and TxDOT Atlanta District Office at 701 E. Main Street, Atlanta, Texas 75551.

Titus County Right-of-Way agents will be available to discuss relocation procedures, benefits, programs and other needed information.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Persons who have special communication, access, or accommodation needs should

contact Kerry Winkler, PBS&J, via phone (281) 529-4161 or e-mail: KGWinkler@pbsj.com-at least two working days prior to the hearing. The public hearing will be conducted in English. Requests for interpreters should also be made at least two working days in advance of the hearing. TxDOT and Titus County will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments relative to the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the hearing or in writing after the hearing. Written statements and other exhibits may be mailed to Kerry Winkler, PBS&J, 1250 Wood Branch Park Drive, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77079. Written comments and other exhibits may be presented for a period of 10 days following the public hearing and must be postmarked by February 9, 2010 in order to be included in the public hearing record. Comments may also be submitted via email at KGWinkler@pbsj.com.

A Public Hearing Summary Report will be available for public viewing at the City of Mount Pleasant City Manager's Office, 501 N. Madison Ave., Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455; TxDOT Mount Pleasant Area Office at 2210 W. Ferguson, Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455; and TxDOT Atlanta District Office at 701 E. Main Street, Atlanta, Texas 75551 or on www.keeptituscountymoving.com. Notice of availability of the Public Hearing Summary Report will be published in local newspapers when it is available for review.

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