



Notice of Public Meeting

Brazoria-Fort Bend Rail District

Port Freeport to Rosenberg Short-Line Rail System Planning and Feasibility Study

Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas

The Brazoria-Fort Bend Rail District (BFBRD) has undertaken an evaluation to establish the technical feasibility and financial viability of a 65-mile-long rail line connecting Port Freeport with an intermodal rail hub near Rosenberg/Kendleton, Texas. HDR Engineering, Inc. has been retained to develop the various factors and issues related to both the technical feasibility and financial viability. The study being undertaken will include a multi-step approach to determine if a rail line should be constructed, analyzing the economics, environmental impacts, mobility and safety effects, local issues, constraints, alignments, and preliminary costs. It will include the evaluation of various potential corridor routes from Port Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, to Rosenberg/Kendleton, Fort Bend County, Texas.

This notice advises the public that HDR, on behalf of the BFBRD, will be conducting two public scoping meetings for the study:

- Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Building B, 4310 Highway 36 South, Rosenberg, Texas 77471, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- Thursday, November 15, 2018, at Heritage Hall, 508 E. Bernard, West Columbia, Texas 77486, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

The purpose of these meetings will be to describe the process by which alternative rail routes will be established and gather public input into factors that the public believes should be considered in the study. Public comments will not be addressed at the meeting but will be documented and taken into consideration as alternative corridor routes are analyzed. A subsequent public meeting will be conducted later in the project, after the alternative corridor routes have been established, to specifically address public questions and concerns. Comments may be submitted in writing or expressed verbally during a formal public comment session at the public meeting.

The content of each meeting, including materials presented, will be the same for both meetings. Maps of the area will be available for public viewing, and BFBRD representatives will provide information on the Evaluation Methodology which will be utilized to evaluate alternative corridors as the study progresses.

The meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact HDR's Project Manager, Mr. Dennis Schulze, PE, (817) 333-2801 or Dennis.Schulze@hdrinc.com. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs but no guarantees are extended.

Comments will be accepted at the public meetings or written comments can be submitted through the Brazoria-Fort Bend Rail District website, www.BFBRD.org.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact Mr. Dennis Schulze, PE, (817) 333-2801 or Dennis.Schulze@hdrinc.com.

For more information about the BFBRD and this study, visit www.BFBRD.org