



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

TxDOT Presents Updates on SH-225 and SH-146 Construction

The Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) to La Porte Industry recently brought together nearly 90 CAC community members, plant representatives, and visitors to hear Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) provide updates on construction projects for State Highways 225 and 146.

Roger Gonzalez, Entech Civil Engineers, shared information about the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for SH 225 from I-610 to SH 146. A PEL study is a high-level early-stage planning study that considers environmental, community, and economic conditions while identifying transportation needs and providing recommendations. TxDOT is preparing a PEL study to develop potential alternative solutions, engage stockholders early in the planning process, and encourage cost-efficient and effective solutions. Jamal Elahi, TxDOT, gave an overview and updates on the SH 146 construction project. This project is broken up into three parts: Spencer Highway to Red Bluff Road; South of Red Bluff Road to North of SH 96; and FM 518 to Dickinson Bayou.

Attendees voiced concerns about the impact of increased truck traffic, materials of construction for roadways, and communications regarding road closures for construction projects. The group was pleased to see the timelines for each project, the possibility of separate lanes for truck traffic, and that public meetings were being held to solicit input on the PEL study.

The CAC is a forum for candid and constructive dialogue between those who live or work in La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres and the managers of 43 chemical plants in La Porte. Visitors are invited to attend the May 2, 2023, CAC meeting for a City of La Porte presentation about roadway plans and responsibilities. Contact the CAC facilitator at info@laportecac.org or 713-851-1116 by Sun. Apr. 30 to sign up and obtain details about the 6:00 p.m. meeting, 5:30 dinner, and location. The CAC shares information about its meetings and presentations at www.laportecac.org.