

# PRELIMINARY REPORT

## **F: Fort Bend – FM 359**

**APPLICANT:** Fort Bend County

**PRECINCT:** Ford Bend Pct. 3

**JURISDICTION:** City of Houston ETJ

**DISTRICT:** N/A

### **PROPOSAL:**

Fort Bend County is requesting the realignment of FM 359 Road north of Creekside Ranch Drive, south of FM 1093, east of Bois D'Arc Lane, and west of Fulshear Gaston Road. The request also includes a realignment of a segment of Fulshear Gaston Road.

### **APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:**

Fort Bend County is requesting an amendment to realign FM 359 south of FM 1093 and north of Lamar Consolidated Elementary School 24 in Creekside Ranch. This is a reasonable request as the current alignment of FM 359 contains two 90-degree bends within a one-mile stretch of roadway. The tracts on either side of FM 359 are currently owned by Hines Nursery, a commercial nursery grower and distributor. In late 2017, Hines Nursery ceased operations and placed the property for sale. Fort Bend County believes this is an opportune time to request the realignment of FM 359 to adjust the curvature of the road and improve safety in the area for when the tract redevelops. Fort Bend County Engineering has met with multiple interested parties regarding the property. On December 18, 2018, a public hearing was held and Fort Bend County Commissioners Court approved the realignment of FM 359.

The Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan was updated and adopted by Commissioners Court on February 10, 2015, with subsequent revisions since. The classification of many roadways changed with the adoption of the 2015 Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan. Fort Bend County will continue to amend this thoroughfare plan as required to facilitate mobility.

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