

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will hold public meetings for the North Houston Highway Improvement Project. The project limits are from the interchange of US 59 and SH 288 to the interchange of I-45 and Beltway 8 North. The study area includes portions of I-10, US 59, and SH 288 near downtown Houston; Hardy Toll Road from north of downtown Houston to Beltway 8 (BW 8) North; and I-610 and BW 8 North between I-45 and Hardy Toll Road.

TxDOT is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment that may occur from the construction and operation of proposed transportation improvements in the project area.

Two identical public meetings will be held as follows: Nov. 14, 2013 at Aldine Ninth Grade School, 10650 North Freeway, Houston, TX; and Nov. 19, 2013 at Jefferson Davis High School, 1101 Quitman St., Houston, TX. The meetings will be held in an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the public meetings is to present information about, and receive public feedback on, reasonable alternatives for highway improvements in the North Houston corridor; the alternatives evaluation process; and how community feedback has been incorporated in the planning process.

A short video regarding the project can be viewed during the meeting. Maps of the study area and exhibits showing reasonable alternatives and the study process will be on display. Project team members will be available to answer questions. The same information will be presented at both meetings. After the meetings, the information presented will be available for review and reproduction on the project website www.IH45NorthandMore.com; and at the TxDOT Houston District office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays.

Meeting materials will be in English, with some materials also in Spanish. Spanish-speaking project team members will be available to talk with Spanish-speaking attendees. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's District Public Information Office at (713) 802-5072 by Nov. 12, 2013. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate special needs. For more information, visit www.IH45NorthandMore.com.

Written comments regarding the project will be accepted at the meetings; on the project website www.IH45NorthandMore.com; by mail to Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386; and by email to HOU-piowebmail@txdot.gov. Comments received or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 will be included in the public meeting record.