



Notice of Availability: Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) State Highway 45 Southwest in Travis and Hays Counties, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the availability of the Final EIS for the proposed construction of State Highway 45 Southwest (SH 45SW) in Travis and Hays Counties, Texas. The project would construct a four-lane, limited access toll road. The project limits extend from State Loop 1 (MoPac) to Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1626, a distance of approximately four miles.

The purpose of the project is to improve system connectivity, local mobility, and travel times, while providing an efficient alternative route to congested local roadways in northern Hays and southern Travis Counties. The social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project have been analyzed in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS further studies the build alternative proposed in the Draft EIS and the no-build alternative, and identifies the build alternative as the preferred alternative. The preferred alternative is investigated at a higher level of detail in the Final EIS to facilitate the development of mitigation measures and to comply with other regulatory requirements.

The preferred alternative would consist of a limited access toll facility on new location and would include four 12-foot-wide lanes, 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, and four-foot-wide inside shoulders within a pre-existing state-owned right-of-way that varies between 300 and 600 feet. The preferred alternative includes a 10-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path along the entire length of the project. The preferred alternative would not require the acquisition of any additional right-of-way.

Copies of the Final EIS may be viewed at the <http://www.sh45sw.com/> or at any of the following locations:

1. TxDOT Austin District Office, 7901 N IH 35, Austin, TX 78753;
2. TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, TX 78704;
3. Austin Public Library, Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, 5125 Convict Hill Road, Austin, TX 78749;
4. Austin Public Library, Pleasant Hill Branch, 211 E. William Cannon Drive, Austin, TX 78745; and
5. Buda Public Library, 303 Main Street, Buda, TX 78610.

A digital version of the Final EIS may be downloaded from the SH 45SW Project website at <http://www.sh45sw.com>. Paper copies of the Final EIS and other information about the project may be requested from TxDOT's District Office in Austin, Texas. Submit requests in writing to TxDOT-Austin District, Attention: Jon Geiselbrecht, P.O. Drawer 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426 or by email to [jon.geiselbrecht@txdot.gov](mailto:jon.geiselbrecht@txdot.gov). Paper copies may be obtained at the requester's expense.