



**NOTICE
Affording the Opportunity for a Public Hearing**

**State Highway 71 Airport Entrance Project
From Riverside Drive to Presidential Boulevard
Travis County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation proposes to improve mobility along eastbound State Highway 71 by providing a continuous frontage road that would provide access to the Austin Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). The proposed project, referred to as the SH 71 Airport Entrance project, includes the construction of a 1.8-mile-long frontage road from Riverside Drive to Presidential Boulevard. One-lane entrance ramps would provide access to the frontage road from southbound US 183, northbound US 183, and eastbound SH 71, and two-lane exit ramps would provide access to Spirit of Texas Drive and Presidential Boulevard. The existing entrance ramp to the SH 71 mainlanes, located west of the SH 71/US 183 interchange, would be relocated to the east of the interchange. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations are also proposed from east of the interchange to Presidential Boulevard.

Approximately 23 acres of new right-of-way held by three property owners is required for the proposed project. No parkland, community facilities or residential lands would be impacted. Although additional right-of-way is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the TxDOT Austin District Office.

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106, this notice advises the public that draft environmental documents are available for public review and that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. The project location map, drawings, and other information about the proposed project are available for review at the TxDOT Austin District Office for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before Oct. 31, 2016, to TxDOT Austin District Office, Attn: Marisabel Ramthun, Advanced Project Development Director, 7901 North I-35 Austin, TX 78753 or via email at Marisabel.Ramthun@txdot.gov.