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The Texas Department of Transportation welcomes you to tonight's third public meeting to discuss possible improvements to the State Highway 29 corridor between Southwestern Boulevard in Georgetown and SH 95 near Circleville in Williamson County.

The meeting will begin with an open house, followed by a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m.

The corridor study would determine the need for proposed project based on projected traffic growth in Georgetown and Williamson County. It would also identify improvements regarding the safety of the existing facility by potentially upgrading the existing roadway to meet current design standards, including removing the roadway from the floodplain to the extent feasible, potentially constructing a new roadway in a new location between SH 130 and SH 95, or a combination of the two.

SH 29 was originally constructed between 1932 and 1934. Since that time, only routine maintenance and operational improvements have been made to the roadway. The existing roadway does not meet current design standards for the volume of traffic it currently carries and the projected traffic volume it will carry in the future. This increase in traffic volumes has led to an above average crash rate on the facility. In addition, portions of the existing SH 29 roadway are located within the 100-year floodplain and the roadway occasionally floods.

On Sept. 1, 2015, TxDOT held an open house meeting to introduce the project to the public and to get their input on the study area that would be evaluated during the study. On May 10, 2016, a second public meeting was held to show possible alternatives that were developed. The purpose of this third meeting is to allow the public another opportunity to review and provide comments on these possible alternatives based on feedback and interest received by TxDOT.

Maps of the study area, alternative alignments, and other displays are available for review and comment. As you review the exhibits, we ask that you provide input on any issues that you may be aware of that we might have missed through our research efforts. This could include cemeteries, older structures, large trees, wetlands, archaeological sites, and other topics that you feel are relevant. Markers are provided and you may highlight your concerns directly on the exhibits, or on the map on the back of the attached comment form. You may also use these markers to provide additional potential alignment alternatives for SH 29.

For your convenience, a comment form is included in this information packet. Written comments not submitted during the meeting should be mailed to the TxDOT Austin District, Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas 78761-5426. Comments may also be faxed to (512) 832-7157 or emailed at the following website: www.txdot.gov/apps-cg/contact_us/form/SH29-Corridor-Study-Austin-contact.htm. For more information on the study and to take a survey to help us learn what is important to you in the study area, go to www.txdot.gov and search "SH 29 from Southwestern Boulevard to SH 95".

All written comments received at the public meeting, as well as those postmarked by Nov. 28, will be included in the official meeting record and taken into consideration during future project development.

Thank you for attending tonight's public meeting. Public involvement is a vital part of the TxDOT project development process, and we sincerely appreciate your participation. If you have any questions after tonight's meeting, please call (512) 832-7218.

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.

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