



For Immediate Release

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SH 249 Grimes County Open House

Thursday, April 3rd at Grimes County Expo Center

GRIMES COUNTY — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed construction of SH 249 from FM 1774 to SH 105 in Grimes County. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Grimes County Expo Center, which is located at 5220 FM 3455 in Navasota, Texas. The meeting will be held in an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be a brief project presentation at 6:30 p.m. with an opportunity for public comment.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input on TxDOT's recommended alternative for construction of SH 249 from FM 1774 (where the currently proposed SH 249 Extension terminates) to SH 105. The proposed construction is intended to improve safety, reduce existing and future traffic congestion, improve transportation system linkage and provide an emergency evacuation route. The proposed construction would be tolled. The project includes constructing a two-lane roadway with a passing lane in alternating directions and shoulders within a right-of-way that would accommodate future widening to a four-lane divided roadway. TxDOT's recommended alternative would require approximately 400 acres of right-of-way on new location.

Exhibits showing aerial photography, project alternatives and the TxDOT recommended alternative will be presented at the meeting. Representatives from TxDOT and their study team will be available to answer individual questions. Public comments are encouraged.

Persons interested in attending the public meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Bryan District Public Information Office at (979) 778-9764 at least five working days prior to the meeting. The public meeting will be conducted in English. Spanish interpretation will be provided. Any requests for other language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least five working days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to the Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Texas Department of Transportation, 2591 N. Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, Texas 77803, at any time on or before April 18, 2014. Comments may also be emailed on or before April 18, 2014, to Bob.Appleton@txdot.gov. The Public Meeting

Summary Report is anticipated to be available in May 2014 on TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/bryan/sh249.html.

For more information, contact Bob Colwell at bobby.colwell@txdot.gov or (979) 778-9764.

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