



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed roadway improvements to SH 249 from FM 1774 to SH 105 in Grimes County. The meeting will be held on October 29, 2013, 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.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input on the proposed roadway improvements to SH 249 from FM 1774 (where the currently proposed SH 249 Extension terminates) to SH 105. The proposed improvements are intended to improve safety, reduce existing and future traffic congestion, improve transportation system linkage and provide a hurricane evacuation route. Tolling will be considered. 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. The proposed improvements would require additional right-of-way, potentially on new location.

Exhibits showing aerial photography, the location of the project study area and known environmental constraints will be presented at the meeting. Representatives from TxDOT and their study team will be available to answer individual questions. Public comments are encouraged.

At this time, an alignment for the proposed project has not been identified and the acres of additional right-of-way required for the proposed project are not known.

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 two working days prior to the meeting. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two 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 November 12, 2013. Comments may also be emailed on or before November 12, 2013, to Bob.Appleton@txdot.gov. The Public Meeting Summary Report is anticipated to be available in December 2013 on TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/bryan/sh249.html.