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## SH 249 in Grimes County

From FM 1774 to SH 105

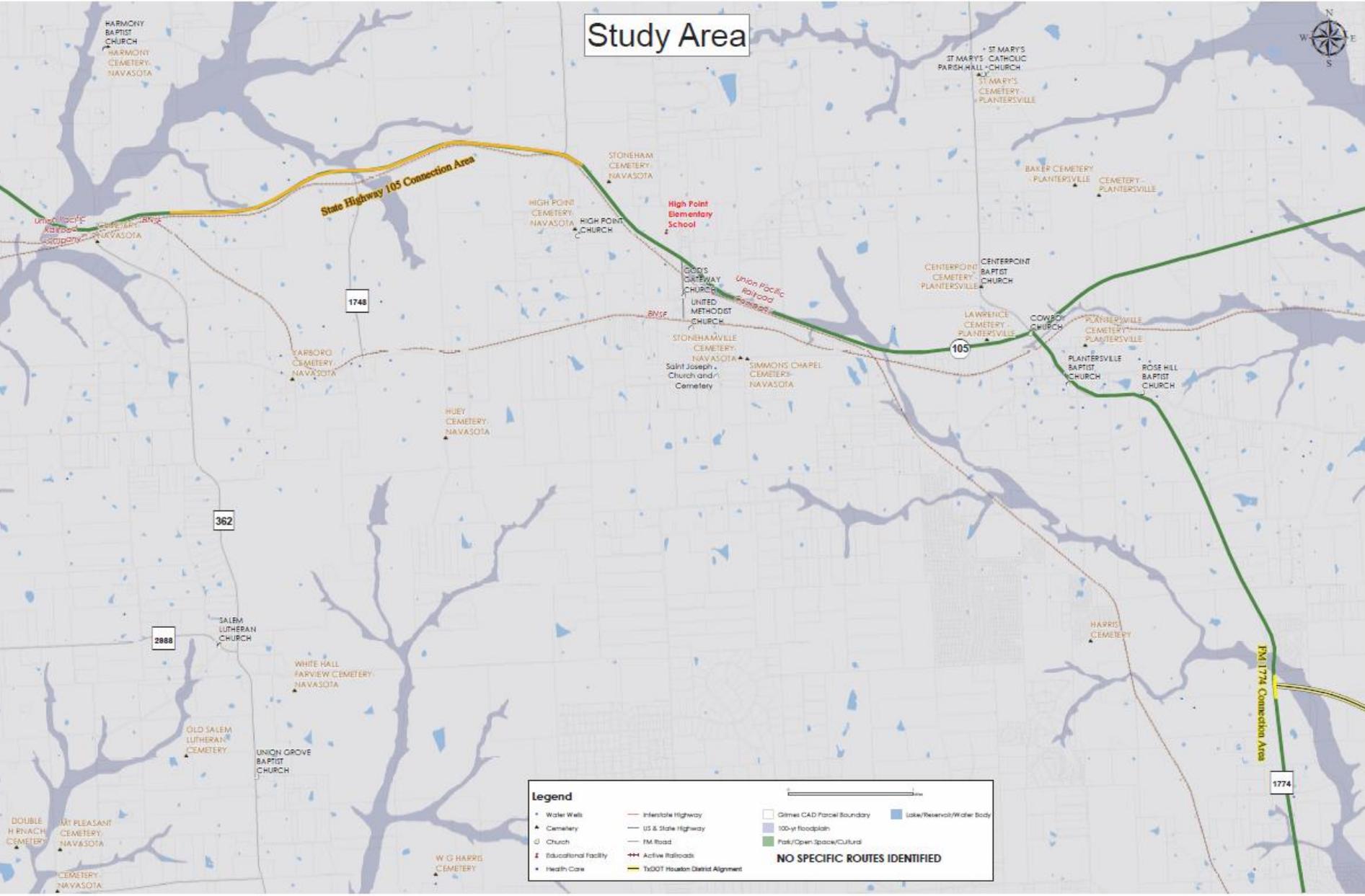
### Public Meeting

Thursday, October 29, 2013

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Grimes County Expo Center/ Fairgrounds

# Study Area



**Legend**

• Water Wells	— Interstate Highway	□ Gilmer CAD Parcel Boundary	■ Lake/Reservoir/Water Body
▲ Cemetery	— US & State Highway	■ 100-yr Floodplain	
⊙ Church	— FM Road	■ Park/Open Space/Cultural	
Ⓜ Educational Facility	⚡ Active Railroads		
Ⓜ Health Care	— TxDOT Houston District Alignment		

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**NO SPECIFIC ROUTES IDENTIFIED**

# Why Extend SH 249 to SH 105?

## **IMPROVE SAFETY**

**CRASH RATES ON FM 1774 AND SH 105 EXCEED STATEWIDE AVERAGE**

## **ADDRESS TRAFFIC GROWTH**

**TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED 274% ON FM 1774 AND 197% ON SH 105 SINCE 1980**

## **IMPROVE REGIONAL CONNECTIONS**

**PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CONTINUITY TO SURROUNDING AREA**

## **ADDRESS EVACUATION NEEDS**

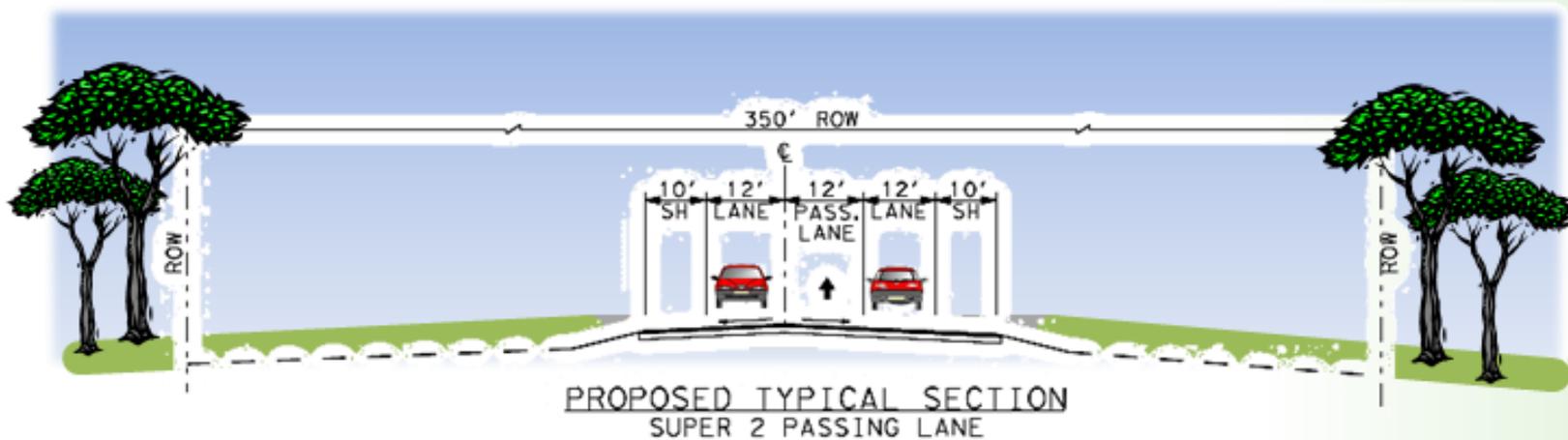
**INCREASE EVACUATION CAPACITY DURING EMERGENCIES**

# Project Description

**The proposed improvements are intended to improve safety, address traffic growth, improve regional connections and address emergency evacuation needs.**

**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.**

# Roadway Typical Sections



**Right-of-way (ROW) would accommodate a 4-lane divided roadway**

# Project Timeline

<b>MILESTONE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Public Hearing and Alignment Recommendation</b>	<b>Summer 2014</b>
<b>Environmental Decision</b>	<b>December 2014</b>
<b>Anticipated Construction Start</b>	<b>2015</b>

# Comments

## **How to comment:**

**Written Comment Form (available tonight)  
Email ([Bob.Appleton@txdot.gov](mailto:Bob.Appleton@txdot.gov))**

## **Send comments to:**

**Director of Transportation Planning and Development  
Texas Department of Transportation  
2591 N. Earl Rudder Freeway  
Bryan, TX 77803**

**Comments must be submitted via email or  
postmarked by November 12, 2013**

