



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### State Highway (SH) 183 (Airport Freeway) Segment 2E From Wilshire Drive/Reliance Parkway to SH 161 Tarrant and Dallas Counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting on Monday December 9, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the First Baptist Church - Euless Campus West Facility, 205 N. Industrial Blvd. Bedford, TX 76021. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information regarding the status and planned phased construction approach for approximately five miles of SH 183 from Wilshire Drive/Reliance Parkway to SH 161, known as Segment 2E. This project was part of an environmental assessment (EA) prepared for the 10.8-mile SH 183 (Airport Freeway) project and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Section 4(f) *de minimus* determination were obtained from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on October 26, 2009.

Subsequently, funding constraints dictated further review of the design and project construction limits, and as a result, the project was redesigned in order to place the managed lanes at the same elevation as the proposed SH 183 general purpose lanes. These cost constraints also precluded construction of the entire 10.8-mile project. Consequently, the project was divided into two segments, a western segment (2W) between IH 820 and west of Industrial Boulevard, and an eastern segment (2E) that continues to SH 161.

Segment 2W received priority and an environmental reevaluation was completed to assess the changes and confirm the validity of the conclusions reached in the 2009 EA. Segment 2W, currently under construction, included a *de minimus* impact to a Section 4(f) property, L.D. Bell High School. The reevaluation, approved by FHWA on June 1, 2011, confirmed the original environmental conclusions.

A reevaluation of the environmental document for Segment 2E was then required due to the phased construction approach and lowering of the western portion of the managed lanes to match those at Segment 2W. This meeting will update the public and present details regarding the phased construction approach to the proposed improvements in the eastern (2E) Segment. It is important to note that as identified at the Public Hearing conducted in 2009 and as confirmed at the Public Meeting conducted in 2011, the right-of-way requirements identified have not changed under the phased construction approach, nor have the alignments of any of the proposed ultimate roadways.

The format for the public meeting will be "come and go" with exhibits available for viewing and representatives available to address your questions. All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting to provide input and comments regarding this project. Written comments may also be submitted either in person or by mail to Sonja Land, Strategic Project Division Environmental Coordinator, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Comments must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before December 20, 2013.

Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Officer at (214) 320-4481. Requests should be made on or before December 5, 2013. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs.