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Northeast Loop Interstate 820 public meeting April 27

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — All interested citizens are invited to attend an Interstate 820 public meeting Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Richland Hills Church of Christ located at 6300 North East Loop 820 in North Richland Hills. The “come and go” public meeting will discuss transportation improvements to I-820 from Interstate 35W to SH 26.

The five-mile project will reconstruct and expand I-820 from four lanes to ten lanes with a new I-35W interchange. This includes a tolled managed lanes facility in the median. The project has a total estimated cost of \$406 million.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is currently studying the use of public-private partnerships to accelerate construction on I-820, SH 183 (Airport Freeway) and portions of I-35W by combining express lanes and high occupancy vehicle lanes (HOV) within a comprehensive development agreement. In March, the Texas Transportation Commission authorized TxDOT to request private sector proposals for each project.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed design of I-820 will be displayed at the “come and go” meeting. The public may view project layouts, a tentative schedule and other project information. Public input into the project’s design elements will be important during this time. Interested persons will have the opportunity to offer written comments.

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