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SH 121 Final Environmental Impact Statement Public Hearing Dec. 13

Interstate 30 to FM 1187 in Tarrant County

On Nov. 1, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed SH 121, also known locally as Southwest Parkway, became available for review for the portion from Interstate 30 to FM 1187 in Tarrant County. In conjunction with NTTA and the City of Fort Worth, TxDOT will conduct an additional public hearing on this proposed project due to public interest on Monday, Dec. 13. The hearing will be located at the Fort Worth Convention Center, Ballroom C, 1201 Houston Street. Displays will be available for viewing at 6 p.m. with the hearing beginning at 7 p.m.

Following the April 22, 2003 public hearing for SH 121 from I-30 to FM 1187, NTTA and TxDOT conducted further environmental reviews as requested. During the Dec. 13 public hearing, citizens will be given the opportunity to comment on the FEIS and on the recommended route. Written comments postmarked by Dec. 31 will also be accepted.

Over the past year, the City of Fort Worth's citizen advisory group (CAG) has been discussing possible amenities and enhancements along the proposed project and providing that input to the city. Although the environmental process does not allow for these design features to be included in the environmental document and hearing, the city will continue these meetings

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into the detail design phase of the project and provide recommendations.

Identified as a high priority corridor in the North Central Texas Council of Government's Metropolitan Mobility Plan to address air quality conformity issues, the proposed SH 121 project would ultimately be constructed as a controlled-access, six-lane divided toll facility from I-30 to Interstate 20 and four lanes from I-20 to FM 1187, for a total of approximately 15 miles. TxDOT is planning to construct the interchanges at I-20 and I-30, and the seven-mile portion of roadway from Altamesa Boulevard to FM 1187 in addition to purchasing right of way within these limits. NTTA is planning to construct the eight-mile portion of the project between I-30 and Altamesa Boulevard with the City of Fort Worth purchasing the right of way.

This portion of SH 121 in Tarrant County would link with the already environmentally-cleared SH 121 from FM 1187 to U.S. 67 in Johnson County which could begin construction as early as 2007.

The FEIS is available for viewing at the City of Fort Worth, North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) locations or can be viewed and downloaded at www.dot.state.tx.us – Transportation Studies.

Locations to view the FEIS:

City of Fort Worth, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth 76102

City of Fort Worth Central Library, located at 300 W. 3rd Street, Fort Worth 76102

NCTCOG, Center Point Two, 2nd floor, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington 76011

NTTA, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano 75093

Location to view or purchase the FEIS (actual cost of reproduction):

TxDOT District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth 76133, (817) 370-6549

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