



Public Hearing Summary and Comment Response Report

I-69 S/I-610 W Interchange, Houston District

CSJ: 0271-17-145, 0271-17-146, 0271-17-157, 0027-13-210, 0027-13-211, and
0271-17-161

Harris County, Texas

February 2016

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Section 1

Summary of Public Hearing

District / County:

Houston District / Harris County

Highway / Limits:

I-69 S/I-610 W Interchange

Project Background:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District proposes to reconstruct the I-69 South (S)/I-610 West (W) interchange in the City of Bellaire. The proposed project would require 2.5 acres of additional ROW and would displace one commercial property. The proposed project would be constructed in three phases and is located in Harris County, Texas. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared for the proposed project.

Proposed Improvements:

The proposed project would involve the reconstruction of the I-610 West Loop at the I-69/US 59 Southwest Freeway interchange. The proposed project would realign existing one-lane direct connectors and reconstruct them as two-lane direct connectors. The interchange would be modernized by upgrading the facility to current design standards, adding shoulders to a reconstructed I-610 main lane bridge, and would increase vertical clearances and sight distances throughout. A comprehensive hydraulic study was performed for the project and recommends the addition of detention ponds within the interchange.

Project Need and Purpose:

Need:

- Highways and connectors are heavily congested during peak hours,
- Safety issues related to congestion, merging, vertical clearance, site distances and the absence of shoulders.

Purpose:

- Improve safety and mobility,
- Reduce congestion.

Purpose of Public Hearing:

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the recommendation of the Preferred Alternative for the proposed I-69 S/I-610 W interchange improvement project; and to discuss the project's purpose and need, the alternatives analysis process, the environmental information from the proposed project, and to collect comments from the public regarding these *topics*.

Date of Public Hearing:

Thursday, June 4, 2015.

Certification for the Public Hearing is included in **Appendix A**.

Hearing Location:

City of Bellaire Civic Center; 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401

Notice of Hearing:

Notices were published in the following:

- Houston Chronicle: May 4, 2015 and May 25, 2015
- La Voz (Spanish): May 10, 2015 and May 24, 2015
- On the web: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/59-610.html>

Copies of the notice as seen in the newspaper advertisements and the affidavits are included in **Appendix B**. Additionally, the notices were posted on TxDOT's website at: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/59-610.html>

Letters to Elected Officials and Notices to Adjacent Land Owners, Civic Associations, and Stakeholders:

Elected Officials:

On May 5, 2015, TxDOT's Houston District mailed out Public Hearing invitation letters to Houston area federal, state, and local elected and non-elected officials, which are included in **Appendix C**.

Adjacent Land Owners and Civic Associations:

On May 4, 2015, notices were mailed out to 211 adjacent property owners. Copies of the notices mailed to the adjacent property owners and civic associations are included in **Appendix C**.

Attendance:

A total of 133 people registered their attendance at the Public Hearing. Of these, five were elected officials. Additionally, 29 project team representatives and three media representatives were in attendance. Copies of the sign-in sheets are included in **Appendix D**.

Format:

The Public Hearing began with an open house session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. During this time, exhibits were displayed that showed the proposed typical sections and other project information. Project team members were available to answer questions. The open house format allowed attendees to move freely between the displayed exhibits and discuss project details with the project team. Spanish interpreters were available to accommodate the communication needs of Spanish-speaking individuals.

At 6:30 p.m., the project team gave a technical presentation that included details of the Public Hearing format, an overview of the project, a description of the project's purpose and need, a review of the alternative analysis, a review of the environmental considerations, and an explanation of the project funding and the next steps. The Public Hearing concluded with a public comment period. A certified court reporter recorded all public comments verbatim.

Photographs of the Public Hearing are included in **Appendix E**. The certified transcript of the Public Hearing is included in **Appendix F**.

Hand-outs:

Bilingual information packets were distributed at the Public Hearing. Packets included an agenda, typical sections of the project, and direction on how to comment. Copies of the hand-outs provided at the public hearing are included in **Appendix G**. Media packets were also available to members of the media present at the Public Hearing.

Exhibits:

Exhibits were displayed on easels and tables throughout the room, as included in **Appendix H**. In addition to the sign-in table, the following exhibits were on display during the Public Hearing.

- Welcome to the Public Hearing
- Need and Purpose
- Two Proposed Project slides (showing typicals and project funding and construction)
- Environmental Considerations
- Next Steps
- Published Hearing Notices
- Public Hearing Comments

Opportunities for Public Comment:

The public was invited to submit written and/or oral comments during the Public Hearing. Oral comments could be provided during the formal public comment session and were transcribed by a court reporter.

All attendees were informed that written comments could also be submitted after the Public Hearing by the end of the comment period (June 18, 2015) via mail or email. Contact information was provided at the Public Hearing and in the newspaper notices published prior to the Public Hearing.

Comments Received:

The deadline for public comment was Monday, June 18, 2015. A total of 91 public comments were received. Of those comments, 17 were oral and 74 were written. Copies of all written comments are included in **Appendix I** and oral comments can be found in **Appendix F**.

Positive and negative feedback was received on the project. Of the written comment forms returned and marked, four were in favor of the proposed project, 13 were opposed, and six marked undecided. Other written comment sent in did not have the option of marking if they were in favor of the proposed project or not. Concerns included the removal of the Fournace exit from the design redirecting exiting traffic to Bellaire Rd, noise impacts, visual impacts/high flyover direct connectors, lack of design to resolve the I-610 north congestion, property values, drainage/flooding, and increased traffic creating congestion and air pollution. Of those with positive feedback, the respondents were generally concerned with drainage/flooding and noise.

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1	Written	Ms. Arlene Schneider	<p>Proposed Houston/Bellaire 610/59 project-- Pls fix the northbound side! That is where all the accidents are at 610 N, 59, Westpark exit. It is VERY DANGEROUS!!!!</p> <p>Can you please tell me why the changes are for the southbound side? There are daily accidents on the northbound side. That intersection is clearly the most dangerous in Houston. I live near there, and have to navigate it daily. There are accidents constantly, and it is not made in such a way that invites safe driving. Please do something about that intersection!</p>	The scope of this project is to reconstruct 5 direct connectors, including the northbound I-610 to I-69 southbound connector.	Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.			
2	Written	Reis Ermis	<p>AESTHETICS</p> <p>Please continue to use green ribbon standards for design and use aesthetics matching the neighborhood of Bellaire and the Galleria/Uptown area. The 610 stretch from the interchange south through the City of Bellaire uses red brick patterns on side walls which should be integrated into construction on the south side of the interchange, along with substantial greenery in grass easements to alleviate the effects of air pollution, road noise, and improve curb appeal. Please also integrate trees and greenery into drainage basins and grass covered areas.</p>	TxDOT will continue to coordinate aesthetics within the design with the City of Bellaire.	<p>1) Use Green Ribbon standards – Red brick patterns on side walls.</p> <p>2) Use greenery in grass easements to elevate air and noise impacts and improve curb appeal.</p>			
			<p>CITY LINE SIGNAGE</p> <p>Currently, the “Entering City of Bellaire” and “Entering City of Houston” signs are in the wrong position by several yards. This seems like a small problem, but this part of the interchange receives numerous vehicle accidents and disabled vehicles every week causing confusion for reportees, victims, tow truck drivers, and jurisdictional confusion for fire/ems personnel, and police. The correct City line is the south side of the utility corridor easement, instead of the incorrectly marked north side of the easement. Place these signs on the exact City line, including both the main lanes and the direct connector ramps coming off of 610 and coming on to 610.</p>	Signage will be evaluated during the final design phase.	Correct city line signage.			
			<p>WESTPARK EXIT RAMP SIGNAGE</p> <p>Currently, the signs for the Westpark Drive exit ramp for 610 northbound traffic is marked only as Westpark Drive, but the exit ramp also serves Richmond Avenue by continuing on the feeder road underneath the interchange which was build a few years back. Please update this exit ramp sign to say it serves both Westpark Drive and Richmond Avenue.</p>	Signage will be evaluated during the final design phase.	Correct Westpark Drive exit ramp signage to indicate Richmond Avenue and Westpark Drive.			
			<p>DRAINAGE</p> <p>With the recent flooding and continued development of the surrounding areas of Galleria/Uptown and Bellaire, drainage of flood waters continues to grow as a major concern. Please exceed requirements for drainage basins and water storage to alleviate effects from rain storms and hurricane flood waters.</p>	Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the design.	Drainage concerns.			
			<p>LOW HEIGHT</p> <p>Keep the height of direct connectors, especially for US-59 northbound to 610 southbound, as low as possible to avoid eye sores for City of Bellaire residences which also harm property values and raise noise pollution. Know towering direct connectors may also harm future planned development of the City of Bellaire’s Urban Village District on the southwest corner of the interchange.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different</p>	<p>Keep the height of the direct connectors low to decrease visual impacts.</p> <p>Property values</p>			

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				factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.				
			<p>SOUND BARRIERS</p> <p>Currently, 610 uses extra high walls on the outside shoulder lanes to reduce noise pollution to homes which line both sides of 610 south of the interchange. Please ensure these high walls abutted to the outside shoulders are either replaced or not affected when construction is complete.</p>	The design currently calls for higher walls on the outside shoulder lanes.	Need extra high walls on the outside shoulder lanes to reduce noise pollution.			
			<p>FOURNACE EXIT RAMP</p> <p>Amend the current plans to keep a Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp for 610 southbound traffic. I understand this is a huge engineering challenge, but eliminating the ramp goes against the project's listed goals of improving operational efficiency, reducing congestion, and increasing safety. Houston Community College, Home Depot, apartment complexes, and other traffic travelling to businesses and residences on the southeast corner of the interchange coming on 610 southbound would have to travel an extra 1.5 miles to exit Bellaire Blvd, u-turn, get back on the freeway from Bellaire Blvd, exit Westpark, and abruptly cut across 3 lanes of feeder road to get to their destination instead of simply exiting Fournace, u-turn, and gradually work across the 3 feeder road lanes as currently happens. Keeping a Fournace exit ramp for 610 southbound traffic will reduce the risk of vehicle accidents, shorten commutes by time and mileage driven, and eliminate a substantially higher volume of traffic passing through the area.</p>	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			
			<p>EMINENT DOMAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY</p> <p>Please continue to be steadfast in not over-utilizing land acquisition and be conservative in square footage acquired. Use tax dollars to adequately compensate land owners at fair market value.</p> <p>Please contact me if clarification is needed on any specific points, or for any responses. Also, thank you for rebuilding an interchange prone to vehicle crashes and heavy congestion.</p>	TxDOT will continue to coordinate the design to require the least amount of ROW to accommodate the needed design elements.	Continue to minimize the ROW required for the design.			
3	Written	Mr. James Hoss	When is the next public meeting on the Hwy 59-Loop 610 proposals? I would like to attend and learn more as we run commuter buses in that area. The Web page shows the "next" meeting to be in 2012. ??? Thanks.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	When is next public meeting?			

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4	Written	Tanya Shie	<p>I am a resident of Bellaire, TX that lives on 4809 Saxon Street, a street a bit north of the Fournace exit.</p> <p>I was not able to attend the hearing on June 4th, but would like to voice some concerns and requests.</p> <p>Please consider putting up a noise wall, regardless of whether the 610/59 construction will happen. I have 2 young children that are startled by loud noises, and we clearly hear loud cars that rev their engines and motorcycles that race on 610 quite often; this causes my children to wake up in the middle of the night, scared.</p>	<p>Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	Noise concerns.			
			<p>Also, could you please reconsider closing the southbound Fournace exit? I have only lived here since August of 2014, but have never seen an accident from traffic exiting Fournace, and I pass by that exit on my way to work every day. Surprisingly, the cars switch lanes really well when exiting.</p> <p>Another reason not to close the southbound Fournace exit and to not create an overpass heading south would be the noise issue. Naps will definitely not be occurring in this house if there is construction so close by.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Noise concerns.</p>			
			<p>And finally, the feeder along 610 near my house will be more congested with traffic from people trying to go along 610 and turn on Fournace and Bissonnet since the Fournace exit will be closed. With more traffic, there is a risk of more accidents, and there will definitely be more noise.</p> <p>Thank you for taking time to read my email.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			
5	Written	Ha Bui	<p>Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the public hearing on June 4 concerning the proposed TXDOT changes to 610/59. As a resident of Bellaire since 2009, I would like this opportunity to provide some comments concerning the closure of the Fournace Street exit from 610 S.</p> <p>First off, I like to say that I am against any type of Fournace street exit closure. There's numerous commercial, retail, and business located on the north side of Bellaire. The closure would increase traffic to the Bellaire exit and force traffic through the underpass. With the light at Fournace and West Loop South, I would expect in an increase in traffic from those requiring access to Chevron, HCC, and Home Depot.</p> <p>Secondly with the expected increase in traffic, Bellaire could benefit from some type of sound protection. Sound walls similar to those deployed in other communities would be beneficial.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Noise concerns.</p>			

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6	Written	Nova Draughon	<p>I am concerned this will not be an improvement for the residents of Bellaire, I believe it will increase the noise pollution, the air pollution, and that the inadequate drainage will lead to more flooding of the resident's homes thereby causing health problems and lowering our property values. I believe a wall should be built to protect our homes from as much of the noise as possible, and not to just raise the barriers on the freeway. Txdot has cared enough about the residents' concerns of Meyerland, The Villages on I10, and Afton Oaks, to build walls and I would like to think Txdot had enough care for the citizens of Bellaire to put up walls for us also. Please reconsider this. Even though it will not really affect me as I am elderly and do not drive the freeways much anymore I think the 610 exit being moved to Bellaire Blvd. is not a well thought out plan because of the many residents, and business that would be ill affected by this move. Thank you for your attention to this.</p>	<p>Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the design.</p> <p>Generally, a project that reconstructs bridges/direct connectors and relocating entrance ramps are intended to enhance traffic safety and improve traffic flow, not add capacity and more traffic.</p> <p>As such, due to the nature of this project, further air quality analysis was not required.</p> <p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.</p>	<p>Concerned with noise and air pollution, drainage/flooding and decreased property values.</p>			
7	Written	Stacey Spencer	  <p>LCA TxDOT Public Hearing Additional Questions 06C</p>	<p>Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Landscaping will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.</p> <p>Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.</p>	<p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Landscaping</p> <p>Quieter engineered road surfaces.</p> <p>Drainage/Flooding.</p>			

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8	Written	Karl Poirot	I do not support the removal of the Fournace St exit as it will put additional traffic pressure on the Bellaire/610 intersection and reduce traffic flow options in the area leading to congestion.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			
9	Written	Tommy Reed	As a resident of Bellaire living on Colonial St., I take the 610 S. Fournace exit on a daily basis. I cannot understand the rational to eliminate this exit and force all traffic to the Bellaire exit. This will inevitably lead to more congestion at that exit, thus backing up the loop and more traffic choosing to back track through the city on S. Rice (which is in bad shape) or taking the U-turn and adding to the congestion of North bound feeder travelers. I don't understand the need to work on the 59N/610 S. ramp, it operates efficiently with minimal back-up and no accidents that I have ever witnessed. The problem that needs to be addressed is 610 N bound/59 N& S exits. I never see a day go by without a wreck on this area and severe traffic back-up and too many lane change options. Please consider leaving the Fournace exit open to 610 S bound travelers coming into Bellaire and fix the 610 N bound exit options first. PS: Sounds walls would be nice too.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Noise concerns.			
10	Written	Gary C. Shie	I am a homeowner that resides in the northern section of Bellaire, TX at 4809 Saxon St. I was not able to attend the public hearing on June 4th, but would like to provide some feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please erect a noise wall on the access road from I-69/I-610 to Fournace Place • Please reconsider closing the southbound Fournace exit Noise from construction and increased traffic will be a nuisance. I have two young children that are startled by loud noises, and we can clearly hear the road noise and motorcycle racing on I-610 quite often. This issue has caused a lot of sleepless nights for my wife and me as our children will startle awake scared of the noises. Erecting a noise wall will reduce construction and road noise flowing into my neighborhood. A noise wall in our location should be added to the base scope for this construction work. If the Fournace Place exit is closed, the access road along I-610 near my house will be more congested with traffic from people trying to go along I-610 and turn onto Fournace and Bissonnet. With more traffic, there will definitely be more noise. Additionally, please reconsider closing the southbound Fournace exit. I have only lived here since August of 2014, but have never seen an accident from merging traffic exiting Fournace. Thank you for your time.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns. Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			
11	Written	Damian LaCroix	Requesting TxDOT construct sound barrier from Saxon St to Mayfair St.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.		X	

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12	Written	Not provided	Live on Saxon. On top of the noise, we get people wandering off feeder (foot traffic). We have over 30 kids on this block. Could be very dangerous.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.		X	
13	Written	Not provided	Phase 1 should be eliminated. This NOT the problem. You will create MORE traffic at Bellaire Blvd. Bellaire needs sound walls especially at Lehigh and 610.	Phase I originally included redesign of three direct connectors: the I-69 NB to I-610 SB, I-610 NB to I-69 SB and I-610 SB to I-69 NB. Traffic studies have shown that all elements of Phase I are needed; however, the project will no longer be phased as originally proposed. TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Does not want Phase I. Noise concerns.		X	
14	Written	Gary Husmann	Significant traffic traveling S. on loop 610 desires/ currently does exit C Fournace. Please revise plans to allow for this to continue. Forcing all of this traffic to continue to Bellaire Blvd to exit is unnecessary, will cause new traffic congestion and currently works fine. All of traffic mishaps are on the north bound side even if it requires a fly over/ braided exit or via an underpass. Impact of an overpass/underpass will be minimal as compared to the traffic issues associated with no exit to Fournace from the galleria area going south on the loop 610. Also need soundwalls all the way through city of Bellaire along loop 610. Put emphasis on braiding entrances/ exits on northbound 610 loop +59 interchange. That's where the accidents occur. Huge cost to city of Bellaire. To get to Fournace from galleria area force motorists to go to Bellaire Blvd, U-turn, light @ Bissonnet, then lights @ Fournace, just does not make sense. Need to shorten time frame, especially braiding entrances and exits going N. on 610. Intersection @ Bellaire Blvd already heavily congested. Adding an extra U-turn lane is NOT the solution. Keep Fournace exit open to Southbound traffic on IH 610 from Galleria. Traffic is already backed up in rush hour, going slow. Never seen an accident on that stretch in 10 years.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Concerned with double u-turn at Bellaire Blvd. Noise concerns.	X		
15	Written	Justin Mogford	Project needs to be modified to build acceptable sound walls along the frontage road on IH 610. The noise is unacceptable and should be addressed.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.		X	

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16	Written	Nancy P. Baxley	I am concerned with the double u turn at Bellaire Blvd. The morning traffic W bound on Bellaire backs up past Ave B with people turning N bound to 610. Also people illegally turn from the right lane Bellaire. With a double u turn and the cars turnings from Bellaire trying to reach 610 N, I envision another Accident Capital of Texas. Also if people shift to try to get to N610 from Bissonnet, we are adding additional movement across multiple lanes.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Concerned with double u-turn at Bellaire Blvd.		X	
17	Written	Phillip Baxley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Double U-turn under Bellaire Blvd will create additional traffic congestion on Bellaire Blvd trying to enter I-610 North. 2. This plan doesn't appear to address the congestion on I-610 North (Galleria area). Need to construct elevated expressway between I-69 and I-10 (just like the one that was so successful in downtown Austin) 	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	<p>Concerned with double u-turn at Bellaire Blvd.</p> <p>Design doesn't address I-610 north congestion.</p>			
18	Written	Sonny Hoang	Request for soundwall 610 near Fournace.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			
19	Written	Jennifer Hawes	Completely against <u>any</u> flyover ramps. Would love for 610 to submerge or go underground at Fournace, Bissonnet and Bellaire so that neighborhood streets can reconnect <u>above</u> the freeway similar to Shepherd @ 59. TxDOT can invest in more pedestrian & bike paths & connecting bike networks.	The reconfiguration of the IH 610 mainlanes to be submerged is outside the scope of this project.	No flyover ramps, wants submerged I-610.			
20	Written	Stacie Williams	Flyovers on east side of 610 52' tall will be a noise pollution & eye sore nuisance illegally created by the government; no Fournace exit on southbound 610 exit is unacceptable and cuts off residents of Elmhurst part of Bellaire from exiting to their homes; southbound exits off of 610 are not a problem; noise abatement is already needed for the section between Fournace and Elm; more lanes will attract more traffic not decrease it; Phases 1-3 will decrease property values significantly.	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.</p>	<p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Property values.</p>		X	
21	Written	Debra Sokol + Allene King	The neighborhood adjacent to the project SW corner must have a sound barrier to protect the property investment and often benefits of such structure. Must cut down traffic through neighborhood. The elevated sections of 59/610 are of concern causing additional noise and unsightly views. All proposed projects should include a protection plan for the homes affected. NOISE BARRIER a MUST. Absolutely do NOT close Fournace. Big mistake for all stated reasons. The Northbound 610 traffic is the worst and all the accidents happen there.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	<p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Need design changes to northbound I-610.</p>			X

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22	Written	Thomas N. Langham	Request for sound wall 610 near Mayfair to Fournace.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			
23	Written	Chanelle Marie Sayers	We need a sound barrier wall along 610 from Lehigh/Saxon to Fournace. The sound at this time is unacceptable at this time and with the proposed changes the noise be would increasingly worse.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			X
24	Written	Zach Sayers	Need a sound wall on the west side of Hwy 610 between I-59 and Bellaire.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			X
25	Written	Not provided	I oppose closing Fournace exit ramp. I suggest tie-in main lanes @ Fournace and bridge then exit Fournace beneath the elevated.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			
26	Written	Sally Brashear	What is a pedestrian street? I live at Anderson at Imperial. What will Anderson as a <u>pedestrian street</u> !!! be?? Need a sound wall north of Make it safer, quieter!	The scope of this project does not include any work on Anderson St. Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	What is a pedestrian street? Noise concerns.			X
27	Written	Heather Purcell	1. I do not support elimination of the Fournace/ Bissonnet exit when coming down from 610 South. This will cause a great strain on Bellaire Blvd and surrounding streets. Adding exit and U-turn lanes is not sufficient. I understand the need to prevent unsafe merging, but there must be a better way. There's a great flyover bridge by West Alabama that takes drivers over the messy 610/59 main lanes that currently allows exit on to Fournace/ Bissonnet. This lane is currently far enough over that it pretty much spits you into the exit lane for Fournace/ Bissonnet. There is currently no unsafe merging taking place here. <u>Please</u> , at the very least, allow this ramp to continue exiting here. 2. Please re-do the turn around (u-turn) lane at Bellaire Blvd when exiting 610 headed north (coming from Meyerland). The existing lane is not accessible if there are more than 2 cars waiting at the light to go straight and sitting in the left lane. There is plenty of space to add a legitimate U-turn lane. The existing one pretty much serves no purpose. Traffic backs upon to 610 while the tiny turn around "lane" sits unused because it is blocked by waiting traffic.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Concerned with double u-turn.		X	

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28	Written	Kristie Husmann	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I support the alteration to the 610 exit to 59 N being moved up to prevent traffic + accidents. 2. We are VERY concerned with closing 610 to Fournace. The traffic @ Bellaire backs up so much now. We are confident that we would be slowed 10-15 mins going thru Bellaire to back track to our street. 	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	<p>Support 610 northbound exit to 59 N to prevent accidents</p> <p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			
29	Written	R. Kyle Howes	I prefer that this expansion be at the lower level or equal height as presently exists. The sight pollution and noise pollution is going to devalue the residential properties in the area?	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.</p>	<p>Low flyover connectors.</p> <p>Property values.</p>		X	
30	Written	Mary Ellen Vaboris	Need sound wall on Feeder Street.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			
31	Written	Joe Henry	Deletion of the Fournace exit is not acceptable. Access from 610 to Episcopal High School, Home Depot, Chevron and many other business and residents will be required to go an additional 2 miles, go through two extra lights and add to the northbound feeder traffic.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.		X	
32	Written	Pranab K Mukerji	I am against the closure of south bound exit at Fournace.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.		X	
33	Written	Jeri Garner	Need sound wall now on Feeder Street.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			

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34	Written	Wong	The traffic going South on 610 from 59 Southbound can no longer exit Fournace and will force the Bellaire intersection to expand which will increase traffic and bring more problems (traffic, noise, accidents etc) deeper into the city of Bellaire. With the addition of Walmart and other business' into the northern part of Bellaire, traffic through the heart of the city will only increase. This negatively impacts home values and the quiet and peace this small city provides. As an alternative, is there a solution where the Fournace exit can continue to service the 610 southbound and 59 southbound?	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			X
35	Written	Robyn Ruthman	It is a TERRIBLE idea to close the Furnace exit and have Bellaire Blvd be the 1 st exit into the City of Bellaire. There is no point to this. It serves no advantage to Bellaire citizens. It will cause more congestion at Bellaire Blvd and in the process drive prop. values down. It will make the commute for Bellaire citizens north of Bellaire Blvd significantly longer and thus drive down their prop. values. There are currently NO accidents on this side of 610. Conversely, the other side (N. bound) of 610 constantly has accidents and nothing is being proposed to solve that. So this plan fails to solve problems and actually creates several more problems.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Need design improvements on the northbound I-610.		X	
36	Written	Diana Sullivan	610 Loop was reconstructed in this area 15-20 years ago. To do a massive reconstruction again in this short of time is extremely costly and disruptive. To dump all of the traffic on Bellaire Blvd will be a massive inconvenience to the Fournace area and businesses. Bellaire Blvd and Frontage road will be a mess. Will there be another reconstruction project 20 years after this is completed?? Needs improved drainage.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm. Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Drainage.			
37	Written	Not provided	I oppose the reconfig of Fournace. Keep old schematic where it is an over-under situation allowing Fournace to exit beneath the ML tie-in. Pls don't allow this change!	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			
38	Written	Not provided	The project will really help is reducing congestion. TxDOT has done a good job on the design.	Comment Noted	N/A	X		
39	Written	Laura LaCroix	Strong recommendation for TxDOT to construct a sound barrier from Saxon Street to Mayfair. This is a Texas community with many families!!! A sound barrier is absolutely necessary.	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.		X	
40	Written	J. Denney	Our home just flooded in May. I support the project as long as it does not affect our drainage either during or after completion. Our sound wall is being replaced, so for security reasons, we would like that to be done as expeditiously as possible. Before the current sound wall was built, we had many security issues – people walking in off the feeder road.	Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design. Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Drainage and noise concerns.	X		

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41	Written	Robert Giammaruti	Q1) What is the expected noise impact to the residential property west of I610? Q2) What, if any, noise mitigation is proposed?	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			X
42	Written	Stephanie Goldfield	To Whom It May Concern: RE: Tx-DOT Revision to 610 Loop I have been a Bellaire Resident since 2001 and for 9 of those years, have lived at 4806 Palmetto Street. My home is located off the 610 feeder road and any revisions that are proposed will negatively affect my life and that of hundreds of neighbors. I have grave concerns about TXODOT's plan to prevent vehicles heading 610 South from exiting Fournace/Bissonnet. To divert all traffic to Bellaire Boulevard puts an enormous burden on the City and forces Bellaire residents and business owners to drive farther, use more fuel and sit in more traffic to get to and from their homes/businesses. Presently, Bellaire Boulevard has very heavy traffic during peak work hours and it simply cannot support more traffic. Traffic will be extremely backed up on the 610 feeder road as well. Not only will citizens be negatively affect4ed by this change but businesses will also suffer because of the traffic in front of their locations. And what about the residents who <u>live</u> on Bellaire Boulevard? They will not be able to get in and out of their homes, nor will those who live adjacent (i.e. residents on First Street, Second Street, etc., etc., etc.) The increased traffic will do the following: 1) Add much noise to our City 2) Add pollution to our City 3) Burden our infrastructure which cannot support such increased traffic 4) Lead to increased motor vehicle accidents 5) Lead to additional traffic crime, as well as other crime 6) Prevent businesses from flourishing during hours of heavy traffic 7) Severely affect our quality of life based on all of the above! In over 30 years of driving in Houston and Bellaire, I've never seen a needed freeway exit "removed" from a residential area. This makes no sense to me, nor to any of us living here. <u>No exit should be removed in a residential area</u> , but rather, only in expansive spaces where homes are not directly impacted.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm. Generally, a project that reconstructs bridges/direct connectors and relocating entrance ramps are intended to enhance traffic safety and improve traffic flow, not add capacity and more traffic. As such, due to the nature of this project, impacts to air quality, noise, and quality of life are not anticipated.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Noise concerns. Air quality concerns. Increase in traffic and accidents Additional crime. Affect quality of life. Negatively impact businesses.			
43	Written	Deidre Brod	I live just north of the Fournace exit inside 610. I use that exit daily, often multiple times. Why do you want to close it? It is necessary for residents to access homes and businesses in a timely fashion. Why are you focused on improving life for those traveling from 69N to 610S, at the cost of harming Bellaire residents?	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			
44	Written	Keith Bowers	The recent Public Hearing on this subject in Bellaire (June 4) identified several clear Citizen (customer) concerns and hopes for the proposed rebuilding of the most dangerous interchange in the Interstate Highway System. I do think an important fact was not covered and must be. What are the present traffic counts	Transportation Planning and Programming Division traffic counts were used while developing the design. Please contact TxDOT Houston District for more detailed information.	Traffic counts.			

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			<p>at EACH point in and around this interchange, compared side by side with those under the proposed New alignments and ramps? DO NOT use 'future projections' unless you also use those for present alignment comparisons. People need and WANT to see the numbers so they can feel confident TXDOT has 'got it right' this time. PLEASE publish those data ASAP. WE do not believe the wildly expanded 'projections' of some agencies.</p> <p>There is no easy realignment that will remove the bottlenecks. However, just the economic losses associated with auto accidents alone in this interchange easily justify the rebuild of the entire quagmire--Correctly this time. (525 accidents, average vehicle losses of \$40,000 each, medical care of at least \$50,000 per accident, EMT and Police response costs of \$10,000 per accident, and lost wages of at least \$20,000 per accident EXCEED \$60 MILLION per year.)</p> <p>This interchange has performed POORLY since its original construction in 1965(?) and nothing to date has been done to remedy the fundamental flaws. There exists dangerous 'stop and go' congestion approaching this interchange in all directions during most all daylight hours, not just at 'rush hour.' There are about two serious multi-car accidents every working day at this 'death zone.' The vast majority happen where Northbound IH-610 traffic tries to exit onto IH-69 South and IH-69 North, while east side feeder (mostly Fournace to 610 N) traffic is merging onto main lanes and 59 exit ramps, AND traffic from main lanes is exiting to east-side feeder.</p> <p>I STRONGLY SUPPORT Phase 1 of the proposed new exit lane alignment and rebuild. Remember, the merge onto IH-69 S must be protected from traffic merging from IH-610S. At present there is substantial additional cross lane havoc caused by 'main lane' traffic on 59 S attempting to exit onto Chimney Rock. I am concerned the chaotic mixing that presently exists will persist in the new alignments. That would drastically reduce the capacity of the new 610 N to 59 S</p> <p>I have traveled this interchange daily for over 30 years. In that time I have NEVER encountered slowdown exiting 59 S onto I610 S other than that caused by 59 S to 610 N congestion - which you know is near continuous. The 59S to 610S WORKS WELL, but does need rebuilding due both to pavement deterioration and to provide a continuous smooth curve rather than the unfaired curve to straight to unfaired curve to straight to unfaired curve to..... Come on guys--fix that.</p> <p>I also believe a new connector from San Felipe to the 610S flyover would substantially reduce the mixing congestion on 610S from San Felipe to IH59.</p>					
45	Written	Tucker Burkhart	<p>I am writing to provide comments on the proposed changes to the 59-610 interchange. I am a resident of Bellaire, TX and have lived at 4911 Elm St for the last 10 years. As someone who resides in Bellaire and commutes daily to I-10 through the 610-US59 interchange, I am directly impacted by your proposed construction, and also have a pretty good sense of local traffic issues, as I pass through that interchange usually several times per day. Although I do recognize that the 59-610 interchange is problematic, and am thankful for and appreciate your agency's desire to address this issue, I have major comments on the proposal:</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound</p>			

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			<p>1. Closing the I610-Fournace exit will not solve the problem and will greatly negatively affect the communities that live north of Bellaire, inside and outside the loop. The traffic snarl at Bellaire is already substantial, however, in my opinion manageable and will easily double with all traffic exiting there. Currently, both exits (Bellaire and Fournace/Bissonnet) share the load rather equitably. AS you are probably aware a new Walmart shopping area in being built at S. Rice & Westpark. This intersection can be heavily trafficked and can already be quite congested and does not have the requisite entrance and exits into the parking lots as appropriate. If the Fournace exit is closed, that will just exacerbate the issue and route many people from Fournace to Bellaire and generate much undesired traffic through the core of Bellaire along S. Rice as people stream N to the new shopping area. The Fournace exit will keep that traffic along Fournace street and away from neighborhood where children live and play.</p> <p>2. Focus on the Northbound I610-59 interchange should be the priority. This is where the majority of incidents occur. A solution for that issue can and should go forward without negatively affecting the Southbound lanes and exits.</p>					
46	Written	Karin West	<p>I am writing to express my extreme concern about the proposed changes to the I-69/610 interchange and the deleterious effect this will have on my property value and on the quality of life for the residents of the city of Bellaire.</p> <p>1) Southbound side of 610 - As a compromise to adding a flyover, add an extra lane to the I-69 (59) North exit onto 610 south, widen the bridge at Fournace, and CLOSE THE FOURNACE/BISSONNET EXIT to all travelers traveling south on 610 (Fournace exit would remain open only to those coming from 1-69). The additional lane would be added at the same height as the existing freeway. The plan would require travelers headed south on 610 (i.e. from the Galleria area) to ALL exit Bellaire Blvd.</p> <p>CONCERNS: increased noise and air pollution; huge congestion at Bellaire Blvd; travel delays to surrounding businesses (i.e. Chevron) and schools (i.e. Episcopal, Pin Oak) and those trying to access their homes in Elmhurst; there is no current major congestion on the southbound side of 610 so why close the Fournace/Bissonnet exit?</p> <p>2) Northbound side of 610 - build a 52 FOOT FLYOVER connecting 610 to I-69 southbound. Several additional flyovers are proposed all 51 feet or higher to connect additional arteries. (One flyover is proposed at Chimney Rock at approx 90 feet tall.)</p> <p>CONCERNS: increased noise and air pollution; sight pollution; decrease in our property values; adding even more traffic to an already congested area. If the plan proceeds as proposed, this area will look a lot like I-10 at Beltway 8, which is an industrial area, not our back yard. A single ramp higher than what is already at the interchange will only set a precedent.</p> <p>Alternative proposal for the northbound side of 610 - widen exits to/from 610 to I-69 (plenty of room to do so) without flyovers. Put in dividing walls so that cars cannot "leap frog" from lane to lane which is what currently causes so many accidents on the northbound side of 610.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Noise and air impacts.</p> <p>Visual impacts.</p> <p>Property values</p> <p>Lower height of flyovers</p>			

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			We ALREADY are in need of noise abatement walls like nearly every other neighborhood in the Houston area. Why is TxDOT not allocating funds to this major necessity?					
47	Written	Julie & Doug McNee	<p>My family and I live right outside of the 610 loop between Fournace and Bissonnet. My husband and I both work in downtown Houston and use the Fournace exit as our means of getting home. We are being told that the changes to 610 will only give us the availability to exit farther down at Bellaire Blvd if we are traveling from 59 from downtown Houston. Making everyone coming from 59N exit at Bellaire will cause significant traffic not only to the residents of Bellaire but the surrounding communities. Keeping the Fournace exit open, will help alleviate congestion at Bellaire that will be greatly increased by making these changes. Funneling everyone to one exit will be devastating to our community and quality of life. Many people that do not live in Bellaire use Bissonnet and Bellaire to cut through the City of Bellaire to get to their destination east and westbound. Adding all traffic that currently uses the Fournace exit, will cause the drivers exiting at Bellaire Blvd to backup on the exit ramp at high volume times greatly impacting the safety of those travelling on 610. Also, people who are forced to exit at Bellaire will be cutting over thru side/pedestrian streets to get to Fournace and Bissonnet which will greatly impact the safety of kids in our neighborhood.</p> <p>Currently the freeway configuration allows more access points to Bellaire and surrounding communities. In more than 15 years, I have not seen one accident on 610 South at the Fournace exit. Therefore why would you change something that's not broken. You should be addressing the congestion opposite of the freeway (610 N with the 59 N and S exits). That is one of the deadliest stretches of highway and on average there are 2 wrecks there EVERY week!! If you enter the freeway at Bissonnet, it is nearly impossible at all hours of the day to cut over to travel northbound on 610 to the Galleria area. The exit ramp to 59 South from 610 N backs up at all hours and causes a wall of cars that is very dangerous to try to cut all the way over. This needs to be fixed immediately in my opinion...not the new proposed changes. That would be greater use of my tax dollars and your time. Why not fix a problem that needs to be fixed, rather than trying to create problems where things are working fine.</p> <p>A better use of this money would be to fix 610 Northbound where there are accidents every week and to increase the height of the sound walls on 610 throughout Bellaire. This is greatly needed. We can hear traffic at all hours due to the inefficiency of the sound walls that are currently on 610. They are currently way too low to cut down on any noise. The constant traffic noise greatly effects our quality of life due to the unwanted noise that 610 creates.</p> <p>I hope you will listen to our concerns and revise your plans to improve the traffic at 610 Northbound exiting to 59 South.</p>	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Noise concerns.			
48	Written	Molly McGee	I have concerns about proposed changes to the I-69 South/I-610 West Interchange. I feel TxDOT has not considered the negative impact that part of this design will have on the surrounding businesses, schools and neighborhoods nor the safety of motorist and residents. I live near the intersection of Bellaire and I-610, I travel these routes daily, so I am well aware of the traffic patterns and problems.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			

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			<p>Much of the congestion on I-69N is a result of I-69N to I-610N traffic and those motorists that cut over at the last minute. Attempting to pass the burden to I-610S intersections will not resolve this congestion. There are comparatively few wrecks that occur on I-610S between the interchange and Fournace exit so why try to fix a section of freeway that is not broken? Allowing only I-69N/S to I-610S traffic to access the Fournace exit is a design flaw and will not fix the I-69N congestion. Significant I-610S traffic uses the Fournace exit for the surrounding businesses, schools and neighborhoods. Forcing this traffic to the Bellaire/Evergreen exit to U turn or drive through Bellaire neighborhoods will lead to unnecessary congestion at Bellaire and I-610 intersection. The Fournace exit needs to remain accessible to both I-69 and I-610 traffic.</p> <p>The current plan proposes a 2 lane U turn at the southbound Bellaire exit merging with heavy "yielding" westbound Bellaire traffic trying to enter the I-610N entrance ramp. This presents the potential for significant increase in congestion and motor vehicle accidents and is an ineffective design. The exit is already very busy and is bordered closely by residential neighborhoods. I question how many intersections in Houston residential neighborhoods require a 2 lane U turn to handle traffic. It will only impair the safety of motorist and pedestrians at this intersection.</p> <p>The proposed plan does appear to reasonably address the I-610N to I-69S issue. The current design is clearly not working and has exhausted emergency responders and caused frustration and injury to motorists. Please do not mirror this past failure and impose the same scenario to the motorists at the Bellaire/I-610 intersection in an attempt to resolve the I-69N congestion.</p>					
49	Written	Linda Wilhelm	<p>I'm a 50+ year resident of Bellaire and would like to express my opposition to the plan in the link below, as it will limit access to my own and extended families' homes as well as pour traffic onto Bellaire Blvd., again near my home and many activities in the neighborhood, impacting kids, churches, and scout sites. Please keep the entrances and exits to and from 610, including Fournace.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			
50	Written	Alecia Lawyer	<p>Please do not close that exit. There is never an accident there. All of the residents on the east side of 610 use that one!</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			

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51	Written	Soumya & Ajay Rege	<p>We are long time residents of Bellaire on Jaquet Drive, which is approached right off of the Fournace/Bissonnet exit if you are coming from either 610 west loop S, or 59S, or 59N. We have used this exit almost exclusively for the last 18 years. Even though the lanes from all 3 freeways come together within a short distance, we have never seen any accidents caused by this feature. We have, however, seen many accidents (and been involved in one) on the northbound side of 610 at or around the 59N fork where people who have entered 610N at Bissonnet, are trying to move over to the left so that they don't accidentally get off at Westpark. This is an extremely short distance for such a move.</p> <p>The most traffic jams happen, again, on the northbound side of 610 at the Westheimer exit causing all northbound traffic to back, up thus exacerbating the move over to the left lanes noted in the paragraph above.</p> <p>It appears that the traffic studies that may have been conducted for this project have not been correlated with accident calls and traffic jams. It is also not clear what "problems" this project would solve. Perhaps the funding allocated to this project would be better utilized to rectify more serious problems on the northbound side of 610 in this general location, and to provide sound barriers along 610.</p> <p>We are definitely against this project and would not support it.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Feels design changes need to be on the I-610 northbound</p> <p>Noise concerns.</p>			

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52	Written	Damian LaCroix	<p>I am writing to register my comments concerning my numerous requests dating back to 2012 for the construction of a SOUND WALL (not some fictitious “sound barrier”, i.e., the “Bellaire Sound Barrier”, which does nothing to mitigate any of the traffic noise for me or my neighbors) in connection with the proposed I-69 N/ I-610 S Interchange Improvement Project and all related projects. In this regard, I have attached several documents to this email to serve as and/or supplement my comments including the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Petitions signed by all of the property owners whose properties are on the west side of IH610 S (S. Loop. W) and abut the feeder road between Lehigh and Mayfair streets as well as several property owners whose properties are on the north side of Saxon street. 2. My numerous correspondence with TxDot requesting the construction of the sound wall. However, attachment doesn’t include all of my correspondence with TxDot since 2012. 3. An illustration of where the sound wall is to be located. 4. My letters to Senator Huffman and Representative Davis dated May 23, 2012, requesting their assistance with TxDot concerning the construction of the sound wall. 5. My letter to TxDot dated April 21, 2012, requesting the construction of the sound wall. <p>The attached documents and the comments therein shall serve as my comments to the public hearing.</p> <p>My neighbors, including all property owners and residents who signed the attached petition and/or all those who are or copied on this email, request that the following comments be included in the public records in connection with the subject project.</p> <p>First, the plan as proposed is inadequate because it fails to include a sound wall for my neighbors and I.</p> <p>Second the sole factor TxDot seems to consider in its noise analysis and environmental test to determine the increased in traffic noise impact to the residents is the increased traffic noise that will result from the traffic traveling on the proposed “improved” I69 N/IH610 S interchange. TxDot’s limited scope fails to consider the adverse noise impact to my neighbors and I from the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) increased traffic resulting from the “improvements to the I69/IH610 interchanges; (ii) increased traffic resulting from the “improvements” IH610 bridge; (iii) increased traffic on southbound feeder road between Westpark and Bissonnet from the increased traffic that will be diverted to the Hidalgo/Richmond exit because of the closure of the Fournance/Bissonnet exit for traffic traveling southbound on IH610; (iv) increased traffic on feeder road resulting from TxDot’s improvements to Post Oak Blvd and other nearby roadways in coordination with and for the benefit of the Metropolitan Transit Authority’s future construction and operation of Metro’s University Line and Gold Line light rail systems and the proposed Uptown/Bellaire Transit Center at Westpark and Anderson St, and (v) increased traffic resulting from the construction project itself, a 	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns			

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			<p>substantial part of which construction project will take place at or near our homes. The adverse noise impact of the entire Project to my neighbors and I, particularly those of us living between Saxon St and Mayfair St, and Anderson St and I.H.610 feeder road, will create a noise nuisance so loud that it will substantially interfere with the peaceable and quiet enjoyment of our homes. The absence of a sound wall will continue to leave us without any protection whatsoever from the excessive noise exposure that will result from the Project. The property owners and residents in this regard request that TxDOT revise its plans to include a two segment sound wall of at least 14 feet along the west side feeder road of LH. 610 starting at the northeast back corner of property line of 4708 Saxon St and contagiously extending, without any breaks or openings, south along the east property lines of 4708 Saxon St, 4709 Saxon St, 4708 Glenmont Dr, 4708 Sunburst Ct, 4709 Sunburst Ct and 4708 Mayfair St, ending at the southern point of Mayfair St. northeast front property line of 4709 Mayfair St. and the second segment of the sound wall along the back property lines of 4708 Saxon St, 4710 Saxon St, 4712 Saxon St and 4714 Saxon St, starting at the northeast back corner property line of 4708 Saxon St and extending west along the back property lines of 4708 Saxon St, 4710 Saxon St, 4712 Saxon St and 4714 Saxon St, ending at the northwest back corner property line of 4714 Saxon St.</p> <p>(Attachments are in Appendix I)</p>					
53	Written	Joel Ephross	The closure of the Fournace exit on Loop 610 is not necessary and will have a significant negative impact on the community in decreasing access and lessening mobility in the area.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			
54	Written	Sadie Price	In regards to the proposed changes on 610. I use the Fournace/Bissonnet exit everyday for work. Closing it would only add to the traffic congestion on 610 & would cause horrible back ups at the Bellaire light that would not be able to properly handle the additional traffic flow. I hope you will reconsider. Thanks.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			

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55	Written	S. Burdine	<p>Your plan to close the Fournace exit and direct traffic onto Bellaire Blvd is going to cause so much back up. It is already a problematic area. Please reconsider and also address the almost daily accidents northbound on 610 before the 59 interchange near Westpark.</p> <p>Finally, please erect some sound barriers in Bellaire. We pay enough taxes for them!</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Noise concerns</p>			
56	Written	Rani	<p>We do not want any changes to 610 or the proposed flyovers at Bissonett and Fournance.</p> <p>We live in Bellaire because of our nice neighborhood and real estate.</p> <p>We do not want to lose our investments or our neighborhood. We do not see issues with traffic for our neighborhood. These issues exist in the gallery.</p> <p>We do not want the noise and the air pollution to affect our families. We moved to Bellaire because of the lack of traffic and business. We existed before the purposed highway. We never expected a huge highway to be blasting through our community. Nor did we pay such high property taxes and rates to be slammed with a highway proposal. We maintain our community. If you put a highway through our city you will ruin a nice community.</p> <p>We do not want any additions of changes to 610 Fournance and Bissonett. We do not want an exit at Bellaire</p> <p>Leave our quiet community alone. We do not want traffic, noise or to look at 50 and 90 foot fly overs.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.</p>	<p>Does not want the proposed changes; feels it will decrease property values by increasing noise and air pollution due to increased traffic.</p>			
57	Written	Dr. Hailey Heard	<p>I am a business owner on Bissonnet in Bellaire, and I do not agree that the exit off of 610 should be closed. Most of my customers come from the Galleria area and from I-10. This would greatly impact my traffic source.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			
58	Written	Karey Halliday	<p>I am a resident of Bellaire who lives in the northern part of the city and uses the Fournace exit multiple times each day.</p> <p>I am adamantly opposed to your proposal to close the Fournace exit to all traffic except that from 59 northbound to 610 southbound.</p> <p>First of all, there is nothing wrong with the merging of traffic to exit at Fournace. I have lived at my residence for 30 years and I am a native Houstonian. I played on 610 as a kid when it was being built. I have merged countless times at this exit and have never seen an accident there or bottlenecking of traffic. The real problem is on 59 N exiting to 610 S. That is where you need a solution not on 610. The traffic stacks up in the lane on 59 that exits to 610 because people go up and cut in at the front. Once you get onto the curve that goes to 610 the traffic flows smoothly. As a driver that has used both of these exits for years I have seen the same traffic patterns over and over. Fix 59 where it exits to 610, that's where the problem is!</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Transportation Planning and Programming Division traffic counts were used while developing the design. Please contact TxDOT Houston District for more detailed information.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Need design improvements on the northbound I-610.</p> <p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Increased traffic.</p> <p>Want traffic data.</p>			

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			<p>Not only is there NOT a problem to be fixed at the Fournace exit, the idea of directing most traffic to Bellaire Blvd. is ludicrous! Thousands of cars exit Fournace each day that would be directed to the heart of Bellaire for no reason! Not only is this an inconvenience for people, it is a traffic nightmare waiting to happen. You need to consider the thousands of people who live, work, and go to school in the northern part of Bellaire or just use the exit to travel on Fournace or Bissonnet to destinations outside of Bellaire. You will be sending cars to cut through residential streets to avoid the traffic that will be trying to navigate back to Fournace and Bissonnet.</p> <p>Another thing that needs to be considered is how much new traffic will be exiting Fournace to get to the new Walmart being built on Rice at Westpark as well as the other businesses and restaurants planned for there. There is a great need for the Fournace exit for all traffic!</p> <p>What kind of traffic studies have been done on traffic exiting at Fournace and where can citizens see these results?</p> <p>I ask that TxDOT address the sound issue that 610 presents to Bellaire residents. We live 10 houses from the freeway and the noise level is absurd. We have to go to sleep each night to the sound of the freeway and the sound is continuous at all hours, not to mention the motorcycles that race down the freeway on a regular basis. We have double pane windows and they can't even help. The outside noise is even worse! The 6 ft sound wall that was deemed good enough during the last improvements to 610 is not good enough!! Bellaire deserves real sound walls like all other residential areas that have freeways next to them. We deserve a real solution to our noise pollution all along 610 in Bellaire.</p> <p>As far as changes to the interchange, the most crucial one should be addressing the exit from 610 northbound to 59 southbound. It's easy to get the accident data for this section of the freeway. I live right by it and hear the sirens daily. It is an accident waiting to happen each and every day. People will stop in the middle of the freeway on 610 N to cut in to standstill traffic which is dangerous on so many levels. It is also so very dangerous just to be in the standstill lane waiting to get to the exit to 59. Honestly it is much safer to get in the right hand lane and cut in when you get to the 59 N/S split than it is to wait in the death trap line of traffic. Of course people cutting in on both sides is what causes the line as does the traffic merging on 59 south where everyone is trying to go. I ask that you focus your attention to this exit and merging onto 59 S and forget trying to fix a merging problem on 610 southbound to exit at Fournace. Don't try to fix a problem where it does not exist and create a new real problem.</p> <p>Please also consider the added noise pollution of an elevated ramp from 610 north to 59 south and how that would be addressed.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing my concerns. I hope that you will strongly consider the opinions of the residents that live in Bellaire and drive these freeways every day. I believe we have great insight when we are the ones who use these exits and see the traffic patterns on a regular basis.</p>					
59	Written	Dr. Megan Arnold	I am a business owner in Bellaire located at Bissonnet St. And 610S. These proposed changes will greatly impact my business, my client's ease of getting to me and all traffic in and around my office. Please do not make these changes. They are not good for the community.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Concerned with design plan as proposed.			

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60	Written	Michael Iversen	<p>Please don't close the Furnace exit; it will make the Bellaire exit a nightmare unless you create an Evergreen exit. There needs to be two lanes from 59 E to 610 S.</p> <p>610 going North toward 59 needs to separate (as in a barrier like at 610 going south at the North loop dividing 10 and 610) the East and West exits, with two lanes going West.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			
61	Written	Stacie Williams	<p>Tx DOT current plans are as follows:</p> <p>1) Southbound side of 610 - As a compromise to adding a flyover, add an extra lane to the I-69 (59) North exit onto 610 south, widen the bridge at Fournace, and CLOSE THE FOURNACE/BISSONNET EXIT to all travelers traveling south on 610 (Fournace exit would remain open only to those coming from 1-69). The additional lane would be added at the same height as the existing freeway. The plan would require travelers headed south on 610 (i.e. from the galleria area) to ALL exit Bellaire Blvd.</p> <p>CONCERNS: increased noise and air pollution; huge congestion at Bellaire Blvd; travel delays to surrounding businesses (i.e. Chevron) and schools (i.e. Episcopal, Pin Oak) and those trying to access their homes in Elmhurst; there is no current major congestion on the southbound side of 610 so why close the Fournace/Bissonnet exit?</p> <p>While the current plan is better than a flyover, why mess with the southbound side at all?</p> <p>2) Northbound side of 610 - build a 52 FOOT FLYOVER connecting 610 to I-69 southbound. Several additional flyovers are proposed all 51 feet or higher to connect additional arteries. (One flyover is proposed at Chimney Rock at approx 90 feet tall.)</p> <p>CONCERNS: increased noise and air pollution; sight pollution; decrease in our property values; adding even more traffic to an already congested area. If the plan proceeds as proposed, this area will look a lot like I-10 at Beltway 8, which is an industrial area, not our back yard. A single ramp higher than what is already at the interchange will only set a precedent.</p> <p>Alternative proposal for the northbound side of 610 - widen exits to/from 610 to I-69 (plenty of room to do so) without flyovers. Put in dividing walls so that cars cannot "leap frog" from lane to lane which is what currently causes so many accidents on the northbound side of 610.</p> <p>We ALREADY are in need of noise abatement walls like nearly every other neighborhood in the Houston area. Why is Tx DOT not allocating funds to this major necessity?</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Based on public input, TxDOT will continue to work with the City of Bellaire to provide a design that meets the needs and purpose of the project and minimize visual impacts.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Concerned with air pollution and congestion, visual impacts, decreased property values.</p> <p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p>			
62	Written	Henry Quigley	<p>I have lived in Bellaire for 9 years. I use the Fournace exit on a daily basis. I also enter 610 north bound just before the 69 exit every day.</p> <p>Part of the proposal is to address the 610 Northbound to 69 ramp. This is the most import part of the project. There is a constant back up of cars exiting to 69 from 610. There is not a week goes by that I have not seen a traffic accident near this exit. The amount of cars trying to cut in at the last possible time is a major problem that needs to be addressed.</p> <p>The exit off of 610 south to Fournace never is back up with traffic. The intersection of the feeder road and Fournace needs to be expanded to accommodate more traffic. There needs to be at least 3 lanes for feeder traffic as</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			

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			well as a right turn only lane that only turns. The amount of cars that illegally go straight in the right turn only lane just confuses drivers. This is a vital exit to get into the northern part of Bellaire. There are several schools and many businesses that rely on the exit to aid citizens a safe and easy access to this area. The proposal to close the Fournace exit to most traffic is absurd when this exit does not cause any hinderance to traffic flow.					
63	Written	Tony Gray	<p>I am a resident and business owner in Bellaire. I would like to state my concerns about eliminating the Fournace exit for 610 southbound traffic. Currently, the Bellaire Blvd southbound exits stacks up at rush hour. If the Fournace exit is eliminated, the result would be tremendous traffic at the Bellaire exit. This plan would result in too much traffic that is ultimately destined for the north part of our city, to have to traverse through the south side. Businesses along the 610 northbound service road north of Bellaire would also face much higher traffic.</p> <p>I agree that this busy interchange needs to be re-designed and rebuilt, but respectfully ask that you review your plans and keep a Fournace southbound exit as a part of any new design.</p>	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			
64	Written	Seth Tyler	<p>I am writing to provide comments on the proposed changes to the 59-610 interchange. I am a resident of Bellaire, TX and live at 801 N 2nd Street, which is on the corner of Elm St. and N 2nd Street. As someone who resides in Bellaire and works in the Galleria-area, I am directly impacted by your proposed construction, and also have a pretty good sense of local traffic issues, as I pass through that interchange usually several times per day. Although I do recognize that the 59-610 interchange is problematic and appreciate your agency's desire to address this issue, I have two major concerns with your current proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 610 Northbound is the biggest problem and should be the biggest priority. 610 Southbound is not the biggest issue. The vast majority of accidents happen at the intersection of 610 Northbound and 59. These accidents consume an unfair and disproportionate amount of Bellaire city resources and create high levels of property damage and lost productivity, and is a serious safety threat. The 59-610 Northbound interchange should be the absolute top priority for this project. It is irresponsible to use taxpayer dollars on the Southbound part of the interchange with the Northbound lane is such an obvious problem. 2. Closing the 610-Fournace exit is terrible idea. Closing this exit is a solution to a problem that doesn't exist and will create terrible secondary traffic problems on the feeder and at the 610-Bellaire Blvd. interchange. I do not believe your agency has considered the secondary effects of this action. You will create more problems than you solve. Although there is a mixing of lanes at this interchange, it contributes to relative few accidents compared to the 610-Northbound interchange. Traffic in this area actually flows pretty smoothly and normal rush hour traffic does not usually back up until the Bellaire exit. The Fournace exit allows people to access the Northern parts of Bellaire without going through the already very congested Bellaire exit. You need to keep in mind that there is a new shopping center development on the corner of Westpark and South Rice, and because of the lack of a feeder on 59, many people will use the Fournace exit to access this shopping center. Forgetting for a moment that allowing that shopping center to be developed there was done without any sensible consideration of traffic, you will now be forcing huge amounts of traffic into the Bellaire interchange and onto local streets. This is going to create significant new local congestion and also lead to further threats to safety in local neighborhoods. Any accidents that you avoid on 610 will just be moved to the feeder at 610 and Bellaire Blvd, which 	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>In general, a project that reconstructs bridges/direct connectors and relocating entrance ramps are intended to enhance traffic safety and improve traffic flow, not add capacity and more traffic</p>	<p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Increased traffic/Congestion.</p>			

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			is already an extremely runaway from ramp exit to intersection. I ask you to reconsider your proposal and reprioritize your approach to one that will provide much greater economic and safety benefits. Please focus on 610 Northbound first and please do not close the Fournace exit.					
65	Written	Elizabeth Groff	Closing the Southbound Fournace exit is not a solution to the overcrowding of the highway. You will cut off residences between 59 and Bellaire boulevard and dump all additional traffic on an already overcrowded exit roadway. Please reconsider your options.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm. In general, a project that reconstructs bridges/direct connectors and relocating entrance ramps are intended to enhance traffic safety and improve traffic flow, not add capacity and more traffic.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Increased traffic/Congestion.			
66	Written	Maureen Garrett	Please do not close the Fournace southbound exit on 610. There is no traffic issue here but your proposed changes will only create one. The real problem is the northbound 610/59 south ramp and the back-up traffic which causes accidents on a daily/weekly basis.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.			
67	Written	Mahesh Desai	I'm writing to request for the construction of a sound wall around the interstate highway 610 and 59 North interchange. The construction of the interchange will increase the vehicular traffic and roadway noise which will adversely affect the living conditions of impacted owners. We have submitted a petition signed by the impacted owners and believe that an abatement measure (building a sound wall) before the start of the project should be implemented by TXDot. I have also attached sign petition of neighborhood impacted owners that clearly describes the boundaries to be covered by wall. (Sound Wall Petition1 signed in Appendix I)	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			
68	Written	Anne Warner	I wanted to write and let you know that while I do greatly appreciate that improvements are being implemented to improve traffic flow from I-160N to I-69, I would like to request that the Fournace exit NOT be closed on southbound I-610. I have never witnessed any accidents that result from traffic exiting here or merging onto southbound I-610 from I-69. Pin Oak Middle School parents often use this exit, and closing it would congest a traffic pattern that is already congested at drop-off and pick-up times. It would also increase the amount of traffic exiting at Bellaire, which I believe would result in an increased number of accidents and delays at that exit. Thank you for allowing the community to express our concerns and opinions. I do look forward to a safer, better flowing I610/59.	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm. In general, a project that reconstructs bridges/direct connectors and relocating entrance ramps are intended to enhance traffic safety and improve traffic flow, not add capacity and more traffic.	Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp. Increased traffic/Congestion.			

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69	Written	Houghton Hutcheson	<p>I am writing to express my extreme displeasure with the proposed changes to the above captioned interchange that would eliminate the Fournace exit for southbound traffic on 610 in Bellaire. This is a terrible idea that will drastically impact thousands of people who live, work or go to school in the northern part of Bellaire and adjacent Houston neighborhoods. My family members and I use that exit at least daily, sometimes several times a day. There has never been a major problem with this southbound exit, which provides access via left turn or U-turn to hundreds of Episcopal High School and Houston Community College students and staff every morning, and also to Bissonnet, which is second only to Bellaire Blvd. as the most heavily traveled east/west thoroughfare in the entire area. To dump all of this traffic onto the Bellaire Blvd. exit, in addition to the vehicles that already use it, and then require them all to U-turn and backtrack to reach their destinations would be catastrophic, and would just create more problems on the northbound side where the real issues exist.</p> <p>Your attention should be directed to the northbound lanes of 610 in the same area, where there is at least one accident every day as a result of your disastrous redesign of those lanes several years ago.</p> <p>You really must send your design team back to the drawing board. The current proposal will result in traffic snarls and safety issues that will be beyond belief. I feel strongly that the lifestyle and property values in one of the Houston area's finest communities will be destroyed by this proposal, and would like to register my objection in the strongest possible terms.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>In general, a project that reconstructs bridges/direct connectors and relocating entrance ramps are intended to enhance traffic safety and improve traffic flow, not add capacity and more traffic.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Increased traffic/Congestion.</p>			
70	Written	Sarah Davis House District 134	<p>I am writing to express concern on behalf of my constituents regarding the I-69 S/I-610 W Interchange Improvement Project. While I understand the need to alleviate congestion in the area, my constituents are worried that the proposed project plan will cause more traffic backups, pose a threat to safety, as well as create noise hazards and unsightly views for residential neighborhoods surrounding this interchange.</p> <p>Bellaire residents have suggested the construction of a sound barrier from Saxon Street to Mason Street, and along the feeder road, as was done in the Spring Branch area along I-10 near Wirt Road. I fully support this suggestion, and encourage TxDOT to consider adding a sound barrier to this project. Residents have also expressed concern regarding the elimination of the Fournace exit off of 59S and transferring the exit to Bellaire Boulevard. There are many commuters who are employed by the many businesses that are located on Fournace, and the concern is that now traffic will be backed up by those who will have to bypass Fournace due to the lack of an exit and backtrack. There are many accidents that occur on the 59N feeder road, and this additional traffic from the forced u-turn could add to the safety issues. As you know, this area recently suffered from severe flooding. Area residents, including the mayor of the City of Bellaire, have expressed apprehension regarding drainage and the addition of detention ponds. The Bellaire Fire Department is located outside of Loop 610, and if there is flooding in the interchange area, the Fire Department will be unable to reach Bellaire residents located on the opposite side of the freeway. Lastly, it has been noted that the construction of a 52 foot elevated ramp would be an unaesthetic addition to the residential area, and could affect property values.</p> <p>I urge you to please take these concerns in to consideration before you move forward with this project. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or comments regarding these concerns. I look forward to your response.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.</p>	<p>Concerns that proposed project plan will cause more traffic backups, flooding/drainage, visual impacts, pose a threat to safety, as well as create noise hazards and unsightly views for residential neighborhoods surrounding this interchange.</p>			

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71	Written	Felix and Patricia Rhymes	It seems that someone has not studied the situation on 610 S. It is the Northbound side that is consistently backed up. Accidents happen there at a more frequent rate than on the Southbound side as three north bound lanes attempt to cross over congested traffic to exit 69 south or the one lane available for motorists to exit 69 north to Downtown Houston. I use the Fournace/Bissonnet exit frequently there is not traffic issue. It is not clear to me why TXDOT feels they need to improve the Southbound side. Bellaire is a city of taxpayers contributing millions to local and state government in property taxes. Yet we seem to be ignored. The traffic noise from 610 is horrible and constant. Our property values will be impacted if you add even more traffic through our city and do not erect sound barriers. Please consider revising your plans.	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Property values.</p>			
72	Written	Diana Sullivan	Do not close the Fournace exit to southbound traffic on Loop 610 South. Dumping all of the traffic onto Bellaire Blvd will snarl traffic up and cause huge issues for local businesses and homeowners. You already closed the Evergreen exit so to close another exit is just ridiculous. It was not that long ago that the whole loop was rebuilt. Stupid	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			
73	Written	Kathy Jackson	<p>I have been a resident of Bellaire for 16 years and hope to continue to be for another 16 years. However, I have serious concerns about the proposed changes to the I-69 and 610 interchange.</p> <p>Southbound side of 610 - There is currently no major congestion on the southbound side of 610. The proposed plan to close the Fournace/Bissonnet exit for southbound traffic on 610 would actually create congestion (on Bellaire Blvd.). Bellaire Blvd. on the west side of 610 all the way to Rice Ave. is already very congested during peak commuting hours. It may be on the east side of 610 as well, but I do not see that side on a regular basis like I do the west side. If you force all of the Fournace/Bissonnet traffic onto Bellaire Blvd. as well, it is going to cause a huge problem for everyone living and working in the area. Wasting money doing construction that is not needed and that would actually create a problem is not a sound business decision.</p> <p>Northbound side of 610 - The proposed 52 foot high flyovers are unsightly, would result in increased noise and air pollution, and would decrease property values. What's more there is an alternate solution ... there is room to widen exits to/from 610 to I-69. Install barriers to prevent cars from zigzagging between lanes, which is what currently causes so many accidents on the northbound side.</p> <p>Noise abatement walls - I attended the meeting at the Bellaire Civic Center on June 4th, and based on comments from City of Bellaire officials and residents, numerous requests have been made for this requirement. Perhaps the funds earmarked for changes to the southbound side of 610 could be reallocated to noise abatement walls.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Visual impacts.</p> <p>Property values.</p>			

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74	Written	Unknown	<p>Pretty Simple: We need more lanes to access 69 South (I thought it was 59 South) whatever. TxDOT engineers widen 610 West but it all bottle necks down to one lane to go south 69 and one to go north. Six or seven lanes all come down to two lanes to exit. People “stop” 3-4 lanes over to get over to exits and get rear ended. People trying to go north on W610 have such a short distance to get over as entrance lane to get on 610 West is to close to South 69. They can’t get up enough speed to get over. They pull out and get in wrecks with faster traffic going N. on 610.</p> <p>Summary: 1) Bottle neck to access 69 N and south 2) Entrance ramp to close to exits</p> <p>P.S. Same problem if your heading east on 69 S exit to W. 610. Bottle neck to Galleria north and to W, 610 going south.</p> <p>You can widen freeways to 20 lanes either way but both all come down to two exits lanes and “crash”. Poor engineering. This is Engineering 101 teachings widening freeways to come to bottleneck exits results in the problems we’re having. Late 90’s widening meets 1950 exits? Got to go over the existing freeways think Austin Texas over passes?</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Need more lanes to access I 69 north and southbound (bottleneck).</p> <p>Entrance ramps are too close to exit ramps.</p>			
75	Written	Catherine Lewis	<p>1) Current plan flooding caused by runoff from elevated ramps, which must run down the ramps and onto the feeders and into the neighborhood streets. Houses and businesses on the southwest side were built over 50 years ago, but flooding stems from 2001-2003 West Loop reconstruction. No provision is made to drain to retaining ponds, planned directly below the intersection.</p> <p>2) Fly overs are higher than current ramps and cause noise pollution that is not mitigated by sound walls. Illustrations are incorrect in showing same elevation, which work at peak, but ramps extend farther down feeder than old ramps.</p> <p>3) Anderson should not be extended or made pedestrian.</p>	<p>Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.</p> <p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>The scope of this project does not include any work on Anderson St.</p>	<p>Drainage/Flooding concerns.</p> <p>Visual impacts and noise concerns.</p> <p>Don’t extend Anderson or make it pedestrian.</p>		X	
76	Oral	Phil Nauert	<p>First, Mr. Brudnick, I want to thank you and your staff for the preparation of this meeting tonight, for the preparation of these schematics and visuals, for having your staff present to answer any question, and to conduct this meeting with clear transparency.</p> <p>This is a cooperative effort and we appreciate the opportunity to, as a community, offer our—our input to this project. It’s—We realize that it’s—it’s unfortunate that we happen to live next to one of the busiest intersections probably in the United States, and that intersection does affect our quality of life.</p> <p>When we first heard of our—of the plans, TxDOT’s plans, to reconstruct this intersection, I think we embraced the concept because there are clearly impacts to our community. It’s the details that have concerned us.</p> <p>Principally, the detail that concerned the City of Bellaire was the construction of an elevated ramp that would connect the northbound 59 traffic to the 610</p>	<p>Comment noted - TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Desire for continued coordination with the City of Bellaire for the design.</p>	X		

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			<p>southbound traffic. The ramp was viewed as unsightly, possibly unsafe, certainly a detractor to the quality of life of the citizens who live in its area, and possibly to the value of their properties.</p> <p>So we not only expressed our object but you have listened. I want to thank you for that listening. I want to thank you for meeting with me, with our City Engineer James Andrews, with our city manager and members of the city staff multiple times to present your design consideration and to listen to our concerns. And I want to assure the group here that our concerns were strongly voiced and listened to very attentively.</p> <p>These concerns included the impact of the elevated ramp to replace the existing at-grade direct connector from northbound 59 to southbound 610 and the resulting elimination of the right turn on Fournace from that direct connect.</p> <p>You gave us the opportunity to provide some alternative suggestions which we did and you responded to those suggestions. In fact, our city engineer felt it was possible when you had—your engineers had expressed some doubt that it was possible to do it; and when James Andrews made his proposal, you, in spirit of cooperation and collegiality, were happy to accept his solution, which eliminated this elevated ramp that we were very much against. The ramp we were against, not the solution.</p> <p>I'm sure that you will continue to listen as we go through this process. That's what tonight is about. And I'm glad this is being prescribed—transcribed and anyone who wishes to obtain a copy may do so as he had indicated earlier.</p> <p>We do have some continuing concerns; and as you know from our prior discussions, our concerns are principally drainage; and our concerns were—have been eloquently illustrated in this last week by the rain even that we had here, which while dramatic, was not all that unusual.</p> <p>The TxDOT I-10/610 drainage system through the City of Bellaire serves over 750 acres of the City of Bellaire and Houston. The current drainage system we feel is inadequate, as evidenced by the numerous times the feeder roads have been flooded, including this past week.</p> <p>Our police and fire departments are located outside the loop and cannot reach areas inside the loop when it's under water.</p> <p>This TxDOT undersized drainage system cannot handle a two-year frequency storm; and as your staff knows, this is not acceptable for a major freeway system and critical emergency evacuation route for thousands of people.</p> <p>The time is now to address regional drainage problem with design of this project and we hope to do that with continued cooperation in a spirit of success from both aspects.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to talk.</p>	Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.	Drainage/Flooding concerns.			
77	Oral	Cynthia Siegel	<p>Good evening. I'm actually not here representing Metro board. I'm a citizen of Bellaire. I actually was up here speaking to you-all when you came the last time we were redoing 610 Loop—what—15 years ago? Yeah. But I do want to thank you all for the changes you made to that big flyover ramp, for your work with the City of Bellaire, our mayor and our city council. I think that would have dramatically impacted the residential neighborhoods that are adjacent to there and that was really important.</p> <p>The three points I would like to bring up related to extending—not allowing the main lanes coming south on 610 from like the Galleria area to exit on Fournace. We have major employers. We have Chevron at Fournace, we have AT&T down at—</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Drainage/Flooding concerns.</p>			

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			<p>at Bissonnet; and to force people to come off of what is already a congested area down to Bellaire, basically you're shifting someone's problem and making it someone else's. And those are—Chevron alone—I think the mayor would probably concur—is probably close to 2,000 employees, 1500 employees. So that's a lot of traffic that's being forced down south into—onto Bellaire Boulevard, which is already congested. And I think what you're going to see is you're going to see it coming back up onto 610 because they're not going to be able to exit.</p> <p>Drainage, I would echo what the mayor said. Bellaire, TxDOT, what, 15 years ago, you made a significant investment, the City made a significant investment in those big box culverts for drainage purposes.</p> <p>Now's the time, while you're doing this project to extend them north so we can continue to address the regional needs of the area. And I actually drove over there after the flood and I saw—And it wasn't just what was under—what I call—still call the tunnels, but you had cars that were dead in the—I mean, the water was drained, but they had obviously been stranded on the feeder road. And I think adding the drainage culverts will—you know, will give—they'll provide additional detention.</p> <p>The last item, I was glad to see that you are doing the 610 going west. In fact, onto 6—I-69, it is not 59. Everyone can tell you, everyone in this room—and I've been a soccer mom and sat out at Pin Oak Field—and being on city council, we see how many accidents we respond to. It's not at 59 and 610 south. It's at 610/59 going north.</p> <p>And the two points I would like to make is—and I couldn't really tell from your drawings—but I think you need a longer stacking. More, like, you know, two lanes similar to what you've got up at 610/I-10 where you've got a longer exit, and then you also would have two lanes going west—similar, again, to what's allowed at I-10 off of 610.</p> <p>The other point I would just suggest is part of the issue, too, and I think you need to add dividers somehow between the exit and the 610 lanes that go north; because what is happening right now is that people are parking on the 610 lane north trying to cut over. That's, also—Right after that is the Westheimer exit and, you know, some of us probably been in accidents there. I had a teenage driver who was almost killed because of people doing exactly that. And I think simply putting some dividers there so you prevent the people cutting in front of everyone would go a long way to help part of that problem. But thanks again. Thanks for working with Bellaire. Hopefully together we can come up with something that's good for the area. Thank you.</p>					
78	Oral	Pat McLaughlan	<p>Hello, you-all, and hello to all the citizens who spent the time from their evening to come out and spend an hour or two with us.</p> <p>In the vote of full disclosure, let me tell you a little bit about myself. I'm a member of the City of Bellaire City Council. I'm a registered professional engineer, just as most of you guys are. I've served on the Houston/Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council. And I'm a 40-year resident of the City of Bellaire. So I've had some exposure to the process here.</p> <p>My issue is strictly the 59 north to 610 south rebuild. I think you call that Phase I. My request is simply delete Phase I. I've lived in that area, as I say, for many years and I've never seen an accident there. It's a non-problem. You guys are trying to make a problem out of something that is a non-problem.</p>	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Concerned with design modifications on southbound I-610 - Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.			

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			<p>Now, certainly, what you're proposing in Phase II and Phase III are problems. We need to save the taxpayers some money by deleting Phase I and moving directly to Phase II.</p> <p>The biggest problem that I have with the Phase I effort, other than an expenditure of taxpayer money unnecessarily, is the fact that the main lanes of 610 will extend south to Bellaire Boulevard. That means somebody that enters the freeway at Memorial, I-10, the 290 corridor, has to go to Bellaire Boulevard before they can get off of the loop, as opposed to being able to exit at Fournace at the present time.</p> <p>Now, in the City of Bellaire, Chevron is a major employer. Let me tell you what this means. If someone worked at Chevron, which is located on Fournace Street, and they're entering the freeway, they're entering 610 at I-10, getting off the Katy Freeway and getting on the loop; and where normally they would come south and they would exit at Fournace, get to go a short distance, take a right-turn-only lane and essentially be at work. Very simple to get to work.</p> <p>With your Phase I changes, that person that enters the loop, say, at the Katy Freeway again, on the main lanes, they come south, they will no longer be able to get off at Fournace. They'll have to continue over Bissonnet and continue to Bellaire Boulevard, exit at Bellaire Boulevard, be held up by traffic congestion at that signal, make a U-turn under the freeway, go back north on the surface road, encounter a signal at Bissonnet, which would slow them down, continue north on the service road to a U-turn at Fournace. Now they'll have a signal to deal with there. And so if you count this up, you end up adding two U-turns and a total of four signals before the Chevron employee can make it to their workplace.</p> <p>Now, we consider that to be an economic disadvantage. In fact, I consider this plan will isolate the northern half of the City of Bellaire by making it so difficult to come south then turn back and go north in order to reach their destination.</p> <p>So my simple request is let's just save the taxpayers some money. Let's delete Phase I, move directly to Phase II and Phase III, which we would certainly appreciate.</p>					
79	Oral	Pranab Mukerji	<p>Thank you. My name is Pranab Mukerji. I live at 5401 Newcastle Drive. I moved to this beautiful city on April 1, 1981, so I have been living here more than 34 years, half of my life. I've been using that Fournace exit nearly every day. It will cause a lot of inconveniences for us, people living north of—north Newcastle, north of Bellaire Boulevard lots of inconveniences. So my request is that you reconsider this exit. That's all.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			
80	Oral	Bob Henschen	<p>I want to echo what Ms. Siegel said and to disagree with the councilman who spoke earlier.</p> <p>The Phase I, as I understand it, includes adding a second lane to the 610 north to 59 south; and that to me is the crucial point. That's where the accidents occur two or three times a day in Bellaire, is the line-up of cars waiting to get off of 610 and go north or south on 59. So surely that work should be considered.</p> <p>I do appreciate the TxDOT working with Bellaire, and I'm sure that with that continued effort we will achieve a better outcome.</p> <p>I have to say that this problem has been so longstanding. I personally was hit from behind in that area. Every day you drive through there, the Bellaire police are over there, that's what they're doing instead of other things they could be doing in Bellaire, is taking care of one or two accidents a day. Why it took how many years</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound</p>			

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			and why it wasn't dealt with 15 years ago—the exits were moved, I believe—but the fact that that's—was a one-lane turn to go south on 59 has been the problem for at least a decade. So hopefully that will be addressed. Thank you.					
81	Oral	Stacie Williams	<p>Hello. My name is Stacie Williams, and I'm a concerned resident. And while I really appreciate TxDOT's willingness to work with the leaders of Bellaire to lower the westbound side of 610 and not have it be such a tall flyover, my major concern as a property holder in Bellaire in the Elmhurst section is that the east side is still going to be 52 feet high in the air and is going to increase noise pollution and be an eyesore to the residents, and it's simply not needed. Surely there is another way to add more lanes going west and eastbound on 59 and not need to have such a tall flyover.</p> <p>The other thing I would like to point out is I was speaking to someone, a consultant of yours, before this meeting; and they said that a study is needed as to whether a sound barrier wall would be needed if this project goes through. And with all due respect, I don't think a study is needed. We already have enough sound problems as it is. Thank you.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Concerned with high flyover and noise.</p>			
82	Oral	Jennifer Hawes	<p>First I want to say thank you for holding this meeting tonight and listening to what we have to say.</p> <p>To reiterate what some of the other people have said, I think honestly the problems are 610 north going to 59 north. I don't mind personally the lane expansion from 59 to 610 south. I think Houston is so car dependent, it would be nice to see alternatives to possible seeing—You know, we have to figure out what's the source of all the traffic. I think you've got Fort Bend Tollway that's never been completed. All these people who are coming perhaps to work at Chevron, Worley Parsons, might be coming from south. There is no alternative. The only way to get to work is 610, so we'd love to see Fort Bend Tollway expanded.</p> <p>I did all this research, but I think honestly the residents, we want and deserve a safe, clean, vibrant, healthy community, We have a freeway that runs right through the heart of our neighborhood so there are negative impacts.</p> <p>Flyovers will overwhelm, whether they're on the southbound or northbound side. It doesn't matter, they will overwhelm this area. Images of I-10 and Beltway 8 come to mind. Those are sort of industrial areas. You know, any changes to—610 is our backyard basically.</p> <p>I agree with the noise walls. I think that could help. But my hope—and I don't know what the reality is or the possibility—but would be to submerge the freeway at 610 or at Fournace and Bissonnet and Bellaire and have the residential streets actually connected and streets going over the freeway.</p> <p>I know drainage would have to be an issue, would have to be addressed; but similar to Shepherd and Montrose, I know that was done, I believe, in 2004 59 was submerged, but it would reconnect our community. So, something replacing freeways in cities like Austin, Dallas, they are converting urban highways to boulevards and increasing real estate values on adjacent lands, restoring urban neighborhoods disseminated by highway construction. So we're happy to be partners with TxDot. We just need you to remember this is our backyard.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.</p> <p>The reconfiguration of the IH 610 mainlanes to be submerged is outside the scope of this project.</p>	<p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Wants Fort Bend Tollway expanded.</p> <p>Concerned with high flyover and noise.</p> <p>Wants I-610 submerged.</p>			

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83	Oral	Damian La Croix	<p>Hello. My name is Damian La Croix, and I am a resident. In fact, I live at 4708 Saxon Street, which is at the very end of the street adjacent to 610.</p> <p>And why we're here is we have been asking TxDOT to build us a sound wall from Saxon Street to Mayfair Street because we will be affected adversely by the project, not just by the interchange, which you indicated you-all were doing a noise study for; but people will likely exit Richmond Avenue, rather than going down to Bellaire Boulevard. It's going to be making the feeder road more congested.</p> <p>The traffic on 610 is terrible. We hear motorcycles race every night. The noise is just unbearable. And what we've heard from TxDOT is why you-all can't build the sound wall. We haven't heard how we can work together to get it done, because the residents in my neighborhood want the sound wall and they're willing to work with TxDOT to make it happen.</p> <p>The noise is unbearable. I can—I cannot talk—You know, I have to yell to have a conversation outside my house. There's traffic that backs up to my house.</p> <p>And I think the city has a duty to step up for the neighborhood, for the residents of Bellaire, and to make this happen because TxDOT accommodated those residents in Memorial and in—what is it—Spring Branch. They built sound walls between commercial property and residential property all along I-10 between Wlrd Road—Wirt Road and Silber. So they can make it happen. It's a matter of: Do you want to make it happen?</p> <p>And we're tax-paying citizens. My house is probably 10 feet off the freeway. On I-10, they're probably 100 yards off the freeway. It's all up and down I-10. And it's frustrating every time I drive down there to see that and then I have to hear TxDOT tell me why you cannot build me a sound wall when we need it more than anyone else.</p> <p>Not only do we want it along the feeder road, but we need it behind our house just like you-all did on I-10 and Wirt Road because the noise—all the way down the street, from 610, you can hear the freeway all the way down the street.</p> <p>So we are concerned residents and we want to work with TxDOT and we hope the City will support us in getting this sound wall so that we can have a better life. And there's like 36 kids on our street. So that's all I have to say.</p>	Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Location of the proposed noise walls will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	Noise concerns.			
84	Oral	Joe Henry	<p>Good evening. My name is Joe Henry. I live at 4617 Pin Oak Lane which is just north of Fournace, five blocks—five houses inside the loop.</p> <p>I thank you, first of all, TxDOT, for being concerned about the traffic safety of the residents of Bellaire and Houston and I thank you for all your effort on this.</p> <p>I would like to reit—Well, first of all, my—my objection is to the deletion of the Fournace exit from southbound 610. I echo what other people have said about the—the real concern is the northbound side. I've got a son that started driving 10 months ago. We forbade him from taking the Bissonnet entrance onto 610 because of the danger there.</p> <p>Southbound has never been a problem There is an accident almost daily northbound. I've never seen an accident on the southbound side of Fournace, and I've taken it thousands of times in the last ten years.</p> <p>I also think, in addition to the inconveniences that have been listed, we haven't listed the inconvenience not only to Chevron, but to people trying to get to Home Depot, people trying to get to HCC, people trying to get to Episcopal High School and Sideoat. I think there are a lot of very politically influential families who have</p>	TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Concerned with double "U-turn" lanes (not safe).</p>			

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			<p>kids going to Episcopal High School who very much object to this. And I also think that there is a safety concern, while these an inconvenience concern in terms of adding to the northbound traffic after people exit Bellaire and make that U-turn, you're adding a lot of congestion where there is already congestion in the morning, people trying to get their kids to schools.</p> <p>And, finally, I have never seen a two-lane U-turn. I don't know whether there is any study to indicate that that's safe. It strikes me as inherently unsafe. I'm imagining a tanker truck trying to get to the shell station on Fournace and 610, exiting there at Bellaire, trying to get into that two-lane U-turn and come back around and then make another left on Fournace, and the whole thing just seems like a mess.</p> <p>So I don't understand, because I never saw the earlier proposal, and I understand that the City apparently had a very legitimate objection to the original proposal, but what we ended up with is not tenable. And so I just wanted to voice that concern. Thank you.</p>					
85	Oral	Lloyd Hershberger	<p>My name's Lloyd Hershberger. I live at 4506 Sunburst in Bellaire. I also object to the closing of the Fournace exit from 610 south and having—forcing all traffic to exit at Bellaire and U-turn. Right now, all northbound traffic on 610 also has to exit at Bellaire for Bellaire, Bissonnet and Fournace.</p> <p>So I think that there's going to create a major backlog of traffic there at Bellaire for all traffic having to use the Bellaire exit.</p> <p>I think that an exit plan similar to what is at Greenbriar and 59 north could be instituted at Fournace where there is an overpass and the exiting traffic for Greenbriar comes in under that; and I believe that that would alleviate both problems of retaining the Fournace exit without creating the backlog of traffic at Bellaire. Thank you.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			
86	Oral	Randall Hawes	<p>Thank you. My name is Randall Hawes. I'm a resident. I live in Bellaire in the Elmhurst subdivision. I'm at 809 Anderson. I think this plan, as presently conceived, is bad for the citizens of Bellaire for five reasons.</p> <p>It's going to increase traffic, not decrease traffic.</p> <p>It's going to decrease value, not increase value.</p> <p>It's going to increase noise pollution, not decrease noise pollution.</p> <p>It's going to increase sight pollution, not decrease sight pollution.</p> <p>And it's going to increase air pollution as well.</p> <p>The more roads you build, the more traffic and the more congestion you will have on 610.</p> <p>I believe the plan, as presently configured, is going to elevate lanes to the point where it's going to become very unsightly for the citizens.</p> <p>I also believe that the State and the City and TxDOT, with its power of eminent domain, can purchase commercial properties going northbound towards 59 to create safe ramps at the same elevated level. You take out that power—use that power of eminent domain to procure the acreage you need to build some good lanes to take traffic northbound, to take traffic southbound. You don't create what I would consider to be a Band-Aid on a wound that is gaping and just Band-Aid it for a few years and then we're back here again with this same conversation.</p> <p>So, I think it's time to go back to the drawing board and reconfigure this plan in such a way that it doesn't create problems, as I've just mentioned, the five points</p>	<p>Generally, a project that reconstructs bridges/direct connectors and relocating entrance ramps are intended to enhance traffic safety and improve traffic flow, not add capacity and more traffic.</p> <p>As such, due to the nature of this project, further air quality analysis was not required.</p> <p>Property values were not specifically analyzed because it is too speculative in nature. Property values are dependent on a number of different factors including the economy and real estate market in the area, the quality of amenities offered in the area (such as schools, parks, and other public services), and the subjective needs and desires of potential purchasers. A decrease or increase in property values as a result of this project cannot be quantified in a meaningful way.</p> <p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in</p>	<p>Concerned with increase in traffic, noise, air and sight pollution, which will decrease property values.</p>			

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			<p>above.</p> <p>I appreciate the fact that this is a congested city and that there are safety concerns; but I believe that there is a better, safer alternative that doesn't create the pollution and decrease the value, and that's with the power and use of eminent domain and condemnation proceedings that you can acquire the commercial property to make the lanes that you need. Thank you. That's all I have.</p>	<p>the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>				
87	Oral	Rachel Crochet	<p>I'm Rachel Crochet, like knitting. I've lived in Bellaire my whole life. In fact, I played in the dirt when they were building 610, so I've been through this over and over.</p> <p>As everybody else has said, and I agree with so much of what people are saying, and the biggest concern is that 59 north, by Home Depot. I call it "the death trap." I've told TxDOT it is a death trap. When we've contacted TxDOT saying this, they've said "it's driver error."</p> <p>When you build a freeway and you put a yellow sign up that says "slow traffic up ahead," you knew it when you built the freeway. You knew there was a problem.</p> <p>You have an entrance right after Bissonnet that gets up onto 610 where "the death trap" is. How in the world do you think people are going to get on there, go across, take the Westheimer, get up on 610, common sense when you did that—I mean, it's ridiculous. And we kept telling TxDOT that at the beginning. You have an exit on the—inside the loop.</p> <p>Now, first of all, I live outside the loop a way away from any of this; but I'm concerned for the City. I'm at 4913 Holly, way over here. But when you exit Bellaire Boulevard for Fournace, Bissonnet and Bellaire, three major streets, and the exit is the smallest exit I have ever seen.</p> <p>I asked TxDOT to go there at the time, and the lead engineer said: "Well, on paper it looks good." I said: "Then take yourself over there."</p> <p>What in the world—You cannot legally turn in any direction. We should be ticketed every time we exit the freeway. It is horrible.</p> <p>And if you start—And, again, I think Fournace needs to be over here on the other side. You are going to have the exact same problem. You start getting everybody off on Bellaire Boulevard, and what everybody has said before is correct. Common sense would tell you that is not—I mean, I guess, engineers, I don't know.</p> <p>But in—I hope I haven't—Oh, and when they were going to reverse the exit and entrance at Pine, where you get off by Pine Street to go to Beechnut, you've got five streets to go; but yet on Bellaire Boulevard, you have this far (Indicating)? It doesn't make sense. I'm running out of time</p> <p>On the walls, I was involved with TxDOT on the walls. You told us we could maybe get walls. You would readdress it. We were going to give us these little bitty walls, and we could see how it went, and we could address it again. It's time to address it. We need walls.</p> <p>That man that said that, they're beautiful out toward Memorial on I-10. Every place in the City has walls except Bellaire. We're like a red-headed stepchild in this City.</p> <p>So I hope—I just hope that you-all will listen to us because they're right, people along the freeway, they cannot even hear; and it's possible to do it. I'm just—Let me look real quick. I think that's about all. I'm out of time. Thank you.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p> <p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			

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88	Oral	Keith Bowers	<p>Yeah. Thank you. I thank you folks, even though you're public servants and this is part of your job. I apologize for my—my casual—I've been over at jazzersize, trying to defeat Agent Orange. I've outlived my expectations over 20 years so far, a couple of cancers along the way, but it'll eventually kill me but maybe I'll be 85 or 90.</p> <p>Anyway, you've had a lot of speakers here and I've personally been living in the Houston area since 1985, the second time; and I agree that Phase I is going to help tremendously. Our poor emergency response folks at Bellaire go out to that intersection twice a day, once a day, eight times a week. We don't get reimbursed by 80 percent of those people. We send our folks out there, we don't collect any money for sending our EMTs and we the people of Bellaire bear that expense, and it's considerable.</p> <p>People, they die, they have car accidents and injuries, it's been a mess since they built it in 1965. It's not a new problem. The sight lanes there are terrible. You know it. They've been terrible.</p> <p>One concern I have here, I looked at Phase II; and, damn, if I still don't see straight sections underneath the freeway, a curve a straight section, another curve, and the curves are not faired.</p> <p>About 25 years ago, we had a tanker truck of ammonia go "kabloop" because of the sloshing caused by that turn/straight/turn/straight. Killed a number of people. For God's sake, give us a smooth curve through there.</p> <p>It makes you engineers use their slide rules or calculators are little more, and may even cost a little more; but what you got now—curve, straight, curve, straight, curve—it's terrible. Watch the number of times that cars almost collide, kiss each other. Come on, guys. You've been to school. You know how to do traffic engineering. Use your head.</p> <p>I'm an engineer. I've been a project manager for many years. You-all aren't doing a decent job.</p> <p>And why is it taking so long? You got the money. You're going to tell us another year and a half before you start construction. Why?</p> <p>Come on speed it up. People are dying every day. It's costing us money every day and frustration.</p> <p>I come in from Sugar Land about twice a week; and let me tell you, 59 backs up for about a mile, mile and a half sometimes, in the middle of the day. I hate to come into that intersection. I often will take Beechnut across town rather than risk getting off at 59 to get on 610 south.</p> <p>It's a mess. Please fix it, soon. Thank you.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. Revisions to the design will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Concerned with the amount of curves in the design and the length of time it is taking to complete the project.</p>			
89	Oral	Doug (Dub) Crochet	<p>Dub Crochet. I live at 4913 Holly. My wife was up here talking earlier.</p> <p>You know, when we first started 610, the engineers, we had the sound walls going up, engineers came back and said; Oh, guess what. We can't put the sound walls up because we got underground services along the service road.</p> <p>Well, Engineering 101 would have said you would have checked that out before you brought it and we spent almost three years designing the walls.</p> <p>The construction that they have done on 610, I don't know who decided to paint brick, but it looks like crap. Okay? The whole thing looks like garbage.</p> <p>You exit at Bellaire Boulevard going north, you exit Bellaire Boulevard, free surface</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p>			

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			<p>road at Bellaire, Bissonnet and Fournace. People are staying on the service road before Bellaire, going through Evergreen, backing up Bellaire Boulevard even further.</p> <p>So no you're going to exit Fournace, going to have them come all the way up to Bellaire, that's just going to cause even more wrecks.</p> <p>59 north, or 610 north going to 59 south, there's been over 1200 wrecks a year. That's way too many.</p> <p>What you're trying to do is create that; but if I'm looking at the plans correctly, when you come off of 610 to 59 south, you've got two—two lanes, one exiting Chimney Rock and the other one going to 59. So now you've got people going to exit at Chimney Rock that say: Oh, I want to go up to 59. So now you've got to back up traffic again—if I am reading this correctly. So apparently that's not going to happen because then you're not going to start backing it up on 610.</p> <p>So, you know, I don't know who you-all have got doing your engineering and stuff, but they didn't do it right the first time and why would we trust you this time?</p>					
90	Oral	Charles Anstead	<p>My spokesperson. Thank you. I'm Charles Anstead. I'm a resident here on Jaquet Street, which is right off of Elm. I've got a few points to make, one being it seems like you're creating a problem where there's no on problem exists, especially for those who are coming southbound from either 59 or 69 or 610 going—going south and closing down the Fournace exit. My view would be to actually leave that exit open.</p> <p>We've heard a lot of various different arguments with regards to that. Number one, we've got all these different businesses that are out there—AT&T, Pin Oak High School, Episcopal, we could name many other businesses—well, we're going to add to their drive time. Not only that, what we're doing is we're going to start putting more congestion down on the Bellaire side.</p> <p>And someone come up with some assumption and said: Well, let's split the difference. Let's let only folks on 59 come down and they can get off on Fournace and Bissonnet; and everybody else, they will go all the way down to Bellaire. But I'll challenge that assumption. Maybe you should check that assumption within your own.</p> <p>More importantly, from my perspective, I think that not only do we not want to close down that exit, because it adds to the drive time, it increases the traffic down on Bellaire, it does not help the residents within—who are up in the 0214 area, which is just north of that, it doesn't help any of us. It only causes us greater distress, especially during rush hour, especially we're trying to drive kids to school and up and down that side of the freeway.</p> <p>Nonetheless, if you ever drive down there during rush hour, you'll actually see for yourself how congested it gets right at Bellaire in and of itself.</p> <p>So that's my first point, is keep that exit open or find a way to create an exit off of Fournace/Bissonnet, not create a new problem by simply saying we're going to that to be able to realign streets here.</p> <p>We never had any accidents coming southbound when people are trying to pull things together. The accidents are always on "the death trap" going north, as people have said, all together.</p> <p>If fact, you can cut off or close down that street going into Home Depot. That might save—That might save a bit of that "death trap" all together.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p> <p>Drainage needs will be evaluated and incorporated in the final design.</p>	<p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Drainage/Flooding concerns.</p>			

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			<p>Second is drainage. About a week and a half ago, we had a major rain. I had four feet of water when I went to Elm and Jaquet. Four feet. It was about up to here (Indicating). Everybody who was in that area pretty much suffered quite a bit. Please do something about the drainage. Real important.</p> <p>Last, I've got 30 seconds, sound barriers. We keep hearing sound barriers over and over again; and my wife actually has run her own tests with a sound meter of sorts and says we are definitely out of whack in that regard. I can hear motorcycles at night, doing their race almost every night, right around midnight. You can hear them come up and down.</p> <p>Not only that, what is actually interesting, is the folks up at Afton Oaks, when you take from 59 going up into 610, that whole neighborhood is called Afton Oaks. They have their own sound barriers. So please consider those. Thank you very much.</p>					
91	Oral	Cliff West	<p>My name is Cliff West. I am the red-headed stepchild of Bellaire. No, that's good. I live at 4802 Saxon, which is the most northern street of Saxon. We live about 200 yards west of there; and the same thing, we have a huge problem at night. We actually have to run a—like a fan in our room just to try to deaden noise from the motorcycle racing, just—just all the major sounds.</p> <p>So with everything you guys were talking about, I think a sound wall is just—I mean, it's a necessity for our neighborhood. I mean, it's just going to get more and more elevated. It's already very difficult as it is.</p> <p>Secondly, I wanted to mention that again on all the comments on Fournace, I don't need to reiterate, they're all—they're all spot on.</p> <p>I work in the Galleria. Come back that way. You cut down or take out that exit, it's going to be a nightmare.</p> <p>I mean, the feeder's all—when I come home, I'm going underneath 59, staying on the feeder from Post Oak; and usually when I—I'm crossing Westpark, it's backed up there already; so I can't imagine what it's going to do if you're going to Bellaire, and then you're going to have come back here. You're going to have all those people U-turning and coming back, I mean, it's going to be really bad.</p> <p>And, again, like everybody said, the southbound is not an issue. It's all the northbound traffic on 610 that's going to 69 south, "the death trap" as we've called it, is—is bad.</p> <p>So, I mean, we put a man on the moon 45 years ago. I think we could figure out how to rearrange—I know it's a difficult job. I mean, I'm in commercial real estate. I understand development and so forth. I understand. But it's doable. We can make that happen. It's just we got to put the right heads on it. Whatever we have to do to change the utilities that are running along there; but we—we've got to have that.</p> <p>And on the other note, we've got—something like 30-some-odd kids on our street; and, you know, just for a safety purpose anyway; but, I mean, the sound is deafening, and it would—We can figure this out. We just need to work together. And we appreciate you-all being here to listen to us. Thank you.</p>	<p>TxDOT has worked with the City of Bellaire to revise the design to accommodate comments received at this Public Hearing. In addition, noise walls were reevaluated and included in the design. Revisions to the design and proposed noise wall location will be presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 3, 2016 at the Bellaire Civic Center at 5:30 -7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Noise concerns.</p> <p>Do not eliminate the Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp.</p> <p>Make improvements to northbound I-610 not southbound.</p>			

Appendix A

CERTIFICATION

County: Harris County
Highway: I-69 S/I-610 W Interchange
Control: 0271-17-145, 0271-17-146 and 0271-17-157

This is to certify that:

1. A Public Hearing was held at Bellaire City Hall, 7008 Rice Ave. Bellaire, Texas 77401 on June 4, 2015.
2. The economic, social and environmental effects of the project's location and design and its impact on the environment have been considered.
3. In determining economic, social and environmental effects, the statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 have been considered.
4. The project's consistency with the goals and objectives of such urban planning as promulgated by the community have been considered.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

2/19/16
Date

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Planning and Development
Houston District

Appendix B

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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COUNTY OF HARRIS:

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Veronica M Tyrone

 Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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			83502000020	GARLINGTON, MELISSA ANN			
			83502000021	JONES, JOHN M			
			83502000022	TENORIO, HAROLD A			
			83501000012	BARRETT, PATRICIA ANN			
			83501000013	HOANG, DAT X			
			83501000014	POPE, VIRGINIA			
			83501000015	CARUSELLE, STEVEN HENRY			
			83501000016	JONES, JOHN M			
			83501000017	BALLARD, JEFFREY			
			35247000056	ENERGY, CENTERPOINT ELE			
			35247000071	BRIDAL, CONNECTION			
			124939000001	CHP HOUSTON TX HOSPITAL, LAND			
			42154000019	HEARST NEWSPAPER PTNSHP LP			
			421540000100	TRANSIT, METRO AUTHORITY			
			42154000040	ENERGY, CENTERPOINT ELE			
			114429000001	MML & K INC			
			1150290010001	BONIUK INTERESTS LTD PETSMART			
			1150290010003	BAKER O N			
			1183440010001	MROD WILLOWBROOK LTD CONNS			
			1183440010002	HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE			
			1249390000002	TON TX MOB OWNER LLC FOUNDATION MEDIC			
			370530130008	5555 WEST LOOP SOUTH LTD			
			771840030005	LACROIX, FAYE B			
			771840040005	DESAI, MAHESH			
			771840040014	MATAXPERT GROUP LP			
			771830060005	NGUYEN, MICHAEL			
			835010000018	SAMETI, KEVIN KEYVAN			
			835010000019	MIERTSCHIN, MICHAEL W			
			835010000020	BUTLER, KELLY S			
			835010000021	SCHOEN, CLAIRE HECHT			
			835010000022	POPE, VIRGINIA			
			835010000023	CITY OF HOUSTON			
			421540000033	NORTHDEN HOLDINGS LTD			
			681090000002	UVN TEXAS, LP UNIVISION			
			450290000101	CLEAR, CHANNEL OUTDOOR			
			681090000007	HARRIS COUNTY ROW DEPT			
			1196680010002	CENTENNIAL UPTOWN LOFTS LP			
			771830050021	HOANG, SONNY			
			370420030001	HOUSTON, ISD			
			771830050005	PAYARES, JOSE I			
			771830020014	CHEVRON USA INC			
			771830020005	TEXACO INC # 7631			
			771830010005	CHEVRON USA INC			
			370530120008	TEXAS PETROLEUM GROUP LLC #209			

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			780550010001	YEMITAN, OLAOLU			
			370420030006	5909-5959 REALTY LTD			
			370420030005	5909-5959 REALTY LTD			
			370420030047	EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL EHS			
			771690010005	SEPULVEDA, FELIX			
			771690020005	SEPULVEDA, FELIX			
			771690020034	SEPULVEDA, FELIX			
			771690030005	HINKLE, CHARLES L			
			772690010028	DOAN, TRUNG			
			370420030045	PROTESTANT, EPISCOPAL CHURCH			
			370520110070	6300 WLS LLC			
			370520110006	BRI 1833 6330 LLC			
			780370030007	CAMPBELL, MICHAEL F			
			1336030010002	SBC, COMMUNICATIONS			
			1336030010001	SBC, COMMUNICATIONS			
			780370030008	WINSLOW INVESTMENTS LLC			
			780370030009	WONG, JERRY			
			780370030010	MARTIN, KIMBERLEE UTT			
			780370030011	SOLIS, DELINDA			
			780370040001	SU, YANG			
			370430040038	KBS SOR 6565 6575 WEST LOOP			
			370430040101	KBS SOR 6565 6575 WEST LOOP			
			370430040060	F R MCCORD (TRUSTEE)			
			751950000001	MCDONALD R H			
			751950000019	DURU, OBINNA			
			731630000033	FILIPPONE, MARION J			
			1243330040006	KEMP, ZACHARY S			
			1243330040005	KALMAN, HERBERT L			
			1243330040004	CHMAITELLI, SAJIAH			
			1243330040003	DING, WENYUAN			
			1243330040002	FAN, YUN			
			1243330040001	MEHRA, MANEESH			
			731630000005	HO, BINH			
			1243330030004	LU, JIANIAN			
			1243330030003	MCALLISTER, ROBERT JR			
			1243330030002	MOUREY, MARK R			
			1243330030001	NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNTY			
			731630000001	WEISON, JULIE MARIE			
			370520110011	PIN OAK NORTH PARCE LL LLC			
			370520110012	PIN OAK NORTH PARCEL LL LLC			
			421540000000	4669 (SW) FWY PARTNERS LLC			
			421540000000	SWFW PARTNERS LP SITUS INC			
			421540000000	EP OFFICE HOLDINGS LP			
			421540000000	CBS OUTDOOR INC			

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			421540000000	NOBILITY INVESTMENTS INC			
			421540000000	CITY OF HOUSTON			
			451400000000	ELPH ENTERPRISES LTD			
			802610000000	HUCKE, BRYAN			
			802610000000	MARTIN, WILLIAM RUSSELL			
			802610000000	PORTERFIELD, JERRY			
			802610000000	PIPES, ROSALIND			
			772450000000	LE, NAM HOANG			
			772450000000	HUCKE, BRYAN			
			772450000000	FOX, CHRISTOPHER E			
			772450000000	NGUYEN, DAO ANH			
			772450000000	SHEPPARD, DOROTHY M			
			772450000000	BLAKLEY, MARTHA L			
			772450000000	OSBURN, MARTHA NANCE			
			772450000000	LUTZ, PHILLIP EDWARD			
			772450000000	DIXON, SHERRY L			
			772460000000	HARWERTH, CRAIG H			
			772460000000	HOLDEN, RODNEY W			
			772460000000	BOXX, KEITH WAYNE			
			772460000000	NGUYEN, MICHAEL M			
			772460000000	DAVIS, MARY ALICE GIBBS			
			772460000000	EUDEY, JERRY M			
			772460000000	COLBURN, CHRIS			
			772460000000	HILL, PAUL A			
			772460000000	HUBBARD, BRADLEY S			
			772460000000	HUBBARD, BRADLEY S			
			811240000000	MERWIN & LANCASHIRE LP			
			811240000000	KAMERLING, JOSEF G			
			811240000000	ALDRIDGE, KATHRYN A			
			811240000000	MALHOTRA, SIDHARTH			
			811240000000	DEAL, JON D			
			811240000000	SCHWARZ, DENNIS			
			811240000000	BOXX, KEITH WAYNE			
			811240000000	BOXX, KEITH			
			811240000000	BOXX, KEITH			
			811240000000	AMPM CONSTRUCTION LP			
			811240000000	CHAINANI, SURESH K			
			811240000000	SAREH LLC			
			811240000000	CBS OURDOOE INC			
			811240000000	NRNA LLC			
			1190320000000	NRNA LLC			
			1196680000000	BMPP PROVIDENCE LLC PROVIDENCE			
			1181340000000	WEINGARTEN, REALTY INVESTORS			
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			811200000000	JK & K ENTERPRISES INC			
			1197820000000	MORRIS CORNERS COLLECTION LTD			
			1197820000000	CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR INC			
			1333620000000	BROADSTONE POST OAKS LP			
			1153130000000	TEXAS DEPT, OF TRANS			
			811200000000	RICHMOND, AFFILIATES HERTZ			
			1343990000000	POST GALLERIA LLC			
			1250580000000	BECAR, VENTURE			
			1257070000000	POST OAK BUILDERS LLC SKANSKA			
			451400000000	GERALD D HINES INT 151*3			
			835030000013	CITY OF HOUSTON			
			835030000012	NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNTY			
			835030000011	PARKER, JOHN A			
			835030000010	B B VENTURES LTD			
			835030000009	JONES, JOHN M			
			835030000008	KANG, SETHA			
			835030000007	HIRTZ, DIANE WYLIE			
			835030000006	POLASEK, JOHNNIE J			
			835030000005	CLARK, BEAU			
			835030000004	ORR, DAVID RYAN			
			835030000003	MERKEL, KENNETH W			
			835030000002	PUNG, DOUGLAS			
			835030000001	LAWSON, MICHAEL K			
			772690020013	KITE, RUSSELL HOWARD			
			772690020014	CHILDS, JOHN MICHAEL			
			772690020015	DURIO, PATRICK L			
			772690020016	LE INVESTMENTS LLC			
			772690020017	VARMA, JITENDRA M			
			352460000001	TEXAS AUTOMATIC FOODS INC			
			352460000023	W R GRIFFIN 2006 TRUST			
			352460000024	W R GRIFFIN 2006 TRUST			
			1221860010001	SAMS REAL ESTATE BUSINESS			
			370530130010	MIDWAY EASTSIDE PARTNERS LP			



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May 5, 2015

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«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»
ATTN: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DIRECTOR
«Position»
«Addr1»
«City», «ST» «Zip»

RE: Notice of Public Hearing
Harris County
I-610: At US 59
Control 0271-17-145

Dear «Salutation» «LastName»:

Attached is a notice for the upcoming public hearing for the Interstate (I) 69 South/I-610 West Interchange roadway reconstruction in Harris County, Texas. This public hearing is being held to present the proposed design and to seek comments from local officials and citizens. You, or your representative, are cordially invited to attend.

Thursday, June 4, 2015
Bellaire City Hall
7008 5th Street
Bellaire, Texas, 77401
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Open House
6:30 p.m. - Public Hearing

We are available to meet with you before the public hearing to review the proposed project and answer any questions that you may have. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Pat Henry, P.E., at (713) 802-5241.

Sincerely,

Quincy D. Allen, P.E.
District Engineer
Houston District

Attachments
cc: Pat Henry, P.E.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at the Bellaire City Hall, 7008 5th Street, Bellaire, Texas 77401. The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed improvements to the Interstate (I) 69 South/I-610 West Interchange in Harris County, and to receive public comment. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed project is the reconstruction of the I-69 South/I-610 West Interchange. The proposed roadway improvement project would construct new direct connectors, construct access ramps, realign Post Oak Boulevard, and reconstruct the I-610 main lane bridge. The project improvements are proposed to increase safety, reduce congestion, and improve operational efficiency. The proposed improvements would be constructed in three phases and would require 2.4 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW). The proposed project would displace one commercial property. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacements, as well as information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Houston District Office. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed project's location and design will be displayed at the hearing. Environmental documentation for the project will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Other information about the proposed project is on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal comments from the public regarding this project may be presented at the hearing and written comments may be submitted for a period of 10 working days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Comments must be received on or before Thursday, June 18, 2015 in order to become part of the official hearing record. Comments may also be emailed on or before June 18, 2015 to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at (713) 802-5072. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Pat Henry at (713) 802-5241.

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AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El departamento de Transporte de Texas (TXDOT) llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el jueves 4 de junio de 2015 en la Alcaldía de la Ciudad de Bellaire (Bellaire City hall), 7008 5th Street, Bellaire, TX 77401. El propósito de la audiencia es de presentar las mejoras propuestas al intercambio de la Interstate (I) 69 Sur (South)/I 610 Oeste (West) en el condado de Harris, y para recibir comentarios del público. Muestras del diseño estarán disponibles para su revisión desde las 5:30 p.m., la audiencia formal comienza a las 6:30 p.m.

El proyecto propuesto es la construcción del intercambio de la I 69 Sur (South)/ I 610 Oeste (West) . El proyecto para mejorar la carretera propuesta construiría nuevos conectores directos, construiría rampas de acceso, realinearía la Post Oak Boulevard, y reconstruiría el puente del carril principal de la I 610. Las mejoras del proyecto se proponen aumentar la seguridad, reducir la congestión y mejorar la eficiencia operativa. Las mejoras propuestas serían construidas en tres fases y requerirían 2.4 acres de derecho de vía adicionales (ROW). El Proyecto propuesto desplazaría una propiedad comercial. Información sobre la asistencia para la Reubicación Programa de TXDOT (TXDOT Relocation Assistance Program), beneficios y servicios para los desplazamientos, así como información sobre el itinerario provisional para la adquisición de derecho de vía (ROW) así como la construcción pueden obtenerse en la Oficina del TXDOT Houston District. Asistencia para las reubicaciones están disponible para las personas y los negocios desplazados.

Mapas y otros dibujos que muestran la ubicación y el diseño del proyecto propuesto se mostrarán en la audiencia. Documentación ambiental para el proyecto también estará disponible para su inspección en la audiencia. Más información sobre el proyecto propuesto se encuentra archivada y disponible para su revisión de lunes a viernes entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. en la Oficina TXDOT Houston District ubicado en 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007.

Se invita a todos los ciudadanos interesados a asistir a esta audiencia pública. Los comentarios verbales del público con respecto a este proyecto se pueden presentar en la audiencia, y comentarios escritos podrán presentarse durante un periodo de 10 días laborales, después de la audiencia. Los comentarios escritos pueden ser presentados en persona o por correo a la oficina de TxDOT District Office, Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Los comentarios deben ser recibidos en o antes del jueves 18 de junio de 2015, para que sea parte del registro de la audiencia oficial. Los comentarios también pueden ser enviados por correo electrónico en o antes de 18 de junio de 2015 a HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov.

La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en inglés. Las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tienen necesidades de comunicación o acomodo razonable, o la necesidad de un intérprete, favor de ponerse en contacto con la oficina de Información Pública de TXDOT (TXDOT Public Information) al (713) 802-5072. Solicitudes se deben hacer con al menos dos días antes de la audiencia pública. El TxDOT hará todos los esfuerzos razonables para realizar dichos acomodados. Si tiene preguntas generales o preocupaciones con respecto al proyecto propuesto, puede comunicarse con el Sr. Pat Henry, al (713) 802-5241.

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Appendix D



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4	PRANAB K. MUKERJI		
5	MARC SANDS		
6	BOB HENSCHEN		
7	Kyle Ariza		
8	DAVID MORRIS		
9	STACIE WILLIAMS		
10	Jennifer Hawes		

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3	Kyle Simson		
4	Ana Leera		
5	Rusty TAMEN		
6	DAVID WURLOW		
7	Ed Mears		
8	MARK TACKETT		
9	Suzanne Wright		
10	Kimberlee Martin		

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3	WYNNIE LOI		
4	Evelyn Wehrens		
5	Robyn Rothman		
6	RAO TAMMARADDI		
7	Kenny O'Zuna		
8	PAT McLAUGHLAN		
9	Daryl Anderson		
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4	Laura Croix		
5	Jack Stopnielski		
6	CLIFF WEST		
7	Rachel Crochet		
8	Dub Crochet		
9	Elizabeth Krueger		
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8	Sow Way		
9	Stanley Nowy		
10	ABNER BURNETT		

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6	JL Register		
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3	Andrew Friedberg	Bellaire City Council			
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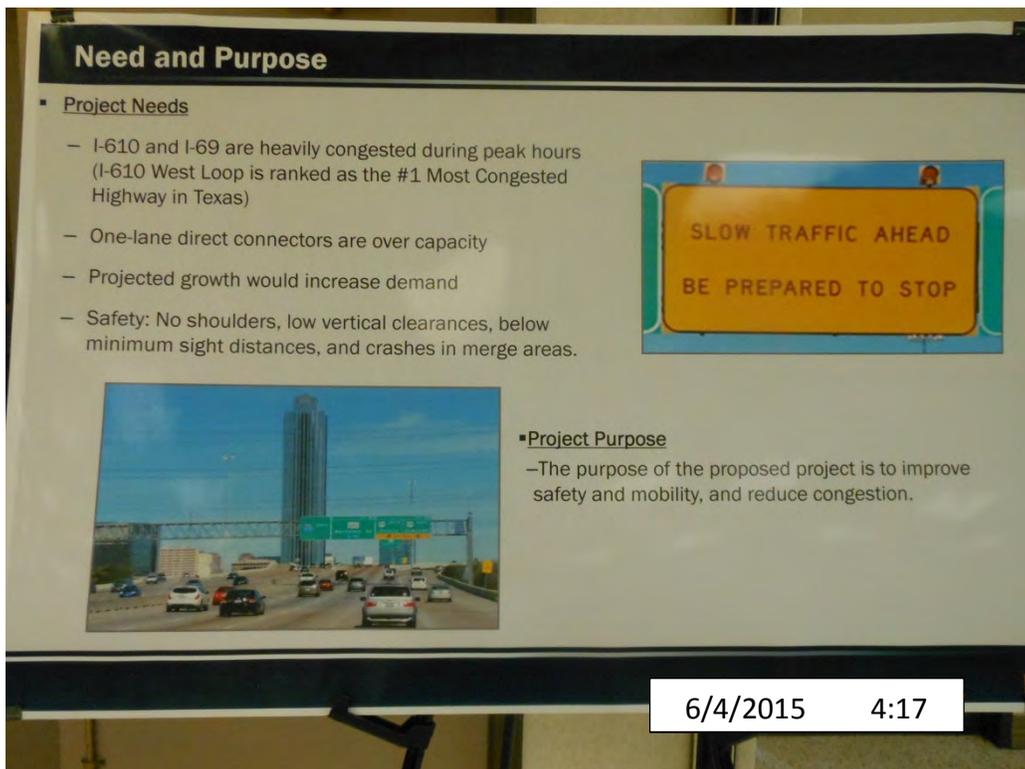
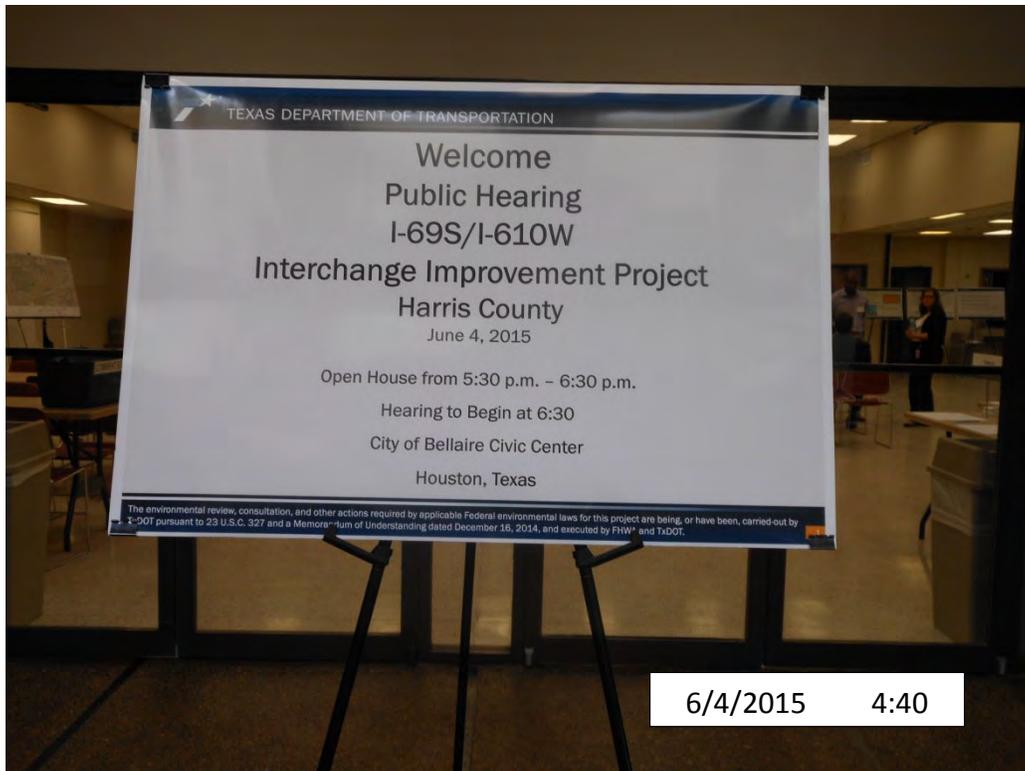
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Proposed Project

- Reconstructs one-lane connectors to two-lane connectors
- Upgrades interchange to current design standards
- Adds shoulders on I-610 main lane bridge
- Increases vertical clearances
- Increases sight distances
- Adds detention ponds
- Eliminates major weaving

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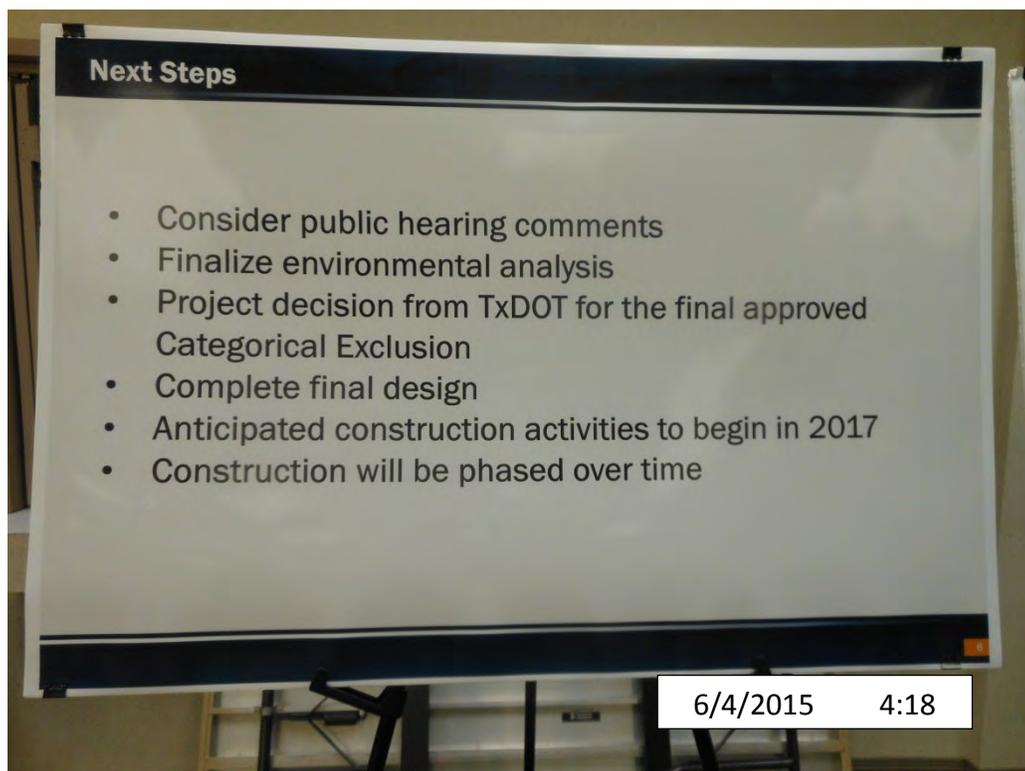
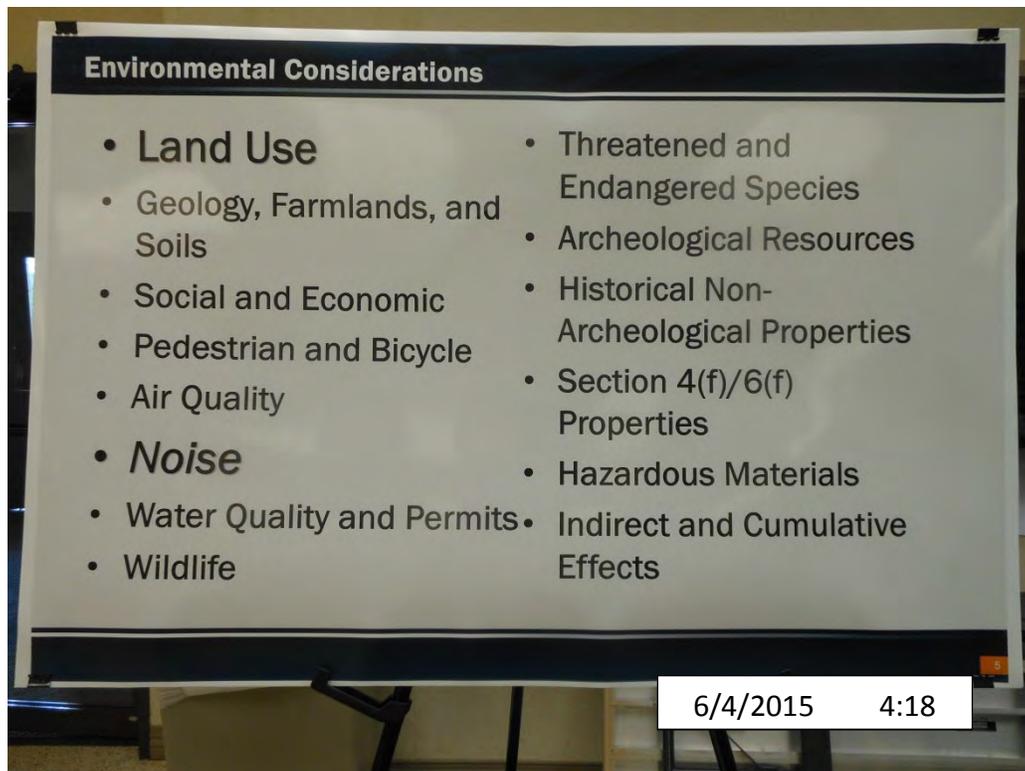
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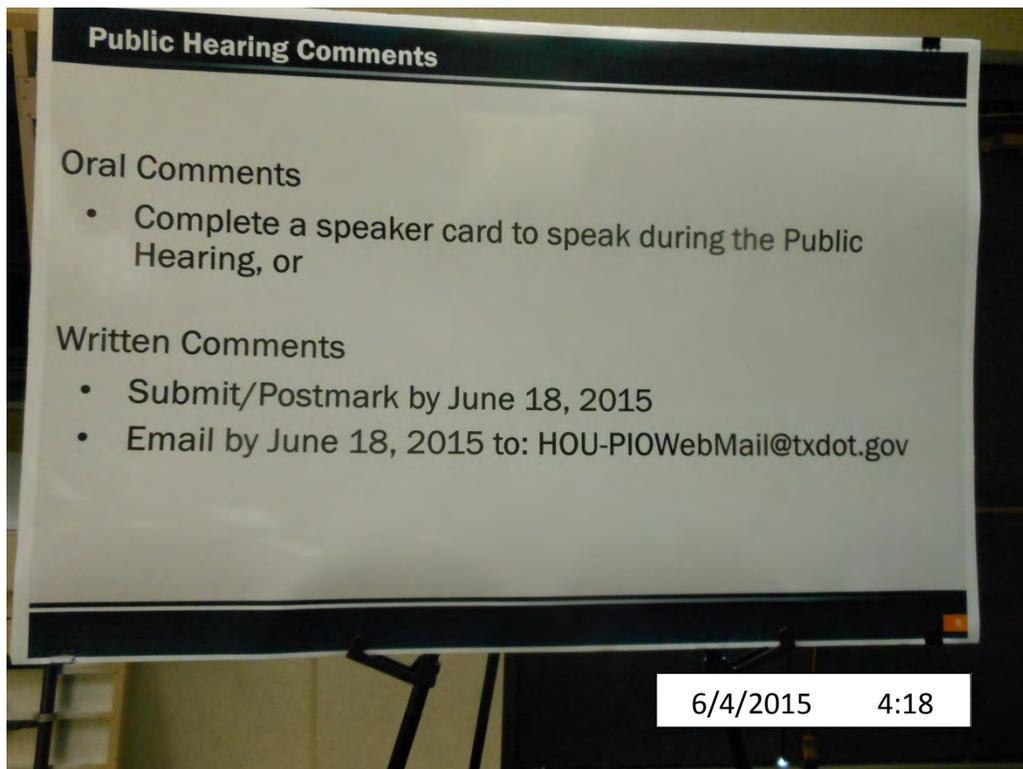
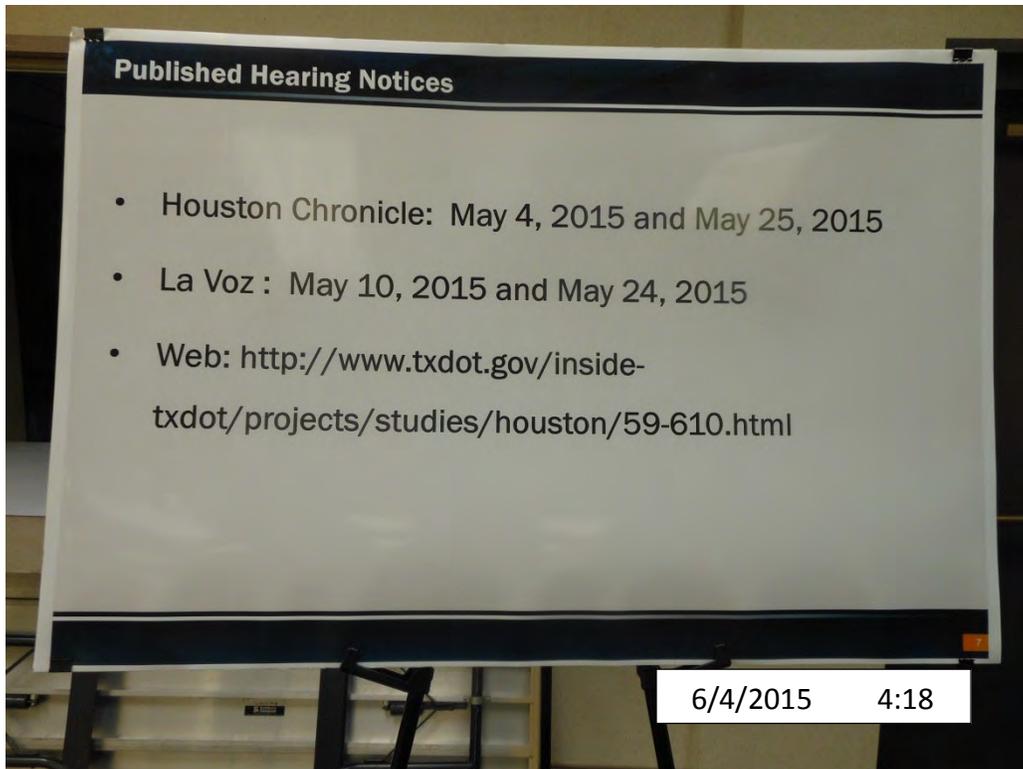
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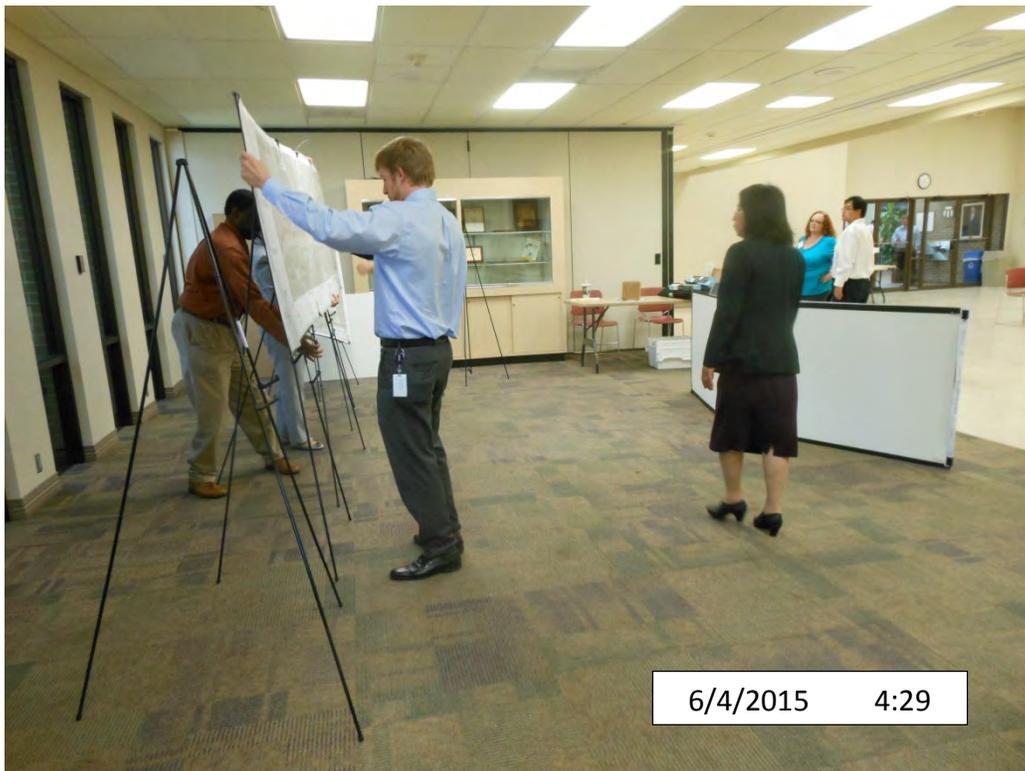
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- Initial phase is funded for construction
- Construction anticipated to begin 2017
- Current estimated construction cost - \$310 million

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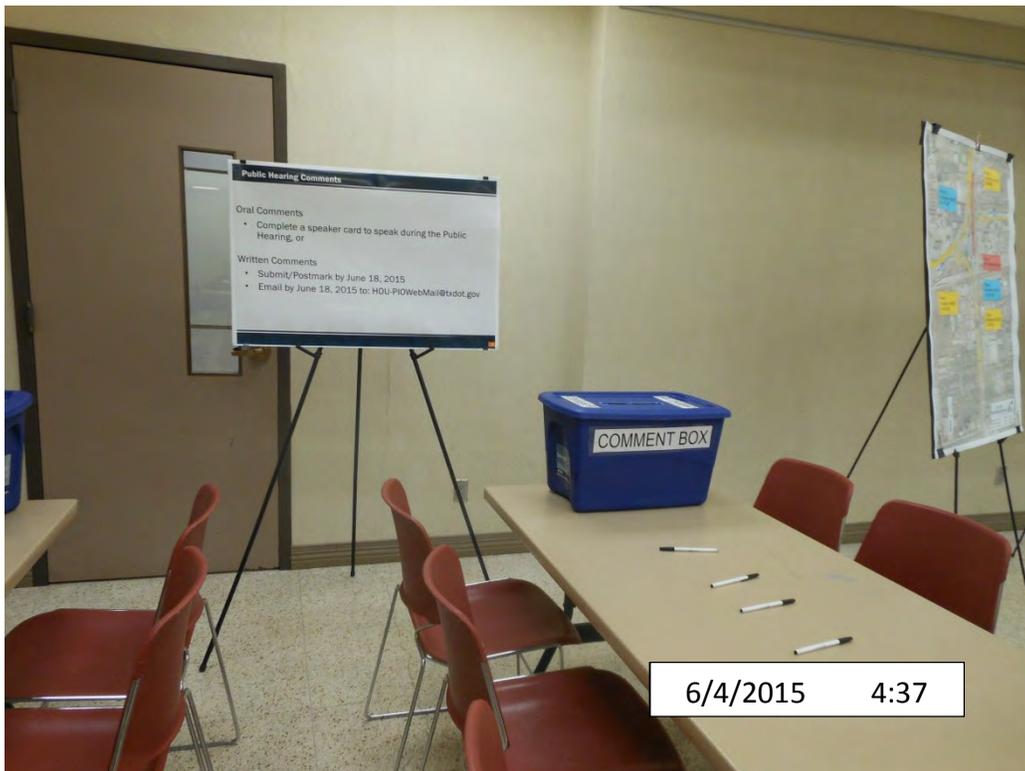




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Public Hearing Comments

Oral Comments

- Complete a speaker card to speak during the Public Hearing, or

Written Comments

- Submit/Postmark by June 18, 2015
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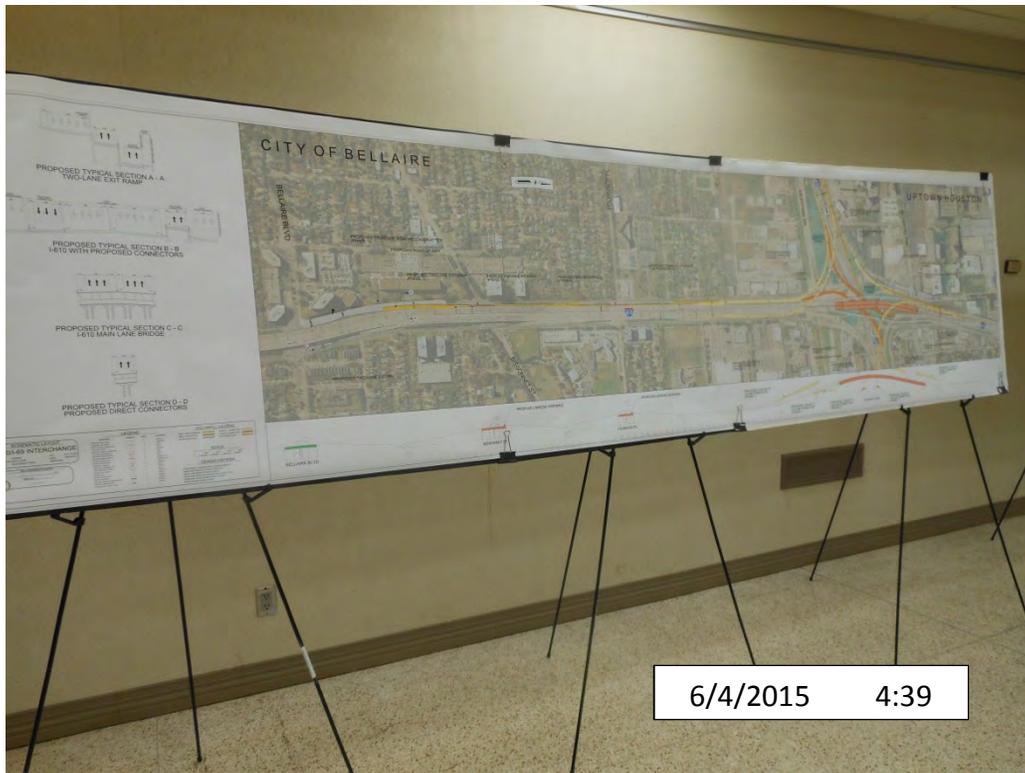
The map shows the I-610/I-69 interchange area with several project phases highlighted in color boxes:

- Phase 1** (Yellow): Connector I-610 SB to I-69 NB (top right) and Connector I-610 NB to I-69 SB (bottom right).
- Phase 2** (Blue): Connector I-69 NB to I-610 NB (top left) and Connector I-69 SB to I-610 SB (middle right).
- Phase 3** (Red): I-610 Mainline Bridge (center right).

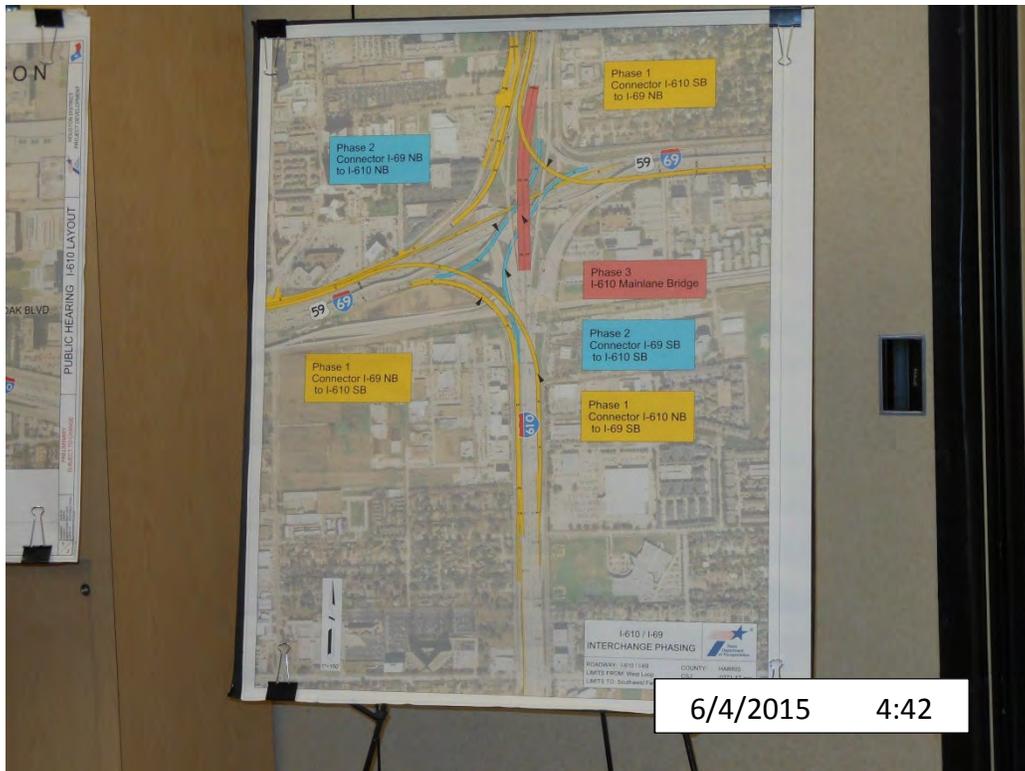
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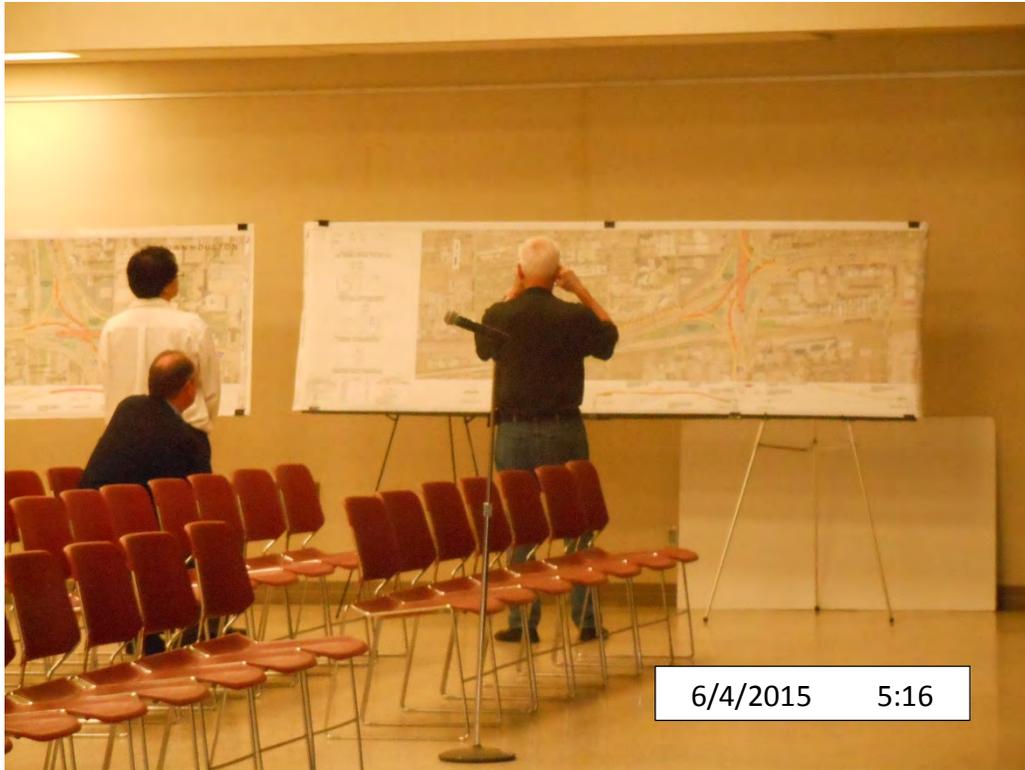
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P R O C E E D I N G S

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. If we could go ahead and get started now. Okay. Well, good evening. My name's Bill Brudnick. I'm the Director of Transportation Planning and Development out of the Houston District.

And before we get started with today's public hearing, if I could ask that you please silence your cell phones and turn off any electronic devices you may have.

Today is Thursday, June 4th, and the time is approximately 6:35. On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation, I'd like to thank you for your interest and participation in tonight's public hearing. We would also like to thank the City of Bellaire for the use of their facility.

We welcome you to this public hearing for the proposed I-69/I-610 Interchange Improvement Project in Harris County.

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As you entered tonight, you were asked to register at one of our sign-in tables. If you have not

1 already done so, please register before you leave
2 tonight so that we have a record of your participation
3 in this public hearing.

4 Please feel free to view the exhibits in
5 the room next door. They will be available during the
6 presentation until we adjourn tonight.

7 The open house began at 5:30 and the
8 public hearing is beginning now.

9 Prior to December 16th, 2014 the Federal
10 Highway Administration, FHWA, reviewed and prepared
11 documents prepared under the National Environmental
12 Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16,
13 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed
14 responsibility from the FHWA for reviewing and approving
15 certain NEPA environmental documents.

16 We would like to welcome and recognize
17 the elected officials who we have in attendance tonight.
18 And if I call your name, if you wouldn't mind standing.

19 I guess we have the mayor of the City of
20 Bellaire, Phil Nauert.

21 Beth Marvin, representing State Rep
22 Gene Wu.

23 Andrew Friedberg, Bellaire City Council.

24 Pat McLaughlan, representing Bellaire
25 City Council.

1 Mandy Nathan, Bellaire City Council.

2 And then Catherine -- Cynthia Siegel
3 repre -- on the Metro board.

4 And then Catherine Dunn, State Rep
5 Sarah -- representing State Rep Sarah --

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Davis.

7 BILL BRUDNICK: Who is that?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Davis.

9 BILL BRUDNICK: Davis. I'm sorry, about
10 that.

11 Okay. So with that in mind, I guess --
12 Are there any other public officials here present
13 tonight?

14 (No response.)

15 BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Each of you will
16 be given an opportunity to speak prior to the public
17 comment period tonight.

18 The notice of the public hearing was
19 advertised in the newspapers noted on the slide. The
20 purpose of the public hearing is to present the findings
21 for the Categorical Exclusion for the proposed
22 I-69/I-610 Interchange Improvement Project and to
23 receive your comments on the proposed project.

24 The public comment session will begin
25 following the presentation. We will not answer

1 questions during the presentation or the public comment
2 session, but we will be available to answer your
3 questions following the comment session.

4 This public hearing will adjourn after
5 all oral comments have been heard.

6 Now I'd like to go ahead and introduce
7 Mr. Patrick Gant, TxDOT's project engineer, who will
8 discuss the engineering for the proposed I-69/I-610
9 Interchange Project.

10 PATRICK GANT: Well, thank you,
11 Mr. Brudnick. The proposed project being presented
12 tonight involves the phased reconstruction of I-610 West
13 Loop at the I-69 US 59 Southwest Freeway Interchange.

14 The proposed project limits along I-610
15 are from Hidalgo Street to Bellaire Boulevard, and along
16 I-69 from Chimney Rock Road to Newcastle Drive.

17 There are substantial transportation
18 needs that affect the I-610/I-69 interchange. First,
19 the highways and connectors are heavily congested with
20 this segment of I-610 ranked as the number one most
21 congested highway in all of Texas. Several of the
22 direct connectors within the interchange are only
23 one-lane direct directors, and traffic volumes have
24 exceeded their capacity. Projected population growth
25 would only increase demand on the current interchange.

1 Second, there are significant safety
2 issues with the existing interchange. The existing
3 I-610 main lane bridge has no shoulders. Vertical
4 clearances between the different levels of the
5 interchange are below minimums. Sight distances
6 throughout the interchange are below standards, and the
7 merging that takes place in and around the interchange
8 contribute -- contributes to a high number of crashes.

9 The purpose of the proposed project is to
10 improve safety and mobility and reduce traffic
11 congestion.

12 The proposed project would realign the
13 existing one-lane direct connectors and reconstruct them
14 as two-lane direct connectors. The interchange would be
15 modernized to upgrade the facility to current design
16 standards, adding shoulders to a reconstructed I-610
17 main lane bridge and would increase vertical clearances
18 and sight distances throughout.

19 A comprehensive hydraulic study was
20 performed for the project and recommends the addition of
21 detention ponds within the interchange.

22 Overall, the proposed interchange would
23 eliminate the major weaving that takes place along I-610
24 and I-69 on the approaches to and departures from the
25 interchange.

1 The proposed interchange would be
2 reconstructed in phases.

3 During Phase I, and shown in yellow,
4 three connectors would be reconstructed. The one-lane
5 I-69 northbound connector to southbound I-610 would be
6 reconstructed to a two-lane connector.

7 The one-lane I-610 northbound connector
8 to a southbound I-69 would be reconstructed to two lanes
9 and realigned to eliminate weaving.

10 The two lane I-610 southbound connector
11 to northbound I-69 would be reconstructed and realigned
12 to eliminate weaving.

13 Phase II, and shown in blue, would follow
14 Phase I and include the I-69 northbound connector to
15 I-610 northbound and I-69 southbound connector to I-610
16 southbound, which would be reconstructed with their
17 profiles lower to improve sight distances and to
18 increase vertical clearances.

19 Finally, in Phase III, and shown in red,
20 the I-610 main lane bridge would be reconstructed,
21 widened to add shoulders, and it's profiles lowered to
22 increase sight distances.

23 As shown at the April 18th, 2012 public
24 meeting for this project, the I-69 northbound connector
25 to I-610 southbound was proposed to stay elevated from

1 Westpark Drive to Fournace Place within the City of
2 Bellaire.

3 The City of Bellaire and TxDOT met
4 several time to discuss the potential impact of this
5 proposed direct connector. Through these meetings a new
6 proposal was created and is presented here tonight that
7 eliminates the elevated connector from Westpark to
8 Fournace.

9 The new proposal would allow for I-69
10 traffic to exit at Fournace or Bellaire; however,
11 southbound I-610 traffic would not be allowed to make
12 this exit and would, therefore, have to exit at Bellaire
13 Boulevard. In order to accommodate the rerouted traffic
14 at the Bellaire Boulevard exit ramp, a two-lane exit
15 ramp is now proposed. The two-lane ramp requires the
16 reconstruction of the southbound I-610 frontage road
17 from south of Bissonnet Street to Bellaire Boulevard
18 with the additional right of way needed. The Bellaire
19 Boulevard intersection -- or at the Bellaire Boulevard
20 intersection a two-lane southbound to northbound U-turn
21 is proposed with additional turn bays to handle the
22 traffic demand.

23 The proposed project requires
24 approximately 2.5 acres of additional right of way. The
25 additional right of way is needed to accommodate the

1 realigned connectors and frontage roads and can be seen
2 on the schematics presented here tonight.

3 The three direct connectors reconstructed
4 in the first phase are funded for construction, while
5 the second and third phases are unfunded at this time.

6 Construction of the first phase is
7 anticipated to begin in 2017.

8 The current estimated construction cost
9 for the entire project is \$310 million.

10 This completes the engineering and design
11 portion of the presentation. I would like to turn it
12 over to Ms. Lisa De La Cruz who will present the
13 findings of the environmental studies.

14 LISA DE LA CRUZ: Thank you, Mr. Gant. I
15 am Lisa De La Cruz, the Consultant Environmental Project
16 Manager.

17 The Categorical Exclusion, or CE, was
18 prepared for the proposed project to discuss the
19 proposed improvements and the needs for and purpose of
20 the proposed project.

21 The CE sets out to accomplish four
22 objectives. The CE compares the build to the no-build
23 alternatives; it presents the existing conditions; it
24 evaluates potential impacts; and it incorporates
25 coordination with the public and resource agencies.

1 Additional environmental considerations were evaluated
2 in the CE and are included on this slide.

3 As previously stated, an additional 2.5
4 acres of right of way would be required for the proposed
5 improvements. There would be one commercial
6 displacement. However, there are no other impacts to
7 neighborhood communities and land uses that are
8 anticipated.

9 A traffic noise analysis is currently
10 ongoing to determine the possible impacts from the
11 direct connectors.

12 Throughout the environmental process, the
13 Texas Department of Transportation has coordinated with
14 many resource agencies, elected officials, and local
15 stakeholders, including all of the entities listed on
16 the slide, as well as the public and special interest
17 groups.

18 In the next steps of the environmental
19 process, all comments that are received tonight as well
20 as written comments that are received during the comment
21 period would be included in the official public hearing
22 record and will be addressed in the next phase of the
23 environmental process. The comments received will be
24 used to help finalize the build alternative.

25 The CE and all related technical reports

1 are available for public view after this public hearing
2 at the Texas Department of Transportation Houston
3 District office.

4 In addition, should you wish to obtain a
5 copy for your personal use, paper copies may be
6 purchased from the Texas Department of Transportation
7 for the cost of reproduction.

8 I would now like to hand the public
9 hearing back over to Mr. Bill Brudnick.

10 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Thank you.

11 I'd like to go ahead and begin the public
12 comment session -- session by introducing our elected
13 officials who wish to comment. And the ones that I have
14 registered right now are Mayor Phil Nauert, if you don't
15 mind coming up to the microphone, if you wish to comment
16 on -- have some comments on the project.

17 PHIL NAUERT: First, Mr. Brudnick, I want
18 to thank you and your staff for the preparation of this
19 meeting tonight, for the preparation of these schematics
20 and visuals, for having your staff present to answer any
21 question, and to conduct this meeting with clear
22 transparency.

23 This is a cooperative effort and we
24 appreciate the opportunity to, as a community, offer
25 our -- our input to this project. It's -- We realize

1 that it's -- it's unfortunate that we happen to live
2 next to one of the busiest intersections probably in the
3 United States, and that intersection does affect our
4 quality of life.

5 When we first heard of our -- of the
6 plans, TxDOT's plans, to reconstruct this intersection,
7 I think we embraced the concept because there are
8 clearly impacts to our community. It's the details that
9 have concerned us.

10 Principally, the detail that concerned
11 the City of Bellaire was the construction of an elevated
12 ramp that would connect the northbound 59 traffic to the
13 610 southbound traffic. The ramp was viewed as
14 unsightly, possibly unsafe, certainly a detractor to the
15 quality of life of the citizens who live in its area,
16 and possibly to the value of their properties.

17 So we not only expressed our objection
18 but you have listened. I want to thank you for that
19 listening. I want to thank you for meeting with me,
20 with our City Engineer James Andrews, with our city
21 manager and members of the city staff multiple times to
22 present your design consideration and to listen to our
23 concerns. And I want to assure the group here that our
24 concerns were strongly voiced and listened to very
25 attentively.

1 These concerns included the impact of the
2 elevated ramp to replace the existing at-grade direct
3 connector from northbound 59 to southbound 610 and the
4 resulting elimination of the right turn on Fournace from
5 that direct connect.

6 You gave us the opportunity to provide
7 some alternative suggestions which we did and you
8 responded to those suggestions. In fact, our city
9 engineer felt it was possible when you had -- your
10 engineers had expressed some doubt that it was possible
11 to do it; and when James Andrews made his proposal, you,
12 in a spirit of cooperation and collegiality, were happy
13 to accept his solution, which eliminated this elevated
14 ramp that we were very much against. The ramp we were
15 against, not the solution.

16 I'm sure that you will continue to listen
17 as we go through this process. That's what tonight is
18 about. And I'm glad this is being prescribed --
19 transcribed and anyone who wishes to obtain a copy may
20 do so as he had indicated earlier.

21 We do have some continuing concerns; and
22 as you know from our prior discussions, our concerns are
23 principally drainage; and our concerns were -- have been
24 eloquently illustrated in this last week by the rain
25 event that we had here, which while dramatic, was not

1 all that unusual.

2 The TxDOT I-10/610 drainage system
3 through the City of Bellaire serves over 750 acres of
4 the City of Bellaire and Houston. The current drainage
5 system we feel is inadequate, as evidenced by the
6 numerous times the feeder roads have been flooded,
7 including this past week.

8 Our police and fire departments are
9 located outside the loop and cannot reach areas inside
10 the loop when it's under water.

11 This TxDOT undersized drainage system
12 cannot handle a two-year frequency storm; and as your
13 staff knows, this is not acceptable for a major freeway
14 system and critical emergency evacuation route for
15 thousands of people.

16 The time is now to address regional
17 drainage problem with the design of this project and we
18 hope to do that with continued cooperation in a spirit
19 of success from both of our aspects.

20 Thank you for this opportunity to talk.

21 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mayor.

22 I guess next registered to speak would be
23 Cynthia Siegel, Metro board.

24 CYNTHIA SIEGEL: Good evening. I'm
25 actually not here representing Metro board. I'm a

1 citizen of Bellaire. I actually was up here speaking to
2 you-all when you came the last time we were redoing 610
3 Loop -- what -- 15 years ago? Yeah.

4 But I do want to thank you-all for the
5 changes you made to that big flyover ramp, for your work
6 with the City of Bellaire, our mayor and our city
7 council. I think that that would have dramatically
8 impacted the residential neighborhoods that are adjacent
9 to there and that was really important.

10 The three points I would like to bring up
11 relate to extending -- not allowing the main lanes
12 coming south on 610 from like the Galleria area to exit
13 on Fournace. We have major employers. We have Chevron
14 at Fournace, we have AT&T down at -- at Bissonnet; and
15 to force people to come off of what is already a
16 congested area down to Bellaire, basically you're
17 shifting someone's problem and making it someone else's.
18 And those are -- Chevron alone -- I think the mayor
19 would probably concur -- is probably close to 2,000
20 employees, 1500 employees. So that's a lot of traffic
21 that's being forced down south into -- onto Bellaire
22 Boulevard, which is already congested. And I think what
23 you're going to see is you're going to see it coming
24 back up onto 610 because they're not going to be able to
25 exit.

1 Drainage, I would echo what the mayor
2 said. Bellaire, TxDOT, what, 15 years ago, you made a
3 significant investment, the City made a significant
4 investment in those big box culverts for drainage
5 purposes.

6 Now's the time, while you're doing this
7 project, to extend them north so we can continue to
8 address the regional needs of the area. And I actually
9 drove over there after the flood and I saw -- And it
10 wasn't just what was under -- what I call -- still call
11 the tunnels, but you had cars that were dead in the --
12 I mean, the water was drained, but they had obviously
13 been stranded on the feeder road. And I think adding
14 the drainage culverts will -- you know, will give --
15 they'll provide additional detention.

16 The last item, I was glad to see that you
17 are doing the 610 going west. In fact, onto 6 -- I-69,
18 it is not 59. Everyone can tell you, everyone in this
19 room -- and I've been a socker mom and sat out at Pin
20 Oak Field -- and being on city council, we see how many
21 accidents we respond to. It's not at 59 and 610 south.
22 It's at 610/59 going north.

23 And the two points I would like to make
24 is -- and I couldn't really tell from your drawings --
25 but I think you need a longer stacking. More, like, you

1 know, two lanes similar to what you've got up at
2 610/I-10 where you've got a longer exit, and then you
3 also would have two lanes going west -- similar, again,
4 to what's allowed at I-10 off of 610.

5 The other point I would just suggest is
6 part of the issue, too, and I think you need to add
7 dividers somehow between the exit and the 610 lanes that
8 go north; because what is happening right now is that
9 people are parking on the 610 lane north trying to cut
10 over. That's, also -- Right after that is the
11 Westheimer exit and, you know, some of us have probably
12 been in accidents there. I had a teenage driver who was
13 almost killed because of people doing exactly that. And
14 I think simply putting some dividers there so you
15 prevent the people cutting in front of everyone would go
16 a long way to help part of that problem.

17 But thanks again. Thanks for working
18 with Bellaire. Hopefully together we can come up with
19 something that's good for the area. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Are there any
22 other public officials that would like to say a few
23 words tonight? Yes, sir.

24 I'm sorry. Mr. Pat McLaughlan, city
25 council member.

1 PAT MCLAUGHLAN: Hello, you-all, and
2 hello to all the citizens who spent the time from their
3 evening to come out and spend an hour or two with us.

4 In the vote of full disclosure, let me
5 tell you a little bit about myself. I'm a member of the
6 City of Bellaire City Council. I'm a registered
7 professional engineer, just as most of you guys are.
8 I've served on the Houston/Galveston Area Council
9 Transportation Policy Council. And I'm a 40-year
10 resident of the City of Bellaire. So I've had some
11 exposure to the process here.

12 My issue is strictly the 59 north to 610
13 south rebuild. I think you call that Phase I. My
14 request is simply delete Phase I. I've lived in that
15 area, as I say, for many years and I've never seen an
16 accident there. It's a non-problem. You guys are
17 trying to make a problem out of something that is a
18 non-problem.

19 Now, certainly, what you're proposing in
20 Phase II and Phase III are problems. We need to save
21 the taxpayers some money by deleting Phase I and moving
22 directly to Phase II.

23 The biggest problem that I have with the
24 Phase I effort, other than a expenditure of taxpayer
25 money unnecessarily, is the fact that the main lanes of

1 610 will extend south to Bellaire Boulevard. That
2 means somebody that enters the freeway at Memorial,
3 I-10, the 290 corridor, has to go to Bellaire Boulevard
4 before they can get off of the loop, as opposed to
5 being able to exit at Fournace at the present time.

6 Now, in the City of Bellaire, Chevron is
7 a major employer. Let me tell you what this means. If
8 someone worked at Chevron, which is located on Fournace
9 Street, and they're entering the freeway, they're
10 entering 610 at I-10, getting off the Katy Freeway and
11 getting on the loop; and where normally they would come
12 south and they would exit at Fournace, get to go a short
13 distance, take a right-turn-only lane and essentially be
14 at work. Very simple to get to work.

15 With your Phase I changes, that person
16 that enters the loop, say, at the Katy Freeway again, on
17 the main lanes, they come south, they will no longer be
18 able to get off at Fournace. They'll have to continue
19 over Bissonnet and continue to Bellaire Boulevard, exit
20 at Bellaire Boulevard, be held up by traffic congestion
21 at that signal, make a U-turn under the freeway, go back
22 north on the surface road, encounter a signal at
23 Bissonnet, which would slow them down, continue north on
24 the service road to a U-turn at Fournace. Now they'll
25 have a signal to deal with there. And so if you count

1 this up, you end up by adding two U-turns and a total of
2 four signals before the Chevron employee can make it to
3 their workplace.

4 Now, we consider that to be an economic
5 disadvantage. In fact, I consider this plan will
6 isolate the northern half of the City of Bellaire by
7 making it so difficult to come south then turn back and
8 go north in order to reach their destination.

9 So my simple request is let's just save
10 the taxpayers some money. Let's delete Phase I, move
11 directly to Phase II and Phase III, which we would
12 certainly appreciate.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Thank you.
16 And now I'd like to go ahead and provide those the
17 opportunity that -- who have registered to speak on the
18 proposed project.

19 You will have three minutes to make
20 your -- your comments. When I announce your name,
21 please come to the microphone and clearly state your
22 name and whom you may represent.

23 A timer, located on the screen, will
24 indicate the beginning of the three minutes. After the
25 three minutes, you will be asked to be seated so the

1 next speaker can make his or her comments.

2 If you have not -- if you have additional
3 comments, please complete the written comment form
4 provided to you.

5 And now I will call the -- the speakers
6 listed on the public speaker registration cards in the
7 order they were received.

8 Pranab -- Is it Pranab Mukerji?

9 PRANAB MUKERJI: Yes, sir.

10 BILL BRUDNICK: Come on up and let us
11 know your comments, sir.

12 PRANAB MUKERJI: Thank you. My name is
13 Pranab Mukerji. I live at 5401 Newcastle Drive. I
14 moved to this beautiful city on April 1, 1981, so I have
15 been living here more than 34 years, half of my life.
16 I've been using that Fournace exit nearly every day. It
17 will cause a lot of inconveniences for us, people living
18 north of -- north Newcastle, north of Bellaire Boulevard
19 lots of inconveniences. So my request is that you
20 reconsider this exit. That's all.

21 (Applause.)

22 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you. Bob Henschen.

23 BOB HENSCHEN: I want to echo what
24 Ms. Siegel said and to disagree with the councilman who
25 spoke earlier.

1 The Phase I, as I understand it, includes
2 adding a second lane to the 610 north to 59 south; and
3 that to me is the crucial point. That's where the
4 accidents occur two or three times a day in Bellaire, is
5 the line-up of cars waiting to get off of 610 and go
6 north or south on 59. So surely that work should be
7 considered.

8 I do appreciate the TxDOT working with
9 Bellaire, and I'm sure that with that continued effort
10 that we will achieve a better outcome.

11 I have to say that this problem has been
12 so longstanding. I personally was hit from behind in
13 that area. Every day you drive through there, the
14 Bellaire police are over there, that's what they're
15 doing instead of other things they could be doing in
16 Bellaire, is taking care of one or two accidents a day.
17 Why it took how many years and why it wasn't dealt with
18 15 years ago -- the exits were moved, I believe -- but
19 the fact that that's -- was a one-lane turn to go south
20 on 59 has been the problem for at least a decade. So
21 hopefully that will be addressed. Thank you.

22 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 BILL BRUDNICK: Next we have Stacie
25 Williams.

1 STACIE WILLIAMS: Hello. My name is
2 Stacie Williams, and I'm a concerned resident. And
3 while I really appreciate TxDOT's willingness to work
4 with the leaders of Bellaire to lower the westbound side
5 of 610 and not have it be such a tall flyover, my major
6 concern as a property holder in Bellaire in the Elmhurst
7 section is that the east side is still going to be 52
8 feet high in the air and is going to increase noise
9 pollution and be an eyesore to the residents, and it's
10 simply not needed. Surely there is another way to add
11 more lanes going west and eastbound on 59 and not need
12 to have such a tall flyover.

13 The other thing I would like to point out
14 is I was speaking to someone, a consultant of yours,
15 before this meeting; and they said that a study is
16 needed as to whether a sound barrier wall would be
17 needed if this project goes through. And with all due
18 respect, I don't think a study is needed. We already
19 have enough sound problems as it is. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you. Jennifer
22 Hawes.

23 JENNIFER HAWES: First I want to say
24 thank you for holding this meeting tonight and listening
25 to what we have to say.

1 To reiterate what --

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear you.

3 JENNIFER HAWES: To reiterate what some
4 of the other people have said, I think honestly the
5 problems are 610 north going to 59 north. I don't mind
6 personally the lane expansion from 59 to 610 south. I
7 think Houston is so car dependent, it would be nice to
8 see alternatives to possibly seeing -- You know, we
9 have to figure out what's the source of all the traffic.
10 I think you've got Fort Bend Tollway that's never been
11 completed. All these people who are coming perhaps to
12 work at Chevron, Worley Parsons, might be coming from
13 south. There is no alternative. The only way to get to
14 work is 610, so we'd love to see Fort Bend Tollway
15 expanded.

16 I did all this research, but I think
17 honestly the residents, we want and deserve a safe,
18 clean, vibrant, healthy community. We have a freeway
19 that runs right through the heart of our neighborhood so
20 there are negative impacts.

21 Flyovers will overwhelm, whether they're
22 on the southbound or northbound side. It doesn't
23 matter, they will overwhelm this area. Images of I-10
24 and Beltway 8 come to mind. Those are sort of
25 industrial areas. You know, any changes to -- 610 is

1 our backyard basically.

2 I agree with the noise walls. I think
3 that could help. But my hope -- and I don't know what
4 the reality is or the possibility -- but would be to
5 submerge the freeway at 610 or at Fournace and Bissonnet
6 and Bellaire and have the residential streets actually
7 connected and the streets going over the freeway.

8 I know drainage would have to be an
9 issue, would have to be addressed; but similar to
10 Shepherd and Montrose, I know that was done, I believe,
11 in 2004, 59 was submerged, but it would reconnect our
12 community. So, something replacing freeways in cities
13 like Austin, Dallas, they are converting urban highways
14 to boulevards and increasing real estate values on
15 adjacent lands, restoring urban neighborhoods
16 disseminated by highway construction. So we're happy to
17 be partners with TxDOT. We just need you to remember
18 this is our backyard.

19 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 BILL BRUDNICK: Damian La Croix.

22 DAMIAN LA CROIX: Hello. My name is
23 Damian La Croix, and I am a resident. In fact, I live
24 at 4708 Saxon Street, which is at the very end of the
25 street adjacent to 610.

1 And why we're here is we have been asking
2 TxDOT to build us a sound wall from Saxon Street to
3 Mayfair Street because we will be affected adversely by
4 the project, not just by the interchange, which you
5 indicated you-all were doing a noise study for; but
6 people will likely exit Richmond Avenue, rather than
7 going down to Bellaire Boulevard. It's going to be
8 making the feeder road more congested.

9 The traffic on 610 is terrible. We hear
10 motorcycles race every night. The noise is just
11 unbearable. And what we've heard from TxDOT is why
12 you-all can't build the sound wall. We haven't heard
13 how we can work together to get it done, because the
14 residents in my neighborhood want the sound wall and
15 they're willing to work with TxDOT to make it happen.

16 The noise is unbearable. I can -- I
17 cannot talk -- You know, I have to yell to have a
18 conversation outside my house. There's traffic that
19 backs up to my house.

20 And I think the city has a duty to step
21 up for the neighborhood, for the residents of Bellaire,
22 and to make this happen because TxDOT accommodated those
23 residents in Memorial and in -- what is it -- Spring
24 Branch. They built sound walls between commercial
25 property and residential property all along I-10 between

1 Wirt Road -- Wirt Road and Silber. So they can make it
2 happen. It's a matter of: Do you want to make it
3 happen?

4 And we're tax-paying citizens. My house
5 is probably 10 feet off the freeway. On I-10, they're
6 probably 100 yards off the freeway. It's all up and
7 down I-10. And it's frustrating every time I drive down
8 there to see that and then I have to hear TxDOT tell me
9 why you cannot build me a sound wall when we need it
10 more than anyone else.

11 Not only do we want it along the feeder
12 road, but we need it behind our house just like you-all
13 did on I-10 and Wirt Road because the noise -- all the
14 way down the street, from 610, you can hear the freeway
15 all the way down the street.

16 So we are concerned residents and we want
17 to work with TxDOT and we hope the City will support us
18 in getting this sound wall so that we can have a better
19 life. And there's like 36 kids on our street. So
20 that's all I have to say.

21 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. La Croix.

22 (Applause.)

23 BILL BRUDNICK: Joe Henry.

24 JOE HENRY: Good evening. My name is Joe
25 Henry. I live at 4617 Pin Oak Lane which is just north

1 of Fournace, five blocks -- five houses inside the loop.

2 I thank you, first of all, TxDOT, for
3 being concerned about the traffic safety of the
4 residents of Bellaire and Houston and I thank you for
5 all your effort on this.

6 I would like to reit -- Well, first of
7 all, my -- my objection is to the deletion of the
8 Fournace exit from southbound 610. I echo what other
9 people have said about the -- the real concern is the
10 northbound side. I've got a son that started driving 10
11 months ago. We forbade him from taking the Bissonnet
12 entrance onto 610 because of the danger there.

13 Southbound has never been a problem.
14 There is an accident almost daily northbound. I've
15 never seen an accident on the southbound side of
16 Fournace, and I've taken it thousands of times in the
17 last ten years.

18 I also think, in addition to the
19 inconveniences that have been listed, we haven't listed
20 the inconvenience not only to Chevron, but to people
21 trying to get to Home Depot, people trying to get to
22 HCC, people trying to get to Episcopal High School and
23 Sideoat. I think there are a lot of very politically
24 influential families who have kids going to Episcopal
25 High School who very much object to this. And I also

1 think that there is a safety concern, while these an
2 inconvenience concern in terms of adding to the
3 northbound traffic after people exit Bellaire and make
4 that U-turn, you're adding a lot of congestion where
5 there is already congestion in the morning, people
6 trying to get their kids to schools.

7 And, finally, I have never seen a
8 two-lane U-turn. I don't know whether there is any
9 study to indicate that that's safe. It strikes me as
10 inherently unsafe. I'm imagining a tanker truck trying
11 to get to the Shell station on Fournace and 610, exiting
12 there at Bellaire, trying to get into that two-lane
13 U-turn and come back around and then make another left
14 on Fournace, and the whole thing just seems like a mess.

15 So I don't understand, because I never
16 saw the earlier proposal, and I understand that the City
17 apparently had a very legitimate objection to the
18 original proposal, but what we ended up with is not
19 tenable. And so I just wanted to voice that concern.
20 Thank you.

21 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 BILL BRUDNICK: Next we have Lloyd
24 Hershberger.

25 LLOYD HERSHBERGER: My name's Lloyd

1 Hershberger. I live at 4506 Sunburst in Bellaire.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear you.

3 LLOYD HERSHBERGER: My name is Lloyd

4 Hershberger. I live at 4506 Sunburst in Bellaire. I
5 also object to the closing of the Fournace exit from 610
6 south and having -- forcing all traffic to exit at
7 Bellaire and U-turn. Right now, all northbound traffic
8 on 610 also has to exit at Bellaire for Bellaire,
9 Bissonnet and Fournace.

10 So I think that there's going to create a
11 major backlog of traffic there at Bellaire for all
12 traffic having to use the Bellaire exit.

13 I think that an exit plan similar to what
14 is at Greenbriar and 59 north could be instituted at
15 Fournace where there is an overpass and the exiting
16 traffic for Greenbriar comes in under that; and I
17 believe that that would alleviate both problems of
18 retaining the Fournace exit without creating the backlog
19 of traffic at Bellaire. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you. Catherine
22 Lewis.

23 (No response.)

24 BILL BRUDNICK: No Catherine Lewis.
25 Randall Hawes.

1 RANDALL HAWES: Thank you. My name is
2 Randall Hawes. I'm a resident. I live in Bellaire in
3 the Elmhurst subdivision. I'm at 809 Anderson.

4 I think this plan, as presently
5 conceived, is bad for the citizens of Bellaire for five
6 reasons.

7 It's going to increase traffic, not
8 decrease traffic.

9 It's going to decrease value, not
10 increase value.

11 It's going to increase noise pollution,
12 not decrease noise pollution.

13 It's going to increase sight pollution,
14 not decrease sight pollution.

15 And it's going to increase air pollution
16 as well.

17 The more roads you build, the more
18 traffic and the more congestion you will have on 610.

19 I believe the plan, as presently
20 configured, is going to elevate lanes to the point where
21 it's going to become very unsightly for the citizens.

22 I also believe that the State and the
23 City and TxDOT, with its power of eminent domain, can
24 purchase commercial properties going northbound towards
25 59 to create safe ramps at the same elevated level. You

1 take out that power -- use that power of eminent domain
2 to procure the acreage you need to build some good lanes
3 to take traffic northbound, to take traffic southbound.
4 You don't create what I would consider to be a Band-Aid
5 on a wound that is gaping and just Band-Aid it for a few
6 years and then we're back here again with this same
7 conversation.

8 So, I think it's time to go back to the
9 drawing board and reconfigure this plan in such a way
10 that it doesn't create problems, as I've just mentioned,
11 the five points above.

12 I appreciate the fact that this is a
13 congested city and that there are safety concerns; but I
14 believe that there is a better, safer alternative that
15 doesn't create the pollution and decrease the value, and
16 that's with the power and use of eminent domain and
17 condemnation proceedings that you can acquire the
18 commercial property to make the lanes that you need.
19 Thank you. That's all I have.

20 (Applause.)

21 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you. Rachel
22 Crochet. Did I say that right? Close.

23 RACHEL CROCHET: I'm Rachel Crochet, like
24 knitting. I've lived in Bellaire my whole life. In
25 fact, I played in the dirt when they were building 610,

1 so I've been through this over and over.

2 As everybody else has said, and I agree
3 with so much of what people are saying, and the biggest
4 concern is that 59 north, by Home Depot. I call it "the
5 death trap." I've told TxDOT it is a death trap. When
6 we've contacted TxDOT saying this, they have said "it's
7 driver error."

8 When you build a freeway and you put a
9 yellow sign up that says "slow traffic up ahead," you
10 knew it when you built the freeway. You knew there was
11 a problem.

12 You have an entrance right after
13 Bissonnet that gets up onto 610 where "the death trap"
14 is. How in the world do you think people are going to
15 get on there, go across, take the Westheimer, get up on
16 610, common sense when you did it that -- I mean, it's
17 ridiculous. And we kept telling TxDOT that at the
18 beginning. You have an exit on the -- inside the loop.

19 Now, first of all, I live outside the
20 loop a way away from any of this; but I'm very concerned
21 for the City. I'm at 4913 Holly, way over here. But
22 when you exit Bellaire Boulevard for Fournace, Bissonnet
23 and Bellaire, three major streets, and the exit is the
24 smallest exit I have ever seen.

25 I asked TxDOT to go there at the time,

1 and the lead engineer said: "Well, on paper it looks
2 good." I said: "Then take yourself over there."

3 What in the world -- You cannot legally
4 turn in any direction. We should be ticketed every time
5 we exit that freeway. It is horrible.

6 And if you start -- And, again, I think
7 Fournace needs to be over here on the other side. You
8 are going to have the exact same problem. You start
9 getting everybody off on Bellaire Boulevard, and what
10 everybody has said before is correct. Common sense
11 would tell you that this is not -- I mean, I guess,
12 engineers, I don't know.

13 (Laughter.)

14 RACHEL CROCHET: But in -- I hope I
15 haven't -- Oh, and when they were going to reverse the
16 exit and entrance at Pine, where you get off by Pine
17 Street to go to Beechnut, you've got five streets to go;
18 but yet on Bellaire Boulevard, you have this far
19 (Indicating)? It doesn't make sense. I'm running out
20 of time.

21 On the walls, I was involved with TxDOT
22 on the walls. You told us we could maybe get walls.
23 You would readdress it. We were going to give us these
24 little bitty walls, and we could see how it went, and we
25 could address it again. It's time to address it. We

1 need walls.

2 That man that said that, they're
3 beautiful out toward Memorial on I-10. Every place in
4 the City has walls except Bellaire. We're like a
5 red-headed stepchild in this City.

6 (Applause.)

7 RACHEL CROCHET: So I hope -- I just hope
8 that you-all will listen to us because they're right,
9 people along the freeway, they cannot even hear; and
10 it's possible to do it. I'm just -- Let me look real
11 quick. I think that's about all. I'm out of time.
12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you. Keith Bowers.

15 KEITH BOWERS: Yeah. Thank you. I thank
16 you folks, even though you're public servants and this
17 is part of your job. I apologize for my -- my casual --
18 I've been over at jazzersize, trying to defeat Agent
19 Orange. I've outlived my expectations over 20 years so
20 far, a couple of cancers along the way, but it'll
21 eventually kill me but maybe I'll be 85 or 90.

22 Anyway, you've had a lot of speakers here
23 and I've personally been living in the Houston area
24 since 1985, the second time; and I agree that Phase I is
25 going to help tremendously. Our poor emergency response

1 folks at Bellaire go out to that intersection twice a
2 day, once a day, eight times a week. We don't get
3 reimbursed by 80 percent of those people. We send our
4 folks out there, we don't collect any money for sending
5 our EMTs and we the people of Bellaire bear that
6 expense, and it's considerable.

7 People, they die, they have car accidents
8 and injuries, it's been a mess since they built it in
9 1965. It's not a new problem. The sight lanes there
10 are terrible. You know it. They've been terrible.

11 One concern I have here, I looked at
12 Phase II; and, damn, if I still don't see straight
13 sections underneath the freeway, a curve a straight
14 section, another curve, and the curves are not faired.

15 About 25 years ago, we had a tanker truck
16 of ammonia go "kabloop" because of the sloshing caused
17 by that turn/straight/turn/straight. Killed a number of
18 people. For God's sake, give us a smooth curve through
19 there.

20 It makes your engineers use their slide
21 rules or calculators are little more, and may even cost
22 a little more; but what you got now -- curve, straight,
23 curve, straight, curve -- it's terrible. Watch the
24 number of times that cars almost collide, kiss each
25 other. Come on, guys. You've been to school. You know

1 how to do traffic engineering. Use your head.

2 What are the projected traffic counts for
3 all these intersections you're going to change? Show
4 them to us. Let us make a judgment.

5 I'm an engineer. I've been a project
6 manager for many years. You-all aren't doing a decent
7 job.

8 And why is it taking so long? You got
9 the money. You're going to tell us another year and a
10 half before you start construction. Why?

11 Come on speed it up. People are dying
12 every day. It's costing us money every day and
13 frustration.

14 I come in from Sugar Land about twice a
15 week; and let me tell you, 59 backs up for about a mile,
16 mile and a half sometimes, in the middle of the day. I
17 hate to come into that intersection. I often will take
18 Beechnut across town rather than risk getting off at 59
19 to get on 610 south.

20 It's a mess. Please fix it, soon. Thank
21 you.

22 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 BILL BRUDNICK: Dub Crochet.

25 DOUG CROCHET: Dub Crochet. I live at

1 4913 Holly. My wife was up here talking earlier.

2 You know, when we first started 610, the
3 engineers, we had the sound walls going up, engineers
4 came back and said: Oh, guess what. We can't put the
5 sound walls up because we got underground services along
6 the service road.

7 Well, Engineering 101 would have said you
8 would have checked that out before you brought it and we
9 spent almost three years designing the walls.

10 The construction that they have done on
11 610, I don't know who decided to paint brick, but it
12 looks like crap. Okay? The whole thing looks like
13 garbage.

14 You exit at Bellaire Boulevard going
15 north, you exit Bellaire Boulevard, free surface road at
16 Bellaire, Bissonnet and Fournace. People are staying on
17 the service road before Bellaire, going through
18 Evergreen, backing up Bellaire Boulevard even further.

19 So now you're going to exit Fournace,
20 going to have them come all the way up to Bellaire,
21 that's just going to cause even more wrecks.

22 59 north, or 610 north going to 59 south,
23 there's been over 1200 wrecks a year. That's way too
24 many.

25 What you're trying to do is create that;

1 but if I'm looking at the plans correctly, when you come
2 off of 610 to 59 south, you've got two -- two lanes, one
3 exiting Chimney Rock and the other one going to 59. So
4 now you've got people going to exit at Chimney Rock that
5 say: Oh, I want to go up to 59. So now you've got to
6 back up traffic again -- if I am reading this correctly.
7 So apparently that's not going to happen because then
8 you're going to start backing it up back on 610 again.

9 So, you know, I don't know who you-all
10 have got doing your engineering and stuff, but they
11 didn't do it right the first time and why would we trust
12 you this time?

13 (Applause.)

14 BILL BRUDNICK: Charles Alstead, I
15 believe it is, if I read this right.

16 CHARLES ANSTEAD: Anstead.

17 BILL BRUDNICK: Anstead.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Anstead.

19 BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Thank you.

20 CHARLES ANSTEAD: My spokesperson. Thank
21 you. I'm Charles Anstead. I'm a resident here on
22 Jaquet Street, which is right off of Elm.

23 I've got a few points to make, one being
24 it seems like you're creating a problem where there's no
25 on problem exists, especially for those who are coming

1 southbound from either 59 or 69 or 610 going -- going
2 south and closing down the Fournace exit. My view would
3 be to actually leave that exit open.

4 We've heard a lot of various different
5 arguments with regards to that. Number one, we've got
6 all these different businesses that are out there --
7 AT&T, Pin Oak High School, Episcopal, we could name many
8 other businesses -- well, we're going to add to their
9 drive time. Not only that, what we're doing is we're
10 going to start putting more congestion down on the
11 Bellaire side.

12 And someone come up with some assumption
13 and said: Well, let's split the difference. Let's let
14 only the folks on 59 come down and they can get off on
15 Fournace and Bissonnet; and everybody else, they will go
16 all the way down to Bellaire. But I'll challenge that
17 assumption. Maybe you should check that assumption
18 within your own.

19 More importantly, from my perspective, I
20 think that not only do we not want to close down that
21 exit, because it adds to the drive time, it increases
22 the traffic down on Bellaire, it does not help the
23 residents within -- who are up in the 0214 area, which
24 is just north of that, it doesn't help any of us. It
25 only causes us greater distress, especially during rush

1 hour, especially we're trying to drive kids to school
2 and up and down that side of the freeway.

3 Nonetheless, if you ever drive down there
4 during rush hour, you'll actually see for yourself how
5 congested it gets right at Bellaire in and of itself.

6 So that's my first point, is keep that
7 exit open or find a way to create an exit off of
8 Fournace/Bissonnet, not create a new problem by simply
9 saying we're goes to close that to be able to realign
10 streets here.

11 We never had accidents coming southbound
12 when people are trying to pull things together. The
13 accidents are always on "the death trap" going north, as
14 people have said, all together.

15 If fact, you can cut off or close down
16 that street going into Home Depot. That might save --
17 That might save a bit of that "death trap" all together.

18 Second is drainage. About a week and a
19 half ago, we had a major rain. I had four feet of water
20 when I went to Elm and Jaquet. Four feet. It was about
21 up to here (Indicating). Everybody who was in that area
22 pretty much suffered quite a bit. Please do something
23 about the drainage. Real important.

24 Last, I've got 30 seconds, sound
25 barriers. We keep hearing sound barriers over and over

1 again; and my wife actually has run her own tests with a
2 sound meter of sorts and says we are definitely out of
3 whack in that regard. I can hear motorcycles at night,
4 doing their race almost every night, right around
5 midnight. You can hear them come up and down.

6 Not only that, what is actually
7 interesting, is the folks up at Afton Oaks, when you
8 take from 59 going up into 610, that whole neighborhood
9 is called Afton Oaks. They have their own sound
10 barriers. So please do consider those. Thank you very
11 much.

12 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 BILL BRUDNICK: Beth Martin?

15 (No response.)

16 BILL BRUDNICK: No Beth Martin.

17 All right. I'd like to -- I'd like to
18 thank everyone for your comments tonight. We'll now
19 close this hearing. It is exactly -- Oh, you have one
20 more? Cliff West.

21 CLIFF WEST: Hello. My name is Cliff
22 West. I am the red-headed stepchild of Bellaire.

23 RACHEL CROCHET: I'm sorry.

24 CLIFF WEST: No, that's good. I live at
25 4802 Saxon, which is the most northern street of Saxon.

1 We live about 200 yards west of there; and the same
2 thing, we have a huge problem at night. We actually
3 have to run a -- like a fan in our room just to try to
4 deaden noise from the motorcycle racing, just -- just
5 all the major sounds.

6 So with everything you guys were talking
7 about, I think a sound wall is just -- I mean, it's a
8 necessity for our neighborhood. I mean, it's just going
9 to get more and more elevated. It's already very
10 difficult as it is.

11 Secondly, I wanted to mention that again
12 on all the comments on Fournace, I don't need to
13 reiterate, they're all -- they're all spot on.

14 I work in the Galleria. Come back that
15 way. You cut down or take out that exit, it's going to
16 be a nightmare.

17 I mean, the feeder's all -- when I come
18 home, I'm going underneath 59, staying on the feeder
19 from Post Oak; and usually when I -- I'm crossing
20 Westpark, it's backed up there already; so I can't
21 imagine what it's going to do if you're going to
22 Bellaire, and then you're going to have come back here.
23 You're going to have all those people U-turning and
24 coming back, I mean, it's going to be really bad.

25 And, again, like everybody said, the

1 southbound is not an issue. It's all the northbound
2 traffic on 610 that's going to 69 south, "the death
3 trap" as we've called it, is -- is bad.

4 So, I mean, we put a man on the moon 45
5 years ago. I think we could figure out how to
6 rearrange -- I know it's a difficult job. I mean, I'm
7 in commercial real estate. I understand development and
8 so forth. I understand. But it's doable. We can make
9 that happen. It's just we got to put the right heads on
10 it. Whatever we have to do to change the utilities that
11 are running along there; but we -- we've got to have
12 that.

13 And on the other note, we've got --
14 something like 30-some-odd kids on our street; and, you
15 know, just for a safety purpose anyway; but, I mean, the
16 sound is deafening, and it would -- We can figure this
17 out. We just need to work together. And we appreciate
18 you-all being here to listen to us. Thank you.

19 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. West.

20 (Applause.)

21 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Again, it's
22 about, I guess, 7:35 and that adjourns tonight's
23 hearing. I want to thank everyone for coming and with
24 that being said. Thank you.

25 (The deposition concluded at 7:35 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF GALVESTON:

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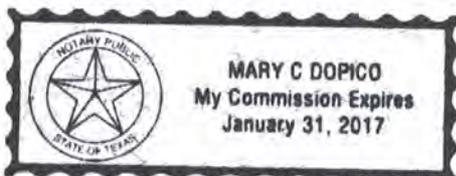
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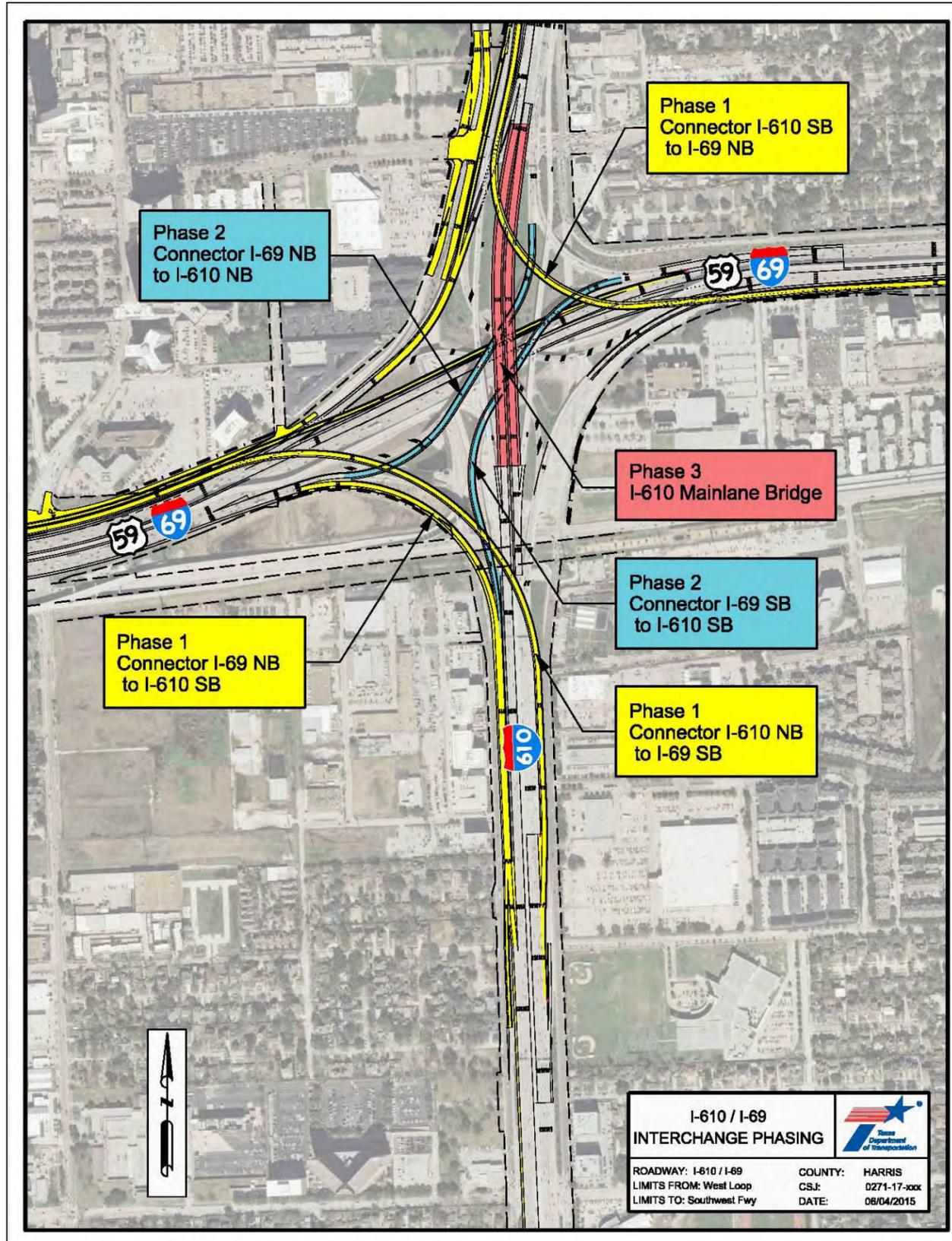
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Appendix G

Project Location Map
Mapa de Ubicación del Proyecto



PUBLIC HEARING

For

**I-69 S/I-610 W
 Interchange Improvement Project
 Harris County, Texas**

June 4, 2015

**City of Bellaire Civic Center
 Bellaire, Texas 77401**

**Open House from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
 Hearing to begin at 6:30 p.m.**

AUDIENCIA PUBLICA

Para las

Mejoras al Intercambio de I-69 S (Sur)/I-610 W(Oeste)

4 de junio del 2015

**City of Bellaire Civic Center
 Bellaire, Texas 77401**

**Foro Informativo de 5:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.
 Audiencia comenzara a las 6:30 p.m.**

I-69 S/I-610 W
Interchange Improvement Project
PUBLIC HEARING
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Hearing to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

This hearing will begin with an *Open House* format beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. All attendees are asked to sign-in at the Sign-In table located at the entrance.

Project Description

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District proposes to reconstruct the I-69 South (S)/I-610 West (W) Interchange. The proposed roadway improvement project would construct new direct connectors, construct access ramps, realign Post Oak Boulevard, and reconstruct the I-610 main lane bridge. The project would be constructed in three phases. The proposed improvements would require 2.5 acres of additional ROW. The proposed project would displace one commercial property. Construction activities for the proposed project would be phased over time and is anticipated to begin in 2016.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Purpose of Proposed Project and Anticipated Benefits

The purpose and anticipated benefits of the proposed project are to increase safety, reduce congestion, and improve operational efficiency.

Project History

On April 18, 2012, an open house meeting was held to discuss the proposed I-69S/I-610W interchange improvement project as part of the public involvement process. The meeting took place at the Houston Community College Southwest Campus located at 5601 West Loop South in Houston, Texas.

Purpose of Tonight's Public Hearing

The purpose of tonight's Public Hearing is to afford the public an opportunity to view and provide comments on the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project was refined based on prior public input received during the previous Public Meeting as well as through the environmental process. This Public Hearing is also being held to present and receive comments on the findings of the Categorical Exclusion.

The public is invited to ask questions and submit comments regarding the proposed project. Comments may be presented orally at the end of the presentation or submitted in writing. Comment forms and speaker registration cards are available at the Sign-In table. Written comments may be submitted this evening, electronically to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov, on-line at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/59-610.html> or mailed to the address below. All comments must be received or postmarked by **June 18, 2015**. The Public Hearing Summary Report will be available at the website above in a few months.

Texas Department of Transportation - Houston District
Attention: Director of Project Development
P.O. Box 1386
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I-69 S/I-610 W
Mejoras al Intercambio
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5:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.
Audiencia comenzara a las 6:30 p.m. en el Auditorio

Esta audiencia comenzará con un foro informativo a las 5:30 p.m. y terminando a las 6:30 p.m. La audiencia comenzará a las 6:30 p.m. Se pide a todos los asistentes que se registren en la mesa de registro ubicada en la entrada del salón de la reunión.

Descripción del Proyecto

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) Distrito de Houston, propone reconstruir el Intercambio de I-69 South (Sur)/IH-610 West (Oeste). El proyecto propuesto para mejorar la carretera, constará con la construcción de nuevos conectores directos, construirá rampas de acceso, realineará la Post Oak Boulevard y reconstruirá el carril principal del puente de la I-610. El proyecto se construiría en tres fases. Las mejoras propuestas requerirían 2.5 acres de derecho de vía (ROW) adicional. El proyecto propuesto desplazara una propiedad comercial. Las actividades de construcción para el proyecto propuesto podrían ser en fases, y se prevé que comience en el año de 2016.

La revisión ambiental, consulta y otras acciones necesarias requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido, llevado a cabo por TxDOT en virtud de 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado el 16 de diciembre del 2014 y ejecutado por la FHWA y el TxDOT. La revisión ambiental, consulta y otras acciones necesarias requeridas por las leyes federales ambiental para este proyecto están siendo o han sido a cabo por

Propósito del Proyecto Propuesto y Los Beneficios Anticipados

El propósito y los beneficios anticipados del proyecto propuesto son aumentar la seguridad, reducir la congestión, y mejorar la eficiencia operativa.

Historia del Proyecto

El 18 de Abril de 2012, se celebró una reunión de foro abierto como parte del proceso de participación pública y se discutió el proyecto propuesto de mejoras de intercambio I-69 (Sur)/IH-610 W(Oeste). La reunión tuvo lugar en el Houston Community College Southwest ubicado en 5601 West Loop South, en Houston, Texas.

Propósito de ésta Reunión Pública

El propósito de la Audiencia Pública de esta noche es para dar al público la oportunidad de ver y hacer comentarios sobre el proyecto propuesto. El proyecto propuesto fue refinado en base a la opinión del público antes recibida durante la reunión pública anterior, así como a través del proceso ambiental. También se llevará a cabo esta audiencia pública para presentar y recibir comentarios sobre los hallazgos en la Exclusión Categórica.

Se invita al público a hacer preguntas y presentar sus comentarios sobre el proyecto propuesto. Los comentarios pueden ser presentados de forma oral al final de la presentación o presentarse por escrito. Formas de comentarios y tarjetas de registro de orador están disponibles en la mesa de registro. Los comentarios escritos podrán presentarse esta tarde, por vía electrónica a HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov, por el sitio web a <https://www.txdot.gov/insidetxdot/projects/studies/houston/59-610.html>, o por correo a la siguiente dirección. Todos los comentarios deben ser recibidos o con el sello postal para el 18 de Junio 2015. El reporte con el sumario de la Audiencia Pública estará disponible en el sitio web en unos pocos meses.

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CSJ Nos. 0271-17-145, 0271-17-146 and 0271-17-157

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Appendix H



Welcome
Public Hearing
I-69S/I-610W
Interchange Improvement Project
Harris County

June 4, 2015

Open House from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Hearing to Begin at 6:30

City of Bellaire Civic Center

Houston, Texas

Need and Purpose

Project Needs

- I-610 and I-69 are heavily congested during peak hours (I-610 West Loop is ranked as the #1 Most Congested Highway in Texas)
- One-lane direct connectors are over capacity
- Projected growth would increase demand
- Safety: No shoulders, low vertical clearances, below minimum sight distances, and crashes in merge areas.

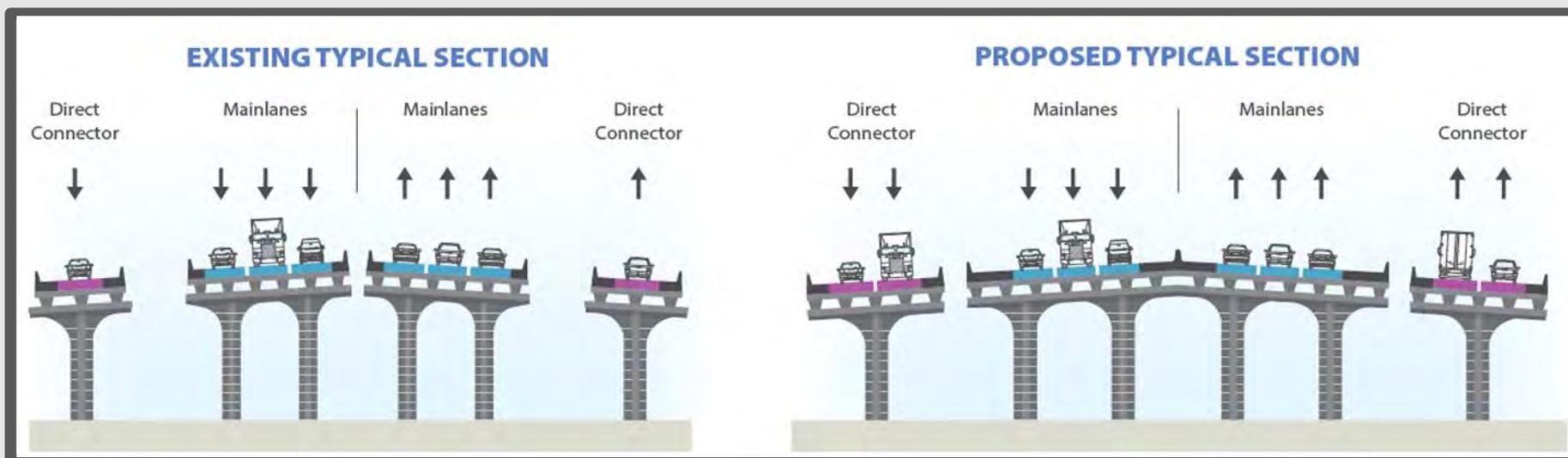


Project Purpose

- The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and mobility, and reduce congestion.

Proposed Project

- Reconstructs one-lane connectors to two-lane connectors
- Upgrades interchange to current design standards
- Adds shoulders on I-610 main lane bridge
- Increases vertical clearances
- Increases sight distances
- Adds detention ponds
- Eliminates major weaving



- **2.5 acres of additional right-of-way needed**
- **Initial phase is funded for construction**
- **Construction anticipated to begin 2017**
- **Current estimated construction cost - \$310 million**

Environmental Considerations

- **Land Use**
- Geology, Farmlands, and Soils
- Social and Economic
- Pedestrian and Bicycle
- Air Quality
- **Noise**
- Water Quality and Permits
- Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Archeological Resources
- Historical Non-Archeological Properties
- Section 4(f)/6(f) Properties
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects

- Consider public hearing comments
- Finalize environmental analysis
- Project decision from TxDOT for the final approved Categorical Exclusion
- Complete final design
- Anticipated construction activities to begin in 2017
- Construction will be phased over time

- **Houston Chronicle: May 4, 2015 and May 25, 2015**
- **La Voz : May 10, 2015 and May 24, 2015**
- **Web: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/59-610.html>**

Oral Comments

- Complete a speaker card to speak during the Public Hearing, or

Written Comments

- Submit/Postmark by June 18, 2015
- Email by June 18, 2015 to: HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov

Appendix I

Munoz, Lauren A

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 1:59 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: I 69/610 Interchange Hearing Comments FW: TxDOT Internet E-Mail - Arlene Schneider

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Comment.

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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 11:18 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: TxDOT Internet E-Mail - Arlene Schneider

-----Original Message-----

From: Liz Keasling
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 9:42 AM
To: Pat Henry
Cc: Sylvia Wright
Subject: FW: TxDOT Internet E-Mail - Arlene Schneider

Pat,

For your further handling and response.

Have any questions, please let me know.

Elizabeth M. Keasling
SCO/Open Records
(713) 802-5052

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2015 5:32 PM
To: CST_PublicInfo_OpenRecords
[REDACTED]
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Ms. Arlene Schneider [REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

Phone:

(713) 432-0218

Requested Contact Method:

Reason for Contact: Customer Service

Complaint: No

Comment: Proposed Houston/Bellaire 610/59 project--- Pls fix the northbound side! That is where all the accidents are at 610 N, 59, Westpark exit. It is VERY DANGEROUS!!!!

Talk. Text. Crash.

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From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 610 @ US59/I69 interchange project

From: HOU-PIOWebMail
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 610 @ US59/I69 interchange project

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From: R. E. [<mailto:rcermis@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 7:50 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Public Comment for 610 @ US59/I69 interchange project

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR 610 @ US-59/I-69 INTERCHANGE REBUILD

AESTHETICS

Please continue to use green ribbon standards for design and use aesthetics matching the neighborhood of Bellaire and the Galleria/Uptown area. The 610 stretch from the interchange south through the City of Bellaire uses red brick patterns on side walls which should be integrated into construction on the south side of the interchange, along with substantial greenery in grass easements to alleviate the effects of air pollution, road noise, and improve curb appeal. Please also integrate trees and greenery into drainage basins and grass covered areas.

CITY LINE SIGNAGE

Currently, the “Entering City of Bellaire” and “Entering City of Houston” signs are in the wrong position by several yards. This seems like a small problem, but this part of the interchange receives numerous vehicle accidents and disabled vehicles every week causing confusion for reportees, victims, tow truck drivers, and jurisdictional confusion for fire/ems personnel, and police. The correct City line is the south side of the utility corridor easement, instead of the incorrectly marked north side of the easement. Place these signs on the exact City line, including both the main lanes and the direct connector ramps coming off of 610 and coming on to 610.

WESTPARK EXIT RAMP SIGNAGE

Currently, the signs for the Westpark Drive exit ramp for 610 northbound traffic is marked only as Westpark Drive, but the exit ramp also serves Richmond Avenue by continuing on the feeder road underneath the interchange which was build a few years back. Please update this exit ramp sign to say it serves both Westpark Drive and Richmond Avenue.

DRAINAGE

With the recent flooding and continued development of the surrounding areas of Galleria/Uptown and Bellaire, drainage of flood waters continues to grow as a major concern. Please exceed requirements for drainage basins and water storage to alleviate effects from rain storms and hurricane flood waters.

LOW HEIGHT

Keep the height of direct connectors, especially for US-59 northbound to 610 southbound, as low as possible to avoid eye sores for City of Bellaire residences which also harm property values and raise noise pollution. Know towering direct connectors may also harm future planned development of the City of Bellaire's Urban Village District on the southwest corner of the interchange.

SOUND BARRIERS

Currently, 610 uses extra high walls on the outside shoulder lanes to reduce noise pollution to homes which line both sides of 610 south of the interchange. Please ensure these high walls abutted to the outside shoulders are either replaced or not affected when construction is complete.

FOURNACE EXIT RAMP

Amend the current plans to keep a Fournace/Bissonnet exit ramp for 610 southbound traffic. I understand this is a huge engineering challenge, but eliminating the ramp goes against the project's listed goals of improving operational efficiency, reducing congestion, and increasing safety. Houston Community College, Home Depot, apartment complexes, and other traffic travelling to businesses and residences on the southeast corner of the interchange coming on 610 southbound would have to travel an extra 1.5 miles to exit Bellaire Blvd, u-turn, get back on the freeway from Bellaire Blvd, exit Westpark, and abruptly cut across 3 lanes of feeder road to get to their destination instead of simply exiting Fournace, u-turn, and gradually work across the 3 feeder road lanes as currently happens. Keeping a Fournace exit ramp for 610 southbound traffic will reduce the risk of vehicle accidents, shorten commutes by time and mileage driven, and eliminate a substantially higher volume of traffic passing through the area.

EMINENT DOMAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY

Please continue to be steadfast in not over-utilizing land acquisition and be conservative in square footage acquired. Use tax dollars to adequately compensate land owners at fair market value.

Please contact me if clarification is needed on any specific points, or for any responses. Also, thank you for rebuilding an interchange prone to vehicle crashes and heavy congestion.

I am not employed by TXDOT, do not do business with TXDOT, and can not benefit monetarily from the project. My support for the project is dependant on rectification of some of the above mentioned concerns.



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For your response, thanks.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 5:04 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Mr. James Hoss<

Address:

Phone:

(281) 633-7433

Requested Contact Method: Email

Reason for Contact: Customer Service

Complaint: No

Comment: When is the next public meeting on the Hwy 59-Loop 610 proposals?

I would like to attend and learn more as we run commuter buses in that area. The Web page shows the "next" meeting to be in 2012. ??? Thanks,

Talk. Text. Crash.

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Munoz, Lauren A

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 11:49 AM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: I 69/610 Hearing Comments FW: 610/59 construction in Bellaire, Tx

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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 10:36 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: 610/59 construction in Bellaire, Tx

From: HOU-PIOWebMail
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 9:22 AM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: 610/59 construction in Bellaire, Tx

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From: Tanya Shie [<mailto:tanya.shie@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 8:05 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: 610/59 construction in Bellaire, Tx

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Bellaire, TX that lives on 4809 Saxon Street, a street a bit north of the Fournace exit.

I was not able to attend the hearing on June 4th, but would like to voice some concerns and requests.

Please consider putting up a noise wall, regardless of whether the 610/59 construction will happen. I have 2 young children that are startled by loud noises, and we clearly hear loud cars that rev their engines and motorcycles that race on 610 quite often; this causes my children to wake up in the middle of the night, scared.

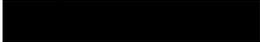
Also, could you please reconsider closing the southbound Fournace exit? I have only lived here since August of 2014, but have never seen an accident from traffic exiting Fournace, and I pass by that exit on my way to work everyday. Surprisingly, the cars switch lanes really well when exiting.

Another reason not to close the southbound Fournace exit and to not create an overpass heading south would be the noise issue. Naps will definitely not be occurring in this house if there is construction so close by.

And finally, the feeder along 610 near my house will be more congested with traffic from people trying to go along 610 and turn on Fournace and Bissonet since the Fournace exit will be closed. With more traffic, there is a risk of more accidents, and there will definitely be more noise.

Thank you for taking time to read my email.

Sincerely,
Tanya Shie, PharmD, RPh



Munoz, Lauren A

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 11:50 AM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: I 69/610 Interchange Hearing Comments FW: Fournace Closure

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Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 10:36 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: Fournace Closure

From: HOU-PIOWebMail
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 9:24 AM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: Fournace Closure

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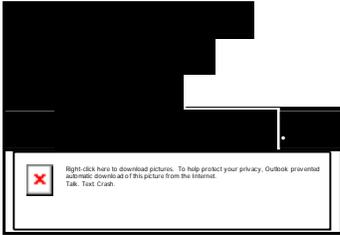
Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the public hearing on June 4 concerning the proposed TxDOT changes to 610/59. As a resident of Bellaire since 2009, I would like this opportunity to provide some comments concerning the closure of the Fournace Street exit from 610 S.

First off, I like to say that I am against any type of Fournace street exit closure. There's numerous commercial, retail, and business located on the north side of Bellaire. The closure would increase traffic to the Bellaire exit and force traffic through the underpass. With the light at Fournace and West Loop South, I would expect in an increase in traffic from those requiring access to Chevron, HCC, and Home Depot.

Secondly with the expected increase in traffic, Bellaire could benefit from some type of sound protection. Sound walls similar to those deployed in other communities would be beneficial.

Regards

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From: Nova Draughon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2015 11:19 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: I69S/I-610 W Interchange project

I am concerned this will not be an improvement for the residents of Bellaire, I believe it will increase the noise pollution, the air pollution, and that the inadequate drainage will lead to more flooding of the residents homes thereby causing health problems and lowering our property values. I believe a wall should be built to protect our homes from as much of the noise as possible, and not to just raise the barriers on the freeway. Txdot has cared enough about the residents concerns of Meyerland, The Villages on I10, and Afton Oaks, to build walls and I would like to think Txdot had enough care for the citizens of Bellaire to put up walls for us also. Please reconsider this. Even though it will not really affect me as I am elderly and do not drive the freeways much anymore I think the 610 exit being moved to Bellaire Blvd. is not a well thought out plan because of the many residents, and business that would be ill affected by this move. Thank you for your attention to this. Nova Draughon [REDACTED]

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I am an Elected Official (Soy Funcionario/a electo) Position (Posición): _____

Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):

Name (Nombre) Stacey Spencer

Address (Dirección) _____

Email Address (Correo) _____

Telephone (Teléfono) _____

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(Propietario o inquilino del negocio)

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): see attached documents

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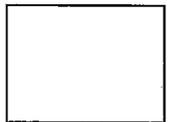
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Larchmont Civic Association
TxDOT Public Hearing Questions Concerning I 69 / I 610 Interchange
7008 Bellaire, TX 77041
June 4th, 2015

General questions and comments concerning the project.

1. Will any of this project after completion, impact Larchmont flooding in a negative or positive fashion?
 - a. If so, how?
2. We had been in touch with a hydrologist from TxDOT. Would we be able to see and discuss the hydrology plans for this project?

Questions & comments concerning the sound wall and TxDOT easement between S.Rice, Chimney Rock and I-60 / SH-59.

1. Did the sound wall height change from 22 ft?
2. When is the estimated start date of this project?
 - a. Which section of wall would be focused on first?
3. Are either or both sections of this walls construction phased?
4. Since the new proposed wall section facing the 5300 & 5400 blocks of Windswept is in an arched shape inside the existing wall, can the majority of this section of wall section be erected before the existing wall is razed?
 - a. If not, will it be phased construction? What will that look like?
 - b. If phased, how many feet of wall will be razed & reconstructed at one time?
 - c. If not, why?
 - i. What is the time frame on razing the wall and what is the time frame on reconstruction?
5. Concerning the sections of sound wall facing Barrington and Pagewood, will this be phased construction?
 - a. What will that look like?
 - b. If phased, how many feet of wall will be razed & reconstructed at one time?
 - c. If not, why?
 - i. What is the time frame on razing the wall and what is the time frame on reconstruction?
6. What type of material and methods will be used to construct both sections of wall?
 - a. Are there any examples of this construction in Houston or the surrounding area?
 - b. Are sound deadening techniques or materials being incorporated?
 - c. How impact resistant is this proposed wall compared to what currently is standing?

Questions & comments concerning the dedicated southbound Chimney Rock fly-over exit of I 69/ SH-59.

7. What will be the height of this ramp when it meets I-69 when it crosses the existing overpass at S. Rice?
8. What is the current height of the overpass on I-69 at S. Rice?
9. Will there be sound deadening materials & design incorporated into the ramps (and other areas of this) construction?
 - a. If so, explain?
10. What about noise from the additional overpasses that may be taller than the sound wall?

Questions & comments concerning the TxDOT easement south of and between the 5500 Pagewood section of sound wall and I-69/ SH-59.

11. Please do not plant vegetation or create structures that creates encourages the homeless to encamp there.
12. Can this piece of property be converted to water detention that can hold excess street/ storm water drainage?
 - a. Could it be tied into either the pipe running from Chimney Rock to the West Park box culvert and/ or the Barrington pipe to the West Park culvert?
 - b. Can it be designed either to hold water from inside Larchmont that floods Windswept?
 - i. Windswept flooding is caused by street flow water coming from the north thru the neighborhood, from water coming in off of the feeder and S.Rice and from when the system overloads and water backflows from the swail at Yorktown and Windswept.

Questions & comments concerning the Larchmont Green which is north of the sound wall facing the 5300 & 5400 blocks of Windswept.

12. Is there any section of this property that can be used to create water detention?
13. Is the existing swail at Yorktown and Windswept going to be still used?
 - a. If so, can it be improved to a one way system?
 - b. If so, will the new curb that the COH be razed and made flat to street level again?

Questions & comments concerning the TxDOT/ COH utility easement between the sound wall and homes facing the 5500 block of Pagewood.

14. There is a problem with homeless and gang activity behind the wall.
15. The current fencing that abuts the south fences of property lines/fences creates vegetation over growth issues and required maintenance.
16. The existing gates are in poor condition and allow entrance under the fence.
17. The existing drainage gates are always clogged with vegetation and debris.
18. Will the easement be improved?

- a. Is it still in the plan that we discussed last October to erect a new 8' to 10' to take the place of the existing TxDOT fencing and owners wall (which was not denoted in the plans)?
 - i. If so, can it be place over concrete with no soil visible from the easement side as we discussed (which could abate much of the required maintenance and upkeep in that easement)?
 - ii. What materials would it be constructed of?
 - iii. Can it be erected prior to the razing of the Pagewood section of sound wall?
- b. Will the paving of the easement remain or new put in place?
 - i. If so, what will become of the existing storm drains?

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Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 12:00 PM
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Subject: Comment FW: I-69 S / I - 610 W Interchange

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Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 10:20 AM
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I do not support the removal of the Fournace St exit as it will put additional traffic pressure on the Bellaire/610 intersection and reduce traffic flow options in the area leading to congestion.

Karl Poirot
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 2:26 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: U.S. 59/610 Loop Interchange

As a resident of Bellaire living on Colonial St., I take the 610 S. Fournace exit on a daily basis. I cannot understand the rationale to eliminate this exit and force all traffic to the Bellaire exit. This will inevitably lead to more congestion at that exit, thus backing up the loop and more traffic choosing to back track through the city on S. Rice (which is in bad shape) or taking the U-turn and adding to the congestion of North bound feeder travelers.

I don't understand the need to work on the 59N/610 S. ramp, it operates efficiently with minimal back-up and no accidents that I have ever witnessed. The problem that needs to be addressed is 610 N bound/59 N& S exits. I never see a day go by without a wreck on this area and severe traffic back-up and too many lane change options.

Please consider leaving the Fournace exit open to 610 S bound travelers coming into Bellaire and fix the 610 N bound exit options first.

PS: Sounds walls would be nice too.

Thanks,
Tommy Reed

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a homeowner that resides in the northern section of Bellaire, TX at [REDACTED]

I was not able to attend the public hearing on June 4th, but would like to provide some feedback.

- Please erect a noise wall on the access road from I-69/I-610 to Fournace Place
- Please reconsider closing the southbound Fournace exit

Noise from construction and increased traffic will be a nuisance. I have two young children that are startled by loud noises, and we can clearly hear the road noise and motorcycle racing on I-610 quite often. This issue has caused a lot of sleepless nights for my wife and me as our children will startle awake scared of the noises. Erecting a noise wall will reduce construction and road noise flowing into my neighborhood. A noise wall in our location should be added to the base scope for this construction work.

If the Fournace Place exit is closed, the access road along I-610 near my house will be more congested with traffic from people trying to go along I-610 and turn onto Fournace and Bissonet. With more traffic, there will definitely be more noise.

Additionally, please reconsider closing the southbound Fournace exit. I have only lived here since August of 2014, but have never seen an accident from merging traffic exiting Fournace.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Gary C. Shie, P.E.



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Name (Nombre) DAMIAN LACROIX

Address (Dirección) _____

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Requesting TxDot Construct

Sound barrier along from Saxon St to

Meyfair St.

Please make additional comments on the back. (Favor de hacer comentarios adicionales al dorso de esta forma.)

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

live on Saxon. On top of the noise, we get
people wandering off feeder (fast traffic). We have
over 30 kids on this block. could be very dangerous.
Also, I

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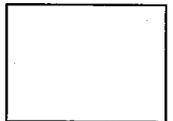
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Phase 1 should be eliminated. This ~~is~~ NOT the problem. ~~Phase 1~~ you will create MORE traffic at Bellaire Blvd. Bellaire needs sound walls! especially at Lehigh and 610

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Name (Nombre) GARY HUSMANN

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC TRAVELING S. ON LOOP 610
DESIRES / CURRENTLY DOES EXIT @ FOURNACE. PLEASE
REVISE PLANS TO ALLOW FOR THIS TO CONTINUE. FORCING ALL OF
THIS TRAFFIC TO CONTINUE TO BELLAIRE BLVD TO EXIT IS UNNECESSARY
WILL CAUSE NEW TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND CURRENTLY WORKS
FINE. ALL OF TRAFFIC MISHAPS ARE ON THE NORTH BOUND SIDE.
EVEN IF IT REQUIRES A FLY OVER / BRAIDED EXIT OR VIA AN
UNDERPASS.

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IMPACT OF AN OVERPASS/UNDERPASS WILL BE MINIMAL AS COMPARED TO THE TRAFFIC ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH NO EXIT TO FOURNACE FROM THE GALLERIA AREA GOING SOUTH ON THE LOOP 610.

- ALSO NEED SOUNDWALLS ALL THE WAY THROUGH CITY OF BELLAIRE ALONG LOOP 610.
- Put emphasis on BRAIDING ENTRANCES/EXITS ON NORTHBOUND 610 LOOP + S9 INTERCHANGE. THAT'S WHERE THE ACCIDENTS OCCUR. HUGE COST TO CITY OF BELLAIRE
- TO GET TO FOURNACE FROM GALLERIA AREA + FORCE MOTORISTS TO GO TO BELLAIRE BLVD, U-TURN, LIGHT @ BISSONNET, THEN LIGHTS @ FOURNACE, JUST DOES NOT MAKE SENSE.
- Need to shorten time frame, especially BRAIDING ENTRANCES + EXITS GOING N. ON 610.
- INTERSECTION @ BELLAIRE BLVD ALREADY HEAVILY CONGESTED. ADDING AN EXTRA U-TURN LANE IS NOT THE SOLUTION. KEEP FOURNACE EXIT OPEN TO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON

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- E. 610 FROM GALLERIA.
- TRAFFIC IS ALREADY BACKED UP IN RUSH HOUR, GOING SLOW.
- NEVER SEEN AN ACCIDENT ON THAT STRETCH IN 10 YEARS

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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):

Name (Nombre) Justin Morford

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Other (Please explain) (Otro [Por favor explique]) Neighbors

Do you support the proposed project? (¿Apoya el proyecto propuesto?) Yes (Si) No (No) Undecided (Indeciso)

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Project needs to be modified to build acceptable sound walls along the frontage road on IH 610, The noise is unacceptable and should be addressed.

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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):

Name (Nombre) Nancy P. Baxley

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not as currently configured @ Bellaire Bl

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): I am concerned w/ the double turn @ Bellaire Blvd. The morning traffic w bound on Bellaire backs up past Ave. B. w/ people turning N bound to 610. Also people illegally turn from the right lane of Bellaire. w/ a double u turn + 2 cars turning from Bellaire trying to reach 610N. I envision another Accident Capital of Texas. Also if people shift to try to get to N 610 from Bissonnet we are adding additional movement across multiple lanes.

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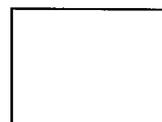
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Name (Nombre) Phillip Baxter

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): 1. Double U-turn under Bellaire Blvd will create additional traffic congestion on Bellaire Blvd trying to enter I-610 North.
2. This plan doesn't appear to address the congestion on I-610 North (Galleria area). Need to construct an elevated expressway between I-69 & I-70 (just like the one that was so successful in downtown Austin)

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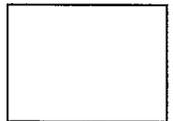
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Request for sound wall 610 near Fournace

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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):

Name (Nombre) Jennifer Hawes

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Completely against any flyover ramps.

Would love for bio to submerge or go underground at Fourraces, Bissorett & believe so that neighborhood streets can reconnect above the freeway similar to Shepherd @ 39. TxDOT can

invest in more pedestrian & bike paths? connecting ^{bike} networks.

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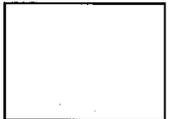
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Name (Nombre) STACIE WILLIAMS

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): flyovers on east side of 610 52' tall will be a noise pollution & exposure nuisance illegally created by the government; no Fournace exit on southbound 610 exit is unacceptable and cuts off residents of Elmhurst part of Bellaire from exiting to their homes; southbound exits off of 610 are not a problem; noise abatement is already needed for the section between Fournace and Elm; more lanes will attract more traffic not decrease it; Phases 1- will decrease property values significantly

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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):
Name (Nombre) Debra Sokol & Allene King
Address (Dirección) _____ 77401
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): The neighborhood adjacent to the project SW corner must have a sound barrier to protect the property investment, and offer benefits of such structure. Must cut down traffic through neighborhood. The elevated sections of I-69 are of concern causing additional noise and unsightly views. All proposed projects should include a protection plan for the homes affected. NOISE BARRIER

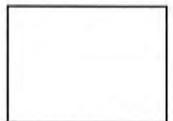
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Absolutely do NOT close Fournace - Big mistake
for all stated reasons

The Northbound 610 traffic is the worst and all
the accidents happen there.

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Name (Nombre) Thomas A. Lancham

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Request for sand wall 610 Near
Mayfair to Fairway

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Name (Nombre) Chanelle Marie Savers

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): We need a sound barrier wall
along 610 from Lehigh/Saxon to Fairhall
The sound at this time is unacceptable at
this time and with the proposed changes
the noise would be merely angry abuse.

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Other (Please explain) (Otro [Por favor explique]) Neighbor

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Need a sound wall on the west side of Hwy 610 between I-59 and Bellaire.

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

I oppose closing Fournace entrance + it Ramp.
I suggest tie-in Main Lanes @ Fournace Bridge
then exit Fournace beneath the elevated.

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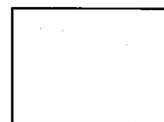
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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):
Name (Nombre) SALLY BRASHEAR
Address (Dirección) _____
Email Address (Correo Electrónico) _____
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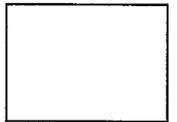
COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): What is a pedestrian street?
I live at ANDERSON AT IMPERIAL. What will
Anderson be a PEDESTRIAN STREET!!! BE??
NEED A SOUND WALL NORTH OF
MAKE IT SAFER, QUIETER!

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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):

Name (Nombre) Heather Purcell

Address (Dirección) _____

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

I do NOT support elimination of the Fairhace/Bissonnet exit when coming from 610 South. This will cause a great strain on Bellaire Blvd and surrounding streets. Adding exit and U-turn lanes is NOT sufficient. I understand the need to prevent unsafe merging, but there must be a better way. There is a great flyover bridge by West Alabama that takes drivers over the messy 610/59 main lanes that currently allows exit on to Fairhace/Bissonnet.

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This lane is currently far enough over that it pretty much spits you into the left lane for Fournace/Bassonnet. There is currently no unsafe merging taking place here. Please, at the very least, allow this ramp to continue existing here.

② Please re-do the turn around (u-turn) lane at Belknap Blvd when exiting 610 headed north (coming from Meyerland). The existing lane is NOT accessible if there are more than 2 cars waiting at the light to go straight and sitting in the left lane. There is plenty of space to add a legitimate u-turn lane. The existing one pretty much serves no purpose. Traffic backs up on 610 while the tiny turn around "lane" sits unused because it is blocked by waiting traffic.

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Name (Nombre) Kristie Husmann

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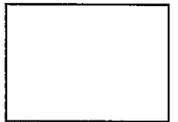
COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): ¹ I support the alteration to the 610 exit to 59N being moved up to prevent traffic accidents.
² We are VERY concerned with closing 610 to Fournace. The traffic @ Bellade backs up so much now. We are confident that we would be slowed 10 minutes going thru Bellade to back track to our street.

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Name (Nombre) R. Kyle Jones

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

I prefer that this expansion be at the lower level or ground height as currently exists. The sight pollution and noise pollution is going to devalue the residential properties in the area!

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Name (Nombre) MARY ELLEN VEBORIS

Address (Dirección) _____

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NEED SOUND WALL
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Name (Nombre) JOE HENRY

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Deletion of the Farrow exit is not acceptable. Access from 610 to Episcopal High School, Home Depot, Chevron and many other business and residents will be required to go an additional 1 mile, go through two extra lights and add to the northbound feeder traffic.

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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Optional]):

Name (Nombre) PRANAB K. MUKERJI

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): I AM AGAINST THE CLOSURE
OF NORTH BOUND EXIT AT FOUR WAYS
SOUTH

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Name (Nombre) JERI BARBER

Address (Dirección) _____

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Other (Please explain) (Otro [Por favor explique]) SOUND WALL

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6/4

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): _____

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): The traffic going South on I-69 can no longer exit Fourname and will force the Bellaire intersection to expand which will increase traffic and bring more problems (traffic, noise, accidents, etc) deeper into the City of Bellaire.

With the addition of Walmart and other business' into the northern part of Bellaire, traffic through the heart of the

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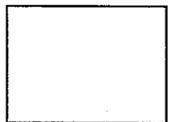
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city will only increase. This negatively impacts home values and the quiet and peace this small city provides.

As an alternative, is there a solution where the Fournace exit can continue to service 610 southbound and 59 southbound?

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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):

Name (Nombre) Robin Rothman

Address (Dirección) _____

Email Address (Correo Electrónico) _____

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): It is a TERRIBLE idea to close the
turnage exit and have ~~Bellaire Blvd~~ Bellaire Blvd be the
1st exit into the City of Bellaire. There is NO point to
this. It serves NO advantage to Bellaire citizens. It
will cause more congestion at Bellaire Blvd and in the
process drive prop. values down. It will make the commu-
ter Bellaire citizens north of Bellaire Blvd significantly

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is longer and thus drive down their prop. values. There are
currently NO accidents on this side of 610. Conversely,
the other side (N. bound) of 610 CONSTANTLY has accidents and nothing
is being proposed to solve that - either other side or this side

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*problems and actually creates several more
problems*

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Name (Nombre) DIANA SULLIVAN
Address (Dirección) _____
Email Address (Correo Electrónico) _____
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Other (Please explain) (Otro [Por favor explique]) Drive 610 N at 7^{AM} & return ph Exit at Fournace

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): 610 Loop was reconstructed in this area 15-20 years ago, to do a massive reconstruction again in this short of time is extremely costly & disruptive. To dump all of the traffic on Bellair Blvd will be a massive inconvenience to the Fournace area & businesses. Bellair Blvd frontage road will be a mess. Will there be another reconstruction project 20 years after this is completed??

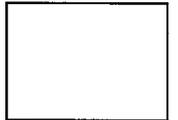
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): I oppose the reconfig of Fournace.

Keep old Schematic where it is an over-under situation
allowing Fournace to exit beneath the ML tie-in.

Pls dont allow ~~to~~ this change!

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Other (Please explain) (Otro [Por favor explique]) MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): THE PROJECT WILL REALLY HELP IN REDUCING CONGESTION. TxDOT HAS DONE A GOOD JOB ON THE DESIGN.

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Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):

Name (Nombre) Laura LaCruz

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

Strong recommendation for Tx dot to construct a sound barrier from Saxon Street to Mayfair. This is a Texas community with many families!!! A sound barrier is absolutely necessary!

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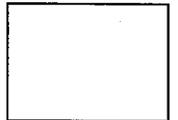
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Name (Nombre) ROBERT GIAMMARUTE

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): _____

Q1) WHAT IS THE EXPECTED NOISE IMPACT TO THE RESTAURANT PROPERTY WEST OF 1610?

Q2) WHAT, IF ANY, NOISE MITIGATION IS PROPOSED?

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RE: TX-DOT REVISION TO 610 LOOP

I have been a Bellaire Resident since 2001 and for 9 of those years, have lived at 4806 Palmetto Street. My home is located off the 610 feder road & any revisions that are proposed will negatively affect my life and that of hundreds of neighbors.

I have grave concerns about TX-DOT's plan to prevent vehicles heading 610 South from exiting Fournace/Bissonnet. To divert all traffic to Bellaire Boulevard puts an enormous burden on the City and forces Bellaire residents and business owners to drive farther, use more fuel and sit in more traffic to get to and from their homes/businesses.

Presently, Bellaire Boulevard has very heavy traffic during peak work hours and it simply cannot support more traffic. Traffic will be extremely backed up on the 610 Feder Road as well. Not only will citizens be negatively affected by this change but businesses will also suffer because of the traffic in front of their locations.

And what about the residents who live on Bellaire Boulevard? They will not be able to get in and out of their homes, nor will those who live adjacent (i.e. residents on First Street, Second Street, etc., etc., etc.)

The increased traffic will do the following:

1. Add much noise to our City
2. Add polution to our City
3. Burden our infrastructure which cannot support such increased traffic
4. Lead to increased motor vehicle accidents
5. Lead to additional traffic crime, as well as other crime
6. Prevent businesses from flourishing during hours of heavy traffic
7. Severely affect our quality of life based on all of the above!

In over 30 years of driving in Houston and Bellaire, I've never seen a needed freeway exit 'removed' from a residential area. This makes no sense to me, nor to any of us living here. No exit should be removed in a residential area, but rather, only in expansive spaces where homes are not directly impacted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Goldfield



Munoz, Lauren A

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 8:17 AM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: I 69/610 Interchange Comments FW: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

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Environmental Coordinator, TxDOT, Houston District
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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 4:13 PM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

comment

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From: HOU-PIOWebMail
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 11:21 AM
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Subject: FW: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 8:05 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Ms. Deidre Broc [REDACTED]

Address:
Bellaire, TX 77401

Requested Contact Method: Email

Reason for Contact: Customer Service
Complaint: No

Comment: I live just north of the Fournace exit inside 610. I use that exit daily, often multiple times. Why do you want to close it? It is necessary for residents to access homes and businesses in a timely fashion. Why are you focused on improving life for those traveling from 69N to 610S, at the cost of harming Bellaire residents?

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Munoz, Lauren A

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:08 AM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: 69 South /610 West Interchange ;Comments on plans

Comment.

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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:04 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: 69 South /610 West Interchange ;Comments on plans

Comment

From: HOU-PIOWebMail
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: 69 South /610 West Interchange ;Comments on plans

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From: Keith Bowers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 8:13 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: 69 South /610 West Interchange ;Comments on plans

The recent Public Hearing on this subject in Bellaire (June 4) identified several clear Citizen (customer) concerns and hopes for the proposed rebuilding of the most dangerous interchange in the Interstate Highway System. I do think an important fact was not covered and must be. ***What are the present traffic counts at EACH point in and around this interchange, compared side by side with those under the proposed New***

alignments and ramps? DO NOT use 'future projections' unless you also use those for present alignment comparisons. People need and WANT to see the numbers so they can feel confident TXDOT has 'got it right' this time. PLEASE publish those data ASAP. WE do not believe the wildly expanded 'projections' of some agencies.

There is no easy realignment that will remove the bottlenecks. However, just the economic losses associated with auto accidents alone in this interchange easily justify the rebuild of the entire quagmire--Correctly this time. **(525 accidents, average vehicle losses of \$40,000 each, medical care of at least \$50,000 per accident, EMT and Police response costs of \$10,000 per accident, and lost wages of at least \$20,000 per accident EXCEED \$60 MILLION per year.)**

This interchange has performed POORLY since its original construction in 1965(?) and nothing to date has been done to remedy the fundamental flaws. There exists dangerous 'stop and go' congestion approaching this interchange in all directions during most all daylight hours, not just at 'rush hour.' There are about two serious multi-car accidents every working day at this 'death zone.' The vast majority happen where Northbound IH-610 traffic tries to exit onto IH-69 South and IH-69 North, while east side feeder (mostly Fournace to 610 N) traffic is merging onto main lanes and 59 exit ramps, AND traffic from main lanes is exiting to east-side feeder.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT Phase 1 of the proposed new exit lane alignment and rebuild. Remember, the merge onto IH-69 S must be protected from traffic merging from IH-610S. At present there is substantial additional cross lane havoc caused by 'main lane' traffic on 59 S attempting to exit onto Chimney Rock. I am concerned the chaotic mixing that presently exists will persist in the new alignments. That would drastically reduce the capacity of the new 610 N to 59 S

I have traveled this interchange daily for over 30 years. In that time I have NEVER encountered slowdown exiting 59 S onto I610 S other than that caused by 59 S to 610 N congestion- which you know is near continuous. **The 59S to 610S WORKS WELL**, but does need rebuilding due both to pavement deterioration and to provide a continuous smooth curve rather than the unfaired curve to straight to unfaired curve to straight to unfaired curve to..... Come on guys---fix that.

I also believe a new connector from Sam Felipe to the 610S flyover would substantially reduce the mixing congestion on 610S from San Felipe to IH59.

We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm.

-Winston Churchill-

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Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 1:07 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Comments on 59-610 interchange

Comment.

Kelly Lark
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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 11:30 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: Fwd: Comments on 59-610 interchange

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Date: June 19, 2015 at 8:33:14 AM CDT
To: Pat Henry <Pat.Henry@txdot.gov>
Subject: FW: Comments on 59-610 interchange

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From: Tucker Burkhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 5:12 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Comments on 59-610 interchange

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to provide comments on the proposed changes to the 59-610 interchange. I am a resident of Bellaire, TX and have lived at 4911 Elm St for the last 10 years. As someone who resides in Bellaire and commutes daily to I-10 through the 610-US59 interchange, I am directly impacted by your proposed

construction, and also have a pretty good sense of local traffic issues, as I pass through that interchange usually several times per day. Although I do recognize that the 59-610 interchange is problematic, and am thankful for and appreciate your agency's desire to address this issue, I have major comments on the proposal:

1. Closing the I610-Fournace exit will not solve the problem and will greatly negatively affect the communities that live north of Bellaire, inside and outside the loop. The traffic snarl at Bellaire is already substantial, however, in my opinion manageable and will easily double with **all** traffic exiting there. Currently, both exits (Bellaire and Fournace/Bissonnet) share the load rather equitably. AS you are probably aware a new Walmart shopping area in being built at S. Rice & Westpark. This intersection can be heavily trafficked and can already be quite congested and does not have the requisite entrance and exits into the parking lots as appropriate. If the Fournace exit is closed, that will just exacerbate the issue nad route many people from Fournce to Bellaire and generate much undesired traffic through the core of Bellaire along S. Rice as people stream N to the new shopping area. The fournace exit will keep that traffic along Fournace stree and away from neighborhood where children live and play.
2. Focus on the Northbound I610-59 interchange should be the priority. This is where the majority of incidents occur. A solution for that issue can and should go forward without negatively affecting the Southbound lanes and exits.

Tucker Burkhart
Senior Geophysicist
Cobalt International Exploration



Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 1:05 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Concerns regarding proposed changes to I-69/610 interchange

Comment.

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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 11:29 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: Fwd: Concerns regarding proposed changes to I-69/610 interchange

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From: Karin West [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:45 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail; phofmann@bellairetx.gov; pnauert@ci.bellaire.tx.us;
sarah.davis@house.state.tx.us; jay_querrero@cornyn.senate.gov; joan.huffman@senate.state.tx.us;
mayor@houstontx.gov; controllers@houstontx.gov; districtg@houstontx.gov; districtj@houstontx.gov
Subject: Concerns regarding proposed changes to I-69/610 interchange

I am writing to express my extreme concern about the proposed changes to the I-69/610 interchange and the deleterious effect this will have on my property value and on the quality of life for the residents of the city of Bellaire.

1) Southbound side of 610 - As a compromise to adding a flyover, add an extra lane to the I-69 (59) North exit onto 610 south, widen the bridge at Fournace, and **CLOSE THE FOURNACE/BISSONNET EXIT** to all travelers traveling south on 610 (Fournace exit would remain open only to those coming from I-69). The additional lane would be added at the same height as the existing freeway. The plan would require travelers headed south on 610 (i.e. from the Galleria area) to ALL exit Bellaire Blvd.

CONCERNS: increased noise and air pollution; huge congestion at Bellaire Blvd; travel delays to surrounding businesses (i.e. Chevron) and schools (i.e. Episcopal, Pin Oak) and those trying to access their homes in Elmhurst; there is no current major congestion on the southbound side of 610 so why close the Fournace/Bissonnet exit?

2) Northbound side of 610 - build a **52 FOOT FLYOVER** connecting 610 to I-69 southbound. Several **additional flyovers are proposed all 51 feet or higher** to connect additional arteries. (One flyover is proposed at Chimney Rock at approx 90 feet tall.)

CONCERNS: increased noise and air pollution; sight pollution; decrease in our property values; adding even more traffic to an already congested area. **If the plan proceeds as proposed, this area will look a lot like I-10 at Beltway 8, which is an industrial area, not our back yard.** A single ramp higher than what is already at the interchange will only set a precedent.

Alternative proposal for the northbound side of 610 - widen exits to/from 610 to I-69 (plenty of room to do so) without flyovers. Put in dividing walls so that cars cannot "leap frog" from lane to lane which is what currently causes so many accidents on the northbound side of 610.

We **ALREADY** are in need of noise abatement walls like nearly every other neighborhood in the Houston area. Why is Tx DOT not allocating funds to this major necessity?

Sincerely,

Karin West

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Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 1:04 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: changes to 59 N to 610 S (Fournace closure)

Comment.

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To: Pat Henry <Pat.Henry@txdot.gov>
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From: McNee, Julie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 9:51 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: changes to 59 N to 610 S (Fournace closure)

This email is regarding the proposed changes to 610 at the Fournace exit.

My family and I live right outside of the 610 loop between Fournace and Bissonnett. My husband and I both work in downtown Houston and use the Fournace exit as our means of getting home. We are being told that the changes to 610 will only give us the availability to exit farther down at Bellaire Blvd if we

are traveling from 59 from downtown Houston. Making everyone coming from 59N exit at Bellaire will cause significant traffic not only to the residents of Bellaire but the surrounding communities. Keeping the Fournace exit open, will help alleviate congestion at Bellaire that will be greatly increased by making these changes. Funneling everyone to one exit will be devastating to our community and quality of life. Many people that do not live in Bellaire use Bissonnet and Bellaire to cut through the City of Bellaire to get to their destination east and westbound. Adding all traffic that currently uses the Fournace exit, will cause the drivers exiting at Bellaire Blvd to backup on the exit ramp at high volume times greatly impacting the safety of those travelling on 610. Also, people who are forced to exit at Bellaire will be cutting over thru side/pedestrian streets to get to Fournace and Bissonnet which will greatly impact the safety of kids in our neighborhood.

Currently the freeway configuration allows more access points to Bellaire and surrounding communities. In more than 15 years, I have not seen one accident on 610 South at the Fournace exit. Therefore why would you change something that's not broken. You should be addressing the congestion opposite of the freeway (610 N with the 59 N and S exits). That is one of the deadliest stretches of highway and on average there are 2 wrecks there EVERY week!! If you enter the freeway at Bissonnet, it is nearly impossible at all hours of the day to cut over to travel northbound on 610 to the Galleria area. The exit ramp to 59 South from 610 N backs up at all hours and causes a wall of cars that is very dangerous to try to cut all the way over. This needs to be fixed immediately in my opinion...not the new proposed changes. That would be greater use of my tax dollars and your time. Why not fix a problem that needs to be fixed, rather than trying to create problems where things are working fine.

A better use of this money would be to fix 610 Northbound where there are accidents every week and to increase the height of the sound walls on 610 throughout Bellaire. This is greatly needed. We can hear traffic at all hours due to the inefficiency of the sound walls that are currently on 610. They are currently way too low to cut down on any noise. The constant traffic noise greatly effects our quality of life due to the unwanted noise that 610 creates.

I hope you will listen to our concerns and revise your plans to improve the traffic at 610 Northbound exiting to 59 South.

Thank you,
Julie & Doug McNee
Bellaire Residents



Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 1:03 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: (I) 69 South/I-610West Interchange Improvements

Comment.

Kelly Lark
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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 11:28 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: Fwd: (I) 69 South/I-610West Interchange Improvements

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From: Molly McGee [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:59 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: (I) 69 South/I-610West Interchange Improvements

To: TxDOT District Office
Director of Project Development

RE: I-69 South/I-610 West Interchange

To Whom It May Concern:

I have concerns about proposed changes to the I-69 South/I-610 West Interchange. I feel TxDOT has not considered the negative impact that part of this design will have on the surrounding businesses, schools and neighborhoods nor the safety of motorist and residents. I live near the intersection of Bellaire and I-610, I travel these routes daily, so I am well aware of the traffic patterns and problems.

Much of the congestion on I-69N is a result of I-69N to I-610N traffic and those motorists that cut over at the last minute. Attempting to pass the burden to I-610S intersections will not resolve this congestion. There are comparatively few wrecks that occur on I-610S between the interchange and Fournace exit so why try to fix a section of freeway that is not broken? Allowing only I-69N/S to I-610S traffic to access the Fournace exit is a design flaw and will not fix the I-69N congestion. Significant I-610S traffic uses the Fournace exit for the surrounding businesses, schools and neighborhoods. Forcing this traffic to the Bellaire/Evergreen exit to U turn or drive through Bellaire neighborhoods will lead to unnecessary congestion at Bellaire and I-610 intersection. The Fournace exit needs to remain accessible to both I-69 and I-610 traffic.

The current plan proposes a 2 lane U turn at the southbound Bellaire exit merging with heavy “yielding” westbound Bellaire traffic trying to enter the I-610N entrance ramp. This presents the potential for significant increase in congestion and motor vehicle accidents and is an ineffective design. The exit is already very busy and is bordered closely by residential neighborhoods. I question how many intersections in Houston residential neighborhoods require a 2 lane U turn to handle traffic. It will only impair the safety of motorist and pedestrians at this intersection.

The proposed plan does appear to reasonably address the I-610N to I-69S issue. The current design is clearly not working and has exhausted emergency responders and caused frustration and injury to motorists. Please do not mirror this past failure and impose the same scenario to the motorists at the Bellaire/I-610 intersection in an attempt to resolve the I-69N congestion.

Thank you for your time,
Molly McGee



Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 1:03 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Against Fournace closure

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From: Linda Wilhelm [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:51 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Against Fournace closure

I'm a 50+ year resident of Bellaire and would like to express my opposition to the plan in the link below, as it will limit access to my own and extended families' homes as well as pour traffic onto Bellaire Blvd., again near my home and many activities in the neighborhood, impacting kids, churches, and scout sites. Please keep the entrances and exits to and from 610, including Fournace.

Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Wilhelm



<http://www.bellaireconnect.com/content/txdot-public-hearing-i-69-southi-610-west-interchange>

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From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 1:02 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Fournace exit

Comment.

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From: Pat Henry
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To: Kelly Lark
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From: Alecia Lawyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 1:23 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Fournace exit

Please do not close that exit. There is never an accident there. All of the residents on the east side of 610 use that one!



Alecia Lawyer
Founder, Artistic Director and Principal Oboist, ROCO



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From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 1:01 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: TxDOT's planned project for 610 which will greatly impact Bellaire residents

Comment.

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From: Soumya Rege [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 9:56 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: Ajay Rege
Subject: TxDOT's planned project for 610 which will greatly impact Bellaire residents

We are long time residents of Bellaire on Jaquet Drive, which is approached right off of the Fournace/Bissonnet exit if you are coming from either 610 west loop S, or 59S, or 59N. We have used this exit almost exclusively for the last 18 years. Even though the lanes from all 3 freeways come together within a short distance, we have never seen any accidents caused by this

feature. We have, however, seen many accidents (and been involved in one) on the northbound side of 610 at or around the 59N fork where people who have entered 610N at Bissonnet, are trying to move over to the left so that they don't accidentally get off at Westpark. This is an extremely short distance for such a move.

The most traffic jams happen, again, on the northbound side of 610 at the Westheimer exit causing all northbound traffic to back, up thus exacerbating the move over to the left lanes noted in the paragraph above.

It appears that the traffic studies that may have been conducted for this project have not been correlated with accident calls and traffic jams. It is also not clear what "problems" this project would solve. Perhaps the funding allocated to this project would be better utilized to rectify more serious problems on the northbound side of 610 in this general location, and to provide sound barriers along 610.

We are definitely against this project and would not support it.

Sincerely,
Soumya & Ajay Rege

[Redacted signature]



Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:58 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: COMMENTS TO - Public Hearing - I-69 N/ I-610 S Interchange Improvement Project, and all related projects

Comment.

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From: Damian E. LaCroix [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:00 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: joan.huffman@senate.state.tx.us; 'Sarah Davis'; pnauert@bellairetx.gov; datqpham@yahoo.com; 'Jose Payares'; 'Laura LaCroix'; 'Mahesh Desai CPA CFP CFA'; 'Michael Nguyen'; 'Paul Stack'; 'Pilly Garzon'; 'Sonny Hoang'; 'Sangeeta Sharma'; 'Faye LaCroix'; 'Justin Mogford'; 'Cliff West'; 'Nanette West'; 'Ana Loera'; Kelly Lark; Jeanne Javadi; 'Christopher Mundie'; Stanley Cooper; cblechle@dot.state.tx.us; reed@bellairetx.gov; javioli@bellairetx.gov; gpappas@bellairetx.gov; pmclaughlan@bellairetx.gov; afriedberg@bellairetx.gov; mnathan@bellairetx.gov; Bill Brudnick; Pat Henry; james.andrews@arkkengineers.com; 'Todd Thurber'
Subject: RE: COMMENTS TO - Public Hearing - I-69 N/ I-610 S Interchange Improvement Project, and all related projects

My neighbors, including all property owners and residents who signed the attached petition and/or all those who are or copied on this email, request that the following comments be included in the public records in connection with the subject project.

First, the plan as proposed is inadequate because it fails to include a sound wall for my neighbors and I.

Second the sole factor TxDot seems to consider in its noise analysis and environmental test to determine the increased in traffic noise impact to the residents is the increased traffic noise that will result from the traffic traveling on the proposed “improved” I69 N/IH610 S interchange. TxDot’s limited scope fails to consider the adverse noise impact to my neighbors and I from the:

- (i) increased traffic resulting from the “improvements to the I69/IH610 interchanges;
- (ii) increased traffic resulting from the “improvements” IH610 bridge;
- (iii) increased traffic on southbound feeder road between Westpark and Bissonnet from the increased traffic that will be diverted to the Hidalgo/Richmond exit because of the closure of the Fournance/Bissonnet exit for traffic traveling southbound on IH610;
- (iv) increased traffic on feeder road resulting from TxDot’s improvements to Post Oak Blvd and other nearby roadways in coordination with and for the benefit of the Metropolitan Transit Authority’s future construction and operation of Metro’s University Line and Gold Line light rail systems and the proposed Uptown/Bellaire Transit Center at Westpark and Anderson St, and

- (v) increased traffic resulting from the construction project itself, a substantial part of which construction project will take place at or near our homes.

The adverse noise impact of the entire Project to my neighbors and I, particularly those of us living between Saxon St and Mayfair St, and Anderson St and I.H.610 feeder road, will create a noise nuisance so loud that it will substantially interfere with the peaceable and quiet enjoyment of our homes. The absence of a sound wall will continue to leave us without any protection whatsoever from the excessive noise exposure that will result from the Project. The property owners and residents in this regard request that TxDot revise its plans to include a two segment sound wall of at least 14 feet along the west side feeder road of LH. 610 starting at the northeast back corner of property line of 4708 Saxon St and contiguously extending, without any breaks or openings, south along the east property lines of 4708 Saxon St, 4709 Saxon St, 4708 Glenmont Dr, 4708 Sunburst Ct, 4709 Sunburst Ct and 4708 Mayfair St, ending at the southern point of Mayfair St. northeast front property line of 4709 Mayfair St. and the second segment of the sound wall along the back property lines of 4708 Saxon St, 4710 Saxon St, 4712 Saxon St and 4714 Saxon St, starting at the northeast back corner property line of 4708 Saxon St and extending west along the back property lines of 4708 Saxon St, 4710 Saxon St, 4712 Saxon St and 4714 Saxon St, ending at the northwest back corner property line of 4714 Saxon St.

From: Damian E. LaCroix [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 2:00 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov
Cc: joan.huffman@senate.state.tx.us; 'Sarah Davis'; pnauert@bellairetx.gov; datqpham@yahoo.com; 'Jose Payares'; 'Laura LaCroix'; 'Mahesh Desai CPA CFP CFA'; 'Michael Nguyen'; 'Paul Stack'; 'Pilly Garzon'; 'Sonny Hoang'; 'Sangeeta Sharma'; 'Faye LaCroix'; 'Justin Mogford'; 'Cliff West'; 'Nanette West'; 'Ana Loera'; 'Kelly Lark'; 'Jeanne Javadi'; 'Christopher Mundie'; Stanley.Cooper@txdot.gov; cblechle@dot.state.tx.us; rreed@bellairetx.gov; javioli@bellairetx.gov; gpappas@bellairetx.gov; pmclaughlan@bellairetx.gov; afriedberg@bellairetx.gov; mnathan@bellairetx.gov; bill.brudnick@txdot.gov; pat.henry@txdot.gov; james.andrews@arkkengineers.com; 'Todd Thurber'
Subject: COMMENTS TO - Public Hearing - I-69 N/ I-610 S Interchange Improvement Project, and all related projects

I am writing to register my comments concerning my numerous requests dating back to 2012 for the construction of a **SOUND WALL** (not some fictitious "sound barrier", i.e., the "Bellaire Sound Barrier", which does nothing to mitigate any of the traffic noise for me or my neighbors) in connection with the proposed I-69 N/ I-610 S Interchange Improvement Project and all related projects. In this regard, I have attached several documents to this email to serve as and/or supplement my comments including the following documents:

1. Petitions signed by all of the property owners whose properties are on the west side of IH610 S (S. Loop. W) and abut the feeder road between Lehigh and Mayfair streets as well as several property owners whose properties are on the north side of Saxon street.
2. My numerous correspondence with TxDot requesting the construction of the sound wall. However, attachment doesn't include all of my correspondence with TxDot since 2012.
3. An illustration of where the sound wall is to be located.
4. My letters to Senator Huffman and Representative Davis dated May 23, 2012, requesting their assistance with TxDot concerning the construction of the sound wall.
5. My letter to TxDot dated April 21, 2012, requesting the construction of the sound wall.

The attached documents and the comments therein shall serve as my comments to the public hearing.

Thank you,

Damian E. LaCroix
4708 Saxon St.

Bellaire, TX 77401

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Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:24 PM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 7:29 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Mr. Joel Ephross [REDACTED]
Address:
c/oDuane Morris
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Phone:
(713) 402-3920

Requested Contact Method: Email

Reason for Contact: Customer Service
Complaint: No

Comment: The closure of the Fournace exit on Loop 610 is not necessary and will have a significant negative impact on the community in decreasing access and lessening mobility in the area.

Joseph, Patrick D.

From: HOU-PIOWebMail <HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov>
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To: Pat Henry
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:32 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Ms. Sadie Price [REDACTED]
Phone:
(281) 684-3342

Requested Contact Method:

Reason for Contact: Customer Service
Complaint: No

Comment: Re: I-69 South/I-610 West--In regards to the proposed changes on 610. I use the Fournace/Bissonet exit everyday for work. Closing it would only add to the traffic congestion on 610 & would cause horrible back ups at the Bellaire light that would not be able to properly handle the additional traffic flow. I hope you will reconsider. Thanks.

Joseph, Patrick D.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 10:58 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Ms. S Burdine [REDACTED] Requested Contact Method: Email

Reason for Contact: Customer Service
Complaint: No

Comment: Your plan to close the Fournace exit and direct traffic onto Bellaire Blvd is going to cause so much back up. It is already a problematic area. Please reconsider and also address the almost daily accidents northbound on 610 before the 59 interchange near Westpark.

Finally, please erect some sound barriers in Bellaire. We pay enough taxes for them!

Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:54 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Proposed flyover at fornance and bissonett

Comment.

Kelly Lark
Environmental Coordinator, TxDOT, Houston District
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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:55 PM
To: Kelly Lark
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From: Rani [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:30 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Proposed flyover at fornance and bissonett

To whom it may concern,
We do not want any changes to 610 or the proposed flyovers at bissonett and fornance.

We live in Bellaire because of our nice neighborhood and real estate.

We do not want to loose our investments or our neighborhood. We do not see issues with traffic for our neighborhood. These issue exist in the gallery.

We do not want he noise and the air pollution to affect our families. We moved to Bellaire because of he lack of traffic and business. We existed before the purposed highway. We never expected a huge highway to be blasting through our community. Nor did we pay such high property taxes and rates to be slammed with a highway proposal. We maintain our community. If you put a highway through our city you will ruin a nice community.

We do not want any additions of changes to 610 fornance and bissonett. We do not want an exit at Bellaire

Leave our quiet community alone. We do not want traffic, noise or to look at 50 and 90 foot fly overs.

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Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:51 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: 610 Construction

Comment.

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Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:51 PM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: Fwd: 610 Construction

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From: Hailey Heard [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:51 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: 610 Construction

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a business owner on Bissonnet in Bellaire, and I do not agree that the exit off of 610 should be closed. Most of my customers come from the Galleria area and from I-10. This would greatly impact my traffic source.

Sincerely,
Dr. Hailey Heard



Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:49 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to 610/69 Public Hearing comment

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:28 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Proposed changes to 610/69 Public Hearing comment

Hi,

I am a resident of Bellaire who lives in the northern part of the city and uses the Fournace exit multiple times each day.

I am adamantly opposed to your proposal to close the Fournace exit to all traffic except that from 59 northbound to 610 southbound.

First of all, there is nothing wrong with the merging of traffic to exit at Fournace. I have lived at my residence for 30 years and I am a native Houstonian. I played on 610 as a kid when it was being built. I have merged countless times at this exit and have never seen an accident there or bottlenecking of traffic. The real problem is on 59 N exiting to 610 S. That is where you need a solution not on 610. The traffic stacks up in the lane on 59 that exits to 610 because people go up and cut in at the front. Once you get onto the curve that goes to 610 the traffic flows smoothly. As a driver that has used both of these exits for years I have seen the same traffic patterns over and over. Fix 59 where it exits to 610, that's where the problem is!

Not only is there NOT a problem to be fixed at the Fournace exit, the idea of directing most traffic to Bellaire Blvd. is ludicrous! Thousands of cars exit Fournace each day that would be directed to the heart of Bellaire for no reason! Not only is this an inconvenience for people, it is a traffic nightmare waiting to happen. You need to consider the thousands of people who live, work, and go to school in the northern part of Bellaire or just use the exit to travel on Fournace or Bissonnet to destinations outside of Bellaire. You will be sending cars to cut through residential streets to avoid the traffic that will be trying to navigate back to Fournace and Bissonnet.

Another thing that needs to be considered is how much new traffic will be exiting Fournace to get to the new Walmart being built on Rice at Westpark as well as the other businesses and restaurants planned for there. There is a great need for the Fournace exit for all traffic!

What kind of traffic studies have been done on traffic exiting at Fournace and where can citizens see these results?

I ask that TxDOT address the sound issue that 610 presents to Bellaire residents. We live 10 houses from the freeway and the noise level is absurd. We have to go to sleep each night to the sound of the freeway and the sound is continuous at all hours, not to mention the motorcycles that race down the freeway on a regular basis. We have double pane windows and they can't even help. The outside noise is even worse! The 6 ft sound wall that was deemed good enough during the last improvements to 610 is not good enough!! Bellaire deserves real sound walls like all other residential areas that have freeways next to them. We deserve a real solution to our noise pollution all along 610 in Bellaire.

As far as changes to the interchange, the most crucial one should be addressing the exit from 610 northbound to 59 southbound. It's easy to get the accident data for this section of the freeway. I live right by it and hear the sirens daily. It is an accident waiting to happen each and every day. People will stop in the middle of the freeway on 610 N to cut in to standstill traffic which is dangerous on so many levels. It is also so very dangerous just to be in the standstill lane waiting to get to the exit to 59. Honestly it is much safer to get in the right hand lane and cut in when you get to the 59 N/S split than it is to wait in the death trap line of traffic. Of course people cutting in on both sides is what causes the line as does the traffic merging on 59 south where everyone is trying to go. I ask that you focus your attention to this exit and merging onto 59 S and forget trying to fix a merging problem on 610 southbound to exit at Fournace. Don't try to fix a problem where it does not exist and create a new real problem.

Please also consider the added noise pollution of an elevated ramp from 610 north to 59 south and how that would be addressed.

Thank you for hearing my concerns. I hope that you will strongly consider the opinions of the residents that live in Bellaire and drive these freeways every day. I believe we have great insight when we are the ones who use these exits and see the traffic patterns on a regular basis.

Karey Halliday



Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:46 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: 610s changes

Comment.

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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:50 PM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: Fwd: 610s changes

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From: Megan Arnold [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:52 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: 610s changes

To whom it may concern:

I am a business owner in Bellaire located at Bissonnet St. And 610S. These proposed changes

will greatly impact my business, my clients ease of getting to me and all traffic in and around my office. Please do not make these changes. They are not good for the community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Megan Arnold

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Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:45 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to 610/59
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Comment.

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From: Pat Henry
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To: Kelly Lark
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From: Michael Iversen MD [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:28 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Proposed changes to 610/59

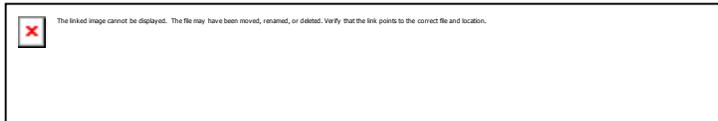
Please don't close the Furnace exit, it will make the Bellaire exit a nightmare unless you create an Evergreen exit. There needs to be two lanes from 59 E to 610 S.

610 going North toward 59 needs to separate (as in a barrier like at 610 going south at the North loop dividing 10 and 610) the East and West exits, with two lanes going West.

Michael G. Iversen, M.D.
CEO, President
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From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:44 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: I-69 and 610 Interchange

Comment.

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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:49 PM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: Fwd: I-69 and 610 Interchange

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From: Stacie Henderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:58 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: I-69 and 610 Interchange

Tx DOT current plans are as follows:

1) Southbound side of 610 - As a compromise to adding a flyover, add an extra lane to the I-69 (59) North exit onto 610 south, widen the bridge at Fournace, and **CLOSE THE**

FOURNACE/BISSONNET EXIT to all travelers traveling south on 610 (Fournace exit would remain open only to those coming from 1-69). The additional lane would be added at the same height as the existing freeway. The plan would require travelers headed south on 610 (i.e. from the galleria area) to ALL exit Bellaire Blvd.

CONCERNS: increased noise and air pollution; huge congestion at Bellaire Blvd; travel delays to surrounding businesses (i.e. Chevron) and schools (i.e. Episcopal, Pin Oak) and those trying to access their homes in Elmhurst; there is no current major congestion on the southbound side of 610 so why close the Fournace/Bissonnet exit?

While the current plan is better than a flyover, why mess with the southbound side at all?

2) Northbound side of 610 - build a **52 FOOT FLYOVER** connecting 610 to I-69 southbound. Several **additional flyovers are proposed all 51 feet or higher** to connect additional arteries. (One flyover is proposed at Chimney Rock at approx 90 feet tall.)

CONCERNS: increased noise and air pollution; sight pollution; decrease in our property values; adding even more traffic to an already congested area. **If the plan proceeds as proposed, this area will look alot like I-10 at Beltway 8, which is an industrial area, not our back yard.** A single ramp higher than what is already at the interchange will only set a precedent.

Alternative proposal for the northbound side of 610 - widen exits to/from 610 to I-69 (plenty of room to do so) without flyovers. Put in dividing walls so that cars cannot "leap frog" from lane to lane which is what currently causes so many accidents on the northbound side of 610.

We **ALREADY** are in need of noise abatement walls like nearly every other neighborhood in the Houston area. Why is Tx DOT not allocating funds to this major necessity?

Thank you,
Stacie Williams



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From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:43 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: I-610 and I-69 proposed changes

Comment.

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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:48 PM
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From: Henry Quigley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 1:17 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: I-610 and I-69 proposed changes

To Whom it may concern,

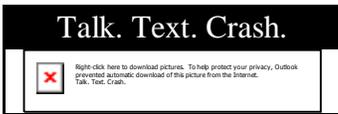
I have lived in Bellaire for 9 years. I use the Fournace exit on a daily basis. I also enter 610 north bound just before the 69 exit everyday.

Part of the proposal is to address the 610 Northbound to 69 ramp. This is the most important part of the project. There is a constant back up of cars exiting to 69 from 610. There is not a week goes by that I have not seen a traffic accident near this exit. The amount of cars trying to cut in at the last possible time is a major problem that needs to be addressed.

The exit off of 610 south to Fournace never is back up with traffic. The intersection of the feeder road and Fournace needs to be expanded to accommodate more traffic. There needs to be at least 3 lanes for feeder traffic as well as a right turn only lane that only turns. The amount of cars that illegally go straight in the right turn only lane just confuses drivers. This is a vital exit to get into the northern part of Bellaire. There are several schools and many businesses that rely on the exit to aid citizens a safe and easy access to this area. The proposal to close the Fournace exit to most traffic is absurd when this exit does not cause any hinderance to traffic flow.

Thnx,

Henry



Joseph, Patrick D.

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 9:32 AM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: interchange plans I-610/U.S. 59

Comment.

Kelly Lark
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From: Pat Henry
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: interchange plans I-610/U.S. 59

From: HOU-PIOWebMail
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:09 PM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: interchange plans I-610/U.S. 59

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From: Tony Gray [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:21 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: interchange plans I-610/U.S. 59

Good morning:

I am a resident and business owner in Bellaire. I would like to state my concerns about eliminating the Fournace exit for 610 southbound traffic. Currently, the Bellaire Blvd southbound exits stacks up at rush hour. If the Fournace exit is eliminated, the result would be tremendous traffic at the Bellaire exit. This plan would result in too much traffic that is ultimately destined for the north part of our city, to have to traverse through the south side. Businesses along the 610 northbound service road north of Bellaire would also face much higher traffic.

I agree that this busy interchange needs to be re-designed and rebuilt, but respectfully ask that you review your plans and keep a Fournace southbound exit as a part of any new design.

Kindest Regards,

Tony Gray | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 9:34 AM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Comments on 59-610 interchange

Comment.

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Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: Comments on 59-610 interchange

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To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: Comments on 59-610 interchange

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From: Seth Tyler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:19 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Comments on 59-610 interchange

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to provide comments on the proposed changes to the 59-610 interchange. I am a resident of Bellaire, TX and live at 801 N 2nd Street, which is on the corner of Elm St. and N 2nd Street. As someone who resides in Bellaire and works in the Galleria-area, I am directly impacted by your proposed construction, and also have a pretty good sense of local traffic issues, as I pass through that interchange usually several times per day. Although I do recognize that the 59-610 interchange is problematic and appreciate your agency's desire to address this issue, I have two major concerns with your current proposal:

1. 610 Northbound is the biggest problem and should be the biggest priority. 610 Southbound is not the biggest issue. The vast majority of accidents happen at the intersection of 610 Northbound and 59. These accidents consume an unfair and disproportionate amount of Bellaire city resources and create high levels of property damage and lost productivity, and is a serious safety threat. The 59-610 Northbound interchange should be the absolute top priority for this project. It is irresponsible to use taxpayer dollars on the Southbound part of the interchange with the Northbound lane is such an obvious problem.
2. Closing the 610-Fournace exit is terrible idea. Closing this exit is a solution to a problem that doesn't exist and will create terrible secondary traffic problems on the feeder and at the 610-Bellaire Blvd. interchange. I do not believe your agency has considered the secondary effects of this action. You will create more problems than you solve. Although there is a mixing of lanes at this interchange, it contributes to relative few accidents compared to the 610-Northbound interchange. Traffic in this area actually flows pretty smoothly and normal rush hour traffic does not usually back up until the Bellaire exit. The Fournace exit allows people to access the Northern parts of Bellaire without going through the already very congested Bellaire exit. You need to keep in mind that there is a new shopping center development on the corner of Westpark and South Rice, and because of the lack of a feeder on 59, many people will use the Fournace exit to access this shopping center. Forgetting for a moment that allowing that shopping center to be developed there was done without any sensible consideration of traffic, you will now be forcing huge amounts of traffic into the Bellaire interchange and onto local streets. This is going to create significant new local congestion and also lead to further threats to safety in local neighborhoods. Any accidents that you avoid on 610 will just be moved to the feeder at 610 and Bellaire Blvd, which is already an extremely runaway from ramp exit to intersection.

I ask you to reconsider your proposal and reprioritize your approach to one that will provide much greater economic and safety benefits. Please focus on 610 Northbound first and please do not close the Fournace exit.

Thank you.



Joseph, Patrick D.

From: HOU-PIOWebMail <HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: Fournace

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-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Groff [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 7:14 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Fournace

Closing the Southbound Fournace exit is not a solution to the overcrowding of the highway. You will cut off residences between 59 and Bellaire boulevard and dump all additional traffic on an already overcrowded exit roadway.

Please reconsider your options.
Regards,
Elizabeth Groff

Sent from my iPad

Joseph, Patrick D.

From: HOU-PIOWebMail <HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Pat Henry
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From: Maureen Garrett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:51 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: 610/Bellaire Fournace exit

Please do not close the Fournace southbound exit on 610. There is no traffic issue here but your proposed changes will only create one.

The real problem is the northbound 610/59 south ramp and the back-up traffic which causes accidents on a daily/weekly basis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Maureen Garrett, *Director of Creative Sales and Marketing*
M Productions, Inc.
A Marketing and Promotions Company

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] personalized items and gifts from MProductions, Inc.

Joseph, Patrick D.

From: HOU-PIOWebMail <HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: Public Hearing - I-69 S/ I-610 W Interchange Improvement Project -CSJ Nos. 0271-17-145, 0271-17-146 and 0271-17-157
Attachments: Sound wall Petition1 (SIGNED) 05_22_15.pdf

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From: Mahesh Desai CPA CFP CFA [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 8:54 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: Public Hearing - I-69 S/ I-610 W Interchange Improvement Project -CSJ Nos. 0271-17-145, 0271-17-146 and 0271-17-157

To
Texas Department of Transportation
Houston District

I'm writing to request for the construction of a sound wall around the interstate highway 610 and 59 North interchange. The construction of the interchange will increase the vehicular traffic and roadway noise which will adversely affect the living conditions of impacted owners. We have submitted a petition signed by the impacted owners and believe that an abatement measure (building a sound wall) before the start of the project should be implemented by TXDot. I have also attached sign petition of neighborhood impacted owners that clearly describes the boundaries to be covered by wall.

Regards

Mahesh Desai
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Joseph, Patrick D.

From: HOU-PIOWebMail <HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:24 PM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: I-610/I-69 freeway improvements

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From: Anne Warner [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 8:23 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: I-610/I-69 freeway improvements

I wanted to write and let you know that while I do greatly appreciate that improvements are being implemented to improve traffic flow from I-160N to I-69, I would like to request that the Fournace exit NOT be closed on southbound I-610. I have never witnessed any accidents that result from traffic exiting here or merging onto southbound I-610 from I-69. Pin Oak Middle School parents often use this exit, and closing it would congest a traffic pattern that is already congested at drop-off and pick-up times. It would also increase the amount of traffic exiting at Bellaire, which I believe would result in an increased number of accidents and delays at that exit.

Thank you for allowing the community to express our concerns and opinions. I do look forward to a safer, better flowing I610/59.

Anne Warner
Houston, TX

Joseph, Patrick D.

From: HOU-PIOWebMail <HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:24 PM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to I-69/59 and I-610 interchange in Bellaire

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From: Houghton Hutcheson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 5:30 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: sarah.davis@house.state.tx.us
Subject: Proposed changes to I-69/59 and I-610 interchange in Bellaire

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my extreme displeasure with the proposed changes to the above captioned interchange that would eliminate the Fournace exit for southbound traffic on 610 in Bellaire. This is a terrible idea that will drastically impact thousands of people who live, work or go to school in the northern part of Bellaire and adjacent Houston neighborhoods. My family members and I use that exit at least daily, sometimes several times a day. There has never been a major problem with this southbound exit, which provides access via left turn or U-turn to hundreds of Episcopal High School and Houston Community College students and staff every morning, and also to Bissonnet, which is second only to Bellaire Blvd. as the most heavily traveled east/west thoroughfare in the entire area. To dump all of this traffic onto the Bellaire Blvd. exit, in addition to the vehicles that already use it, and then require them all to U-turn and backtrack to reach their destinations would be catastrophic, and would just create more problems on the northbound side where the real issues exist.

Your attention should be directed to the northbound lanes of 610 in the same area, where there is at least one accident every day as a result of your disastrous redesign of those lanes several years ago.

You really must send your design team back to the drawing board. The current proposal will result in traffic snarls and safety issues that will be beyond belief. I feel strongly that the lifestyle and property values in one of the Houston area's finest communities will be destroyed by this proposal, and would like to register my objection in the strongest possible terms.

Very truly yours,

Houghton Hutcheson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

713-668-3155 (Home)

713-203-1121 (Cell)

houghton.hutcheson@gmail.com

STATE of TEXAS
HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



SARAH DAVIS
DISTRICT 134
HARRIS COUNTY



June 6, 2015

Texas Department of Transportation- Houston District
Attention: Mr. Pat Henry, Director of Project Development
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

Dear Mr. Henry,

I am writing to express concern on behalf of my constituents regarding the I-69 S/I-610 W Interchange Improvement Project. While I understand the need to alleviate congestion in the area, my constituents are worried that the proposed project plan will cause more traffic backups, pose a threat to safety, as well as create noise hazards and unsightly views for residential neighborhoods surrounding this interchange.

Bellaire residents have suggested the construction of a sound barrier from Saxon Street to Mason Street, and along the feeder road, as was done in the Spring Branch area along I-10 near Wirt Road. I fully support this suggestion, and encourage TxDOT to consider adding a sound barrier to this project. Residents have also expressed concern regarding the elimination of the Fournace exit off of 59S and transferring the exit to Bellaire Boulevard. There are many commuters who are employed by the many businesses that are located on Fournace, and the concern is that now traffic will be backed up by those who will have to bypass Fournace due to the lack of an exit and backtrack. There are many accidents that occur on the 59N feeder road, and this additional traffic from the forced u-turn could add to the safety issues. As you know, this area recently suffered from severe flooding. Area residents, including the mayor of the City of Bellaire, have expressed apprehension regarding drainage and the addition of detention ponds. The Bellaire Fire Department is located outside of Loop 610, and if there is flooding in the interchange area, the Fire Department will be unable to reach Bellaire residents located on the opposite side of the freeway. Lastly, it has been noted that the construction of a 52 foot elevated ramp would be an unattractive addition to the residential area, and could affect property values.

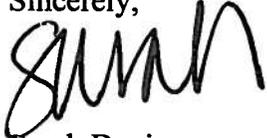
Capitol:
P.O. Box 2910
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(512) 463-0389
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Committees: Appropriations, Article II Subcommittee
Chair, Budget Transparency & Reform Subcommittee
Calendars • Public Health • General Investigating & Ethics
Email: Sarah.Davis@house.state.tx.us

District:
24 Greenway Plaza, Ste. 1400
Houston, Texas 77046
(713) 521-4474
Fax: (713) 521-4443

I urge you to please take these concerns in to consideration before you move forward with this project. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or comments regarding these concerns. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Davis', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Davis
House District 134

FELIX & PATSY RHYMES

TxDOT District Office,
Director of Project Development,
Texas Department of Transportation,
P.O. Box 1386,
Houston, Texas 77251-1386



RE: Your proposed project for 610 S

To Whom It May Concern:

It seems someone has not studied the situation on 610 S. It is the Northbound side that is consistently backed up. Accidents happen there at a more frequent rate than on the Southbound side as three north bound lanes attempt to cross over congested traffic to exit 69 south or the one lane available for motorists to exit 69 north to Downtown Houston. I use the Fournce/Bissonnet exit frequently there is no traffic issue. It is not clear to me why TXDOT feels they need to improve the Southbound side. Bellaire is a city of taxpayers contributing millions to local and state government in property taxes. Yet we seem to be ignored. The traffic noise from 610 is horrible and constant. Our property values will be impacted if you add even more traffic through our city and do not erect sound barriers. Please consider revising your plans.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Felix and Patricia Rhymes".

Felix and Patricia Rhymes



TxDOT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE (I) 69 SOUTH/I-610 WEST INTERCHANGE

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4 @ 5:30 P.M.
BELLAIRE CIVIC CENTER – 7008 S. RICE AVE.**

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All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Verbal comments from the public may be presented at the hearing. Written comments may be submitted for a period of 10 working days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted in person, by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251, or by email to HOU-PIOwebMail@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before Thursday, June 18, 2015, to become part of the official hearing record.

OVER FOR OPIONS

For more information, please contact Pat Henry at (713) 802-5241.

Munoz, Lauren A

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 8:10 AM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: I69/610 Intersection Public Hearing FW: Fournace Comment

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Please, include this comment if you can.

Kelly Lark
Environmental Coordinator, TxDOT, Houston District
(713) 802-5989

From: Pat Henry
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:53 PM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: Fwd: Fournace Comment

Comment

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristina Hadley <Kristina.Hadley@txdot.gov>
Date: June 23, 2015 at 2:17:43 PM CDT
To: Pat Henry <Pat.Henry@txdot.gov>
Subject: Fournace Comment

Hey Pat,

This comment came through the complaints system instead of our webmail.

"Do not close the Fournace exit to southbound traffic on Loop 610 South. Dumping all of the traffic onto Bellaire Blvd will snarl traffic up and cause huge issues for local businesses and homeowners. You already closed the Evergreen exit so to close another exit is just ridiculous. It was not that long ago that the whole loop was rebuilt. Stupid"

Diana Sullivan



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Munoz, Lauren A

From: Kelly Lark <Kelly.Lark@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 2:30 PM
To: De La Cruz, Lisa
Subject: FW: Alternatives to proposed changes to I-69 and 610 interchange

Please include this comment in the report.
Thanks

Kelly Lark
Environmental Coordinator, TxDOT, Houston District
(713) 802-5989

From: Pat Henry
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1:12 PM
To: Kelly Lark
Subject: FW: Alternatives to proposed changes to I-69 and 610 interchange

From: HOU-PIOWebMail
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 12:42 PM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: Alternatives to proposed changes to I-69 and 610 interchange

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From: Kathy Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 3:58 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: phofmann@bellairetx.gov; pnauert@ci.bellaire.tx.us
Subject: Alternatives to proposed changes to I-69 and 610 interchange

I have been a resident of Bellaire for 16 years and hope to continue to be for another 16 years. However, I have serious concerns about the proposed changes to the I-69 and 610 interchange.

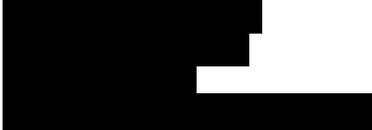
Southbound side of 610 - There is currently no major congestion on the southbound side of 610. The proposed plan to close the the Fournace/Bissonnet exit for southbound traffic on 610 would actually *create* congestion (on Bellaire Blvd.). Bellaire Blvd. on the west side of 610 all the way to Rice Ave. is already very congested during peak commuting hours. It may be on the east side of 610 as well, but I do not see that side on a regular basis like I do the west side. If

you force all of the Fournace/Bissonnet traffic onto Bellaire Blvd. as well, it is going to cause a huge problem for everyone living and working in the area. **Wasting money doing construction that is not needed and that would actually create a problem is not a sound business decision.**

Northbound side of 610 - The proposed 52 foot high flyovers are unsightly, would result in increased noise and air pollution, and would decrease property values. What's more there is an alternate solution ... there is room to widen exits to/from 610 to I-69. Install barriers to prevent cars from zigzagging between lanes, which is what currently causes so many accidents on the northbound side.

Noise abatement walls - I attended the meeting at the Bellaire Civic Center on June 4th, and based on comments from City of Bellaire officials and residents, numerous requests have been made for this requirement. Perhaps the funds earmarked for changes to the southbound side of 610 could be reallocated to noise abatement walls.

*Regards,
Kathy Jackson*





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PRETTY SIMPLE : WE NEED MORE LANES

TO ACCESS 69 SOUTH (I THOUGHT IT WAS 59 SOUTH) WHATEVER. TX DOT ENGINEERS WIDEN 610 WEST BUT IT ALL BOTTEL NECKS DOWN TO ONE LANE TO GO SOUTH 69 AND ONE TO GO NORTH. SIX OR SEVEN LANES ALL COME DOWN TO TWO LANES TO EXIT. PEOPLE "STOP" 3-4 LANES OVER TO GET OVER TO EXITS AND GET REAR ENDED. PEOPLE TRYING TO GO NORTH ON W 610 HAVE SUCH A SHORT DISTANCE TO GET OVER AS ENTRANCE LANE TO GET ON 610 WEST IS TO CLOSE TO SOUTH 69. THEY CAN'T GET UP ENOUGH SPEED TO GET OVER THEY PULL OUT AND GET IN WRECKS WITH FASTER TRAFFIC GOING N. ON 610.

SUMMARY 1) BOTTEL NECK TO ACCESS 69 N & SOUTH
2) ENTRANCE RAMP TO CLOSE TO EXITS

P.S.

SAME PROBLEM IF YOUR HEADING EAST ON 69 S EXIT TO W. 610. BOTTEL NECK TO GALLERIA NORTH AND TO W. 610 GOING SOUTH.

YOU CAN WIDEN FREEWAYS TO 20 LANES EITHER WAY BUT BOTH ALL COME DOWN TO TWO EXITS LANES AND "CRASH". POOR ENGINEERING. THIS IS ENGINEERING 101 TEACHINGS WIDENING FREEWAYS TO COME TO BOTTELNECK EXITS RESULTS IN THE PROBLEMS WE'RE HAVING. LATE 90'S WIDENING MEETS 1950 EXITS. ?

GOT TO GO OVER THE EXISTING FREEWAYS THINK AUSTIN TEXAS OVER PASSES ?

COMMENT FORM
(FORMA DE COMENTARIOS)

Public Hearing – I-69 S/I-610 W Interchange Improvement Project
Audiencia Pública – Mejoras al Intercambio de la I-69 S/I-610 W



CSJ Nos. 0271-17-145, 0271-17-146 and 0271-17-157

Thursday, June 4, 2015
Jueves 4 de junio de 2015

I am an Elected Official (Soy Funcionario/a electo) Position (Posición): _____
Name and Mailing Address (Optional) (Nombre y Dirección [Opcional]):
Name (Nombre) Catherine Lewis
Address (Dirección) _____
Email Address (Correo Electrónico) _____
Telephone (Teléfono) _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW: (Favor de marcar la que le aplique)

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a: (Estoy interesado en el proyecto desde el punto de vista de:)

Residential property owner or renter (Propietario o inquilino residencial) Business property owner or lessee (Propietario o inquilino del negocio)

Other (Please explain) (Otro [Por favor explique]) _____

Per Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5): check each of the following boxes that apply to you: (Por Código de Transportación de Texas, §201.811(a)(5): marcar todas las que le aplique:)

I am employed by TxDOT (Soy empleado de TxDOT)

I do business with TxDOT (Hago negocios con TxDOT)

I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting (Pudiera beneficiarme económicamente con este proyecto u otro asunto del cual estoy comentando)

How did you learn about this meeting? (¿Como se entero usted de esta reunión?)

Newspaper (Periódico) Notice in the Mail (Aviso por Correo)

Other (Please explain) (Otro [Por favor explique]) Notice from Bellaire water dept. neighborhood flyer.

Do you support the proposed project? (¿Apoya el proyecto propuesto?) Yes (Si) No (No) Undecided (Indeciso)

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): 1) Current plan does not address flooding caused by runoff from elevated ramps which must run down the ramps and onto the feeders and into the neighborhood streets. Houses and businesses on the southwest side were built over 50 years ago, but flooding stems from 2001-2003 Westhemp reconstruction. No provision is made to drain to retaining ponds, planned directly below the intersection. 2) Flyovers are higher than current ramps and cause noise pollution that is not mitigated by soundwalls. Illustrations are incorrect in showing some elevation, which work at peak, but ramps extend farther down than old ramps. 3) Anderson should not be extended or made pedestrian.

Please make additional comments on the back. (Favor de hacer comentarios adicionales al dorso de esta forma.)

This comment form may be turned in tonight, mailed, or emailed by Date June 18, 2015 to the address below:

(Esta forma de comentarios se puede entregar esta noche, por correo postal, o por correo electrónico en o antes del 18 de Junio de 2015:)

Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation – Houston District
P.O. Box 1386

Houston, Texas 77251-1386

Email: [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houston-piowebmail@txdot.gov)

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/59-610.html>