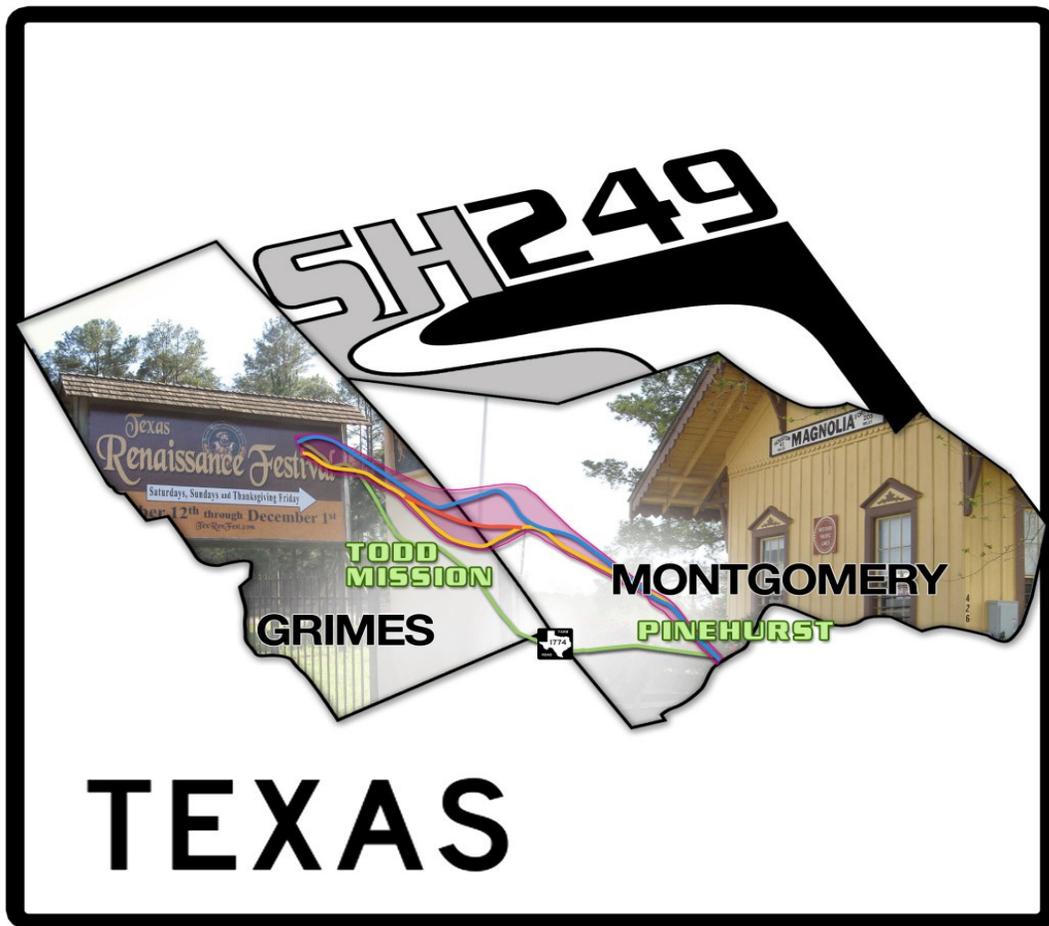


# SH 249 Extension – Volume II

From South of FM 1774/FM 149 in Pinehurst  
To FM 1774 North of Todd Mission  
Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas  
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## Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Record of Decision



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## Section 1

### Summary of Public Hearing

**District / County:**

Houston District / Montgomery and Grimes Counties

**Highway / Limits:**

SH 249 from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission

**Project Background:**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Houston District and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose to extend State Highway (SH) 249 from Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission. The SH 249 Extension is proposed to be a controlled-access toll way. The proposed project is approximately 14 to 15 miles in length and is located in Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared for the proposed project.

**Proposed Improvements:**

The proposed project would extend, on new location, existing SH 249 from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission. The extension of SH 249 is a northwest-southeast facility that would serve as a major arterial for the distribution of traffic. The proposed SH 249 Extension would be developed on new location from the FM 1774 in Pinehurst, TX to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, TX and is approximately 14 to 15 miles in length. The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a four-mainline controlled-access toll way with auxiliary lanes, on-ramps and off-ramps (where appropriate) and intermittent frontage roads, within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW).

**Project Need and Purpose:**

Three substantial transportation improvement needs affect the SH 249 Extension study area. First, inefficient connections exist between suburban communities and major and minor radial and circumferential arterials. Second, projected population and employment growth in the area would likely increase demand on the current transportation infrastructure. Third, there are growing safety concerns regarding the impacts of increased congestion and emergency evacuation (notably for hurricane evacuation).

The purpose of the SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area. The goal of the tollway is to improve system linkage, address current and future transportation demand through expanded capacity, improve safety, and accommodate population growth and economic development.

**Purpose of Public Hearing:**

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the recommendation of the Preferred Alternative for the proposed SH 249 Extension 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:**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

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

**Public Hearing Location:**

Magnolia West High School; 42202 FM 1774 Magnolia, Texas 77354

**Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability:**

Notices were published in the following:

- Houston Chronicle: January 16, 2015 and February 6, 2015
- La Voz (Spanish): January 18, 2015 and February 8, 2015
- Magnolia Potpourri: January 21, 2015 and February 4, 2015
- Federal Register: January 23, 2015
- Texas Register: January 23, 2015

Copies of the notice as seen in the newspaper advertisements and the affidavits and copies of the notice as seen in the Texas and Federal Registers are included in **Appendix B**. Additionally, the notices were posted on TxDOT's website at: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/021815.html>.

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

Elected Officials:

TxDOT's Houston District and Environmental Affairs Division mailed out Public Hearing invitation letters to federal, state, and local elected and non-elected officials, which are included in **Appendix C**.

Adjacent Land Owners, Resource Agencies and Interested Parties:

Notices were mailed out to adjacent property owners, resource agencies and interested parties. Copies of the notices mailed to the adjacent property owners and interested parties are included in **Appendix C**.

**Attendance:**

A total of 246 people registered their attendance at the Public Hearing. Of these, seven were elected officials, five were local representatives three were from the media and 37 project team 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. A certified court reporter was available in the commons area during the open house session as well as during the technical presentation for those individuals that did not care to speak in front of the audience.

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 in the technical presentation and public comment period in the auditorium.

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, 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
- Project Need and Purpose
- Project Description
- SH 249 Study Area Map
- Reasonable Alternative Alignments
- Preferred Alternative
- Proposed Typical Section
- Design Criteria
- Environmental Considerations
- Additional Environmental
- Project Funding and Schedule
- Locations for Draft EIS Review
- Next Steps (outline of procedures following the hearing)
- 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 as well as in the commons area 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 (March 9, 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, March 9, 2015. A total of 42 public comments were received. Of those comments, eight were given orally during the public hearing, 30 were written and four were transcribed from comments given to the court reporter in the commons area. Copies of all oral, written and transcribed comments are included in **Appendix I**.

Positive and negative feedback was received on the project. Of the 30 written comments, ten were in favor of the proposed project, nine were opposed to the project and eleven did not indicate whether they were in favor or opposed to the project (either on the comment form or in an email/letter). Some of the comments included effect on property values, increase in noise, opposes toll road, expand existing facilities such as FM 1774 and FM 149, access, and Right-of-Way acquisition process/timing.

## Section 2

### Public Hearing Comment and Response Report

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<b>Public Comments</b>							
1	Bryce Miller	Self	2/23/2015	Written	<p>My name is Bryce Miller. I live at 15307 Mill Cir., Magnolia, TX 77354. We are in the Mill Creek Landing subdivision. This new 249 tollroad extension is going to be extremely close to my home and my property value will suffer. Not to mention, the noise I will hear from this tollway will ruin the atmosphere and environment that I paid for when I purchased this property. I am opposed to this current route for the tollway and am requesting that you move this part of the tollway farther west than the proposed route. Please email me back with information on who I need to get in touch with to make my request known and who I can follow up with. I need the name and contact information of the person who is heading up this project and which government representative I need to get in touch with to voice my concern and request.</p> <p>Sincerely, Bryce Miller 281-808-1259 brycenalice@att.net</p>	Property Values	<p>Changes in property values are driven by value associated with accessibility, safety, noise, visual amenity, community cohesion, and business productivity. National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 456, <i>Guidebook for Assessing the Social and Economic Effects of Transportation Projects</i> (D. Forkenbrock and G. Weisbrod) 2001. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) cannot reasonably foresee which of these aspects will impact property value in a negative or positive way. Moreover TxDOT does not have the legal authority to compensate property owners for any loss of property value.</p> <p>The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Final FEIS include a discussion of the indirect economic impacts on the neighborhoods, as shown in Section 4.4 of the Draft EIS.</p>
						Noise	<p>During the development and preparation of the Final EIS, a noise analysis per TxDOT's Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise was performed. The analysis predicted future noise levels and identified noise impacts. The noise impacts were evaluated to determine possible mitigation measures. Per TxDOT guidance, noise mitigation must be determined to be both feasible and reasonable before being proposed for incorporation into the project. To be feasible a noise wall must reduce noise by at least 5 dB(A) at greater than 50% of first row of impacted receivers and a reduction of 7 db(A) for at-least one of the adjacent noise receivers. To be reasonable it must be cost effective to build, no more than \$25,000 per benefited receiver. The final decision to construct noise barriers will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction. The final decision to implement any proposed noise mitigation would be made at the completion of project design and the public involvement process. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS.</p>
						Alternatives	<p>Alignments were evaluated that were further west; however they were not determined to be the best alternative for the Selected Alternative Alignment due to additional impacts or design constraints due to social and natural resources (such as neighborhoods and floodplains). Refer to Section 2 Alternatives Analysis of the Draft EIS.</p>
						Who to contact	<p>Your request has been received and is being considered by TxDOT representatives as the planning process continues. You may also contact your state representative to voice your concern.</p>
2	Joan Sandstrom	Self	2/23/2015	Written	<p>I am not employed by, do business with or will benefit monetarily from TxDOT or the project I am commenting about. I am opposed to building the 249 extension through the proposed area east of Magnolia crossing FM 1488. It will directly and negatively affect my home, neighborhood and quiet lifestyle. Furthermore, past history does not support the use of toll roads as fiscally healthy. The proposed routes will increase the noise level at my neighborhood without any obvious benefit. Why not use the most direct path along FM 1774 that is already in use? Why disrupt housing, tranquility and wildlife habitat</p>	Noise	<p>During the development and preparation of the Final EIS, a noise analysis per TxDOT's Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise was performed. The analysis predicted future noise levels and identified noise impacts. The noise impacts were evaluated to determine possible mitigation measures. Per TxDOT guidance, noise mitigation must be determined to be both feasible and reasonable before being proposed for incorporation into the project. To be feasible a noise wall must reduce noise by at least 5 dB(A) at greater than 50% of first row of impacted receivers and a reduction of 7 db(A) for at-least one of the adjacent noise receivers. To be reasonable it must be cost effective to build, no more than \$25,000 per benefited</p>

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					for a road that requires tolls to justify its existence? Apparently, the money is not available to provide sound barriers either. At the very least sound suppression should be an integral part of the plan. Please reconsider the current proposed routes and just expand FM 1774 which is already the most direct route.		receiver. The final decision to construct noise barriers will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction. The final decision to implement any proposed noise mitigation would be made at the completion of project design and the public involvement process. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS.
						Toll Facilities	The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
						Various environmental conditions (social characteristics, wildlife and habitat)	The evaluation of the alternatives was made to avoid disruption to various environmental conditions; including residential properties/communities and surrounding habitats. Impacts to social characteristic and residential properties were evaluated in Section 4.3 the Draft EIS. Also, fragmentation of wildlife habitat and vegetation communities is discussed in Section 4.10 the Draft EIS. As development continues in the area due to population projections, wildlife habitat and vegetation communities would continue to be removed. See Section 4.10 of the Final EIS.
						Alternatives	Refer to Section 2 Alternatives Analysis of the Draft EIS. An alignment along the FM 1774 corridor was considered in the SH 249 Major Investment Study (MIS), dated February 28, 2002; however, due to the impacts to adjacent landowners along FM 1774 it was dropped from further consideration.  In addition, the Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the expansion of FM 1774. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774.
3	Paul Malatesta	Self	2/23/2015	Written	Not able to make your meeting due to traffic congestion in our area at 5:30 - 7 pm. I have these concerns: 1) Noise - as an engineer I am concerned about the increase in the level of noise day and night. I request you reconsider some type of barrier to maintain the current ambient noise level. It is low and because we are in the country and we want to keep it that way. That is why we bought this property. 2) Increase traffic on FM 149. We currently have experienced significant increase in traffic and there is not coordination	Noise	1) During the development and preparation of the Final EIS, a noise analysis per TxDOT's Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise was performed. The analysis predicted future noise levels and identified noise impacts. The noise impacts were evaluated to determine possible mitigation measures. Per TxDOT guidance, noise mitigation must be determined to be both feasible and reasonable before being proposed for incorporation into the project. To be feasible a noise wall must reduce noise by at least 5 dB(A) at greater than 50% of first row of impacted receivers and a reduction of 7 db(A)

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					between the county and TxDOT to relieve the impact during 2 years of construction and after completion. We need a traffic light at our subdivision entrance or a turn lane. It is now very dangerous to enter FM 149 because of the traffic congestion. 3) Reduced property values. Request rerouting the entrance on FM 149 further south and change routing to eliminate the jog towards our subdivision. Is there a TxDOT engineer I can contact regarding these issues? Regards P.D. Malatesta P.E.		for at-least one of the adjacent noise receivers. To be reasonable it must be cost effective to build, no more than \$25,000 per benefited receiver. The final decision to construct noise barriers will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction. The final decision to implement any proposed noise mitigation would be made at the completion of project design and the public involvement process. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS.
						Traffic	2) The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the roadway improvements on FM 149, and it is anticipated that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 149. TxDOT has worked close with Montgomery County to accommodate future county road improvements.
						Property Values	3) Changes in property values are driven by value associated with accessibility, safety, noise, visual amenity, community cohesion, and business productivity. National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 456, <i>Guidebook for Assessing the Social and Economic Effects of Transportation Projects</i> (D. Forkenbrock and G. Weisbrod) 2001. TxDOT cannot reasonably foresee which of these aspects will impact property value in a negative or positive way. Moreover TxDOT does not have the legal authority to compensate property owners for any loss of property value.  The DEIS and FEIS include a discussion of the indirect economic impacts on the neighborhoods, as shown in Section 4.4 of the Draft EIS.
						Selected Alternative	4) The alignment of the Selected Alternative has been given full consideration during planning and schematic design activities associated with preparation of the Final EIS and detailed design of the SH 249 Extension project. See Section 3 Alternatives in the Final EIS and Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
						Who to contact?	5) Your request has been received and is being considered by TxDOT representatives as the planning process continues. You may also contact your state representative to voice your concern.
4	Kathy Mazzaferro	Self	2/18/2015	Written	As I am sure you are aware, the Grimes County Commissioner's Court, the Town of Anderson and the City of Iola have all passed resolutions opposing the 249 extension project in Grimes County. An overwhelming majority of the citizens and property owners in Grimes County are against, and have consistently voiced their opposition to, this project going through Grimes County. I believe that Grimes County has spoken... "NO BUILD". We don't want any part of this toll road going through Grimes County. It is time that TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County 391 Commission to discuss alternative, mutually acceptable options before making any final determinations regarding this phase of the project or proceeding the any future phase of the project that affects Grimes County. In light of the strong opposition to this project in Grimes County and Gov. Abbott's recent	Grimes County	TxDOT has been meeting with Grimes County and on April 30, 2015, Grimes County Commissioners Court passed a resolution in favor of the SH 249 project in Grimes County.
						Toll Facilities	The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
						Alternatives	Other alternatives were evaluated throughout the planning process, but it was determined that the Selected Alternative Alignment would best fit all needs and purposes (See Section 1 of the Draft EIS and Section 2 of the Final EIS) of the project as well as minimizing impacts. Refer to Section 3 Alternatives in the Final EIS and Section 2 Alternatives

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					comments in his State of the State address concerning his opposition to toll roads, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and pursue non-toll road options.		Analysis in the Draft EIS.
5	Julie Moore	Self	2/18/2015	Written	We bought our house 2.5 yrs ago and about 1 year after we moved in, we were told our house was under eminent domain. We haven't had hardly any correspondence from anybody regarding a time frame. We learned there was a townhall meeting on Oct 3rd, 2013 and we were not informed. We have been in the dark. Our lives are on hold and we are not young anymore. It will be difficult to start over and make a new home the way we like it. We weren't even given a letter about the meeting tonight. Our neighbor, Diana, gave us a copy of hers. Putting lives on hold + keeping people uninformed is unacceptable. If you are going to take our home/ lives from us please DO NOT violate us a second time by not giving us information.	Mailing List	By the submission of this comment, your name has been added to the mailing list for all upcoming public involvement. A notice was sent to all properties adjacent to the right-of-way, to the property owners listed in the appraisal district records on 1/16/2015. In addition, monthly email communication from TxDOT had been established prior to the public hearing and an email notification was sent on 1/8/2015 regarding the date and time of the public hearing.
6	James McCabe	Self	2/18/2015	Written	Are they considering making an additional egress routes from subdivisions that only have one way in + out like Cripple Creek Farms?	Access	SH 249 Toll Road will be a limited access freeway with limited frontage roads. Existing access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. Additional access beyond TxDOT design standards would be a matter for the local planning authorities.
7	Catherine Walsh	Self	2/18/2015	Written	FM1774	Alternatives	It is assumed by TxDOT that the commenter would like for FM 1774 to be used rather than the Selected Alternative. Refer to Section 2 Alternatives Analysis of the Draft EIS. An alignment along the FM 1774 corridor was considered in the SH 249 Major Investment Study (MIS), dated February 28, 2002; however, due to the impacts to adjacent landowners along FM 1774 it was dropped from further consideration.  In addition, the Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the expansion of FM 1774. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774. TxDOT has worked close with Montgomery County to accommodate future county road improvements.
8	John Fishero	Self	2/18/2015	Written	Bryan - College Station and Houston will continue to grow, and traffic between the two communities will intensify. There are many reasons why a direct link between these two population centers is needed, and would be beneficial. This toll road offer an alternative to those needing quicker travel, and will result in less traffic on SH105, providing safer and less congested travel for those desiring to travel on SH105. There are no free roads, only those that are tax supported and those supported by user fees. Improved access between Bryan - C/S will need to be addressed. Waiting will multiply construction costs. It makes sense to provide an alternative supported by user fees, especially when existing options continue to be available to local residents at no additional cost to them.		Comment acknowledged.

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9	Carlos Solis	Self	2/18/2015	Written	Please start this project soon. Our city needs the traffic relief. Thank you.		Comment acknowledged.
10	Michael Parks	Self	2/18/2015	Written	We are very much in support of the project. Our region has expressed support in the past and continues to do so. WC support the proposed B/C route for purposes of public safety/ evacuation, economic development and alleviation of traffic congestion. Please keep us informed.		Comment acknowledged.
11	Randy Mentz	Self	2/18/2015	Written	The current boundary line cut my property in half. I would like for TXDOT to please buy all of my property.	Property Purchase	Determinations about how much property is needed for a project are made during the final design process. Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize impacts to both the natural and human environments. After final design is complete, right-of-way acquisition begins. In general terms, the residence or business will be appraised and a fair market value price will be offered.  If you have questions about the property acquisition process before right-of way acquisitions begin, please contact TxDOT.
12	Emmett Greene	Self	2/18/2015	Written	If my family wanted to live in the city or suburbs we'd move, we live in the country for a reason. Leave us alone.		Comment acknowledged.
13	Rick + Lisa Carswell (each filled out a form)	Self	2/18/2015	Written	As per our meeting a year ago - the road still has not moved - our 20 acres is across the street from the church on 149.  We own the 20 acres on the South Side of 149 where the proposed road will cross. As I indicated in our previous meeting we were surprised at the road course change between 2003 +2004 and the meeting in 2013 and tonight. We were originally retaining part of our property - now you have the road going through the middle of the property. As per our meeting on Washington Avenue - your comment was that you were going to work with us. What happened?	Alternatives	Refer to Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS. The analysis was conducted to determine the alignment that best fit the need and purpose of the project as well as minimizing impacts to adjacent properties including the Fellowship Baptist Church.  TxDOT did meet to discuss options to avoid or minimize impacts to your property; however, after further evaluations there are design constraints due to the floodplains within the area of your property, the alternative shown at the October 3, 2013 public meeting was found to be the least impacting alternative.
14	Lisa Schlessman	Self	2/18/2015	Written	My property is up against the 8' brick wall! There is only (1) way into the subdivision + (1) way out. I at least had escape route if there was a fire or some emergency. Now I'm locked in! There must be a Texas law that has several exits + entrances into a subdivision. Please keep us safe. Give us several ways out!	Access, Noise	SH 249 Toll Road will be a limited access freeway with limited frontage roads. Existing access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. Additional access beyond TxDOT design standards would be a matter for the local planning authorities.  The final decision to construct noise barriers (8' brick wall), will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement measures with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction and then affected property owners are given the opportunity to vote if they want the noise wall or not.  Design of the SH 249 Extension project would be developed using

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							current safety standards; however, the addition of another exit from the subdivision is not within TxDOT's jurisdiction.
15	Michael Moore	Self	2/18/2015	Written	I get the roadway - that being said I think it's criminal that you take away people's lives - knowing the road is coming we should be contacted immediately check in hand so that people can live their lives.	Relocation	Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize impacts to both the natural and human environments. Generally, once the environmental analysis is approved, a property owner is contacted and offered fair market value for the property sought to be acquired. Improvements made to the property are considered. If the property is acquired, relocation information and assistance is available. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.
16	Travis Halm	Self	2/18/2015	Written	This route better connects Houston with Bryan/ College Station & Waco, two major universities (TAMU; Baylor) and alleviates Magnolia congestion issues. Will aid in safer hurricane evacuation.		Comment acknowledged.
17	George Shackelford	Self	2/18/2015	Written	It is extremely important to complete this project.		Comment acknowledged.
18	Unknown	Self	2/23/2015	Written	Why is another road even being considered, most especially a toll road when it makes more sense and would be much more economical to widen the existing FM 1774 at 149 all the way to north of Todd Mission? If TxDOT cannot afford to build the road you are shoving down our throats without making it a toll road, then don't build it. We do not want or need another toll road. We are already taxed on our roads. This project needs to go back to the drawing board.	Toll Facilities	The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
						Alternatives	Refer to Section 2 Alternatives Analysis of the Draft EIS. An alignment along the FM 1774 corridor was considered in the SH 249 MIS, dated February 28, 2002; however, due to the impacts to adjacent landowners along FM 1774 it was dropped from further consideration.  In addition, the Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the expansion of FM 1774 and FM 149. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774.
19	Bruce Hillegeist	Self	2/24/2015	Written	Please continue to proactively extend SH 249 from FM 1774 to North of Todd Mission. With Texas unprecedented growth the completion of SH 249 from Houston to Navasota is warranted, very much needed for safety and economic/job growth and prosperity.		Comment acknowledged.

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20	Dan Newrones	Self	2/25/2015	Written	Move to country to get away from the noise and congestion. Now you want to put the freeway right in front of our house. Who's going to buy it - I know TxDOT is not. Thanks for the future noise!	Noise	During the development and preparation of the Final EIS, a noise analysis per TxDOT's Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise was performed. The analysis predicted future noise levels and identified noise impacts. The noise impacts were evaluated to determine possible mitigation measures. Per TxDOT guidance, noise mitigation must be determined to be both feasible and reasonable before being proposed for incorporation into the project. To be feasible a noise wall must reduce noise by at least 5 dB(A) at greater than 50% of first row of impacted receivers and a reduction of 7 db(A) for at-least one of the adjacent noise receivers. To be reasonable it must be cost effective to build, no more than \$25,000 per benefited receiver. The final decision to construct noise barriers will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction. The final decision to implement any proposed noise mitigation would be made at the completion of project design and the public involvement process. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS.
21	John F. Knupp	Self	2/24/2015	Written	I am opposed to a toll road (for profit highway) and the taking of private property to do so. If you are going to build a highway to benefit all of the people including those that live in and around Magnolia then you need a highway around Magnolia that will benefit the community in the future, allowing for development of new businesses and communities where people are allowed to live. Montgomery County is a fast growing area of Texas and the population is expected to double in the next 20 years. The planning by TxDOT needs to plan for the future development of the area. New roads such as FM 249 need frontage roads just like those in the Tomball area.	Toll Facilities	The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
						Growth	One of the needs for and purpose of the SH 249 Extension project is to accommodate for the projected population and economic growth within the project area.  As land becomes more urbanized and land use conversions occur, particularly around major intersections with the SH 249 Extension and existing roadways (such as FM 149, FM 1488 and FM 1486) there would likely be additional commercial development to offer support services for the current planned residential development, that increase local revenues from sales taxes and various miscellaneous fees and taxes assessed by municipal government. Tax revenues are anticipated to increase over time with secondary and induced economic activity. See Section 4.3 Social Characteristics of the Draft EIS.
						Traffic	Frontage roads have been found to reduce the traffic capacity of roadways due to the growth (commercial, retail, residential) that typically develops along the frontage roads introducing additional local traffic to a regional roadway. Frontage roads, in general, will not be present along the SH 249 Extension (Segment 1). However, frontage roads have been considered at the beginning and end of the project near FM 1774 for traffic circulation purposes. No other frontage roads will be provided at this time.

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22	Kathleen Tatum	Self	2/21/2015	Written	I think a frontage road between 1486 and 1488 would help business in Magnolia and also alleviate some traffic on 1774.	Traffic	Frontage roads have been found to reduce the traffic capacity of roadways due to the growth (commercial, retail, residential) that typically develops along the frontage roads introducing additional local traffic to a regional roadway. Frontage roads, in general, will not be present along the SH 249 Extension (Segment 1). However, frontage roads have been considered at the beginning and end of the project near FM 1774 for traffic circulation purposes. No other frontage roads will be provided at this time.  In addition, TxDOT is currently evaluating a Magnolia Bypass to relieve traffic on existing FM 1488 in Magnolia, TX.
23	Sandra Gidswick	Self	2/18/2015	Written	I see a far greater need for solutions to severe congestion on 1774 and 149 than I do for the creation of yet another toll road. It will not solve any of the traffic problems we have now.	Traffic	The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the expansion of FM 1774 and FM 149. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774.
						Toll Facilities	The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
24	Christopher Rhodes	Self	1/27/2015	Written	I own 213 acres North of 1488 and North of Mill Creek. I have been notified that the road will come through my property and that a retention pond will be established on my property. I have a prior commitment out of state and will not be able to attend the public hearing on March 18, 2015. I have attended prior hearings and learned nothing. The road will come about 70 yards from my house. It is logical to me to angle the road farther West. I have presented this proposal to numerous people in the past. Each time I was ignored or told to write a letter to a different person. After about three years of stonewalling from TxDOT and engineers I have given up, but I do have some questions. I just want to know what somebody thinks. I don't want to bind TxDOT and warrant I will not use a response in a legal proceeding if one is later instituted. Don't tell me to contact someone else. I've fallen for that about five times. 1) The proximity of the construction and the highway will make my house nearly unlivable. Does TxDOT pay me for the decrease in value? 2) What sort of fencing will be used at the edge of the right of way? 3) Will I have access across the road to the West half of my property? 4) Realistically, when will construction begin from FM 1488 to FM 1774?	Property Values	1) Changes in property values are driven by value associated with accessibility, safety, noise, visual amenity, community cohesion, and business productivity. National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 456, <i>Guidebook for Assessing the Social and Economic Effects of Transportation Projects</i> (D. Forkenbrock and G. Weisbrod) 2001. TxDOT cannot reasonably foresee which of these aspects will impact property value in a negative or positive way. Moreover TxDOT does not have the legal authority to compensate property owners for any loss of property value.  The Draft EIS and Final EIS include a discussion of the indirect economic impacts on the neighborhoods, as shown in Section 4.4 of the Draft EIS.
						Design Activities	2) Design activities, such as the construction of a fence, could be discussed during the right-of-way acquisition negotiations.
						Access	3) SH 249 Toll Road will be a limited access freeway with limited frontage roads. Existing access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. During final design and right of way acquisition TxDOT design standards will be used to determine if additional access is required.

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					This is a big deal to me. You are taking land I have owned for many years and ruining a house I intended to live in for the rest of my life. TxDOT owes a response to a citizen. You can call me with your thoughts at (281) 782-6463 or respond by mail.	Date of Construction	4) Construction is anticipated to begin in 2016.
25	Brenda Wiedrich	Self	3/6/2015	Written	To Whom It May Concern: I'm getting real tired of having to defend my worthless being in this country. The reason I say worthless is because all I ever do is try and make it a good place to live. But I have come to the conclusion that I'm only here as a taxpayer and I need to shut up. What do they call that oh yeah PAY AND SHUT UP. First of all I have a problem of the small advertising space it consumed, but like they say if your hiding something don't make it to obvious what you're doing. There was a gentleman that did speak on that because he couldn't believe there weren't more people there, in which I say they probably didn't see the 1 1/2 by 2 inch notice either. Second while I was strolling around the hall looking at the information that was put up for the dumb taxpayers to look at. Well out of the mouth of one of the persons to answer question and she said that TxDOT already has the funds for the project. So I went up and asked the question how much money did they get from the Texas rainy day fund, which she couldn't answer. I listened to the 2 speakers that carried on the show. I always like the question and answer part because of all of the people that are there and most of them are opposing the toll road or the high speed rail, it really doesn't matter because it all falls on deaf ears. After everyone was done with the show, I decided to ask the speaker the same question that I asked the lady. So my question is why DID both of them know that TxDOT had the money for the project but DIDN'T know if they got any money from the rainy day fund. To this day I still don't know the answer, but I will have a chance to ask that question if I see the advertising for the next meeting. I'm tired of the land grab that happens and maybe the environmentalists know more than we do. It is very apparent that it's Ok to split and take property that has been in families for generations. All of this is good as long as it doesn't affect me and my family. Another thing that I have heard is when a toll road is paid for the toll goes away, and I don't think that has or will ever happen. I also have heard that the states get gasoline tax money, but they don't know where it is being spent. My problem is that when I see Putin on TV I already know he's lying to us, and I'm beginning to say that our so called Democratic government we have is also doing what Putin does. There's a saying was their mouth moving so it must be a lie. I'm just tired of the lies and I'm old, but I feel so sorry for the children that we are expecting them to pay the credit card bill that has no limits. Thank You	Funding, Toll Facilities	The public hearing notice was placed in the Legal Notices section as required by 23 CFR 771.111 and 43 TAC Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E.  The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
						Funding	Funding options are being evaluated and will be determined at a later date.

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26	Michael Moore	Self	2/18/2015	Oral - During Public Hearing	I would like to start my comments first by asking if any of our representatives from TxDOT or any of our elected officials, are you-all losing any portion of any of all your homes? Ok, I had a few moments to read through -- let me see this right here, this State Purchase of Right-of-Way. In one of the sections in here I was reading right here, it says that once that the appraisals come out, they'll do the survey of our land and then an offer is made for our property. It says: Our decision regarding the State's offer for the property needs to be made at the earliest possible time so that the completion of the acquisitions process is not delayed. Boy, we would hate to do anything to delay this roadway. You can appreciate the fact that there is a definite time frame required for every aspect of the highway or transportation project that involves your property. My life has a time frame too; and my life's on hold. It's been on hold for a year and a half, probably another year or year and a half before all this is taken up by everything that I've seen tonight. And I think it's downright criminal that you haven't been on our door step first saying: Look, get on with your lives. That's my comment.	Relocation	Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize impacts to both the natural and human environments. Generally, once the environmental analysis is approved, a property owner is contacted and offered fair market value for the property sought to be acquired. Improvements made to the property are considered. If the property is acquired, relocation information and assistance is available. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.
27	David Tullos	Grimes Citizen Advisory Group	2/18/2015	Oral-During Public Hearing	I am David Tullos. I'm from southern Grimes County, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group. There are a number of reasons why this project shouldn't be built. Because I only have three minutes, I'm just going to quickly illustrate ten of them. 1) The first one would be that every opportunity in Grimes County, whether it's a TxDOT meeting, a Stop Grimes 249 meeting, the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group meeting, or a meeting of the Grimes County Planning Commission, an overwhelming majority of Grimes County citizens have opposed this project. That's reason number 1. 2) Number 2, Grimes County Commissioners' Court has passed two resolutions against this project. The last one which occurred on February 10th, just eight days ago, opposes all toll roads in Grimes County and specifically names this project. 3) Number 3, the town of Anderson and the City of Lola in Grimes County have passed resolutions opposing this 249 toll road project. 4) Number 4, the Grimes County Planning Commission oppose this project and has had a "No Toll Road" Policy since 2008. 5) Number 5, the new governor of Texas is against toll roads and has declared transportation to be an emergency item. This allows the new funding initiative to be fast-tracked and considered earlier than normal. He has promised to add \$4 billion a year more to roads without raising taxes, fees, debts or tolls. 6) Number 6, TxDOT has violated federal law in planning of this project.		1) Comment acknowledged.
						Grimes County	2) TxDOT has been meeting with Grimes County and on April 30, 2015, Grimes County Commissioners Court passed a resolution in favor of the SH 249 project in Grimes County.
						Grimes County	3) Comment acknowledged; The SH 249 Extension 1 is from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, in Grimes County and is not within the limits of Anderson or Lola.
						Grimes County	4) Comment acknowledged; TxDOT has been meeting with Grimes County and on April 30, 2015, Grimes County Commissioners Court passed a resolution in favor of the SH 249 project in Grimes County.
						Toll Facilities	5) Comment acknowledged; the Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
						NEPA	6 and 7) The environmental review process was conducted and the environmental documents were prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, and other applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.
Property Values	8) Changes in property values are driven by value associated with accessibility, safety, noise, visual amenity, community cohesion, and business productivity. National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 456, <i>Guidebook for Assessing the Social and Economic Effects of Transportation Projects</i> (D. Forkenbrock and G. Weisbrod) 2001. TxDOT cannot reasonably foresee which of these aspects will impact property value in a negative or positive way.						

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					<p>7) Number 7, TxDOT has violated state law in the planning of this project.</p> <p>8) Number 8, this project would damage and diminish the property values of the land along this proposed right-of-way.</p> <p>9) Number 9, this project will have a permanent negative impact on the long-term economic development of southern Grimes County.</p> <p>10) Number 10, this project will damage the Hurricane-Mill Creek watershed, which is major watershed for southern Grimes County.</p> <p>So, let me summarize this for you. This is a bad project. In southern Grimes County, we don't want this. Our government leaders don't want it. You work for us. So please stop what you're doing, stop this project, sit down with our elected officials and develop a transportation plan that makes sense for the long-term economic development of southern Grimes County.</p>		<p>Moreover TxDOT does not have the legal authority to compensate property owners for any loss of property value.</p> <p>The Draft EIS and Final EIS include a discussion of the indirect economic impacts on the neighborhoods, as shown in Section 4.4 of the Draft EIS.</p>
						Tax revenues	<p>9) Impacts on local tax revenues may include temporary impacts during the construction phase of the project. In the longer term, land purchased for right-of-way will be removed from local tax rolls, thus potentially decreasing property tax revenues. As land becomes more urbanized and land use conversions occur, there would likely be additional local revenues from sales taxes and various miscellaneous fees and taxes assessed by municipal government. Tax revenues are anticipated to increase over time with secondary and induced economic activity. Detailed design components, such as fencing, will be determined in the design plan process. Access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. See Section 4.4 Economics of the Draft EIS.</p>
						Water quality	<p>10) Surface waters occurring within the SH 249 Extension right-of-way of the Selected Alternative of SH 249 were identified during the development and preparation of the Final EIS, including stream segments of the Hurricane-Mill Creek watershed, associated with the Preferred Alternative. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) 303(d) list was reviewed for impaired waters that may be located within the Preferred Alternative alignment. Water quality issues were assessed in the Final EIS for these surface waters. Development of the Preferred Alternative alignment, and the impacts and activities associated with the alignment, must be in compliance with Sections 401, 402, and 404 of the Clean Water Act, and Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands). Development activities affecting navigable waters that may be present in the Preferred Alternative alignment were assessed for compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would be prepared and BMPs would be implemented to minimize impacts to area waters. Additional coordination with Montgomery and Grimes Counties local governments relative to storm water runoff pollution prevention may be required prior to project construction. See Section 4.8 Water Quality.</p>
28	Doug Campbell	Self	2/18/2015	Oral - During Public Hearing	I'm Doug Campbell from Plantersville in southern Grimes County, and I'm opposed to the construction of this roadway into Grimes County, and that's all.		Comment acknowledged.

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29	Robert Reynolds	Self	2/18/2015	Oral - During Public Hearing	Robert Reynolds, a resident of Grimes County; and I was going to sell off some of my minutes to Mr. Tullos here, but he said all he's going to say for right now. Anyway, the Grimes County Commissioners County, the town of Anderson and the city of lola have all passed resolutions opposing the 249 project in Grimes County. An overwhelming majority of the citizens and property owners in Grimes County are against it and have consistently voiced their opposition to this project going through Grimes County. We believe Grimes County has spoken and it's "No Build." We don't want any part of the toll road. It's time TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County 391 Commission to discuss alternative mutually-acceptable option before making any final determinations regarding the phase of the project or proceeding with any further phase of the project that affects Grimes County. In light of the strong opposition to this project in Grimes County and Governor Abbott's comments regarding the toll roads in his State of the State Address, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and pursue non-toll road options. Thank you.	Grimes County	<p>Comment acknowledged; The SH 249 Extension 1 is from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, in Grimes County and is not within the limits of Anderson or lola.</p> <p>TxDOT has been meeting with Grimes County and on April 30, 2015, Grimes County Commissioners Court passed a resolution in favor of the SH 249 project in Grimes County.</p> <p>The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.</p>
30	Bill Matt	Self	2/18/2015	Oral - During Public Hearing	My name is Bill Matt. I live in Mill Creek Forest, which is directly adjacent, on the south side of Hazy Hollow. We were not even mentioned in the EIS; and the preferred route of your roadway crosses right through our subdivision, affecting my house and every other house on that end of our subdivision. Secondly, no explanation to me or anybody else that I know of has ever been given why the 1488 – I mean, the 1774 or 149 corridor cannot be used for this project. Thirdly, the talk has been mentioned that we have traffic problems and, therefore, that there's a necessity for the 249 expansion; but as our Judge Doyal said earlier, if you came here tonight, you saw the traffic jams. It's not because of 249. It's because Magnolia can't even get bridgework and 1774 completed. Now, if we can't even complete projects that we wanted to get done in the first place to alleviate traffic problems, I don't see any reason why there needs to be a toll road put in where no other road is. Thank you	Displacements	All residential displacements within the project right-of-way have been evaluated, including those in Mill Creek Forest, even if the subdivision was not named. Refer to Section 4.3.4 Displacements and Relocations in the Draft EIS.
						Alternatives	The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the expansion of FM 1774 and FM 149. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774.
						Alternatives	The analysis was conducted to determine the alignment that best fit the need and purpose of the project as well as minimizing impacts, including evaluating traffic congestion. Refer to Section 1 Need and Purpose and Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.
31	Larry Lynch	Self	2/18/2015	Oral - During Public Hearing	I'm a resident of Grimes County and I want to tell everybody here that I'm against that toll road. I don't understand why the people of Montgomery County, why there are not more people out here tonight to oppose that toll road. Because what we're doing when we let these toll roads go through, we're making it easy, it's just fueling the fire. Anytime TxDOT wants to put a road through, they're going to hit you when you use it. My daddy used to always say: If you don't have the money, don't buy it. If the money's not there to build that road without making it toll, then we don't need it. So, let's all get together. Let's	Grimes County	Comment acknowledged. It is noted that you oppose the SH 249 Extension 2 project within Grimes County; the SH 249 Extension 1 is from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, in Grimes County.
						Toll Facilities	The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region.

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					oppose it. Let's send out a message to the rest of Texas that we don't want toll roads. We send enough money over there and – But if we can't -- haven't got enough money, don't build it. And I don't know about down here, but when – a lot of information, when this first started in Grimes County, we wasn't getting the information we needed about this toll road; and this is just the tip of the iceberg. They're wanting to put a pile line (sic) and high-speed rail through Grimes County. Well, there's a good chance you're going to get it right here in Montgomery County. So there's not been enough planning done. All these environmental impact studies, they're not enough. We need planning. I'm not for holding up growth, but there's not enough planning. You know, when TxDOT comes to the table, they need to have more. It's easy for them to take a few days, somebody come up with these drawing and everything about this route; but there's lots more to it than just that. That's all I got to say. Thank you for letting me speak.	Alternatives	See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.  Studies regarding the SH 249 Extension began in 2002 with the MIS and continued through the EIS process. Add language to say that all studies have been conducted in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including FM 1774 and FM 149 improvements within the RTP. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774 and FM 149.
32	Yolanda Campbell	Self	2/18/2015	Oral - During Public Hearing	My name is Yolanda Campbell and I live in Montgomery County and also own property in Plantersville. The 249 toll road is going to split my property in half. I won't be able to raise my cattle there any longer. And here in Montgomery County, I see that there's a need for road improvements, but I don't believe that a 249 toll road is the way to go. In my opinion, I think that you should consider expanding your existing roads to alleviate the traffic, but I don't see that a toll road is beneficial at this time. Thank you for letting me speak.	Grimes County	Comment acknowledged; The SH 249 Extension 1 is from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, in Grimes County and is not within the limits of your property located in Plantersville. However, you can express your comment to the SH 249 Extension 2 in Grimes County.
						Alternatives	The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including improvements to FM 1774, FM 1488 and FM 149. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774, FM 1488 and FM 149.
33	Catherine Walsh	Self	2/18/2015	Oral - To court reporter in Commons Area	I live in Plantersville, and I see where this comes out on 1774. My original understanding, it was going to be at 302, but it looks like it's north of 302. 1774 cannot handle it. It's just a two-lane road. It really needs to be expanded to be an interchange, and it didn't look like they accounted for that. So, you know, 1774 and 302 where the Renaissance Festival traffic goes, that really needs to be expanded. Because that's where they've had at least five accidents, three I know of for sure. And they said there was two more. But that's where the firefighter got killed, at 302. It's farther south of that line, but people – if people are – to get to the Renaissance Festival in October and November, they may take the tollroad, but they're going to have to come south; so really, that whole area will need to be widened, so they might as well do the whole road. Makes sense to me.	Grimes County	The Selected Build Alternative does extends north of Todd Mission and CR 302 to minimize impacts to residential development in Todd Mission. Currently Grimes County does not have plans or funding to widen FM 1774 in Grimes County.
34	Michael Moore	Self	2/18/2015	Oral - To court reporter in Commons Area	I get the road, but what I don't get is the fact that our lives have totally been taken away from us. It's been stripped out from underneath us, and it is damn wrong to treat people like this. They know it's coming. It doesn't matter to me if it's next year, next week or three years from now.	Relocation	All studies and public involvement efforts in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines. A public meeting was held October 3, 2013 where TxDOT representatives were available to respond to questions/concerns. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2015 where TxDOT right-of-way Acquisitions Specialists were available to

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					They should have been on our doorstep already, shaking hands, saying, "Excuse us. Go on and get on with your lives." It's damn criminal. That's all I got to say.		<p>answer questions and explain the acquisition process that would be conducted in accordance with the local, state and federal guidelines.</p> <p>Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize impacts to both the natural and human environments. Generally, once the environmental analysis is approved, a property owner is contacted and offered fair market value for the property sought to be acquired. Improvements made to the property are considered. If the property is acquired, relocation information and assistance is available. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.</p>
35	Susan Barker		2/18/2015	Oral - To court reporter in Commons Area	My name is Susan Barker. I am concerned about the reference Receptor R-14. I was told to ask for a noise barrier and also replant trees in the area, because approximately one and one fourth acres will be taken off my property. And there's trees on there that will be taken down. And the other question – maybe this should have been the first one: Who do I need to talk to at TxDOT about acquiring the entire property? My phone number is... The Receptor R-14 is 66 decibels at the moment and that's the loudest it will go, and that's high, so... My realtor has already appraised the property at approximately \$300,000, and I'm concerned that once they take that piece of my property, it won't be worth anything. I want the value out of my property. I've been there 27 years.	Noise	<p>During the development and preparation of the Final EIS, a noise analysis per TxDOT's Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise was performed. The analysis predicted future noise levels and identified noise impacts. The noise impacts were evaluated to determine possible mitigation measures. Per TxDOT guidance, noise mitigation must be determined to be both feasible and reasonable before being proposed for incorporation into the project. To be feasible a noise wall must reduce noise by at least 5 dB(A) at greater than 50% of first row of impacted receivers and a reduction of 7 db(A) for at-least one of the adjacent noise receivers. To be reasonable it must be cost effective to build, no more than \$25,000 per benefited receiver. The final decision to construct noise barriers will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction. The final decision to implement any proposed noise mitigation would be made at the completion of project design and the public involvement process. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS.</p> <p>Once project approval is received, a property owner will be contacted and the residence or business will be appraised and a fair market value price will be offered. Relocation information and assistance is available. In general terms, the residence or business will be appraised and a fair market value price will be offered. Improvements made to the property or business will also be taken into consideration during the acquisition process. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.</p>

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						Relocation	Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize impacts to both the natural and human environments. Generally, once the environmental analysis is approved, a property owner is contacted and offered fair market value for the property sought to be acquired. Improvements made to the property are considered. If the property is acquired, relocation information and assistance is available. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.
<b>Business</b>							
36	Peter Mundy	Self/Business – Devon Energy	2/18/2015	Oral - To court reporter in Commons Area	Pete Mundy with Devon Energy. We operate the Pinehurst Field, which sits on the north side of Hazy Hollow subdivision. The access into the field, so we can access all of the wells – the oil and gas wells, comes up from the south from FM 1774. And according to one of the aerials over here on the easel board, there isn't a bridge there. In other words, the extension crosses our only access into the field, and they don't have a bridge there. We had talked with TxDOT two years ago about needing a bridge there, and they said, "Yeah, that probably wouldn't be a problem." So I just want to make sure that there's a bridge there at that access road.	Access	Access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. In addition, TxDOT has coordinated with Devon and there will be an overpass/underpass provided that can accommodate 18 feet vertical clearance which will allow for ingress and egress to the property.
37	Devon	Business - Devon Energy	2/18/2015	Written	Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("Devon") owns the surface of 1,100 acres in the part of the proposed SH 249 Extension Project. Devon previously owned oil and gas leases in the area by recently sold those leases to LINN Energy Holding, LLC. Devon remains the owner of a	Detention Ponds	Detention Ponds – As currently designed a 31 acre detention pond is proposed on the Devon property. During final design, location and number of detentions ponds will be finalized to incorporate during the design build phase. TxDOT will continue to coordinate with Devon Energy as final design is developed.

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					<p>very substantial surface interest. Devon has the following comments: Water Retention Pond Location. The proposed location of the water retention pond is located near the middle of Devon's property, a location that significantly diminishes the value of land that is "high and dry" and very valuable for future commercial development. Devon respectfully requests that the pond be relocated to other property. However, if that is not possible Devon requests that the State consider splitting the 31 acre pond into several smaller, strategically placed ponds. Relocation to a flood plain area, which would be much more suitable for the pond, would also have a much less detrimental impact on the land's value. Property Value - Potential Commercial Development. The proposed route for SH 249 Project (recommended, Preferred B/C Alternative Alignment) is acceptable to Devon. In particular, the proposed grade-change/underpass that will accommodate large equipment and a four-lane boulevard suitable for future commercial development is very important to Devon. While Devon accepts the proposed route for SH 249, Devon's property has significant value for future commercial development. A recent appraisal indicates the land to be valued in excess of \$18,000,000. Devon expects to be fairly compensated by the State. Timber Value. The proposed route will also require the cutting and removal of a large amount of mature and very valuable timber. Devon also expects to be fairly compensated by the State for any timber that must be cut. A recent appraisal indicates that the timber on Devon's land is valued at \$17,000 per acre.</p>	Property Value - Compensation	Right of way acquisition, and therefore payments for property, cannot begin until NEPA approval (Record of Decision). A property owner will be contacted and the residence or business will be appraised and a fair market value price will be offered. Improvements made to the property or business will also be taken into consideration during the acquisition process. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.
38	Rich Frazier - Counsel for Linn Energy	Business - Linn Energy	3/9/2015	Written	<p>Linn Energy Holdings, LLC ("Linn") owns oil and gas leases that will be affected by the proposed routes for the Texas State highway 249 Extension. In total, Linn has oil, gas and mineral leases covering roughly 13,000 gross acres in Montgomery County, Texas. Linn acquired many of these properties, including the Dean and Pinehurst Gas Units, from Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. in 2014. I have attached Devon's comments here. In addition to the comments and concerns that Devon has expressed with respect to the oil and gas operations, Linn has the following comments:</p> <p>1) Grade-change/underpass. A grade-change/underpass is needed to accommodate Linn's existing access road. The currently proposed four-lane width should provide sufficient width. However, this underpass must accommodate large equipment with at least eighteen feet (18') of vertical clearance. If an eighteen foot vertical clearance is not possible, a lower grade of road that could accommodate "low boy" trailers may also be sufficient. Without this vertical clearance, Linn will be unable to access the property with appropriate equipment and will suffer a significant economic burden. I spoke with Robb Fishman, Environmental Program Manager for Jacobs Engineering</p>	Design	1) Through discussion between TxDOT and Linn Energy Holdings (and Devon), a design was developed to provide a grade-change with an underpass that can accommodate up to 18 feet of vertical clearance. This is consistent with discussions and requests with Devon Energy and Linn Energy Holdings. TxDOT will continue to coordinate with Linn Energy as final design is developed.
						Pipeline	2) Coordination with the current land owner and lease holder will be required to insure that all safety protocols are adhered to and avoid any pipeline disruptions.
						Construction	3) During the final design process discussions would be held concerning possible shut in during construction of SH 249 Selected Alternative.

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					<p>on March 6 to discuss the grade-change/underpass issue.</p> <p>2) Pipeline. Linn has a high pressure gas gathering system in place that crosses the proposed route for the SH 249 project. We would request that Linn be consulted during construction and when placing support beams and boreholes to ensure that the pipelines are not damaged and that proper safety precautions are taken.</p> <p>3) Shut-ins. Some of the currently existing producing wells may need to be temporarily shut-in during the time of construction. This will negatively impact Linn as a well as numerous royalty owners in the Dean and Pinehurst Gas Units. Linn does not yet have an estimate in place regarding the lost revenue, although Devon in its July 2, 2013 letter estimated that approximately \$1,759 per day would be lost under the SH 249 Alignment B program. Linn appreciates the time and effort that the State and Jacobs Engineering have taken thus far, and we trust that we can work together to reach the best outcome for all.</p>		
<b>Public Official</b>							
39	County Judge Craig Doyal	Montgomery County	2/18/2015	Oral - During Public Hearing	<p>My name's Craig Doyal. I'm the Montgomery County Judge. I would like to speak in favor of this project, and I would like to thank TxDOT for their partnership in this project so far. We've talked to a lot of people from Tomball, from Magnolia, and a lot of property owners along this route, went to Austin and lobbied for the project. Most of you know, for many years this area was pretty quiet. There wasn't a lot of traffic, wasn't a lot of problems; but we've grown exponentially over the last few years. And the need for this project today is critically through Montgomery County. So, I am here today to speak in support of that project. I think that it – as we move forward – without SH 249, if you – if you drove here tonight, you saw the traffic problems that we have. We are going to continue to grow each and every day. Without projects like this, the traffic congestion is just going to continue to get worse. So, I applaud TxDOT for their effort and look forward to partnering with you along with Harris County to get this project completed in Montgomery County, and I thank you for being here with us tonight.</p>		Comment acknowledged.
<b>Agencies</b>							

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40	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Agency - TCEQ	2/5/2015	Written letter from agency	<p>The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers the following comments:  This Project is in an area of Texas classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as severe nonattainment for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and marginal nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Air Quality staff has reviewed the document in accordance with transportation and general conformity regulations codified in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93 Subparts A and B. We concur with TxDOT's assessment.  The management of industrial and hazardous waste at the site including waste treatment, processing, and/or disposal is subject to state and federal regulations. Construction and demolition waste must be sent for recycling or disposal at a facility authorized by the TCEQ. Special waste authorization may be required for the disposal of asbestos containing material.  Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Elizabeth McKeefer, CAPM, NEPA Coordinator, at (512) 239-2779 or NEPA@tceq.texas.gov.</p>	Hazmat	Comment acknowledged. TxDOT will continue to meet all applicable state and federal regulations concerning industrial and hazardous waste management and will continue coordination efforts with TCEQ during final design development.
41	United States Environmental Protection Agency	Agency - EPA	3/9/2015	Written letter from agency	<p>In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) , and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the State Highway 249 Extension (SH 249) The purpose of this DEIS is to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed SH 249 tollway.</p> <p>EPA's review identified a number of potential adverse impacts to aquatic resources, threatened and endangered species, archeological resources, and wetlands. In addition, the DEIS does not contain enough information to fully consider aquatic resources, noise, threatened and endangered species, historical and archeological resources, wetlands, indirect and cumulative effects, and greenhouse gas emissions. For these reasons we have rated the DEIS as "Environmental Concerns –Insufficient Information" (EC-2). The EPA's Rating System Criteria can be found at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/comments/ratings.html">http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/comments/ratings.html</a>  EPA requests that these issues be addressed prior to releasing the Final EIS (FEIS). We have enclosed detailed comments which clarify our concerns.</p>	EPA	<p>The EPA rating of EC-2 was given based on the concerns listed below. TxDOT has responded to EPA's concerns in the Final EIS and the responses below.</p> <p>As per the letter sent on March 2, 2015, TxDOT will continue to coordinate with EPA and will submit copy of the joint Final EIS/Record of Decision (ROD) to determine if EPA's concerns have been addressed and the new rating for the SH 249 Extension 1 project.</p>

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					<p>EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office one copy of the FEIS when it is electronically filed. This letter will be published on the EPA website, <a href="http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html">http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html</a>, according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the CAA to inform the public of our views on the proposed Federal action. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at <a href="mailto:stucky.marie@epa.gov">stucky.marie@epa.gov</a> or 214-665-7560, or contact Keith Hyden of my staff at <a href="mailto:hayden.keith@epa.gov">hayden.keith@epa.gov</a> or 214-665-2133.</p> <p>Background: The proposed SH 249 controlled access tollway extension project would extend from just south of SH 249/FM 1774/FM149 interchange in the City of Pinehurst to a new SH 249/FM 1774 interchange north of the City of Todd Mission. The proposed SH 249 Extension would be developed on a new location and would be approximately 14 to 15 miles in length. It would cross the southwest portion of Montgomery County and extend into the southeast portion of Grimes County.</p>		
					<p>1) Displacements: Table 4-5, on page 4-8, indicates 2 residential houses will potentially be displaced, while table 4-6, on page 4-12 indicates 6 residences that will be displaced.</p> <p>Recommendation: Clarify how many residential displacements will occur as a result of the project. Discuss the reason for the displacement, such as construction of the road, noise, or other factor.</p>	Displacements	<p>1) The intent of Table 4-5 (Potential Impacts to Residential Communities/Subdivisions) on page 4-7 in the Draft EIS is solely for discussion of impacts within residential communities. While Table 4-6 (Potential Displacement/Relocation by Alternative Alignment) shows all displacements per alternative. Due to the rural nature of the project area, two of the six residential displacements would occur within a neighborhood (Hazy Hollow), while the other 4 residential displacements are scattered residential sites. This is stated on page 4-13 of the Draft EIS under the heading Alternative Alignment B/C and C; "Of the seven displacements/relocations, two would be from Hazy Hollow East neighborhood. The remaining displacements /relocations are single, scattered residential sites."</p> <p>A footnote has been added Table ROD-1 of the ROD and Table 2 of the Final EIS to clarify that displacements are only when structures are within the ROW.</p>
					<p>2) Per the DEIS, all communities near the SH 249 Extension will be impacted. There will be displaced and relocated residents as well as the Believers Fellowship Baptist Church and school that will be impacted.</p> <p>Recommendation: There should be a continuous communication and public participation plan for this project that includes town hall meetings and listening sessions in regards to impacts to the parks, homes, churches, etc. Submit the public participation plan to EPA for review.</p>	Public Involvement	<p>2) Section 5 of the Final EIS outlines all public involvement activities throughout the National Environmental Policy Act process.</p> <p>TxDOT has conducted the public involvement process for SH 249 Extension in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations and guidelines. During the MIS phase of the project, public meetings were held with local stakeholders and the public on November 16, 2000, March 29, 2001 and October 16, 2001. As part of the Draft EIS phase of the project, a public meeting was held on December 15, 2003, June 17, 2004, November 18, 2004 and October 3, 2013 where TxDOT representatives presented environmental information including community impacts analysis. TxDOT was available to answer property owner's questions/concerns. A public hearing was then held on February 18, 2015. At the public hearing more detailed environmental</p>

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							information was presented including the more detailed community impacts analysis. TxDOT has been in close coordination with property owners with concerns. Monthly emails regarding the status of the project have been sent to many concerned property owners. As property owners request meetings, TxDOT has accommodated those requests. TxDOT has met with several businesses in the area to discuss the SH 249 project as well as several property owners. As indicated, TxDOT is in full compliance with local, state and federal regulations and has done everything possible to keep the communities, property owners and businesses involved with the planning of the project.
					<p>3) Noise: Page 4-47 of the DEIS states “before any abatement measure can be proposed for incorporation into the project, it must be both feasible and reasonable. In order to be “feasible,” the abatement measure must be able to reduce the noise level at an impacted receptor by at least 5 dB(A) at greater than 50 percent of the first row impacted receivers, and to be “reasonable,” it must not exceed the cost-effectiveness criterion of \$25,000 for each receiver that would benefit by a reduction of at least 5 dB(A) and at least one first row receiver must achieve the noise reduction design goal of at least 7 dB(A) . Page ES-9 states noise barriers would only be feasible and reasonable for 66 impacted receivers under Alternative Alignment B/C. What is not stated is that will occur for the residential noise sensitive receptors (NSR) who will be impacts by traffic noise as a result of the tollway, for which noise abatement was deemed feasible or reasonable. There are 19 residential NSR’s identified in table 4-16 that will be affected by the tollway. Some of the residences will experience increases of 20 dB(A) or more. Information on displacements and potential buyouts of adversely affected residences is lacking in the DEIS.</p> <p>Recommendation: Please clarify exactly what will happen to the 19 residences adversely affected by noise, for which no abatement or mitigation is proposed. Are they included in displacement or buyout totals? Explain any methods used to compensate the residences for their loss in property values.</p>	Noise	<p>3) TxDOT will continue to meet the federally-approved noise guidelines for mitigation, including alternative mitigation measures. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS.</p> <p>Currently, TxDOT guidelines do not provide alternative mitigation measures, such as buyouts, for those residences that are affected by the tollway, for which noise abatement was not deemed feasible or reasonable.</p>
					<p>4) Threatened and Endangered Species: Pages 4-59 through 4-62 detail potential impacts to threatened and endangered species (T&amp;E). There has currently been minimal field surveys conducted to determine impacts to T&amp;E species. For T&amp;E species determinations other than “no impact”; consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is required.</p> <p>Recommendation: Complete consultation with the USFWS on any T&amp;E species that has not previously received a “no effect” determination. For state listed T&amp;E species complete consultation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife</p>	Threatened and Endangered Species	<p>4) Since the release of the Draft EIS; field investigations were conducted for approximately 76 percent of the SH 249 Extension right-of-way for the Selected Alternative Alignment. Impact calls have been made for those properties with right-of-entry ROE and at this time consultation with USFWS is not required. TxDOT sent USFWS a letter dated January 15, 2015, which indicated that the Draft EIS was available (and provided the website link) for review and comment.</p> <p>Consultation with Texas Parks and Wildlife Division (TPWD) has been initiated. TxDOT provided TPWD a Tier I Assessment (including T&amp;E analysis) per TxDOT and TPWD’s Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). TxDOT received a response that TPWD had received the Tier I</p>

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					Department (TPWD). EPA requests this consolation be completed prior to the release of the FEIS.		<p>Assessment on 6/27/2014. TxDOT received another response from TPWD on 07/02/2014 and 07/09/2014 indicating that TPWD would not review the Tier I Assessment because coordination with TPWD had begun prior to the Tier I assessment being submitted and that they would review the Draft EIS with more detailed information. TxDOT sent a letter to TPWD on February 12, 2015 which indicated that the Draft EIS was available for review and comment. The Final EIS will also be made available to TPWD for review prior to its release to the public.</p> <p>Final EIS has a commitment to conduct field studies on the remaining 24 percent and consultation with USFWS and TPWD on T&amp;E species will be completed if species or habitat is found. See Section 4.11 Threatened and Endangered Species of the Final EIS.</p>
					<p>5) Archeological, Cultural, and Historical Resources: Several areas of the DEIS indicate the potential to discover archeological resources as "high." Page 4-65 indicates there is potential for 2 or more archeological resources to occur in the project area. Appendix E contains several recommendations for identification and protection of archeological, cultural and historic resources.</p> <p>Recommendation: Continue to consult with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to determine and prevent impacts to archeological, cultural, and historical resources. Also, identify specific tribes to consult for potential impacts to tribal resources, or areas where tribes were historically present. EPA recommends adhering to all recommendations made in the constraints analysis in Appendix E. EPA requests this consolation be completed prior to the release of the FEIS.</p>	Archeological	<p>5) Approximately 7.4 miles of the area of potential effect (APE) would need to be surveyed once right-of-way acquisition is completed and dense vegetation has been cleared. Section 4.16 of the Final EIS states that the Texas Historical Commission (THC) concurs with the draft archeological findings and the commitment to survey the remaining right-of-way prior to the construction of the Selected Alternative Alignment. TxDOT will continue to coordinate with THC appropriately as field research is completed.</p>
					<p>6) Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change: Climate change and Greenhouse gas (GHG) were not mentioned or analyzed in the DEIS.</p> <p>Recommendation: EPA recommends that climate change issues be analyzed consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) December 2014 revised draft guidance for Federal agencies' consideration of GHG emissions and climate change impacts when conducting environmental reviews under NEPA. Accordingly, we recommend the FEIS include an estimate of the GHG emissions associated with the project, qualitatively describe relevant climate change impacts, and analyze reasonable alternatives and/or practicable mitigation measures to reduce project-related GHG emissions: More specifics on those elements are provided below. In addition, we recommend that the NEP A analysis address the appropriateness of considering changes to the design of the proposal to incorporate GHG reduction measures and resilience to foreseeable climate change. The FEIS should make clear whether commitments have been made to ensure implementation of design or other measures to</p>	Air Quality	<p>6 &amp;7) GHG language was included in Section 4.6.4 Climate Change, Greenhouse Gas, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions of the Final EIS.</p>

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					<p>reduce GHG emissions or to adapt to climate change impacts.</p> <p>7) Include in the "Affected Environment" section of the FEIS a summary discussion of climate change and ongoing and reasonably foreseeable climate change impacts relevant to the project, based on U.S. Global Change Research Program<sup>1</sup> assessments, to assist with identification of potential project impacts that may be exacerbated by climate change and to inform consideration of measures to adapt to climate change impacts.</p> <p>Estimate the GHG emissions associated with the proposal and its alternatives. Example tools for estimating and quantifying GHG emissions can be found on CEQ's NEPA.gov website<sup>2</sup>. For actions which are likely to have less than 25,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>-e emissions/year, provide a qualitative estimate unless quantification is easily accomplished. The estimated GHG emissions can serve as a reasonable proxy for climate change impacts when comparing the proposal and alternatives. In disclosing the potential impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives, consideration should be given to whether and to what extent the impacts may be exacerbated by expected climate change in the action area, as discussed in the "affected environment" section.</p> <p>Describe measures to reduce GHG emissions associated with the project, including reasonable alternatives or other practicable mitigation opportunities and disclose the estimated GHG reductions associated with such measures. The alternatives analysis should, as appropriate, consider practicable changes to the proposal to make it more resilient to anticipated climate change. EPA further recommends that the FEIS commits to implementation of reasonable mitigation measures that would reduce or eliminate project-related GHG emissions.</p> <p><sup>1</sup> <a href="http://www.globalchange.gov/">http://www.globalchange.gov/</a>  <sup>2</sup> <a href="https://ceq.doe.gov/current_developments/GHG_accounting_methods_7_Jan2015.html">https://ceq.doe.gov/current_developments/GHG_accounting_methods_7_Jan2015.html</a>  <sup>3</sup> Recognizing that climate impacts are not attributable to any single action, but are exacerbated by a series of smaller decisions, we do not recommend comparing GHG emissions from a proposed action to global emissions. As noted by the CEQ revised draft guidance, "[t]his approach does not reveal anything beyond the nature of the climate change challenge itself: [t]he fact that diverse individual sources of emissions each make relatively small additions to global atmospheric GHG concentrations that collectively have huge impact."</p>		
					8) WETLANDS, WATERS OF THE U.S., AND VEGETATION	Wetlands and Waters	8) Field surveys and functional assessments were completed for approximately 77 percent of the Selected Alternative Alignment to the

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					<p>Field Surveys and Functional Assessments</p> <p>Statements made in Section 3.9 conflict with statements made in the Executive Summary (ES), section 3.9.2. The ES indicates that field surveys have not yet been conducted, and that analysis so far has been based on National Wetland Inventory (NWI) maps. However, in this section there is a reference to field site visits for the purpose of preliminary jurisdictional determination. While this statement raises questions regarding consistency, overall, the indication seems to be that field site visits either did not occur, or were very limited, and if they did occur, no field site data has been provided. Rather than relying on NWI maps, actual field surveys should have been conducted for wetlands and stream crossings being proposed. Wetlands and other waters of the U.S. (WUS) that would be impacted by each alternative should have been described and mapped, and photographs provided. Functional assessment of wetlands and other WUS that would be impacted should have been conducted and provided for review. Although stream crossings may constitute a majority of the proposed projects impacts to WUS; there is no description of stream habitat that would be impacted.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Conduct field surveys and functional assessment of wetlands and other waters of the U.S. that would be impacted by the various alternatives being considered, and especially the preferred alternative, as soon as possible, and provide results in the FEIS. Provide maps, descriptions, photographs, data, etc.</p>		<p>extent that there is right of entry. All other delineations were conducted using desktop surveys. An individual permit has been submitted to the U.S. Corps of Engineers (USACE) along with a mitigation plan, which is in review. The USACE will not approve the individual permit until after issuance of the ROD. See Section 4.9 Wetlands and Other Waters of the US of the Final EIS for the results of the field efforts that were conducted in areas where there was ROE.</p>
					<p>9) Statements made in the ES section 3.11.1 indicate field surveys to identify and quantify impacts to special habitat features, including bottomland hardwoods and riparian areas, have not been conducted. Field surveys should have been conducted previously and the results included in this DEIS.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Conduct field surveys to identify and quantify impacts to special habitat features, including bottomland hardwoods and riparian areas, as soon as possible, and include the results in the FEIS.</p>	Vegetation and Wildlife	<p>9) Field surveys were completed for approximately 77 percent of the Right-of-way, to the extent that there is right of entry. See Section 4.10 Vegetation and Wildlife of the Final EIS.</p>
					<p>Jurisdictional Determination/Wetland Delineation: Section 3.10.1 and 4.9.2</p> <p>9) Jurisdictional determination/wetland delineation should have been conducted and results provided as part of the DEIS. Somewhat conflicting statements regarding whether or not jurisdictional determination/wetland delineation has been conducted or not, exist in several places in the document.</p>	Wetlands	<p>10) Preliminary wetland determinations were conducted in the Draft EIS using National Wetland Inventory mapping. While all impacts to wetlands could not be avoided by any of the alternative alignments studied, the Selected Alternative Alignment has fewer impacts than Alternative Alignments B or E.</p> <p>Waters of the United States, including wetlands, were delineated for the Selected Alternative, in those areas where right of entry was received, for the Final EIS. The field efforts have been coordinated and verified by the USACE and an individual permit with proposed mitigation has</p>

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					<p><i>Recommendation:</i> Clarify whether or not preliminary jurisdictional determination/wetland delineation has been conducted. If not, complete draft jurisdictional determination/wetland delineation and provide the results in the FEIS.</p>		been submitted to the USACE. The USACE will not approve the individual permit until after issuance of the ROD. The See Section 4.9 Wetlands and Other Waters of the US of the Final EIS.
					<p>Mitigation Plan; Section 3.9 and 4.9.2</p> <p>10) A draft mitigation plan for impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. should have been provided as part of the DEIS for review and comment.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> If an alternative that completely avoids impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. cannot be considered, then we recommend a draft mitigation plan to compensate for impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. be completed and provided in the FEIS.</p>	Waters	
					<p>Indirect and Cumulative Impacts; Section ES-4, 5.7.3, and 6.3.3.</p> <p>11) Indirect effects associated with the proposed SH 249 Extension would include encroachment alteration effects to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. The DEIS appears to reflect an underestimation of the impacts of future jurisdictional wetland and stream impacts due to induced development. The DEIS assumes that all impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and streams will be fully mitigated for. Also, the DEIS appears to downplay the significance of cumulative impacts on wetlands and other waters of the U.S. in the Houston area in general, as well as in the project area.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Revise the text to explicitly state that indirect effects of the proposed project include encroachment alteration and induced development effects to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. Acknowledge that the potential cumulative impacts due to continued urbanization of this area include impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S.</p>	Wetlands and Waters	<p>11) The Draft EIS Indirect Impact Analysis, Section 5, does discuss encroachment alteration effects to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. The Draft EIS states that encroachment growth would likely be limited to intersections with existing roadways were access ramps would be available (Section 5.5.2) and the Draft EIS also discusses the amount of mapped wetlands and streams within the Area of Influence (AOI) (Section 5.6.3).</p> <p>The Final EIS reassessed the cumulative impacts to water resources and in Section 4.23.2.5 it is acknowledged that impacts to non-jurisdictional waters and wetlands are not regulated and could be realized with future developments, the future total impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and waters of the U.S. would be regulated and limited by the USACE and EPA. In addition, in Section 4.23.2.7, the Final EIS states:</p> <p>“To a large extent, impacts to wetlands would be avoided, minimized, or mitigated by compliance with existing federal statutes that apply to private and government interests. The USACE (under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act) has legislative mandates to reduce or avoid significant and adverse impacts to protected resources on an individual and cumulative basis. The regulations are intended to minimize adverse effects on protected water resources as a cumulative consequence of development.”</p>
					<p>ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS</p> <p>12) While we realize there are numerous factors and criteria to take into consideration in the development and analysis of alternatives for a project such as this, it appears that the selection of the study area, and all alternatives considered, did not include consideration of areas farther away from the Mill Creek floodplain, where there might be fewer wetlands and streams that would be impacted.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Consider expanding the study area to</p>	Waters	<p>12) TxDOT evaluated several corridors during the MIS based on constraints mapping to determine the best corridor to create the Draft EIS alternatives. The MIS found that either the corridors crossed Mill Creek and its tributaries, or Walnut Creek and its tributaries. The MIS corridor chosen for development of the Draft EIS alternatives was chosen based on all constraints evaluated and public involvement to have the least impacts. The corridor was even widened to allow better placement of the Draft EIS alternatives to further minimize impacts.</p> <p>In addition, the Alternatives Analysis was conducted in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations/guidelines. No additional</p>

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					include areas away from Mill Creek and its tributaries, or add additional alternative alignments in this area away from Mill Creek. If necessary, revise this section to incorporate changes to impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. (e.g. Mill Creek and tributaries) as a result of additional alternatives.		alternatives will be evaluated. TxDOT had submitted a Section 404 individual permit to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for impacts to waters of the U.S., along with a mitigation plan, for coordination and approval.
					<p>CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION</p> <p>13) Coordination with several local, state, and national agencies concerning environmental laws and executive orders is ongoing. There are also a number of permits referenced in the DEIS that will need to be acquired prior to project construction commencing.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> EPA recommends that TXDOT include all correspondence with resource agencies mentioned in the DEIS in a dedicated section or appendix of the FEIS, and not release the FEIS until all consultations required for the project have been completed.</p>	Coordination	13) Appendix D of the Draft EIS and Appendix B of the Final EIS has included all correspondence with resource agencies.
42	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Agency-TPWD	3/4/2015	Written letter from agency	<p>Under Section 12.0011 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is charged with "providing recommendations that will protect fish and wildlife resources to local, state, and federal agencies that approve, permit, license, or construct developmental projects: and "Providing information on fish and wildlife resources to any local, state, and federal agencies or private organizations that make decisions affecting those resources."</p> <p>Please be aware that a written response to a TPWD recommendation or information comment received by a state governmental agency may be required by state law. For further guidance, see the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 12.0011, which can be found on line at <a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PW/htm?PW.12.htm#12.0011">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PW/htm?PW.12.htm#12.0011</a>. For tracking purposes, please refer to TPWD project number ERCS-10595 in any return correspondence regarding this project.</p> <p>TxDOT proposes the extension of SH 249 on new location for approximately 15 miles, from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 in Todd Mission, Grimes County. The proposed SH 249 extension is planned as a four main lane controlled access toll road, with intermittent frontage roads, located within a typical 400 foot right-of-way (ROW).</p> <p>TPWD has previously provided comments on this project on December 3, 2013, March 20, 2006 and April 21, 2005.</p>		<p>As noted in the comment TxDOT has initiated early coordination with TPWD in accordance with TxDOT TPWD 2013 MOU.</p> <p>Best management practices as outlined in Sections 6.71 and 6.7.2 of the Final EIS will be utilized for the SH 249 Extension project.</p> <p>TxDOT will continue to coordinate with TPWD in accordance with the TxDOT TPWD 2013 MOU.</p>

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Appendix A Public Hearing Certification

# CERTIFICATION

County: Montgomery and Grimes Counties  
Highway: SH 249  
Control: 3635-01-001 and 3635-02-001

This is to certify that:

1. A Public Hearing was held at Magnolia West High School located at 42201 FM 1774, Magnolia, Texas 77354 on February 18, 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.

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Appendix B Notices of Public Hearing and Notices of Availability

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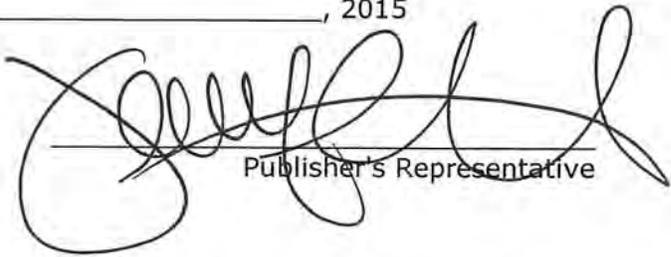
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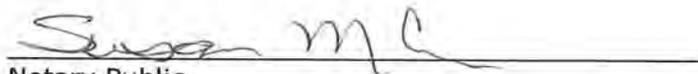
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**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TxDOT) conducirá una Vista Pública sobre la extensión propuesta de la carretera SH 249 desde la FM 1774 en Pinehurst hasta la FM 1774 en Todd Mission en los Condados de Montgomery y Grimes. La Vista se llevará a cabo el 18 de febrero del 2015 en la escuela Magnolia West High School, localizada en 42202 FM 1774 Rd, Magnolia, TX 77354.

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El propósito de la Vista Pública es recibir el sentir y los comentarios en asuntos relevantes en relación lo que debe seguir en la próxima fase del proceso ambiental. La audiencia será una oportunidad para hacer comentarios orales y escritos.

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Persons wishing to intervene or comment on the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 or by phone at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. A deadline for intervention in this proceeding will be established. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. All comments should reference Docket Number 44054.

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Adriana A. Gonzales

Rules Coordinator

Public Utility Commission of Texas

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## Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Availability: Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) State Highway 45 Southwest in Travis and Hays Counties, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the availability of the Final EIS for the proposed construction of State Highway 45 Southwest (SH 45SW) in Travis and Hays Counties, Texas. The project would construct a four-lane, limited access toll road. The project limits extend from State Loop 1 (MoPac) to Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1626, a distance of approximately four miles.

The purpose of the project is to improve system connectivity, local mobility, and travel times, while providing an efficient alternative route to congested local roadways in northern Hays and southern Travis Counties. The social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project have been analyzed in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS further studies the build alternative proposed in the Draft EIS and the no-build alternative, and identifies the build alternative as the preferred alternative. The preferred alternative is investigated at a higher level of detail in the Final EIS to facilitate the development of mitigation measures and to comply with other regulatory requirements.

The preferred alternative would consist of a limited access toll facility on new location and would include four 12-foot-wide lanes, 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, and four-foot-wide inside shoulders within a pre-existing state-owned right-of-way that varies between 300 and 600 feet. The preferred alternative includes a 10-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path along the entire length of the project. The preferred alternative would not require the acquisition of any additional right-of-way.

Copies of the Final EIS may be viewed at the <http://www.sh45sw.com/> or at any of the following locations:

1. TxDOT Austin District Office, 7901 N IH 35, Austin, TX 78753;
2. TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, TX 78704;
3. Austin Public Library, Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, 5125 Convict Hill Road, Austin, TX 78749;
4. Austin Public Library, Pleasant Hill Branch, 211 E. William Cannon Drive, Austin, TX 78745; and
5. Buda Public Library, 303 Main Street, Buda, TX 78610.

A digital version of the Final EIS may be downloaded from the SH 45SW Project website at <http://www.sh45sw.com>. Paper copies of the Final EIS and other information about the project may be requested from TxDOT's District Office in Austin, Texas. Submit requests in writing to TxDOT-Austin District, Attention: Jon Geiselbrecht, P.O. Drawer 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426 or by email to [jon.geiselbrecht@txdot.gov](mailto:jon.geiselbrecht@txdot.gov). Paper copies may be obtained at the requester's expense.

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Joanne Wright

Deputy General Counsel

Texas Department of Transportation

Filed: January 14, 2015

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement - State Highway 249 Extension from Farm-to-Market Road 1774 in Montgomery and Grimes Counties

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) concerning the proposed construction of State Highway 249 Extension (SH 249) in Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas. The project would construct a four-lane, limited access toll road. The project limits extend from Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, a distance of approximately 15 miles.

The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area. The social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project have been analyzed in the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS studies four build alternatives, the no build alternative, and identifies the B/C alternative as the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would consist of a limited access toll facility on new location and would typically include four 12-foot-wide lanes, 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders within a 400-foot right-of-way. The Preferred Alternative would require the acquisition of 727 acres of additional right-of-way.

Although the Draft EIS identifies a Preferred Alternative, the final selection of the Preferred Alternative would occur only after a public comment period including a public hearing, consideration of comments, and evaluation of environmental effects.

The Draft EIS is on file and available for review at the following locations:

- (1) TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007;
- (2) TxDOT Montgomery County Area Office, 901 North FM 3083 East, Conroe, TX 77303;
- (3) TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803;
- (4) Malcolm Purvis Library, 510 Melton Street, Magnolia, TX 77354;
- (5) Tomball Community Library/Lone Star College, 30555 SH 249, Tomball, TX 77375;
- (6) Navasota Public Library, 1411 East Washington Avenue, Navasota, TX 77868;
- (7) Montgomery County Library, Central Branch, 104 I-45 North, Conroe, TX 77301.

A digital version of the Draft EIS may be downloaded from the SH 249 Extension project website at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>.

Paper copies of the Draft EIS and other information about the project may be requested from TxDOT's District Office in Houston, Texas. Submit requests in writing to TxDOT-Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Paper copies may be obtained at the requestor's expense.

Written comments regarding the Draft EIS may be submitted to TxDOT-Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Comments will be accepted at [HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov) or the project website at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>. The deadline to submit public comments will be not less than 15 days after the date of the public hearing.

As required by TxDOT's rules, the department will publish a notice in newspapers of a public hearing regarding the Draft EIS.

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.

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Joanne Wright  
Deputy General Counsel  
Texas Department of Transportation  
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#### Public Hearing Notice - Texas Transportation Plan 2040

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at 200 East Riverside Drive, Room 1A-2, in Austin, Texas to receive public comments on the Texas Transportation Plan (TTP) 2040. The TTP is the 24-year long-range multimodal plan for the state of Texas.

Transportation Code, §201.601, requires the department to develop a statewide transportation plan that contains all modes of transportation. Title 23, United States Code, §135 requires the state to develop a long-range statewide transportation plan that provides for the development and implementation of the intermodal transportation system of the state. The Texas Transportation Commission has adopted rules located in Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 16, governing the planning and development of transportation projects, which include guidance regarding public involvement related to the development of the TTP.

A copy of the proposed TTP will be available for review at each of the department's district offices, at the department's Transportation Planning and Programming Division offices located in Building 118, Second Floor, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, or (512) 486-5132, and on the department's website at: <http://www.txdot.gov>.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register in advance by notifying Michelle Conkle, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at (512) 486-5132 not later than Tuesday, February 10, 2015, or they may register at the hearing location beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. Speakers will be taken in the order registered. Any interested person may appear and offer comments or testimony, either orally or in writing; however, questioning of witnesses will be reserved exclusively to the presiding authority as may be necessary to ensure a complete record. While any persons with pertinent comments

or testimony will be granted an opportunity to present them during the course of the hearing, the presiding authority reserves the right to restrict testimony in terms of time or repetitive content. Groups, organizations, or associations should be represented by only one speaker. Speakers are requested to refrain from repeating previously presented testimony. Persons with disabilities who have special communication or accommodation needs or who plan to attend the hearing may contact the Transportation Planning and Programming Division at 118 East Riverside Drive Austin, Texas 78704-1205, (512) 486-5053. Requests should be made no later than Friday, February 6, 2015. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs.

Interested parties who are unable to attend the hearing may submit comments regarding the proposed TTP to James W. Koch, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Programming, P.O. Box 149217, Austin, Texas 78714-9217. In order to be considered, all written comments must be received at the Transportation Planning and Programming office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015.

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Joanne Wright  
Deputy General Counsel  
Texas Department of Transportation  
Filed: January 14, 2015



#### Public Hearing Notice - Unified Transportation Program

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at 118 East Riverside Drive, First Floor ENV Conference Room, in Austin, Texas to receive public comments on the proposed updates to the 2015 Unified Transportation Program (UTP).

The UTP is a 10-year program that guides the development and authorizes construction of transportation projects and projects involving aviation, public transportation, and the state's waterways and coastal waters. The Texas Transportation Commission has adopted rules located in Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 16, governing the planning and development of transportation projects, which include guidance regarding public involvement related to adoption of the UTP and approval of any updates to the program.

Information regarding the proposed updates to the 2015 UTP will be available at each of the department's district offices, at the department's Transportation Planning and Programming Division offices located in Building 118, Second Floor, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, or (512) 486-5038, and on the department's website at: [http://www.txdot.gov/public\\_involvement/utp.html](http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.html).

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## Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

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## Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

*EIS No. 20150015, Final EIS, BPA, ID, Hooper Springs Transmission Project, Review Period Ends: 02/23/2015, Contact: Tish Eaton 503-230-3469.*

*EIS No. 20150016, Final EIS, FHWA, FL, SR 997/SW 177th Avenue/Krome Avenue South, Contact: Cathy Kendall 850-553-2225.*

Under MAP-21 section 1319, FTA has issued a single FEIS and ROD. Therefore, the 30-day wait/review period under NEPA does not apply to this action.

*EIS No. 20150017, Draft EIS, USN, NV, Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Comment Period Ends: 03/09/2015, Contact: Amy Kelley 619-532-2799.*

*EIS No. 20150018, Draft EIS, FHWA, TX, SH 249 Extension, Comment Period Ends: 03/09/2015, Contact: Carlos Swonke 512-416-2734.*

## **Amended Notices**

*EIS No. 20150011, Draft EIS, BR, CA, North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program, Comment Period Ends: 03/03/2015, Contact: Benjamin Lawrence (559) 487-5039.*

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Dated: January 20, 2015.

Cliff Rader,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Appendix C Letters to Elected Officials, Adjacent Land Owners, Resource Agencies and Interested Parties



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a controlled access tolled facility consisting of four main lanes within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW). The project length is approximately 15 miles. Informational displays and individuals knowledgeable about the proposed SH 249 project will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the Public Hearing starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to view the displays and ask questions before the Public Hearing. The hearing will include a brief presentation discussing an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) document and its findings.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input and comments on the relevant issues that should be addressed in the next phase of the environmental review process. The hearing will provide an opportunity to make oral and written comments.

Approximately 727 acres of additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed project and displacements would be necessary. Personnel from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Section will be available to discuss TxDOT's Relocation Assistance Program that provides benefits and services for those that may be displaced. Information about the tentative right-of-way acquisition schedule may be obtained from the Houston District office.

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Se invita a todas las personas interesadas a realizar comentarios sobre el borrador de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental. El documento se encuentra archivado y disponible para su revision en los siguientes lugares: (1) Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007; (2) Montgomery County Area Office, 901 N. FM 3083 East, Conroe, TX 77303; (3) TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803; (4) Malcolm Purvis Library, 510 Melton Street, Magnolia, TX 77354; (5) Tomball Public Library, 30555 SH 249, Tomball, TX 77375; (6) Navasota Public Library, 1411 E. Washington Ave., Navasota, TX 77868; (7) Montgomery County Library Central Branch, 104 I-45 North, Conroe, TX 77301. El documento también se puede descargar en <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>. Se invita a todas las personas interesadas a asistir a esta vista para expresar sus puntos de vista y expresar sus comentarios. A las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o requieran acomodo razonable ponerse en contacto con el District Public Information Officer (713) 802-5072. Debido que la Vista Pública se llevará a cabo en inglés, también se deben hacer las solicitudes de intérpretes de algún otro lenguaje que no sea inglés u otras necesidades especiales de comunicación, con al menos dos días en anticipación a la Vista Pública. Personal Hispanoparlante estarán presente en la Vista Pública. TXDOT hará todos los esfuerzos razonables para acomodar estas necesidades. Las oficinas de TXDOT están abiertas de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 a.m., excluyendo días festivos del Estado de Texas. Los comentarios escritos podrán ser enviados a TxDOT Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Los comentarios también se aceptarán por correo electrónico en [HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov) o en línea <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>. El periodo de comentarios se cierra el 4 de marzo de 2015.

"La revisión ambiental, consulta y otras acciones necesarias requeridas por leyes federales ambientales para este proyecto se están, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por el Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TxDOT) conforme a 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorándum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de diciembre de 2014 y ejecutado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA) y el TxDOT."



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CONTACT: DPD

Willie R. Taylor  
Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
Interior Building (MS 2462)  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Taylor:

A public hearing is scheduled for the SH 249 Extension, from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, on February 18, 2014 (details are below). Attached is a map showing the location of the proposed project. An Open House for the project will be held from 5:30 to 6:30. The formal public hearing will begin at 6:30 pm to include a presentation of the project and an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) document findings. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input and comments on the findings of the Draft EIS and relevant issues that should be addressed in the next phase of the environmental review process. Texas Department of Transportation representatives will be available to listen to public comments and answer questions about the project. You, and/or your representative (s), are cordially invited to attend this meeting which will be held as follows:

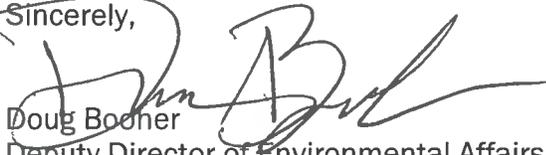
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Sincerely,



Doug Booher  
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CONTACT: DPD

Barbara Britton  
Regional Environmental Officer  
Fort Worth Regional Office  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
801 Cherry Street, Unit 45  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Ms. Britton:

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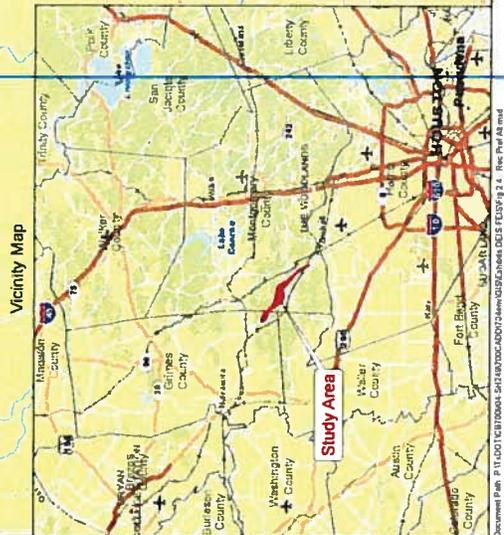
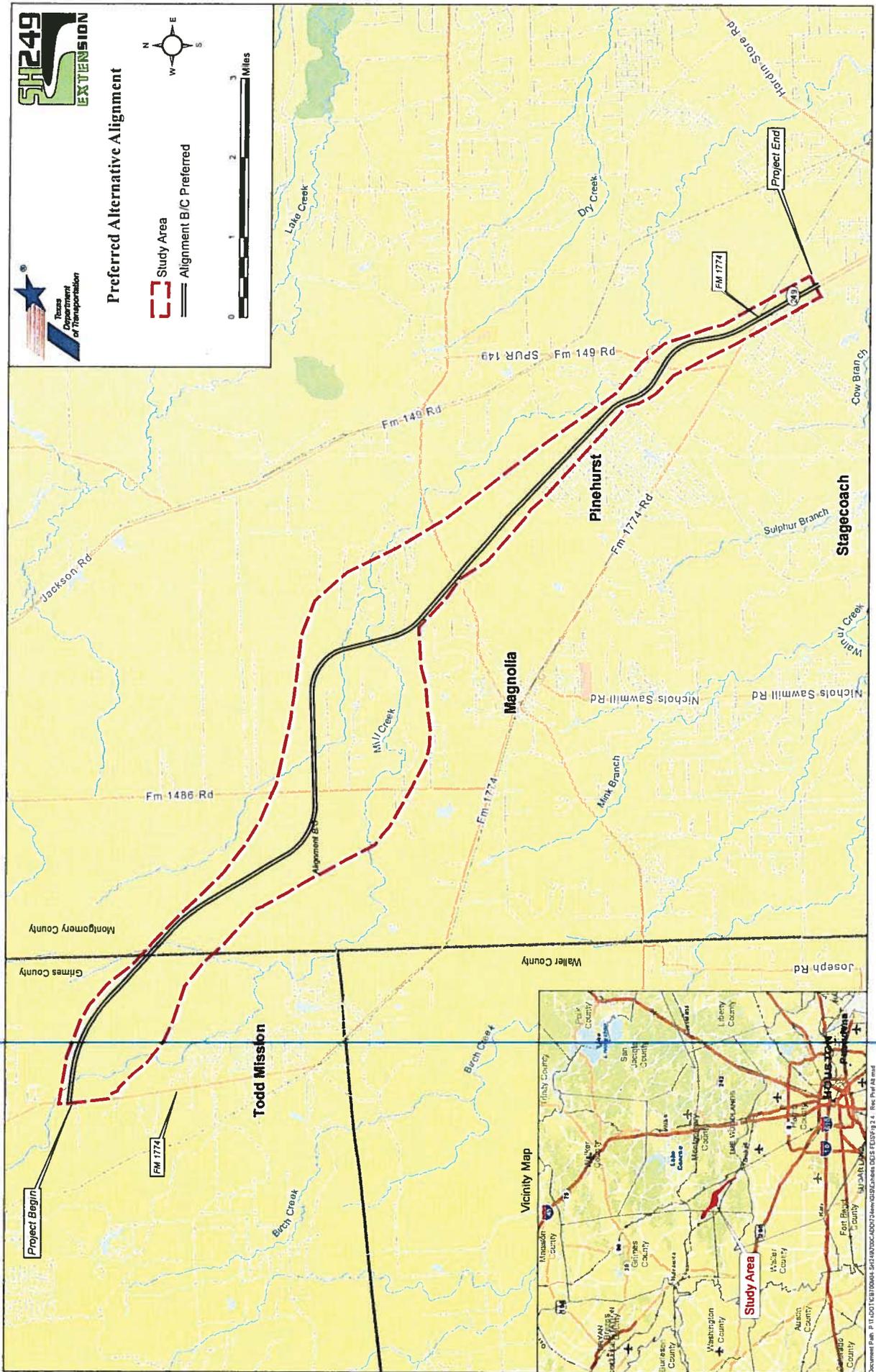
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CONTACT: DPD

Salvador Salinas  
State Conservationist  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Conservation Service  
101 South Main  
Temple, TX 76501

Dear Mr. Salinas:

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CONTACT: DPD

Edith Erling  
Supervisor  
Houston Ecological Services Office  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Participating Agency  
17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211  
Houston, TX 77058

Dear Ms. Erling:

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CONTACT: DPD

Adam Zerrenner  
Field Supervisor  
Austin Ecological Services Office  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78758

Dear Mr. Zerrenner:

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CONTACT: DPD

Darren LaBlanc  
U.S Fish and Wildlife Service  
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78758

Dear Mr. LaBlanc:

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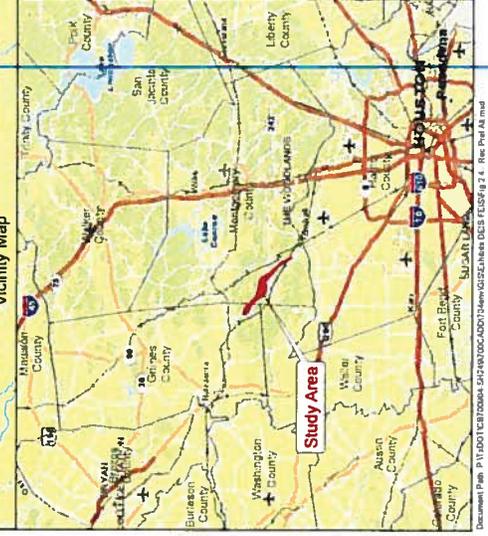
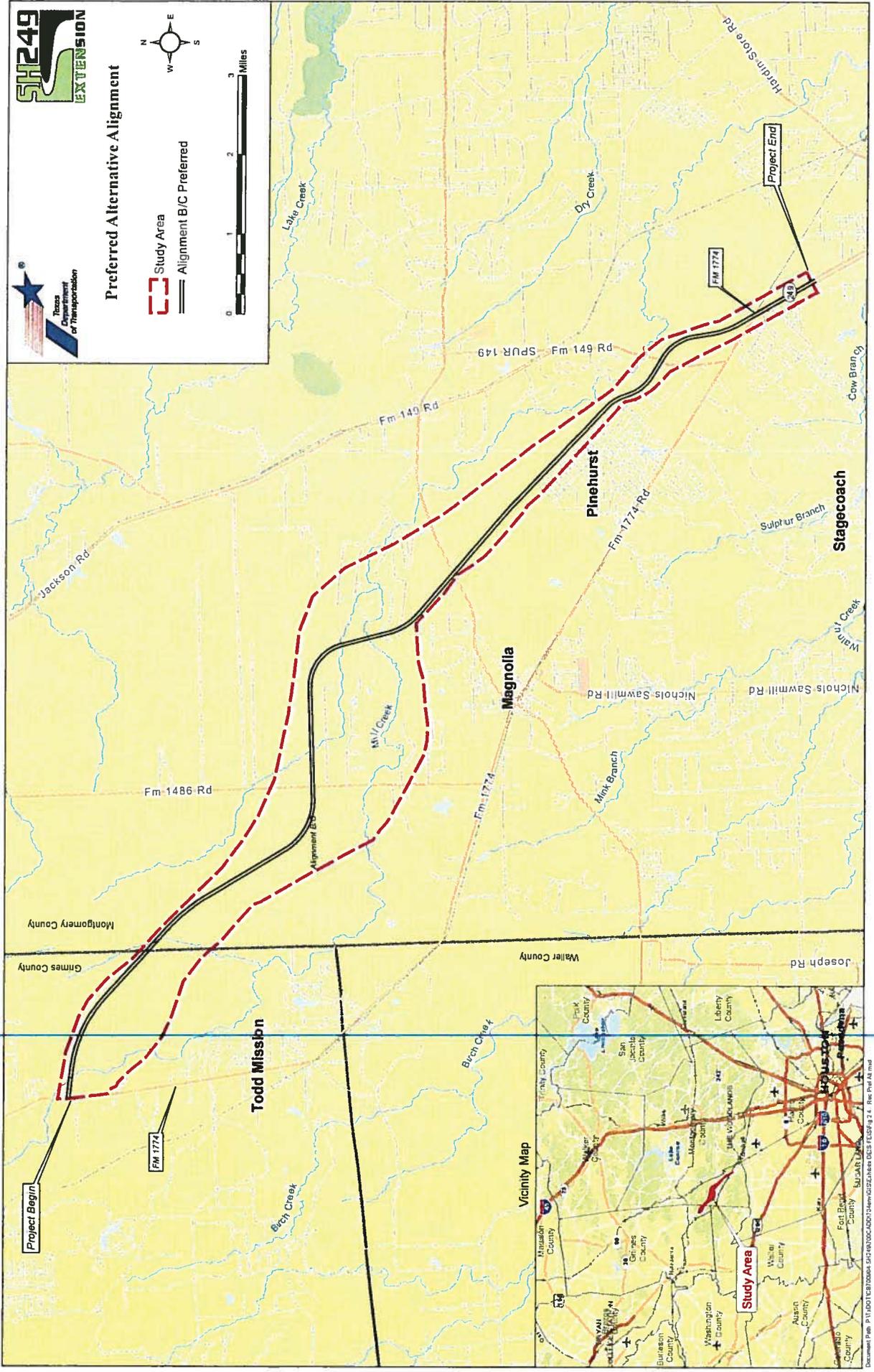
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Federal Railroad Administration  
Region 5 - Ft. Worth, TX  
Federal Railroad Administration  
4100 International Plaza, Suite 450  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

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CONTACT: DPD

Mark Wolfe  
Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission  
Attention: Linda Henderson  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
P.O. Box 12276  
Austin, TX 78711-2276

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

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CONTACT: DPD

Kate McGrath  
Deputy Director  
Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy  
P.O. Box 12873  
Austin, TX 78711-2873

Dear Ms. McGrath:

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CONTACT: DPD

Richard Hyde, P.E.  
Executive Director  
Attention: Mike Hoke  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Mr. Hyde:

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CONTACT: DPD

Hal Croft  
Deputy Commissioner, Asset Management  
Attention: Amy Nunez  
Texas General Land Office  
P.O. Box 12873  
Austin, TX 78711-2873

Dear Mr. Croft:

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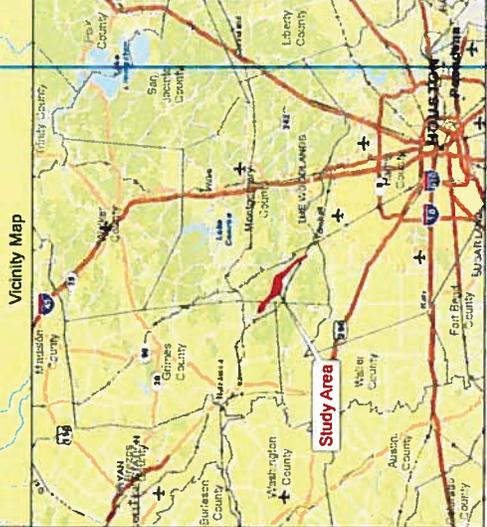
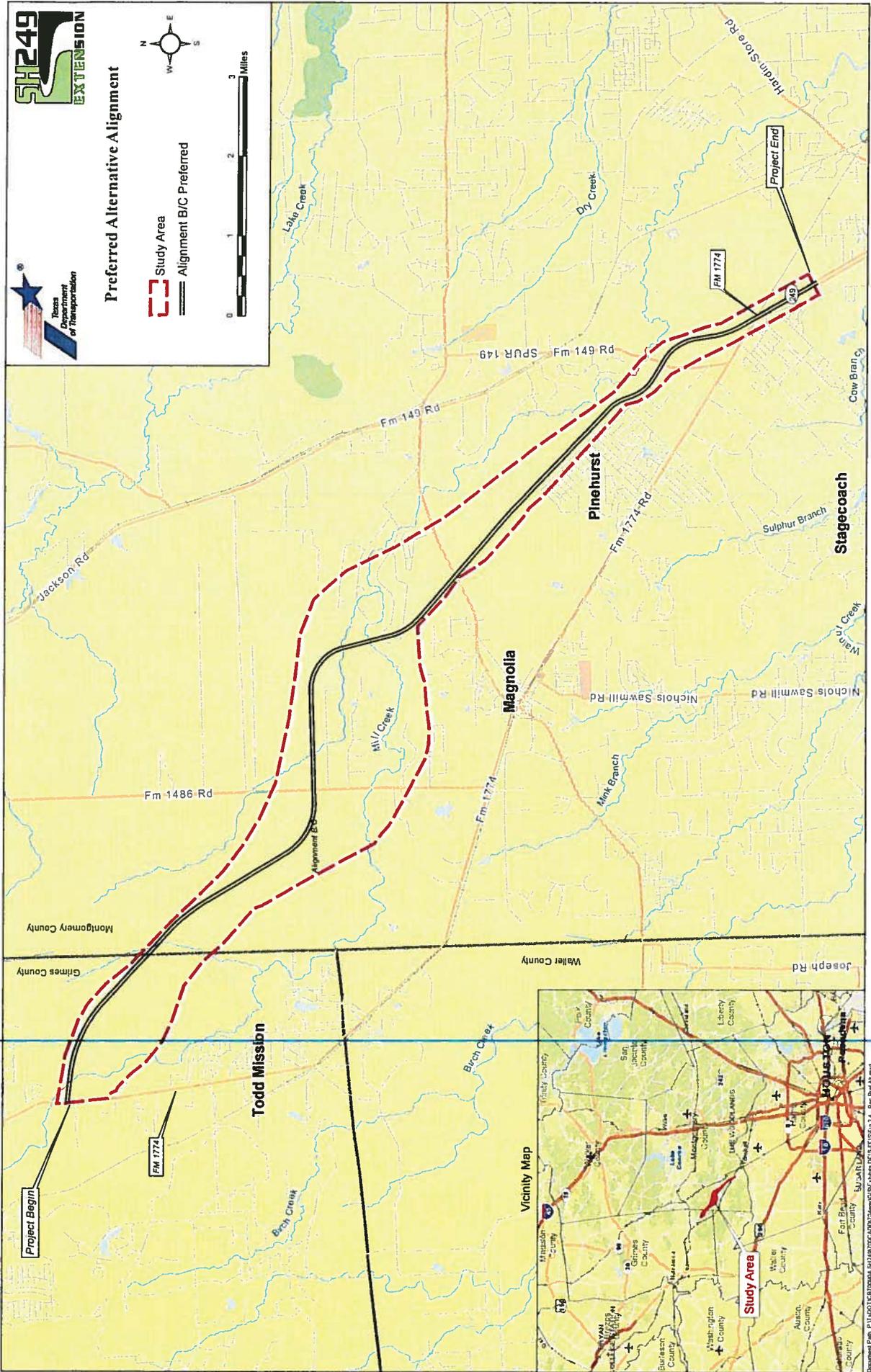
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Milton Rister  
Executive Director  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
1701 North Congress  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Rister:

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Houston District Office  
Texas Department of Transportation  
7600 Washington Ave  
Houston, TX 77007

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Bob Appleton  
Bryan District Office  
Texas Department of Transportation  
2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway  
Bryan, TX 77803-5190

Dear Mr. Appleton:

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John Cornyn  
United States Senate  
5300 Memorial Drive, Suite 980  
Houston, TX 77077

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United States Senate  
1919 Smith St., Suite 800  
Houston, TX 77002

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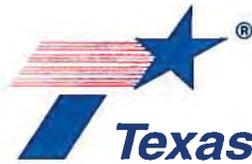
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District 8  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1300 11th Street, Suite 400  
Huntsville, TX 77340

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Ron Curry  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1445 Ross Avenue , Suite 1200  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

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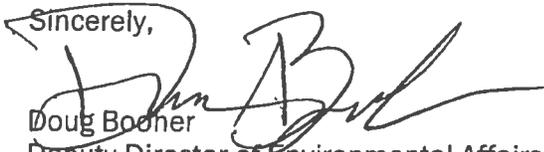
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Director  
Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1445 Ross Avenue , Suite 1200  
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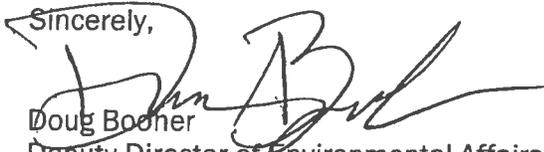
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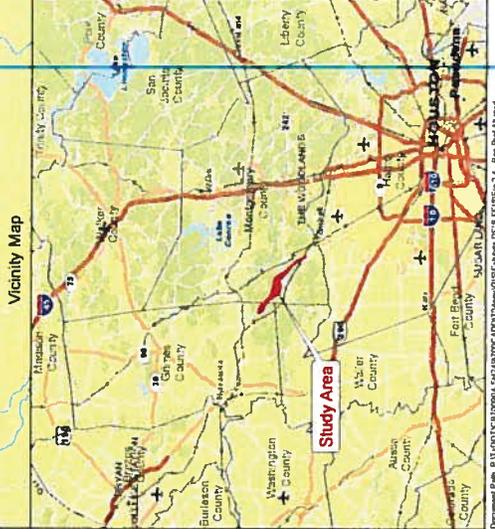
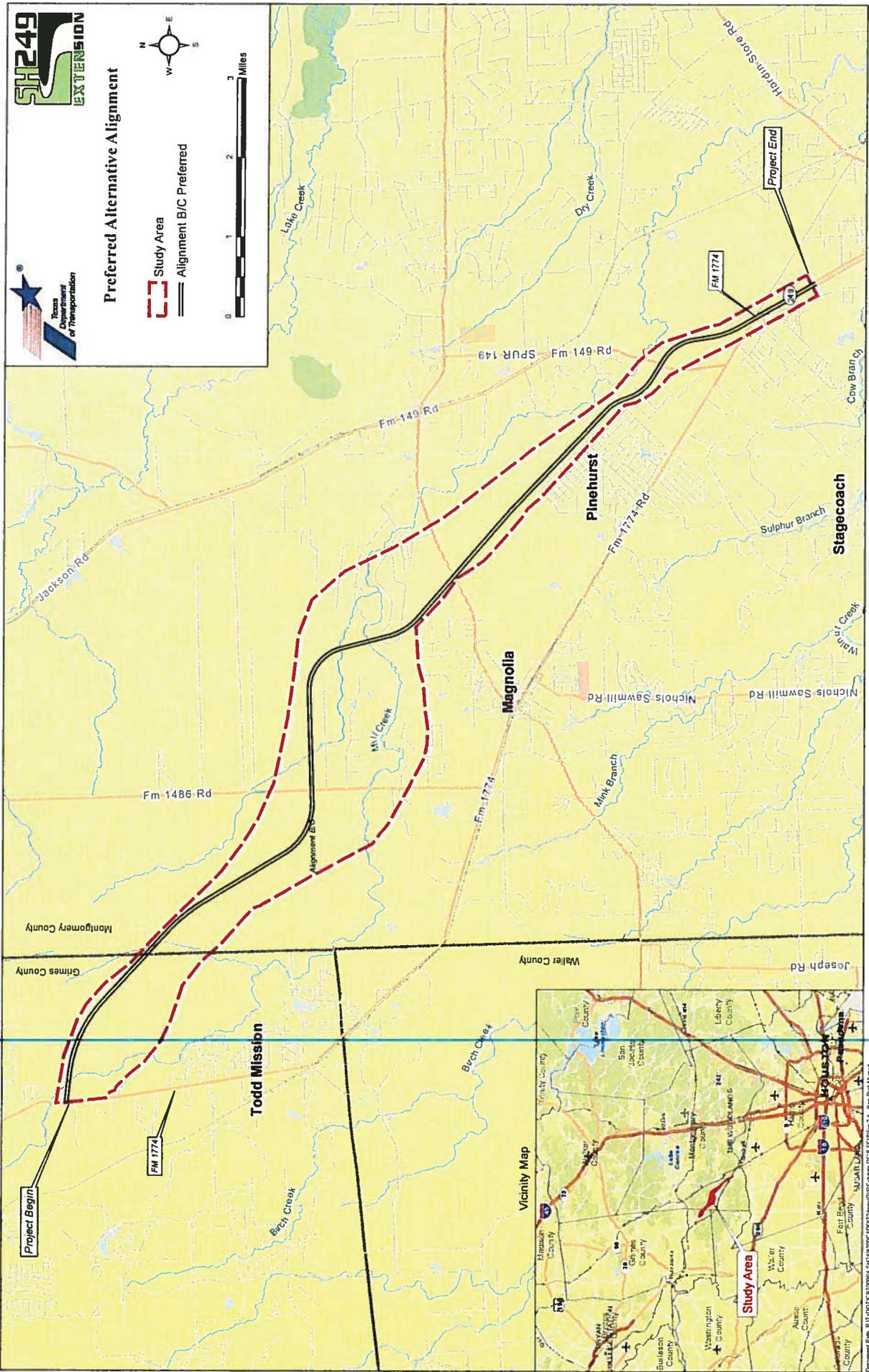
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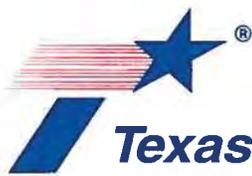
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CONTACT: DPD

Rhonda Smith  
Chief, Planning and Coordination Section  
Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1445 Ross Avenue , Suite 1200  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Dear Ms. Smith:

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Sincerely,  
  
Doug Bochner  
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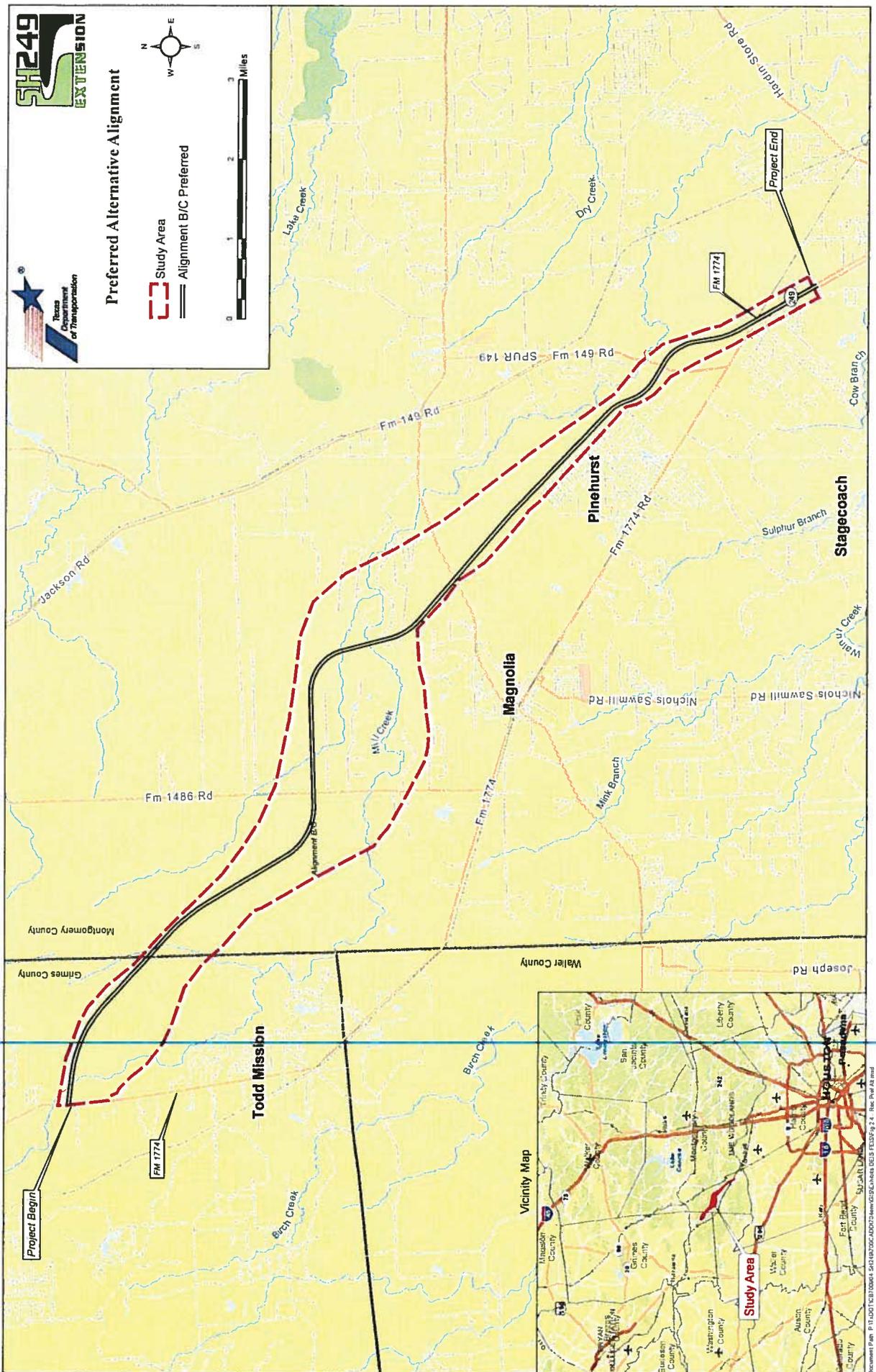
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CONTACT: DPD

Kimberly McLaughlin  
Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch  
Galveston District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 1229  
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

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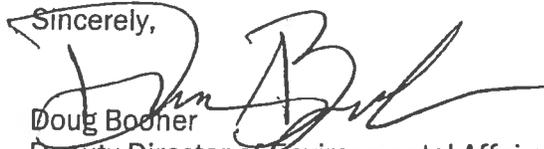
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CONTACT: DPD

Casey Cutler  
Chief, Policy Analysis Section  
Galveston District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 1229  
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

Dear Ms. Cutler:

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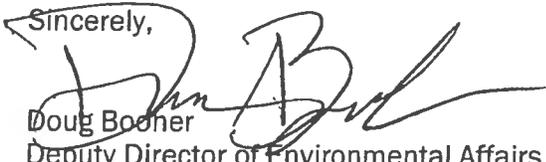
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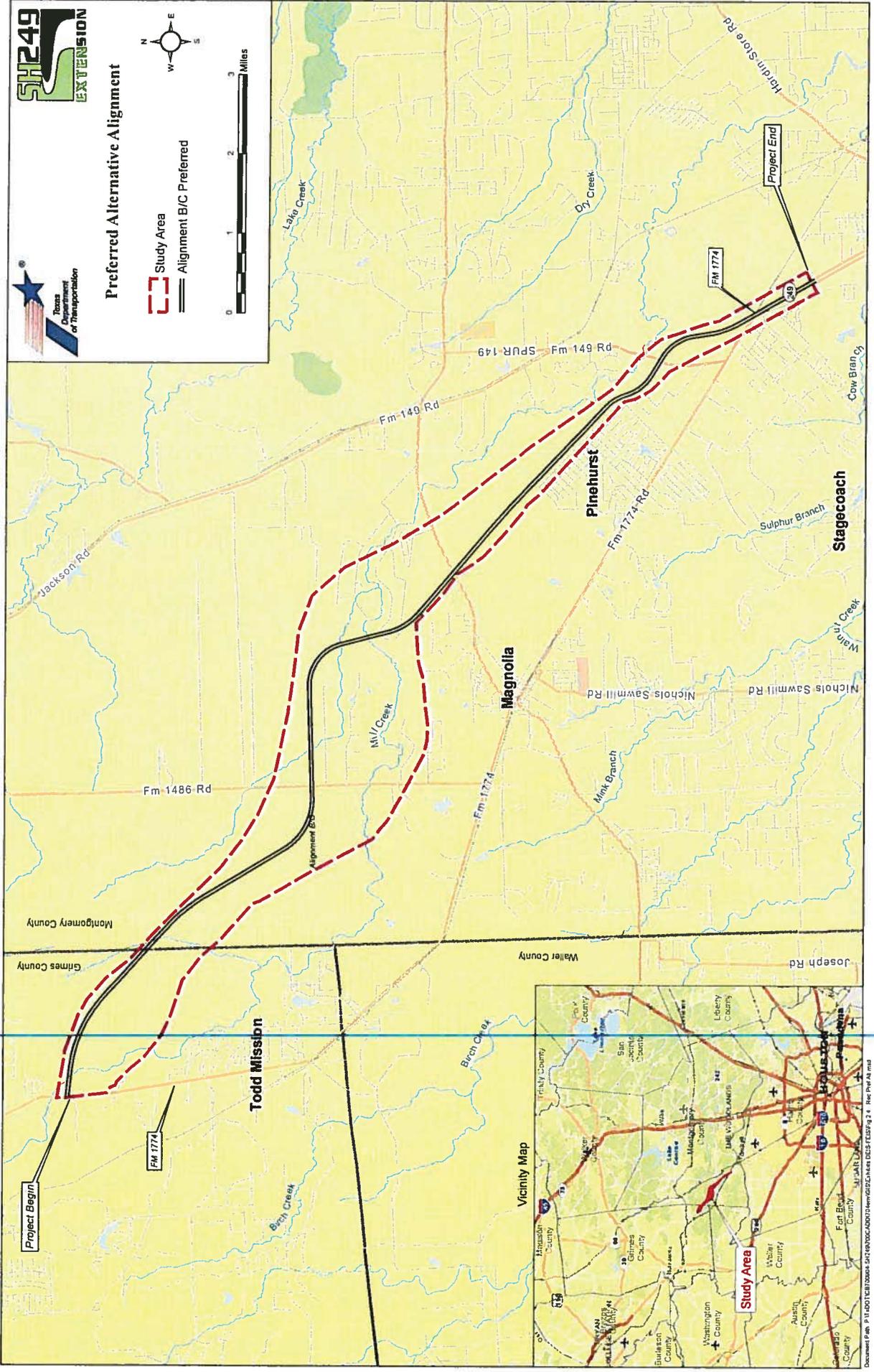
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CONTACT: DPD

Dwayne Johnson  
Regulatory Project Manager  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 1229  
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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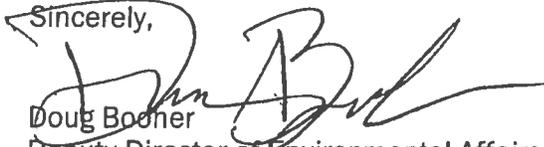
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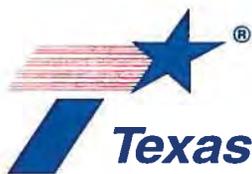
  
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CONTACT: DPD

Colonel Richard P. Pannell  
District Engineer and Commanding Officer  
USACE Galveston District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 1229  
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

Dear Colonel Pannell:

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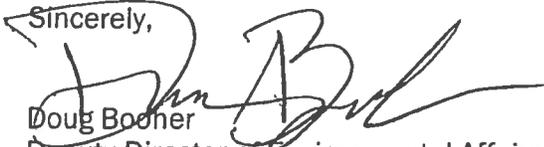
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CONTACT: DPD

Willie R. Taylor  
Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
Interior Building (MS 2462)  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Taylor:

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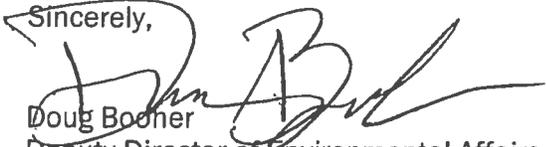
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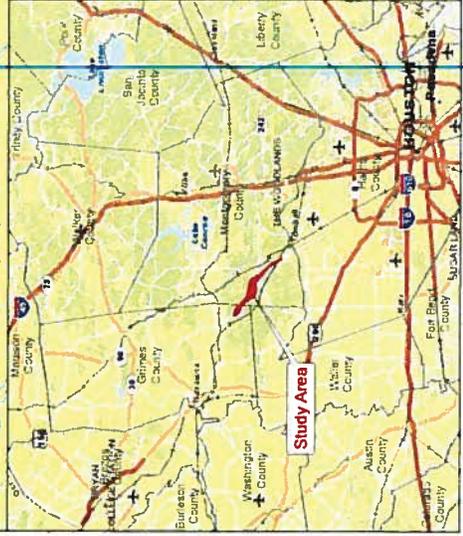
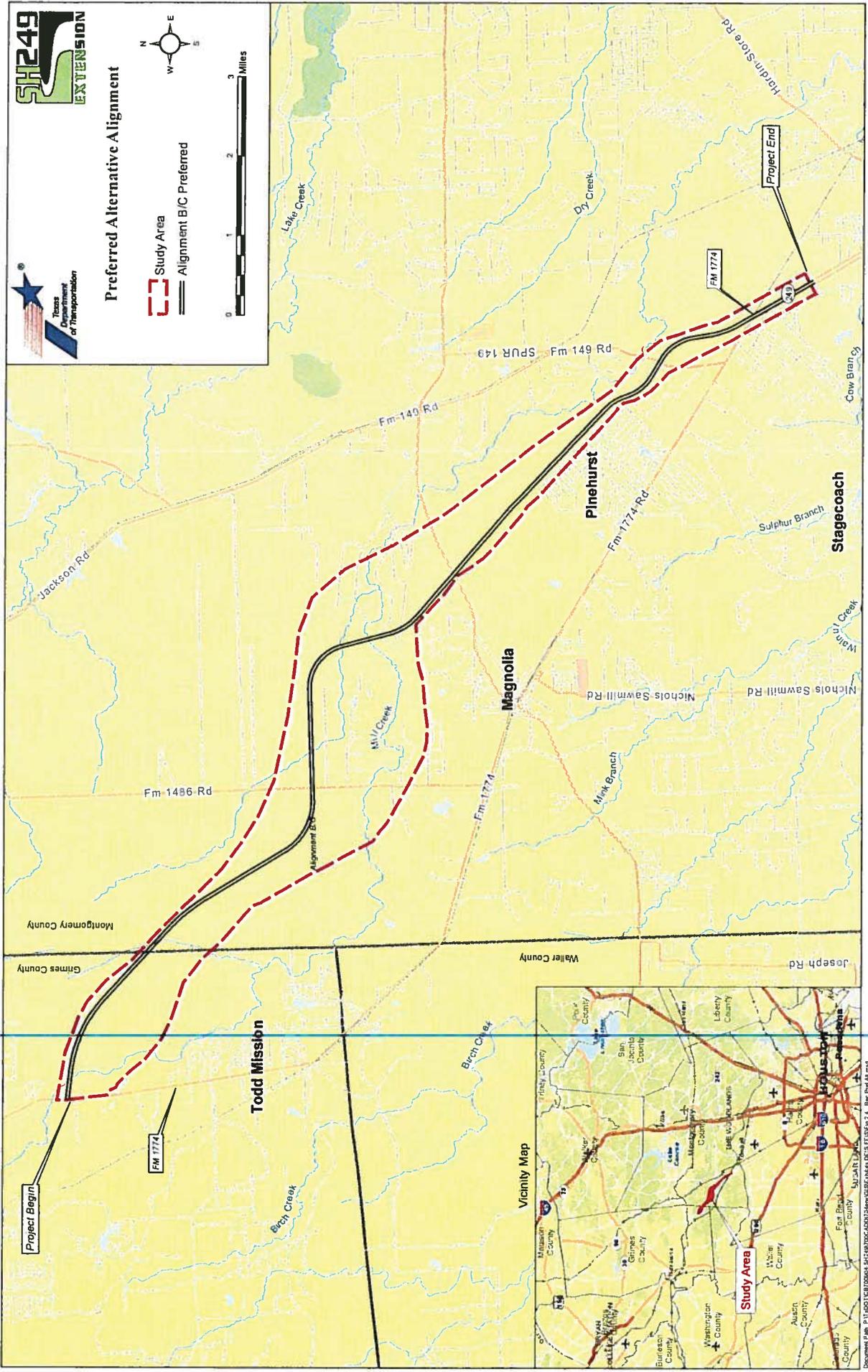
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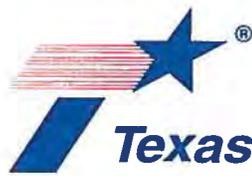


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CONTACT: DPD

Stephen Spencer  
Regional Environmental Officer  
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
P.O. Box 649  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Dear Mr. Spencer:

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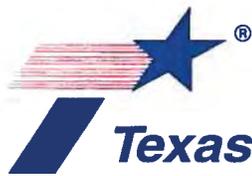
  
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Dr. Amy Turner, Ph.D.  
Habitat Assessment Biologist  
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, Texas 78744

Dear Dr. Turner:

Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the SH 249 Extension, from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission. As a Participating Agency for this project, TxDOT appreciates your timely review and comments on the Draft EIS.

Additionally, a public hearing for the SH 249 Extension is scheduled for February 18, 2015 (details are below). The hearing will include a brief presentation discussing an overview of the Draft EIS and its findings. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input and comments on the Draft EIS and relevant issues that should be addressed in the next phase of the environmental review process. Texas Department of Transportation representatives will be available to listen to public comments and answer questions about the proposed SH 249 project. You, and/or your representative(s), are cordially invited to attend this meeting which will be held as follows:

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We are available to meet with you to answer any questions that you may have or to review the proposed project. If you have any questions about the project, you may contact Mr. Pat Henry, P.E., at (713) 802-5241.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a controlled access tolled facility consisting of four main lanes within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW). The project length is approximately 15 miles. Informational displays and individuals knowledgeable about the proposed SH 249 project will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the Public Hearing starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to view the displays and ask questions before the Public Hearing. The hearing will include a brief presentation discussing an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) document and its findings.

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Approximately 727 acres of additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed project and displacements would be necessary. Personnel from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Section will be available to discuss TxDOT's Relocation Assistance Program that provides benefits and services for those that may be displaced. Information about the tentative right-of-way acquisition schedule may be obtained from the Houston District office.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the Draft EIS document. The document is on file and available for review at the following locations: (1) Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007; (2) Montgomery County Area Office, 901 N. FM 3083 East, Conroe, TX 77303; (3) TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803; (4) Malcolm Purvis Library, 510 Melton Street, Magnolia, TX 77354; (5) Tomball Public Library, 30555 SH 249, Tomball, TX 77375; (6) Navasota Public Library, 1411 E. Washington Ave., Navasota, TX 77868; (7) Montgomery County Library Central Branch, 104 I-45 North, Conroe, TX 77301. The approved document can also be downloaded at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>. All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing to express their views and voice their comments. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or physical accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer (713) 802-5072. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. The TxDOT office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding State of Texas holidays. Written comments may be submitted to TxDOT Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Comments will also be accepted by email to [HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov) or through the email link at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>. The comment period closes on March 4, 2015.

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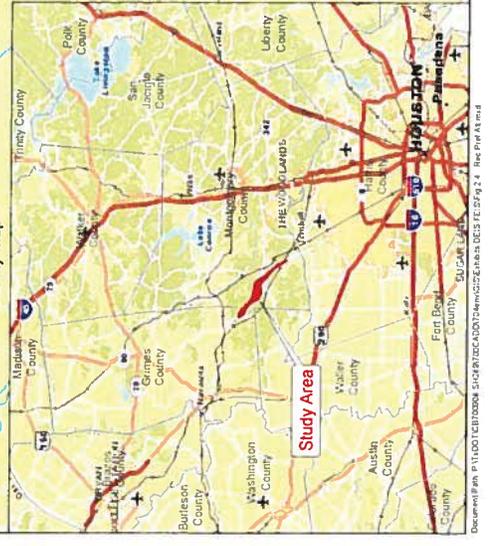
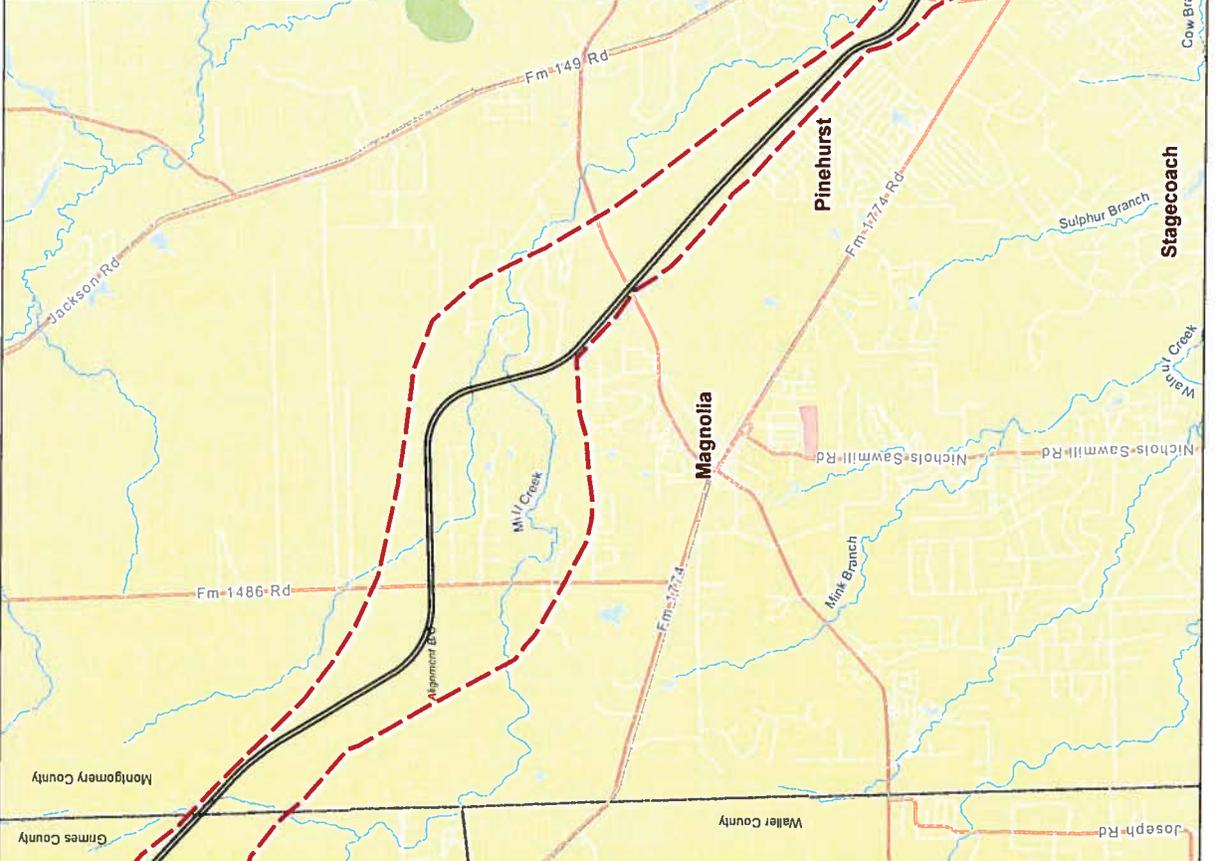
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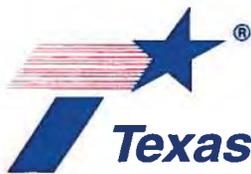

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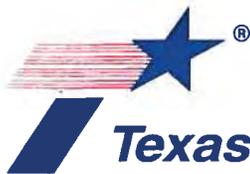
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Texas Department of Transportation

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February 12, 2015

Montgomery and Grimes Counties  
SH 249: FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission  
Control 0720-02-072 and 0720-02-073

Mr. Carter P. Smith  
Executive Director  
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, Texas 78744

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 Working Group Member

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	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Jon Blevins Director Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733	1 DVD
	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Rhonda Smith Chief Planning and Coordination Section Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733	
	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	Barbara Britton, Regional Environmental Officer Fort Worth Regional Office 801 Cherry Street, Unit 45 Fort Worth, TX 76102	1 DVD
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Kimberly McLaughlin Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch Galveston District P.O. Box 1229 Galveston, TX 77553-1229 Casey Cutler	1 DVD
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	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Salvador Salinas, State Conservationist 101 South Main  Temple, TX 76501	1 DVD
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Edith Erfling, Supervisor, Houston Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Participating Agency 17629 El Camino Real Suite 211 Houston, TX 77058	2 DVD
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	Federal Railroad Administration	Federal Railroad Administration Region 5 - Ft. Worth, TX 4100 International Plaza, Suite 450 Fort Worth, TX 76102	1 DVD
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	U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance Cooperating Agency	Willie R. Taylor Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance U.S. Department of the Interior Main Interior Building (MS 2462) 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240	1 hard copy; 1 DVD
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State Agency			
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	Governor's Office of Budget, Planning, and Policy	Kate McGrath - Deputy Director Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy P.O. Box 12873 Austin, TX 78711-2873	1 DVD
	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	Richard Hyde, P.E. - Executive Director  David Galindo - Director of Water Quality  David Brymer - Director of Air Quality Attention: Mike Hoke P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087	3 DVD
	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	Carter P. Smith - Executive Director Bob Gottfried - Texas Natural Diversity Database Michael Warriner - Nongame and Rare Species Program Supervisor Amy Turner, Ph.D. - Habitat Assessment Biologist 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	4 DVD
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	City of Magnolia	Paul Mendes Magnolia City Administrator 18111 Buddy Riley Boulevard Magnolia, TX 77354	1 CD
	City of Todd Mission Mayor	George Coulam 21718 FM 1774 Plantersville, TX 77363	1 CD
	City of Tomball Mayor	Gretchen Fagan 401 Market Street Tomball, TX 77375	1 CD
	Navasota City Manager	Brad Stafford P.O. Box Navasota, TX 77868	1 CD

	Interested Parties		
	Tomball ISD - Superintendent	Huey Kinchen 310 S. Cherry Street Tomball, TX 77375	1 letter with link
	Navasota ISD - Superintendent	Rory Gesch 705 E. Washington Avenue Navasota, TX 77868 Dr. Todd Stephens	1 letter with link
	Magnolia ISD - Superintendent	Superintendent 31141 Nichols Sawmill Road Magnolia, TX 77355	1 letter with link
	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Alan Clark Transportation Planning P.O. Box 22777 Houston, TX 77227-2777	1 CD
	City of Todd Mission	Terre Albert Todd Mission Volunteer Fire Department Board Member 21718 FM 1774 Plantersville, TX 77363	1 CD
	Magnolia Chamber of Commerce	Gerry Luther - Chairman 18935 FM 1488 Magnolia, TX 77355	1 CD
	Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce	Chris O'Rourke - Chairman of the Board 30405 Dobbin Hufsmith Magnolia, TX 77354	1 letter with link
	Navasota Community Development Director	Sarah Korpita 200 E. McAlpine, Room 221 Navasota, TX 77868	1 CD
	Brazos Valley Council of Governments	Michael Parks Assistant Executive Director P.O. Drawer 4128 Bryan, TX 77805	1 CD
	Grimes County Farm Bureau	Jim Westmoreland Director P.O. Box 249 Anderson, TX 77830	1 CD
	Local Business - Imhoff General Store	Lester Underwood Imhoff General Store 15046 Highway 105 E Plantersville, TX 77363	1 CD
	Texas Renaissance Festival	Terre Albert General Manager 21778 FM 1774 Todd Mission, TX 77363	1 letter with link

	Public Display - Note the Houston and Bryan District will also have a copy and are accounted for above	
	Tomball Community Library - Lone Star College	30555 State Highway 249 Tomball, TX 77375
	Malcolm Purvis Library	510 Melton Magnolia, TX 77354
	Navasota Public Library	1411 E. Washington Ave. Navasota, TX 77868
	Montgomery County Central Branch Library	104 I-45 North Conroe, TX 77301
	TxDOT Montgomery County Area Office	901 N. FM 3083 East Conroe, TX 77303
	SH 249 Extension Website	<a href="https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html">https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html</a>

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SITE_ADDR	SITE_CITY	SITE_ZIP	OWNER_NAME_1	OWNER ADDRESS	OWNER CITY	OWNER ST	OWNER ZIP
	MAGNOLIA	77354	5732 WOODARD PARTNERS LTD		PLANO	TX	75093
	MAGNOLIA	77354	5732 WOODARD PARTNERS LTD		PLANO	TX	75093
	MONTGOMERY	77356	5732 WOODARD PARTNERS LTD		PLANO	TX	75093
7070 S FM 1486 RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	5732 WOODARD PARTNERS LTD		PLANO	TX	75093
	WILLIS	77378	5732 WOODARD PARTNERS LTD		PLANO	TX	75093
	MONTGOMERY	77356	5732 WOODARD PARTNERS LTD		PLANO	TX	75093
34635 WRIGHT RD	PINEHURST	77362	ALTON BELLE LLC		CEDARHURST	NY	11516
	MAGNOLIA	77354	APPLEWHITE, LYNDON C		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
	MAGNOLIA	77354	AXE EM INVESTMENTS LP		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
37142 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	BAGLEY, CYNTHIA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
1719 WILL SCARLETT ST	MONTGOMERY	77316	BAILEY, ROBERT C & SYBIL		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
	PINEHURST	77362	BALTZELL LP		AUSTIN	TX	78747
36910 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	BARAHONA, FERNANDO		HOUSTON	TX	77041
41010 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	BARKER, SUSAN F		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
1510 FM 1486 RD	MAGNOLIA	77354	BEARSHARE CORP		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36255 FM 149 RD	PINEHURST	77362	BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH		SPRING	TX	77388
	PINEHURST	77362	BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH		SPRING	TX	77388
37502 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	BIGGERS, GARY		HENDERSON	NV	89015
	MAGNOLIA	77354	BIGGERS, GARY		HENDERSON	NV	89015
	PINEHURST	77362	BOWLING, TONYA LEE C/O KEYSTONE		COMFORT	TX	78013
	MAGNOLIA	77354	BRINKLEY, JOHN W & LISA O		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36325 FM 149 RD	PINEHURST	77362	BROOKS, STEVEN R		PINEHURST	TX	77362
37550 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	BROWN, CHERRIE L		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	BROWN, CHERRIE L		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	PINEHURST	77362	BRYANT, B J		KOSSE	TX	76653
	MAGNOLIA	77354	BUCKNER, FRANCES LYNELLE		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
41310 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	BUSCH, HAZEL L-ESTATE OF% BARBARA SCHOPPA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
37110 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	BUSHONG, JAMES & MARIA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MONTGOMERY	77316	CAMARATA, ANTHONY J		HOUSTON	TX	77025
	MONTGOMERY	77316	CAMARATA, EMMANUAL		TULSA	OK	74145
	MONTGOMERY	77316	CAMARATA, JOSEPH P		LEAGUE CITY	TX	77573
1819 LITTLE JOHN ST	MONTGOMERY	77316	CANO, JEREMIAH & SHELBI		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
	PINEHURST	77362	CARSWELL, CHARLES C & NORA E CARSWELL FAM		MAGNOLIA	TX	77355
	MAGNOLIA	77354	CCB LAND PARTNERS, LTD		MONTGOMERY	TX	77356
	PINEHURST	77362	CCB LAND PARTNERS, LTD		MONTGOMERY	TX	77356
	PINEHURST	77362	COBALT 201 LTD		HOUSTON	TX	77077
36503 FM 149 RD	PINEHURST	77362	COBALT 201 LTD		HOUSTON	TX	77077
	PINEHURST	77362	COBALT 201 LTD		HOUSTON	TX	77077
	MAGNOLIA	77354	COREY, JACK B		PINEHURST	TX	77362
41919 FRIARTUCK DR	MONTGOMERY	77316	CRANDALL, DOYLE F & SHIRLEY A REVOCABLE TR		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
	MAGNOLIA	77354	CRUZ, JUAN B		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354

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1711 ROBIN HOOD DR	MONTGOMERY	77316	DANISCH, RAYMOND & PATRICIA		HOUSTON	TX	77067
37834 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	DAY, CLIFFORD P		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
37102 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	DELAPAZ, PATRICIA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36550 FM 149 RD	PINEHURST	77362	DENNIS, ERNESTINA		PINEHURST	TX	77362
	MONTGOMERY	77316	DENSON, ANNA SUE		HOUSTON	TX	77066
	PINEHURST	77362	DEVER, EDDIE L		PINEHURST	TX	77362
	MAGNOLIA	77354	DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY LP ATT		OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	73101
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	MAGNOLIA	77354	DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY LP ATT		OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	73101
	PINEHURST	77362	DIAZ, MANUEL		TOMBALL	TX	77375
37310 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	DOWNING, L C		SPRING	TX	77381
37302 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	DOWNING, L C		SPRING	TX	77381
1711 WILL SCARLETT ST	MONTGOMERY	77316	ENTRUST RETIREMENT SERVICES INC		HOUSTON	TX	77080
19155 CIRCLE LAKE DR	PINEHURST	77362	ESTER, ALAN & SYLVIA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77355
41420 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	FAULKNER, SANDRA J		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
37818 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	FIELDS, MIRREL & DOROTHY		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	FIELDS, MIRREL & DOROTHY		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
37734 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	FINNELL, WILLIAM J & MARIA E		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
33123 GREEN TREE RD	MAGNOLIA	77354	FLEMING, ALLEN & KAREN		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
37526 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	FLORES, J G PENA & JUANA MATILDE PENA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
40801 WOODWAY ST	MAGNOLIA	77354	FLORES, AMADO		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MONTGOMERY	77316	FONTENOT, JOSEPH A		HOUSTON	TX	77080
	MAGNOLIA	77354	FRANKS, KAREN MICHELLE		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	PINEHURST	77362	FREE, GERALD		MAGNOLIA	TX	77355
	MONTGOMERY	77356	FROST NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR TRUST CROW		SAN ANTONIO	TX	78299
1920 KING RICHARDS CT	MONTGOMERY	77316	FULKERSON, SAM		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
37602 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	GARCIA, SAN JUANITA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
37126 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	GAY, SHERRIAN ESTER		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	GIGUERE, RONNIE		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36810 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	GONZALES, HUGO		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36834 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	GRAHAM, LOLA P		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36826 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	GRAHAM, STEVEN TRACY & SHAWN		MAGNOLIA	TX	77355
	MONTGOMERY	77316	HAGER, JOHN O		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
37226 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	HALSELL, ERNEST G		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
37002 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	HENLEY, ALVIN H		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	HENLEY, ALVIN H		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	HENLEY, DORIS		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
2018 FM 1486 RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	HIBNER, JOHN MARK & MICHELLE R		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
36218 JENNIE LN	PINEHURST	77362	HOLLAND, DIANA M		PINEHURST	TX	77362
33110 OLD HEMPSTEAD RD	MAGNOLIA	77355	HUNTER, JOHN C		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
40920 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	HUTTON, KENNETH ALLEN		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
	MONTGOMERY	77356	ISD, MAGNOLIA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
37402 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	JANCZAK, THOMAS C-ESTATE OF %DOUGLAS G ST		CYPRESS	TX	77429
	PINEHURST	77362	JOHNSON, JIMMY WAYNE		HOUSTON	TX	77015
31326 HAZY MEADOW DR	MAGNOLIA	77354	JOHNSON, MALCOM J		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354

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41810 FRIARTUCK DR	MONTGOMERY	77316	JONES, CAROLYN L		MONTGOMERY	TX	77356
41110 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	JONES, STEPHEN W & RHONDA J		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
37018 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	KIMBRELL, ANA F C/O KENITH KIMBRELL		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
41320 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	KIRKPATRICK, PAUL		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
	MAGNOLIA	77354	KRAUSS, EDWARD E & KAREN L		HOUSTON	TX	77018
	MAGNOLIA	77354	LANGSTON, WAYNE		HOUSTON	TX	77062
	MONTGOMERY	77316	LANGSTON, WAYNE		HOUSTON	TX	77062
41811 FRIARTUCK DR	MONTGOMERY	77316	LEE, RICHARD		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
34501 STATE HIGHWAY 249	PINEHURST	77362	LEE, RICHARD R & DEBBIE W DBA R		PINEHURST	TX	77362
31202 GREEN TREE RD	MAGNOLIA	77354	LEHDE, DONALD ALLEN & MISHIA FAYE		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
41610 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	LINDQUIST, WILLIAM C		CANTON	OH	44709
	PINEHURST	77362	LLOYD, MICHAEL & BETTY		PINEHURST	TX	77362
36218 MILDRED LN	PINEHURST	77362	LLOYD, MICHAEL & BETTY		PINEHURST	TX	77362
1815 WILL SCARLETT ST	MONTGOMERY	77316	LOUKANIS, LARRY		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
	MAGNOLIA	77354	MAGNOLIA 1138 LTD		HOUSTON	TX	77002
	MAGNOLIA	77354	MAGNOLIA 1138 LTD		HOUSTON	TX	77002
15815 FM 1488 RD	MAGNOLIA	77354	MAGNOLIA 1138 LTD		HOUSTON	TX	77002
1911 KING RICHARDS CT	MONTGOMERY	77316	MAJORS, CHARLIE & CAROLYN		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
37610 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	MARTINEZ, GUILLERMO & LETICIA CHAVEZ		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	PINEHURST	77362	MARY M, B HUGHES, JUDITH MILLER, SUSAN MEYER		WIMBERLEY	TX	78676
36210 MILDRED LN	PINEHURST	77362	MATT, WILLIAM R & CONNIE E		PINEHURST	TX	77362
36202 JENNIE LN	PINEHURST	77362	MCCAMMON, MARK L & PATRICIA		PINEHURST	TX	77362
36211 JENNIE LN	PINEHURST	77362	MCMULLAN, TIMOTHY J & DEBORAH A		PINEHURST	TX	77362
	PINEHURST	77362	MCMULLAN, TIMOTHY J & DEBORAH A		PINEHURST	TX	77362
	MAGNOLIA	77354	MEDRANO, RODRIGO & DORA E BONILLA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	MENDEZ, ABELINO JR & SOFIA FLORES		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36818 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	MENTZ, RANDY GLENN & REBECCA MERLE		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	MILLER, HENRY P		PINEHURST	TX	77362
37728 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	MILLER, HENRY P		PINEHURST	TX	77362
37726 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	MILLER, HENRY P		PINEHURST	TX	77362
2310 S FM 1486 RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	MOORE, WILLIAM & JOANNE		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
1802 LITTLE JOHN ST	MONTGOMERY	77316	MULRINE, PAUL V JR & DARLENE		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
41628 N BRENDA LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	MURPHY, CHIP & RHONDA L		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36210 JENNIE LN	PINEHURST	77362	MURRELL, CLIFFORD EUGENE		PINEHURST	TX	77362
36301 FM 149 RD	PINEHURST	77362	NEWRONES, DAN & EILEEN A		PINEHURST	TX	77362
41315 WOODWAY MANOR DR	MAGNOLIA	77354	NICHOLS, ROBERT & JESSICA		INGLESIDE	TX	78362
1720 WILL SCARLETT ST	MONTGOMERY	77316	PALMER, RICHARD S		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
41220 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	PARISH, DIANA M		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
36307 FM 149 RD	PINEHURST	77362	PARKER, DARRYL G & KAREN A		PINEHURST	TX	77362
36227 MILDRED LN	PINEHURST	77362	PARKER, TALMON T		PINEHURST	TX	77362
37134 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	PARR, GARY L & JONNIE LEIGH		BROOKSHIRE	TX	77423
37618 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	PEGODA, KENNETH RAY		MAGNOLIA	TX	77316
	MAGNOLIA	77354	PERSON, MICHAEL L & CHERYL		SEALY	TX	77474
36866 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	PETERS, DONALD L		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	PINEHURST	77362	PRIMEWOOD INVESTMENTS LP		HOUSTON	TX	77042

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	PINEHURST	77362	PRIMEWOOD INVESTMENTS LP		HOUSTON	TX	77042
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1801 LITTLE JOHN ST	MONTGOMERY	77316	PRINGLE, CHAD O		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
			QUINN, MICHELLE C		CONROE	TX	77385
34703 HIGHWAY 249 APT 11	PINEHURST	77362	RAAYA PROPERTY LLC		SPRING	TX	77379
	MAGNOLIA	77354	RAC MATERIALS INC		TOMBALL	TX	77375
	MAGNOLIA	77354	RAC MATERIALS INC		TOMBALL	TX	77375
	MAGNOLIA	77354	RAPP, GARY MICHAEL		PINEHURST	TX	77362
	MAGNOLIA	77354	REESE, MEIKOLE LYNN THOMAS		EVERETT	WA	98201
	MAGNOLIA	77354	REYNA, ALEJANDRO DIAZ		HOUSTON	TX	77070
	MAGNOLIA	77354	REYNA, ALEJANDRO DIAZ		HOUSTON	TX	77070
42018 MILL CREEK RD	MAGNOLIA	77354	RHODES, CHRISTOPHER D		MONTGOMERY	TX	77356
	MAGNOLIA	77354	RICKETT, RICKY JR & ALTA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77353
	MONTGOMERY	77316	RIOS, ERNESTO	-	MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
	MAGNOLIA	77354	ROBERTS, KEITH		HIGHLANDS	TX	77562
27234 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77355	RODRIGUEZ, LAURA ELIZABETH		MAGNOLIA	TX	77355
34715 HIGHWAY 249	PINEHURST	77362	ROGERS, MILES B & EVELYN		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
41020 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	ROTH, JAMES W & SUZANNE		TOMBALL	TX	77377
37702 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	RUFF, KAREN A		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	RUSSELL, NANCY ELLEN		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
37434 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	RUSSELL, NANCY ELLEN		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	RUSSELL, NANCY ELLEN		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
	MAGNOLIA	77354	SCHOESSOW, CARL		FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624
36858 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	SCOTT, LEO G		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36858 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	SCOTT, LEO G		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
41410 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	SHIPMAN, LARRY		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
37810 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	SIMS, CYNTHIA RENE		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
36911 EDGEWATER DR	PINEHURST	77362	SMITH, ROBERT J & CANDACE		PINEHURST	TX	77362
41710 SANDY HILL RD	MONTGOMERY	77316	TATUM, HENRY E & KATHLEEN M		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
1911 LITTLE JOHN ST	MONTGOMERY	77316	THOMLEY, JAMES EUGENE		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
	MONTGOMERY	77316	TRACY, DONNA LEE & MARK STEVEN		TOMBALL	TX	77377
34519 STATE HIGHWAY 249	PINEHURST	77362	TRADE, PINEHURST CENTER		PINEHURST	TX	77362
36802 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	TUCKER, MARY PAULINE		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
34624 HIGHWAY 249	PINEHURST	77362	VENTURE, PINEHURST		TOMBALL	TX	77377
	MAGNOLIA	77354	VILLAGOMEZ, ELIODORO & RENA		HOUSTON	TX	77069
1721 ROBIN HOOD DR	MONTGOMERY	77316	WAY, TIMOTHY A & JANET A		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
	MONTGOMERY	77356	WAY, TIMOTHY A & JANET A		MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
			WISEMAN DEVELOPMENT I LLC		HOUSTON	TX	77057
36303 MILDRED LN	PINEHURST	77362	YOUNG, BRIAN M & RACHEL B		PINEHURST	TX	77362
36902 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	YUMARK INVESTMENTS INC		HOUSTON	TX	77098
36882 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	YUMARK INVESTMENTS INC		HOUSTON	TX	77098
37326 LITTLE THORN LN	MAGNOLIA	77354	ZAMORA ESPIRITU, LEMUEL & NANCY MEDINA		MAGNOLIA	TX	77354
			Dunn, Jason		Cypress	TX	77429
			Connors, James				
			CJGC Holdings, LLC C/O Erika Gracida		PINEHURST	TX	77362

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OWNER_NAME_1	OWNER ADDRESS	OWNER CITY	OWNER STATE	OWNER ZIP
KUBIAK, GARY & RHONDA	[REDACTED]	HOUSTON	TX	77024
CROWN RANCH DEVELOPME	[REDACTED]	LUFKIN	TX	75901
CROWN RANCH DEVELOPME	[REDACTED]	LUFKIN	TX	75901
FLORES, FERNANDO E	[REDACTED]	KATY	TX	77450
CONNORS, JAMES & JOYCE	[REDACTED]	HOUSTON	TX	77069
KUBIAK, GARY & RHONDA	[REDACTED]	HOUSTON	TX	77024
CROWN RANCH DEVELOPME	[REDACTED]	LUFKIN	TX	75901
MINK CHIMNEY LLC	[REDACTED]	MONTGOMERY	TX	77316
CROWN RANCH DEVELOPME	[REDACTED]	LUFKIN	TX	75901
POWELL, JAMES C & MARGA	[REDACTED]	MONTGOMERY	TX	77356
MAYWALD, AUTRY	[REDACTED]	HOCKLEY	TX	77447
COTIE, MICHAEL D	[REDACTED]	CLEVELAND	TX	77328
SPONSELLER, V W	[REDACTED]	HOUSTON	TX	77025
RIVAS, REBECCA L	[REDACTED]	PLANTERSVILLE	TX	77363
MC GINTY, BETH	[REDACTED]	NAVASOTA	TX	77868
5732 WOODARD PARTNERS	[REDACTED]	PLANO	TX	75093
CROWN RANCH DEVELOPME	[REDACTED]	LUFKIN	TX	75901
CROWN RANCH DEVELOPME	[REDACTED]	LUFKIN	TX	75901
5732 WOODARD PARTNERS	[REDACTED]	PLANO	TX	75093
CROWN RANCH DEVELOPME	[REDACTED]	LUFKIN	TX	75901

**10-3-2013 Public Meeting Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
Don Morris		Magnolia	TX	77354
Lamar Casparis		Spring	TX	77379
Diana Parish		Magnolia	TX	77353
Marling Benignus		Montgomery	TX	77316
Randy Krueger		Plantersville	TX	77363
Martha Newsome		Navasota	TX	77868
Doug Lewis		Navasota	TX	77868
Tracy Fenn		Navasota	TX	77868
Charles Fenn		Navasota	TX	77868
Carl Dry		Navasota	TX	77868
Betty Fuchs		Plantersville	TX	77363
Richard Fields		Sugar Land	TX	77478
Harley Mullenix		Navasota	TX	77868
Steve Jones		Montgomery	TX	77316
Linda Henderson		Montgomery	TX	77316
Rebecca and Randy Mentz		Magnolia	TX	77354
Mark Hibner		Montgomery	TX	77316
Sam Neely		Magnolia	TX	77355
John and Lisa Brinkley		Magnolia	TX	77354
Hugo Gonzalez		Magnolia	TX	77354
Michael Briggs		Plantersville	TX	77363
Chris Parr		Magnolia	TX	77354
Stacey Costello		Hockley	TX	77447
Bruce Hillegeist		Tomball	TX	77375
Debra Gilbow		Plantersville	TX	77363
Michael Keck		Tomball	TX	77377
Craig Dougal		Magnolia	TX	77353
Jo Ann Schermerhorn		Magnolia	TX	77354
Pamela Rocchi		Houston	TX	77002
Judy Thomely		Montgomery	TX	77316
Robert Klar		Montgomery	TX	77316
Billie Lemon		Plantersville	TX	77316
Joann Winders		Montgomery	TX	77316
Occupant		Magnolia	TX	77355
Shelbie and Jeremiah Cano		Montgomery	TX	77316
Michelle Hibner		Montgomery	TX	77316
Mahvash Ramsey		Magnolia	TX	77354
Jason Hassell		Magnolia	TX	77355
Don Cannon		Magnolia	TX	77355
Dale Felton		Navasota	TX	77868
Lola Pearl Graham		Magnolia	TX	77354
Isaac Ramirez		Houston	TX	77027
Candy Van Tilborg		Pinehurst	TX	77362
Ernie Halsell		Magnolia	TX	77354
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barker		Montgomery	TX	77316
Rachel Cyr & Brian Young		Pinehurst	TX	77362
Travis Whitaker		Tomball	TX	77375
Mary Whitaker		Tomball	TX	77375
Cindy Casparis		Spring	TX	77379
Roy Smith		Montgomery	TX	77316
Cheryl and John Smith		Montgomery	TX	77316
Joanne Moore		Montgomery	TX	77316
Mike Nevill		Anderson	TX	77830
Chris Rhodes		Magnolia	TX	77354

Dan and Eileen Newrones	[REDACTED]	Pinehurst	TX	77362
Occupant	[REDACTED]	Pinehurst	TX	77362
Nora Neely	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77355
Charlotte Haralson	[REDACTED]	Waller	TX	77484
Dace Durante	[REDACTED]	Navasota	TX	77868
John Fishero	[REDACTED]	Spring	TX	77379
Joe and Jemmie Roberts	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354
Occupant	[REDACTED]	Navasota	TX	77868
Holly Jones	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77353
John F Knupp	[REDACTED]	Conroe	TX	77304
Lynn Betts	[REDACTED]	Plantersville	TX	77363
Milt Eichler	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77353
Teresa Prescott	[REDACTED]	Montgomery	TX	77316
Alonso Berumen	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77355
Matt Brannen	[REDACTED]	Houston	TX	77095
Robert and Gina Fuchs	[REDACTED]	Bryan	TX	77808
Robert Reynolds	[REDACTED]	Navasota	TX	77868
Jose M. Ramirez	[REDACTED]	Houston	TX	77077
Michael Linquist	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354
Wilbert L Rudel	[REDACTED]	Montgomery	TX	77316
Don Lemon	[REDACTED]	Plantersville	TX	77363
Ronnie Mason	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77355
Charlie and Nora Carswell	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77355
Rick and Lisa Carswell	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77355
Henry Tatum	[REDACTED]	Montgomery	TX	77316
Tim Way	[REDACTED]	Montgomery	TX	77316
Chris Hinkleman	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77355
Marina Bushons	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354
Kathleen M Tatum	[REDACTED]	Montgomery	TX	77316
Pete Peters	[REDACTED]	Austin	TX	78763
Timothy Stricklin	[REDACTED]	Spring	TX	77355
Terre Albert	[REDACTED]	Todd Mission	TX	77363
George Shackelford	[REDACTED]	Tomball	TX	77375
Marilyn J Knighten	[REDACTED]	Plantersville	TX	77363

**Business Within Study Area**

First Name	Last Name	Company	Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	State	Zip
Daniel	Noack	Eagle Nest Christian Fellowship	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Extreme Remodeling	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Regions Bank or Current Occupant	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Compass Bank or Current Occupant	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77353
		First Baptist Church - Magnolia	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77353
		First Class Nails	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
Scott	Free	Free and Associates	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
		GDS Construction	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		Current Occupant	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
Kippy	Massey	God's Country Realty/GMAC	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		Handi Plus Food Store	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		Harlans Food Store	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77353
		Magnolia West High School	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77353
		Hickory Hollow Restaurant	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77354
		Jehovah's Witnesses	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		Current Occupant	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Current Occupant	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Ken's AC and Auto	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Living Stones Church	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		Lonestar Used Cars & Trucks	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Magnolia Apostolic Tabernacle	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77353
		Magnolia Baptist Church	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		Current Occupant	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		Magnolia Foods	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
Walter	Lage	Magnolia Paint & Body	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		Magnolia Plaza Apartments	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77362
		Liberia Cristiana Emmanuel or Current Occupant	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77355
		McDonald's	[REDACTED]		Magnolia	TX	77354
		Current Occupant	[REDACTED]		Plantersville	TX	77363
		Mr. G's Bread & Butter	[REDACTED]		Pinehurst	TX	77362

		Nabors Stehpens H DDS			Magnolia	TX	77355
		Noland Auto Sales			Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Parkstone Estate Homes			Katy	TX	77493
		Pinehurst Auto & Tire			Pinehurst	TX	77362
Maureen	Hemsley	Prudential/Gary Greene			Tomball	TX	77375
		Current Occupant			Magnolia	TX	77354
		Randall D Walker MD - RW Management			Magnolia	TX	77355
Margaret	Chionis	Richfield Investment Corp			Houston	TX	77042
Kirti	Patez	Richfield Investment Corp			Houston	TX	77042
		Richfield Investment Corp			Houston	TX	77042
		Montgomery Door & Hardware or Current Occupant			Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Current Occupant			Magnolia	TX	77355
		Sansom Plumbing & Electric			Tomball	TX	77375
Laurie	Heart	Seven Hearts		Suite 250	Magnolia	TX	77354
		Sonic Drive-In			Magnolia	TX	77354
Marie	Ristroph (Founder)	Spring Creek Watershed Initiative			Pinehurst	TX	77362
		St. Matthias Catholic Church			Magnolia	TX	77355
		Stowes Wrecker Services			Montgomery	TX	77356
		Suburban Styles			Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Magnolia Express Lube or Current Occupant			Magnolia	TX	77354
		Texas Premiere Realty or Current Occupant			Tomball	TX	77375
		CT Industries or Current Occupant			Pinehurst	TX	77362
		The Ivy Basket			Plantersville	TX	77363
		Three Star Homes			Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Trackside Cafe			Magnolia	TX	77354
		Treeco Tree Services			Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Vickie's Kids			Pinehurst	TX	77362
		Video Tonight			Magnolia	TX	77355
		Wilson Auto Service			Magnolia	TX	77355

Additional Parties Asked to be Notified

Name	Affiliation	Street Address	City	State	Zip	Email
Daniel B. Mathis	Devon Energy Corporation	[REDACTED]	Oklahoma City	OK	73102-5015	
Cheryl Adams		[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354	<a href="mailto:adams5377@sbcglobal.net">adams5377@sbcglobal.net</a>
Chip Taylor	URS Corporation	[REDACTED]	Houston	TX	77042	
Jason Dunn		[REDACTED]	Cypress	TX	77429	<a href="mailto:jdunn_67@hotmail.com">jdunn_67@hotmail.com</a>
Paul Watson		[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354	
Gary Kraus		[REDACTED]	Houston	TX	77077	<a href="mailto:Gknife201@aol.com">Gknife201@aol.com</a>
Mr. Jeramiah Wittenburg		[REDACTED]	Plantersville	TX	77363	<a href="mailto:Jeramiah_w@yahoo.com">Jeramiah_w@yahoo.com</a>
Chris Rhodes		[REDACTED]	Montgomery	TX	77356	<a href="mailto:chrisrhodes13@yahoo.com">chrisrhodes13@yahoo.com</a>
Mrs. Erika Gracida	CJGC Holdings llc.	[REDACTED]	Pinehurst	TX	77362	<a href="mailto:erika.gracida@gmail.com">erika.gracida@gmail.com</a>
Mrs. Karen Parker		[REDACTED]	PINEHURST	TX	77362	
Mr. Conners						<a href="mailto:iconners4@gmail.com">iconners4@gmail.com</a>
Tom Parker (listed as Talmon Parker)		[REDACTED]	Pinehurst	TX		
Serge Schultz	URS Corporation	[REDACTED]	Pinehurst	TX	77362	<a href="mailto:Serge.schultz@deepwater.com">Serge.schultz@deepwater.com</a>
Michael Moore						<a href="mailto:mmoore@tlcofficesystems.com">mmoore@tlcofficesystems.com</a>
Diana Holland						<a href="mailto:dianaholland360@gmail.com">dianaholland360@gmail.com</a>
Roger Torabi		[REDACTED]	Spring	TX	77379	<a href="mailto:rogertorabi2005@hotmail.com">rogertorabi2005@hotmail.com</a>
Lauren Geldard	Believer's Fellowship Baptist Church	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354	<a href="mailto:Lauren.Geldard@c-a-m.com">Lauren.Geldard@c-a-m.com</a>
Rev. Joe Arms	Believer's Fellowship Baptist Church	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354	<a href="mailto:pastorjoe@bfchurch.com">pastorjoe@bfchurch.com</a>
Barry Carter	Believer's Fellowship Baptist Church	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354	<a href="mailto:cartile@att.net">cartile@att.net</a>
Don Staley	Believer's Fellowship Baptist Church	[REDACTED]	Magnolia	TX	77354	<a href="mailto:donstaley1@aol.com">donstaley1@aol.com</a>
Julie Moore						<a href="mailto:julie.moore@adamslasalle.com">julie.moore@adamslasalle.com</a>
Gwen Alexander	Realtor	[REDACTED]	Tomball	TX		

## Appendix D Sign In Sheets



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1	TRAVIS HALM		
2	DAN WENDT		
3	Diana Parish		
4	RAY VEEGER		
5	DEBORAH DUNCAN		
6	Steve Bauer		
7	SUSAN BARKER		
8	JOHN HAGER		
9	Charlie R Weich		
10	CHARLES MATT STAHLMAN		
11	James Stautberg		
12	Terre Albert		
13	JAMES BAKER		
14	John Smith		
15	Seth Schulgen		



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1	Michael Parks		
2	Todd Marshall		
3	Roy Smith		
4	KATHLEEN TATUM		
5	Nupoto Olbych		
6	David Fry		
7	MARLENE BENIGNUS		
8	Candelaria Tatum		
9	Raymond Tatum		
10	Betty Zuchs		
11	Kendra Sullivan		
12	CRISTY Pendley		
13	Jessica Holland		
14	Randi Zumwalt		
15	Wendy Clive		



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1	Craig Meyers, Community Development Director		
2	Lindsay Vaccinia		
3	Teed & Jack Corey		
4	Steve Hyacin		
5	Leborah Ros Millon		
6	Bill Cathers		
7	Mahvash Ramsey		
8	Denise McDaniel		
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1	Catherine Walsh		
2	Abelino Mendez		
3	DR. MARK E. ESCOTT		
4	Matt Whitney		
5	SAM VAN NESTE		
6	Marty Koh		
7	Don Dean		
8	Travis Bryant		
9	Michael & Julie Moore		
10	<del>Paul Mendes</del>		
11	Steve Jones		
12	Ferry Winkler		
13	Rachel Cyr		
14	Yolanda Campbell		
15	Kathy Mazzaferro		

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1	Dana Haines		
2	Connie Matt		
3	Bill Matt		
4	TERRY NEWTON		
5	David E. Dobynski		
6	Lisa & Rick Caravel		
7	Lynda Henderson		
8	John Nobles		
9	Revia Hasena		
10	DOUG CAMPBELL		
11	Pearl Graham		
12	Gary Kraus		
13	PIERRE NYS		
14	STOTT Mc ASHMORE		
15	Bob & Vicki Brown		

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1	FRANK LUBRANO	SELF		
2	BETTY LUBRANO	SELF		
3	KORMAN SMITH	EXAMINER		
4	LINDSEY VALUIN	POTPOURRI HCN		
5	LIZA WINKER	community impact		
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1	Emmott & LeighAnn Greere		
2	Michael Lindquist		
3	BOBBY ADAMS		
4	Denise Imhoff		
5	Joe Knauth		
6	Regina Henderson		
7	Brend Patterson		
8	C & Murrell Skar		
9	Alicia Riley		
10	Terry Plucker		
11	Dave Hamilton		
12	Paul McLandrich		
13	Ruby Staley		
14	Joe Roberts		
15	Jimmie Roberts		

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5	JAN & ED KAROSKY		
6	JOHN BRINKLEY		
7	VIGOR W. LOVE		
8	PETE MUNDY		
9	SHARON McCABE		
10	JULIE OERMANN		
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13	MARILYN BETTES		
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2	Donald Peters		
3	Henry TATam		
4	Nita McNulty		
5	Diana Farrell		
6	Cheryl Smith		
7	Jim + Candy Van Silt		
8	Ann Moore		
9	Chas. Coole		
10	Liada Stuckey		
11	Stuckey's Contract Svc		
12	Tim Way		
13	PAUL T. FREY		
14	Brenda Wiedrich		
15	Robert McWhorter		



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1	John F. [unclear]		
2	Darryl & Karen [unclear]		
3	Mark Rogers		
4	Linda DeNing		
5	Raymond Ramirez		
6	Jaqueline Delapaz		
7	Bruce Fillegest		
8	Tim Lyng		
9	P. Rosea		
10	Chris Campbell		
11	Ethan & Carol [unclear]		
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2	Grant Magness		
3	DAN+EILEEN NEWKONES		
4	David Tullos		
5	Nelson B. Nuckles		
6	George Shubert		
7	COUF KOENIG		
8	Doug Lemir		
9	Pam Rogers		
10	John F Knupp		
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3	Jeff Martin		
4	USA SCHLESSMAN		
5	NANCY RUSSELL		
6	ROB MAXWELL		
7	Dale Felton		
8	Patrick Reznik		
9	Hugo Gonzalez		
10	Jason Ellison		
11	DAVID SCHILLINGS		
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8	Jeri Pearson		
9	Andre Edowell		
10	Steve Mellon		
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	<del>Carol Schramm</del>		
8	Kiith + Amanda Mural		
9	Don Staley		
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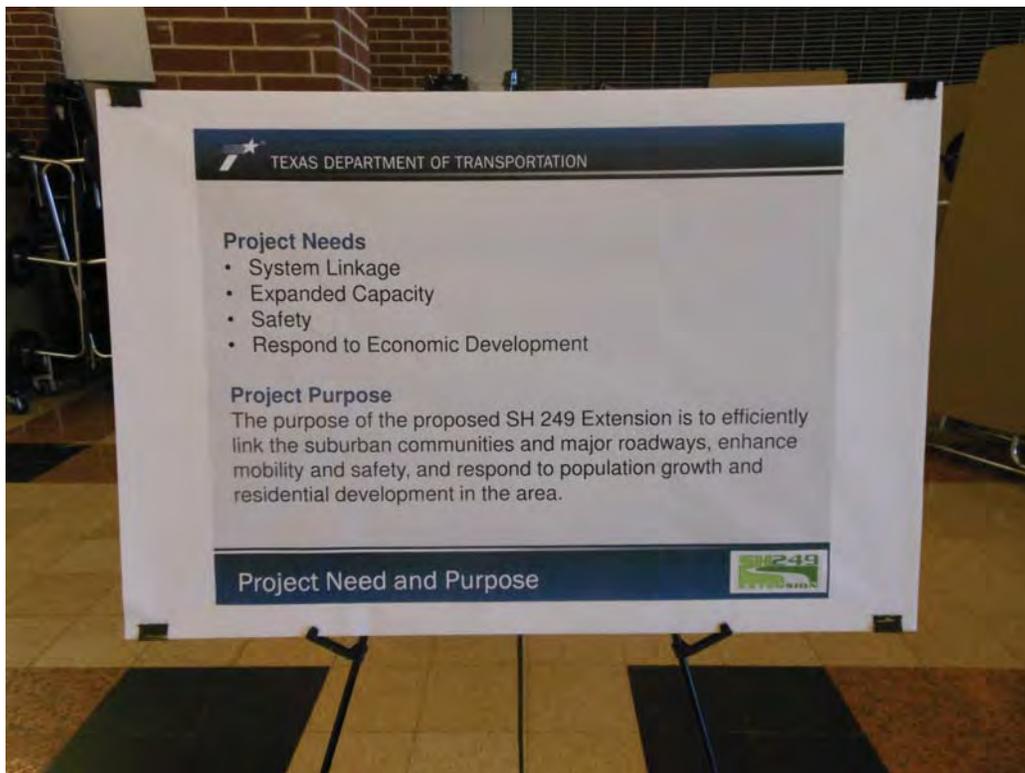
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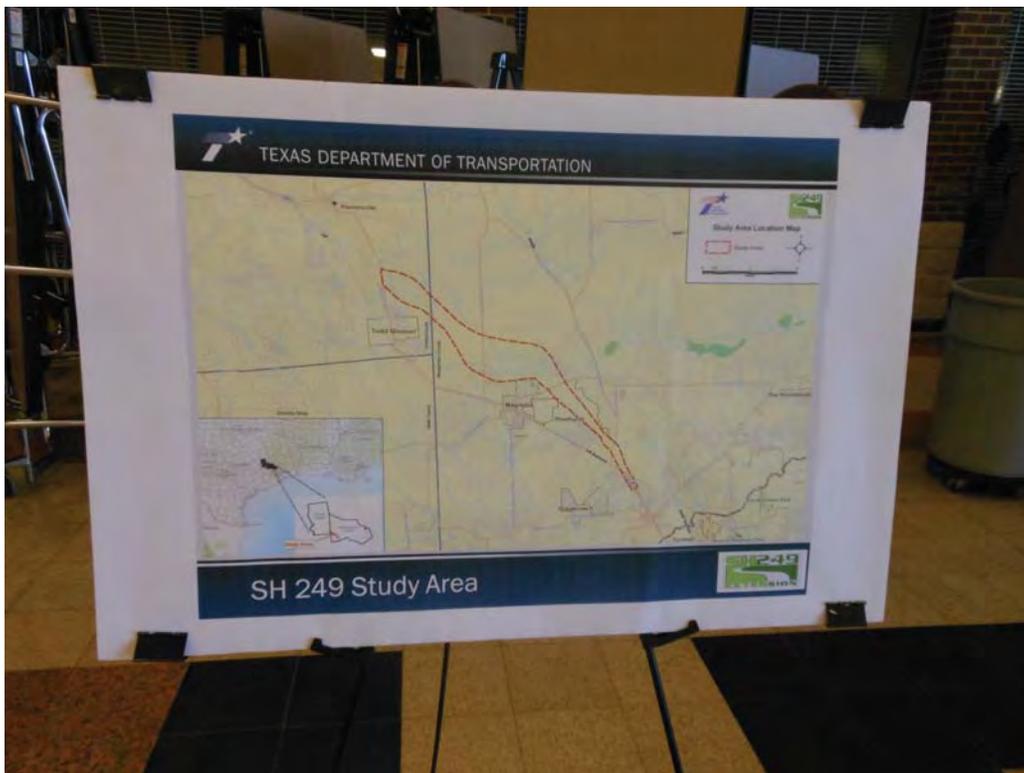
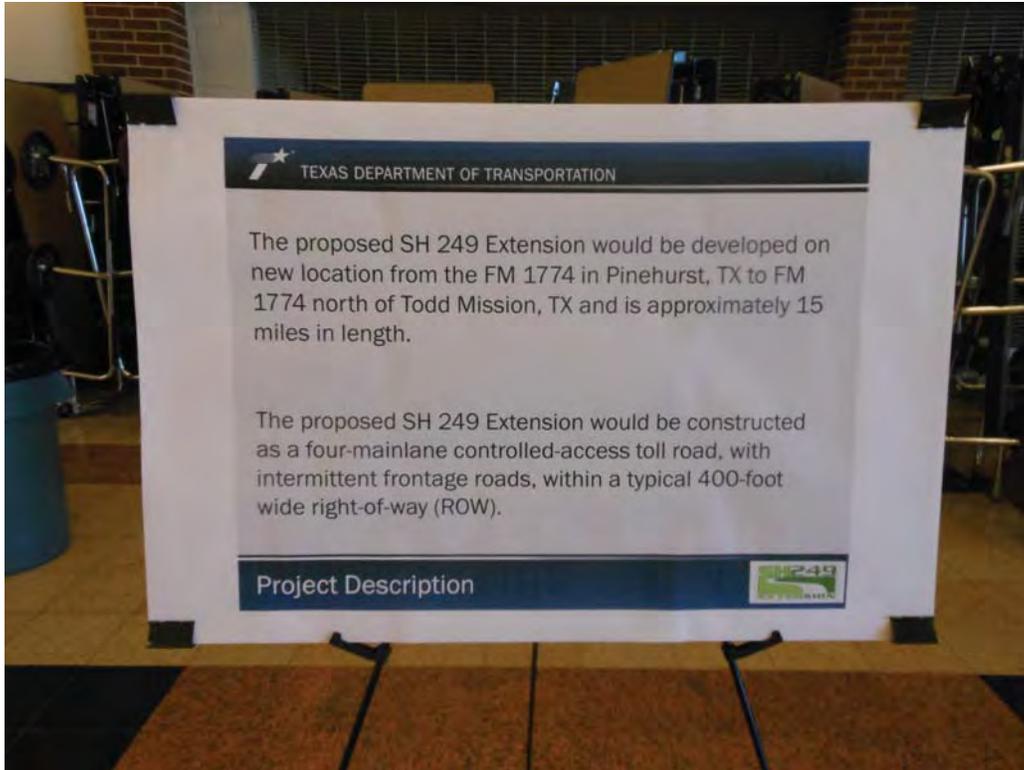
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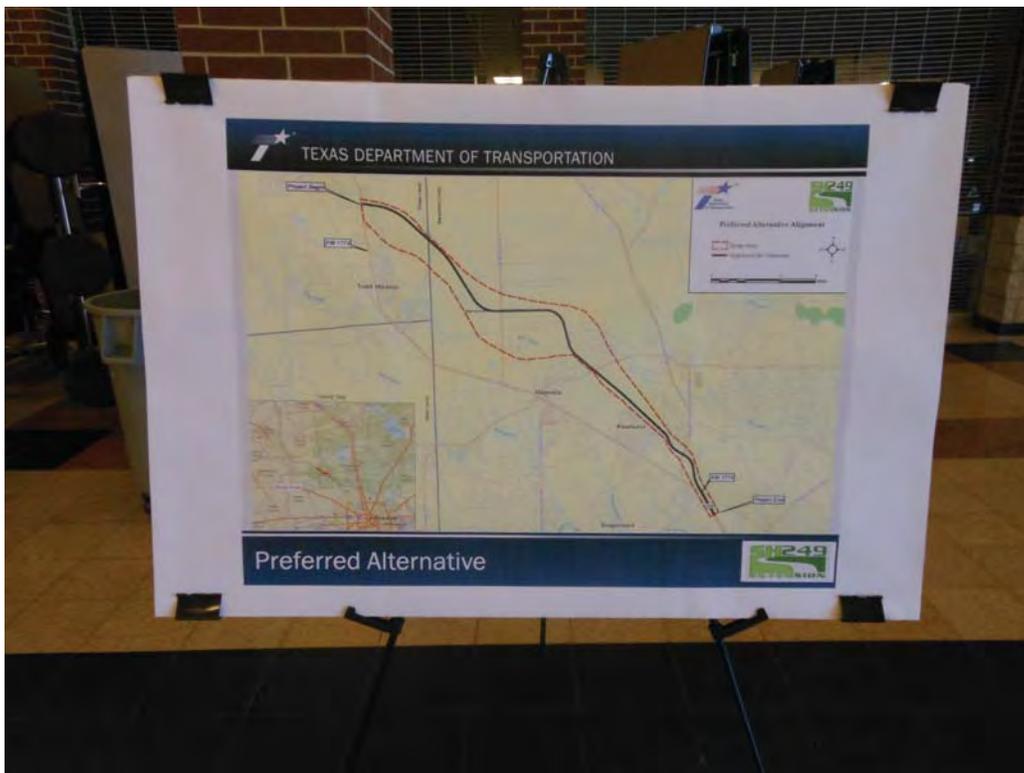
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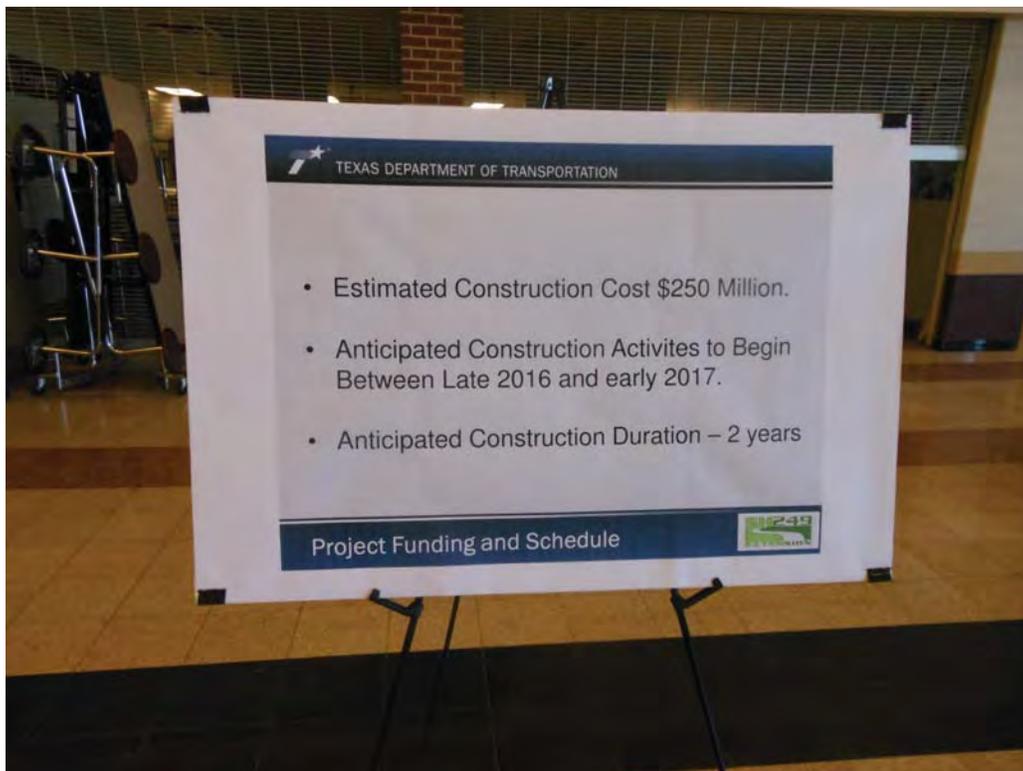
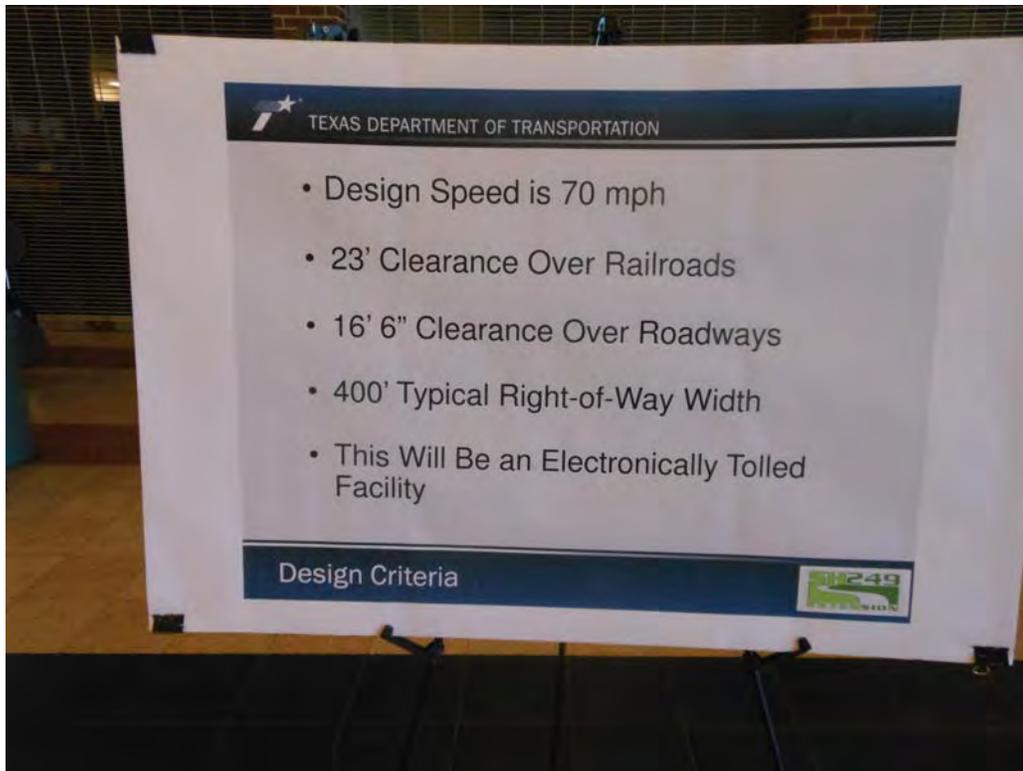


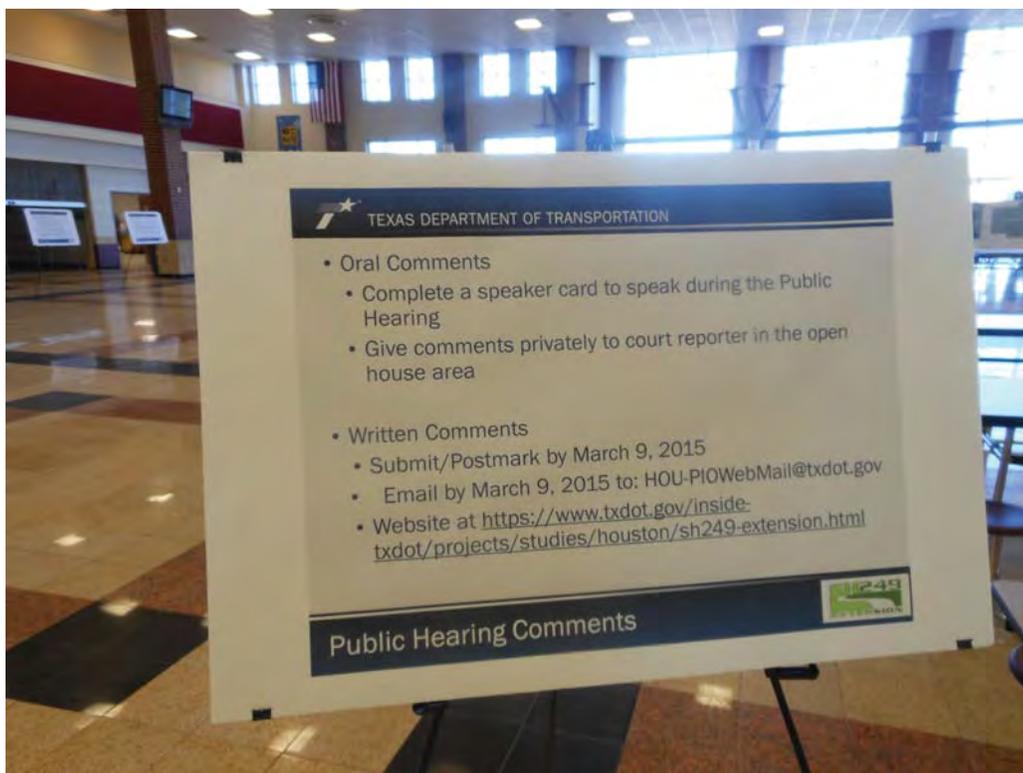
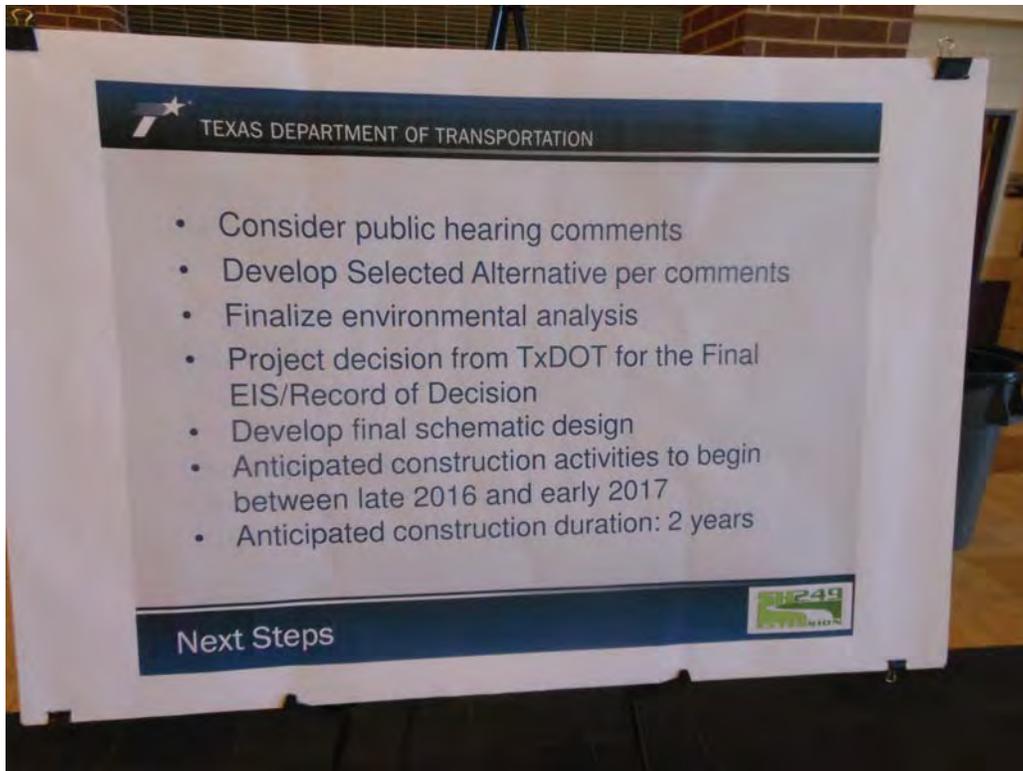
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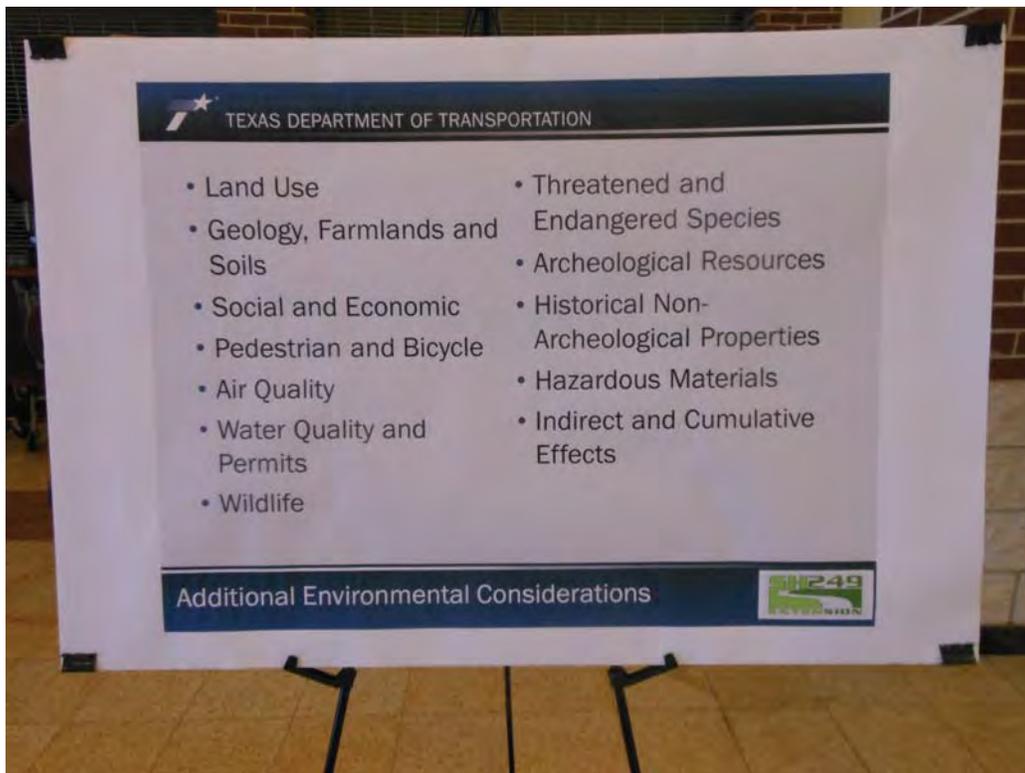
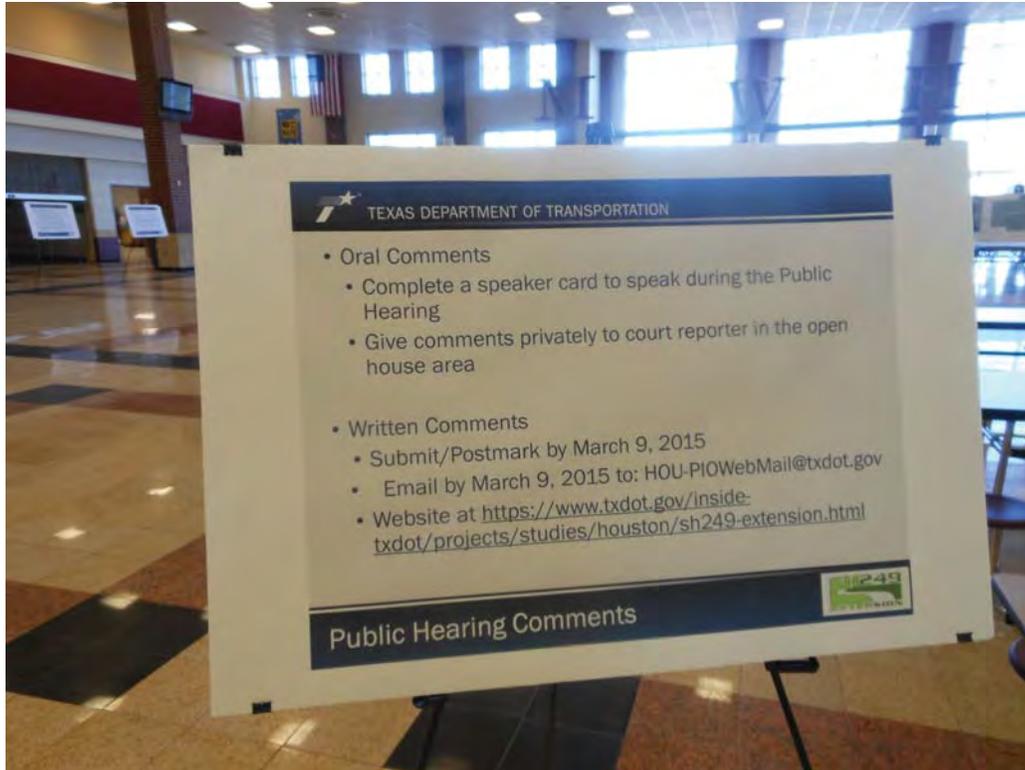
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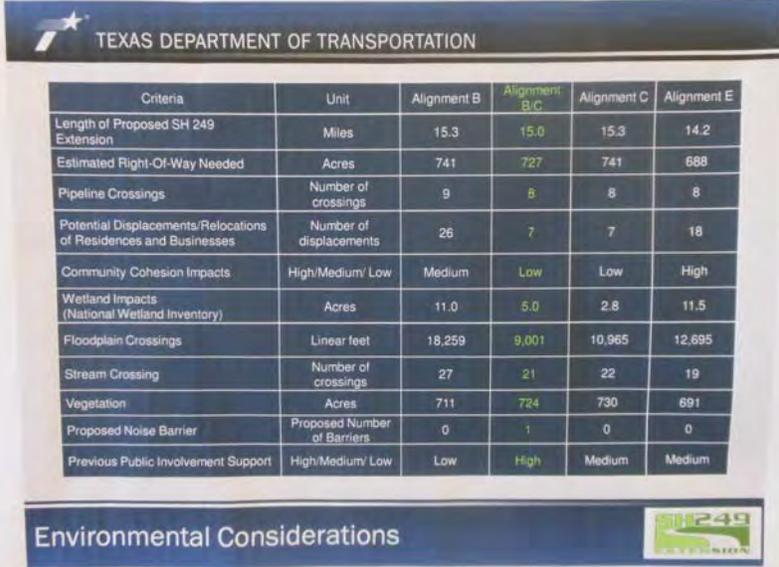




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The image shows a presentation board for the Texas Department of Transportation. At the top left is the TxDOT logo. The title is "TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION". Below the title is a table comparing five alignment options (B, B/C, C, and E) across various environmental and project criteria. The table is as follows:

Criteria	Unit	Alignment B	Alignment B/C	Alignment C	Alignment E
Length of Proposed SH 249 Extension	Miles	15.3	15.0	15.3	14.2
Estimated Right-Of-Way Needed	Acres	741	727	741	688
Pipeline Crossings	Number of crossings	9	8	8	8
Potential Displacements/Relocations of Residences and Businesses	Number of displacements	26	7	7	18
Community Cohesion Impacts	High/Medium/ Low	Medium	Low	Low	High
Wetland Impacts (National Wetland Inventory)	Acres	11.0	5.0	2.8	11.5
Floodplain Crossings	Linear feet	18,259	9,001	10,965	12,695
Stream Crossing	Number of crossings	27	21	22	19
Vegetation	Acres	711	724	730	691
Proposed Noise Barrier	Proposed Number of Barriers	0	1	0	0
Previous Public Involvement Support	High/Medium/ Low	Low	High	Medium	Medium

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STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 249 EXTENSION  
FROM FM 1774 IN PINEHURST  
TO FM 1774 NORTH OF TODD MISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING  
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2015                      TIME: 6:35 TO 7:05 P.M.

LOCATION: Magnolia West High School  
          42202 FM 1774  
          Magnolia, Texas 77353-0426

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3 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. If we could  
4 go ahead and get started tonight and you-all could go  
5 ahead and take your seats.

6 Well, good evening. My name's Bill  
7 Brudnick. I am Director of Transportation Planning and  
8 Development for the Texas Department of Transportation  
9 out of the Houston District.

10 And before we go ahead and get started  
11 with tonight's presentation, if I could get you-all to  
12 silence your cell phones and electronic devices.

13 Today is Wednesday, February 18th, 2015,  
14 and the time is approximately 6:35.

15 On behalf of the Texas Department of  
16 Transportation, I would like to thank you for your  
17 interest and participation in this public hearing. I  
18 would also like to thank Magnolia West High School for  
19 the use of their facilities.

20 We welcome you to this public hearing for  
21 the proposed State Highway 249 Extension from Farm to  
22 Market 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County, to 1774  
23 north of Todd Mission in Grimes County.

24 This public hearing is being transcribed  
25 by a certified court reporter for the formal record --

1 public record purposes.

2 As you entered tonight, you were asked to  
3 register at one of our sign-in tables. If you have not  
4 already done so, please register before you leave  
5 tonight so your -- so we have a record of your  
6 participation in tonight's public hearing.

7 Please feel free to view the exhibits in  
8 the commons area. They will be available during the  
9 presentation until we adjourn tonight.

10 The open house began at 5:30, and the  
11 public hearing is now going on.

12 Prior to December 16, the Federal Highway  
13 Administration, the FHWA, reviewed and approved  
14 documents prepared under the National Environmental  
15 Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16,  
16 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed  
17 responsibility from FHWA from reviewing and approving  
18 certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. The  
19 Texas Department of Transportation approved the 249  
20 draft Environmental Impact Statement on January 5th,  
21 2015.

22 I would like to go ahead and welcome and  
23 recognize the elected officials who are in attendance  
24 tonight.

25 Magnolia City Councilmember Ann Sunquist.

1                   Representing Harris County Commissioner  
2 Jack Cagle, Pam Rocchi.

3                   Grimes County Judge Ben Leman.

4                   Montgomery County Judge Craig Doyal.

5                   And Montgomery County Commissioner  
6 Charlie Riley.

7                   If there are any other elected officials  
8 in the audience tonight, if we could please get to you  
9 raise your hand and introduce yourself so that you can  
10 be recognized tonight?

11                   DAVID TULLOS: David Tullos from Grimes  
12 County, 362.

13                   BILL BRUDNICK: Is there anyone else?  
14 (No response.)

15                   BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. I want to thank  
16 you all for coming tonight. And I wanted to also  
17 mention that the Notice of Availability of the Draft  
18 Environmental Impact Statement or the Draft EIS for the  
19 249 Extension was published in the Federal and State  
20 Register on January 28, 2015. Notices of the public  
21 hearing were advertised in the newspapers noted on the  
22 slide: THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE, the LA VOZ and the  
23 MAGNOLIA POTPOURRI.

24                   The purpose of this public meeting is to  
25 present the findings of the Draft EIS for the purpose --

1 for the proposed 249 Extension and to receive your  
2 comments on both the Draft EIS and the proposed project.

3 The public comment session will begin  
4 following the presentation. We will not answer  
5 questions during the presentation or comment session --  
6 public comment session, but we will be available to  
7 answer questions following the comment session. The  
8 official -- This official public hearing will adjourn  
9 after all oral comments have been heard.

10 I would now like to go ahead and  
11 introduce Mr. Robb Fishman who will discuss the proposed  
12 SH 249 Extension project.

13 ROBB FISHMAN: Thanks, Bill.

14 Good evening. My name is Robb Fishman  
15 from Jacobs Engineering, and I am the Environmental  
16 Project Manager for the proposed project's draft EIS  
17 which we have been working on since 2003.

18 Prior to 2003, a Major Investment Study  
19 or MIS was conducted -- was conducted. During that  
20 time, there were three public meetings throughout the  
21 process, from November 2000 to October 2001. The MIS  
22 was released in 2002.

23 Now we can see -- The Texas Department  
24 of Transportation then filed a Notice of Intent for the  
25 Environmental Impact Statement in September and October

1 2003.

2           Throughout the SH 249 Extension study  
3 process, meetings with resource agencies, elected  
4 officials, and the public were held to solicit input on  
5 the project development process. This public hearing is  
6 a continuation of a series of formal public involvement  
7 opportunities offered at key milestones throughout the  
8 project development process.

9           There are substantial transportation  
10 improvement needs that affect the proposed SH 149  
11 Extension study area.

12           Inefficient connections exist between  
13 suburb communities and major and minor radial and  
14 circumferential arterials. Projected population and  
15 employment growth in the area would likely increase the  
16 demand on the current transportation infrastructure.  
17 Lastly, there are growing safety concerns around the  
18 impacts of increased congestion and emergency evacuation  
19 for events such as hurricanes.

20           The purpose of the proposed SH 249  
21 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban  
22 communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and  
23 safety, and respond to population growth and residential  
24 development in the area. The goal of the proposed  
25 tollway is to improve system linkage, address current

1 and future transportation demand through expanded  
2 capacity, improve safety, and respond to population  
3 growth and economic development.

4           The SH 249 Extension Study Area, which is  
5 shown in red on the presentation figure, is generally  
6 bound by FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County, to  
7 FM 1774 north of Todd Mission in Grimes County.

8           No-build and build alternatives were  
9 considered for the SH 249 Extension.

10           The No-Build Alternative includes all  
11 committed projects included in the 2035 Regional  
12 Transportation Plan Update, with the exception of the  
13 proposed project.

14           Although the No-Build Alternative was  
15 not -- would not satisfy the need and purpose of the  
16 proposed action, it was retained for comparison with the  
17 alternative alignments carried forward for detailed  
18 study.

19           Five alternative alignments were  
20 originally developed for the Draft EIS. Through the  
21 public involvement process and a screening evaluation,  
22 two alignments, Alternative Alignments A and D, were  
23 eliminated for further study. Three of the original  
24 alternative alignments, along with a hybrid alignment  
25 described in the next slide were analyzed in the Draft

1 EIS. This slide shows Alternative Alignments B, B/C, C  
2 and E that were analyzed.

3                   These four reasonable alternative  
4 alignments can be seen in more detail in the commons  
5 area.

6                   A public meeting was held for the  
7 proposed project on October 3rd, 2013, to introduce the  
8 new hybrid alignment: Alternative Alignment B/C. The  
9 alignment was developed to reduce the number of property  
10 displacements and impacts to property owners' plans for  
11 their tracts.

12                   Public comments were received and  
13 considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS. As  
14 a result of public comments, and as shown on the slide,  
15 the northern terminus was shifted to minimize impacts.  
16 This revised B/C Alternative Alignment is the preferred  
17 alternative we are presenting tonight.

18                   A Draft EIS was prepared for the proposed  
19 SH 249 Extension to discuss the proposed improvement and  
20 the need for and purpose of the proposed project.

21                   The Draft EIS sets out to accomplish four  
22 objects. The Draft EIS compares alternatives, presents  
23 existing conditions, evaluates potential impacts, and  
24 incorporates coordination with the public and resource  
25 agencies.

1           The Draft EIS considered the potential  
2 impacts to the human and potential environments on both  
3 the No-Build Alternative and the four Build alternative  
4 alignments to determine the preferred alternative.  
5 Environmental considerations analyzed in the Draft EIS  
6 are shown on this slide, and these considerations were  
7 used to determine the preferred alternative.

8           The preferred alternative would require  
9 approximately 727 acres of new right-of-way and would  
10 potentially displace one business and six residences.  
11 There are noise impacts associated with the preferred  
12 alternative and one noise barrier is proposed for the  
13 Hazy Hollow Subdivision. Please visit the exhibits in  
14 the common area to review in further detail.

15           Additional environmental considerations  
16 evaluated in the Draft EIS are included on this slide.

17           The Draft EIS is available for review  
18 tonight in the common area, and all the information on  
19 this slide is available for review.

20           Throughout the environmental process, the  
21 Texas Department of Transportation has coordinated with  
22 many resource agencies, elected officials, and local  
23 stakeholders, including all the entities listed on this  
24 slide, as well as the public and special interest  
25 groups.

1                    Shown on this slide is the B/C  
2 alternative alignment, which has been chosen as the  
3 Preferred Alternative Alignment based on analysis and  
4 input from the public.

5                    The Preferred Alternative would be a  
6 four-mainlane controlled access tollway that would  
7 include intermittent frontage roads within a typical  
8 400-foot wide right-of-way.

9                    Access points to and from the proposed  
10 tollway would be provided at major intersections south  
11 of FM 1774 in Pinehurst, FM 149, FM 1488, FM 1486, and  
12 FM 1774 north of Todd Mission. Please refer to the  
13 preliminary schematic layout located in the common area  
14 for further details on tollway access.

15                   Detension sites are proposed for the  
16 project. These are shown on this slide and on the  
17 preliminary schematic layout.

18                   This slide depicts the proposed typical  
19 sections, which would require approximately a 400-foot  
20 right-of-way.

21                   Electronic toll collection is proposed  
22 for the SH 249 Extension. The design and placement of  
23 electronic toll collection facilities would be  
24 determined during final design.

25                   The Draft EIS is available for public

1 review after the public hearing at the listed local  
2 public libraries and at the following Texas Department  
3 of Transportation District Offices -- Houston,  
4 Montgomery and Bryan districts.

5 In addition, should you wish to obtain a  
6 copy for your personal use, paper copies may be  
7 purchased from the Texas Department of Transportation  
8 for the cost of reproduction or downloaded free online  
9 from the SH 249 Extension website listed in your  
10 program.

11 Although approval of the Draft EIS by the  
12 Texas Department of Transportation cleared the way for  
13 tonight's public involvement activities, it does not  
14 represent a final approval for the proposed project. In  
15 the next steps of the environmental process, all  
16 comments received tonight, as well as written comments  
17 received during the comment period will be included in  
18 the official public hearing record and will be addressed  
19 in the next phase of the environmental process.

20 The comments received will be used to  
21 help develop the Selected Alternative Alignment, which  
22 will be studied in detail in the next phase of the  
23 environmental process. Once the analysis is complete  
24 and documents approved, documentation of the additional  
25 environmental analysis will be available for public and

1 agency review.

2 A decision would be requested from the  
3 Texas Department of Transportation only after review and  
4 consideration of public and agency comments have been  
5 reviewed. The decision would be -- would be in the form  
6 of a Record of Decision.

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

9 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Now, if we  
10 could, let's go ahead and begin the public comment  
11 session.

12 There are several ways to comment on the  
13 proposed SH 249 Extension project. You can give your  
14 oral comments when I open the floor for public comment  
15 or you can give your oral comments to a second court  
16 reporter located in the common area. If you would like  
17 to comment, but do not wish to comment orally tonight,  
18 or if you wish to comment in more detail, you may submit  
19 your comments in writing. Written comments must be  
20 submitted or postmarked by March 9, 2015.

21 We have provided comment boxes if you  
22 choose to leave your completed comment forms tonight or  
23 your comments may also be sent electronically to the  
24 e-mail address and/or website shown on the slide and  
25 provided to you in your handouts.

1                   Raise your hand if you have not already  
2 completed a speaker register card and would like to  
3 speak tonight.

4                   (No response.)

5                   BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. I would like to  
6 begin the public comment session by introducing our  
7 elected officials who wish to comment.

8                   If any elected officials would like to  
9 comment, I ask that you come down to the microphone,  
10 introduce yourself and state who you represent.

11                   COUNTY JUDGE CRAIG DOYAL: My name's  
12 Craig Doyal. I'm the Montgomery County Judge. I would  
13 like to speak in favor of this project, and I would like  
14 to thank TxDOT for their partnership in this project so  
15 far. We've talked to a lot of people from Tomball, from  
16 Magnolia, and a lot of property owners along this route,  
17 went to Austin and lobbied for the project.

18                   Most of you know, for many years this  
19 area was pretty quiet. There wasn't a lot of traffic,  
20 wasn't a lot of problems; but we've grown exponentially  
21 over the last few years. And the need for this project  
22 today is critical through Montgomery County.

23                   So I'm here today to speak in support of  
24 that project. I think that it -- as we move forward --  
25 without 249, if you -- if you drove here tonight, you

1 saw the traffic problems that we have. We are going to  
2 continue to grow each and every day. Without projects  
3 like this, the traffic congestion is just going to  
4 continue to get worse.

5 So I applaud TxDOT for their effort and  
6 look forward to partnering with you along with Harris  
7 County to get this project completed in Montgomery  
8 County, and I thank you for being here with us tonight.

9 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you for coming.

10 (Applause.)

11 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Are there any  
12 other elected officials that would like to speak  
13 tonight?

14 (No response.)

15 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Well, thank  
16 you.

17 I would like to now provide an  
18 opportunity for those who have registered to speak on  
19 the proposed project.

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

24 A timer located on the screen will  
25 indicate the beginning of your three minutes. After

1 three minutes you will be asked to be seated so that the  
2 next speaker can make his or her comments.

3 If you have additional comments, please  
4 complete a written comment form provided to you or see  
5 the second court reporter located in the common area who  
6 will transcribe comments longer than the three minutes.

7 Now, I'd like to go ahead and call the  
8 speakers listed on the public speaker registration cards  
9 in the order that I received them.

10 Michael Moore.

11 MICHAEL MOORE: I would like to start my  
12 comments first by asking if any of our representatives  
13 from TxDOT or any of our elected officials, are you-all  
14 loosing any portion of any of all your homes?

15 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

16 MICHAEL MOORE: Okay. I had a few  
17 moments to read through -- let me see this right here,  
18 this State Purchase of Right-of-Way. In one of the  
19 sections in here I was reading right here, it says that  
20 once that the appraisals come out, they'll do the survey  
21 of our land and then an offer is made for our property.  
22 It says: Our decision regarding the State's offer for  
23 the property needs to be made at the earliest possible  
24 time so that the completion of the acquisitions process  
25 is not delayed.

1                   Boy, we would hate to do anything to  
2 delay this roadway.

3                   You can appreciate the fact that there is  
4 a definite time frame required for every aspect of the  
5 highway or transportation project that involves your  
6 property.

7                   My life has a time frame, too; and my  
8 life's on hold. It's been on hold for a year and a  
9 half, probably another year or year and a half before  
10 all this is taken up by everything that I've seen  
11 tonight.

12                   And I think it's downright criminal that  
13 you haven't been on our door step first saying: Look,  
14 get on with your lives.

15                   That's my comment.

16                   BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. Moore.

17                   (Applause.)

18                   BILL BRUDNICK: The next speaker would be  
19 David Tullos.

20                   DAVID TULLOS: Tullos.

21                   BILL BRUDNICK: Tullos. Sorry about  
22 that.

23                   DAVID TULLOS: I am David Tullos. I'm  
24 from southern Grimes County, and I'm speaking on behalf  
25 of the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group.

1           There are a number of reasons why this  
2 project shouldn't be built. Because I only have three  
3 minutes, I'm just going to quickly illustrate ten of  
4 them.

5           The first one would be that at every  
6 opportunity in Grimes County, whether it's a TxDOT  
7 meeting, a Stop Grimes 249 meeting, the Grimes Citizen  
8 Advisory Group meeting, or a meeting of the Grimes  
9 County Planning Commission, an overwhelming majority of  
10 Grimes County citizens have opposed this project.  
11 That's reason number 1.

12           Number 2, Grimes County Commissioners'  
13 Court has passed two resolutions against this project.  
14 The last one which occurred on February 10th, just eight  
15 days ago, opposes all toll roads in Grimes County and  
16 specifically names this project.

17           Number 3, the town of Anderson and the  
18 city of Iola in Grimes County have passed resolutions  
19 opposing this 249 toll road project.

20           Number 4, the Grimes County Planning  
21 Commission opposes this project and has had a "No Toll  
22 Road" Policy since 2008.

23           Number 5, the new governor of Texas is  
24 against toll roads and has declared transportation to be  
25 an emergency item. This allows the new funding

1 initiative to be fast-tracked and considered earlier  
2 than normal. He has promised to add \$4 billion a year  
3 more to roads without raising taxes, fees, debts or  
4 tolls.

5 Number 6, TxDOT has violated federal law  
6 in the planning of this project.

7 Number 7, TxDOT has violated state law in  
8 the planning of this project.

9 Number 8, this project would damage and  
10 diminish the property values of the land along this  
11 proposed right-of-way.

12 Number 9, this project will have a  
13 permanent negative impact on the long-term economic  
14 development of southern Grimes County.

15 Number 10, this project will damage the  
16 Hurricane-Mill Creek watershed, which is the major  
17 watershed for southern Grimes County.

18 So let me summarize this for you. This  
19 is a bad project. In southern Grimes County, we don't  
20 want this. Our government leaders don't want it.

21 You work for us. So please stop what  
22 you're doing, stop this project, sit down with our  
23 elected officials and develop a transportation plan that  
24 makes sense for the long-term economic development of  
25 southern Grimes County.

1 Thank you for allowing me to speak here  
2 today.

3 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 BILL BRUDNICK: Next we have Doug  
6 Campbell.

7 DOUG CAMPBELL: I'm Doug Campbell from  
8 Plantersville in southern Grimes County, and I'm opposed  
9 to the construction of this roadway into Grimes County,  
10 and that's all.

11 (Applause.)

12 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. Campbell.  
13 Robert Reynolds.

14 ROBERT REYNOLDS: I'm Robert Reynolds, a  
15 resident of Grimes County; and I was going to sell off  
16 some of my minutes to Mr. Tullos here, but he said all  
17 he's going to say for right now.

18 Anyway, the Grimes County Commissioners  
19 County, the town of Anderson and the city of Iola have  
20 all passed resolutions opposing the 249 project in  
21 Grimes County.

22 An overwhelming majority of the citizens  
23 and property owners in Grimes County are against it and  
24 have consistently voiced their opposition to this  
25 project going through Grimes County.

1                   We believe Grimes County has spoken and  
2 it is "No Build."

3                   We don't want any part of the toll road.  
4 It's time TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County  
5 391 Commission to discuss alternative mutually-  
6 acceptable option before making any final determinations  
7 regarding this phase of the project or proceeding with  
8 any future phase of the project that affects Grimes  
9 County.

10                   In light of the strong opposition to this  
11 project in Grimes County and Governor Abbott's comments  
12 regarding the toll roads in his State of the State  
13 Address, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and  
14 pursue non-toll road options.

15                   Thank you.

16                   (Applause.)

17                   BILL BRUDNICK: Bill Matt.

18                   BILL MATT: My name is Bill Matt. I live  
19 in Mill Creek Forest, which is directly adjacent, on the  
20 south side of Hazy Hollow. We were not even mentioned  
21 in the EIS; and the preferred route of your roadway  
22 crosses right through our subdivision, affecting my  
23 house and every other house on that end of our  
24 subdivision.

25                   Secondly, no explanation to me or anybody

1 else that I know of has ever been given why the 1488 --  
2 I mean, the 1774 or 149 corridor cannot be used for this  
3 project.

4 Thirdly, the talk has been mentioned that  
5 we have traffic problems and, therefore, that there's a  
6 necessity for 249 expansion; but as our Judge Doyal said  
7 earlier, if you came here tonight, you saw the traffic  
8 jams.

9 It's not because of 249. It's because  
10 Magnolia can't even get bridgework and 1774 completed.  
11 Now, if we can't even complete projects that we wanted  
12 to get done in the first place to alleviate traffic  
13 problems, I don't see any reason why there needs to be a  
14 toll road put in where no other road is.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 BILL BRUDNICK: Larry Lynch.

18 LARRY LYNCH: I'm a resident of Grimes  
19 County and I want to tell everybody here that I'm  
20 against that toll road.

21 I don't understand why the people of  
22 Montgomery County, why there are not more people out  
23 here tonight to oppose that toll road. Because what  
24 we're doing when we let these toll roads go through,  
25 we're making it easy, it's just fueling the fire. Any

1 time TxDOT wants to put a road through, they're going to  
2 hit you when you use it.

3 My daddy used to always say: If you  
4 don't have the money, don't buy it. If the money's not  
5 there to build that road without making it toll, then we  
6 don't need it.

7 So let's all get together. Let's oppose  
8 it. Let's send out a message to the rest of Texas that  
9 we don't want toll roads. We send enough money over  
10 there and -- But if we can't -- haven't got enough  
11 money, don't build it.

12 And I don't know about down here, but  
13 when -- a lot of information, when this first started in  
14 Grimes County, we wasn't getting the information we  
15 needed about this toll road; and this is just the tip of  
16 the iceberg.

17 They're wanting to put a pile line (sic)  
18 and high-speed rail through Grimes County. Well,  
19 there's a good chance you're going to get it right here  
20 in Montgomery County.

21 So there's not been enough planning done.  
22 All these environmental impact studies, they're not  
23 enough.

24 We need planning. I'm not for holding up  
25 growth, but there's not enough planning.

1                   You know, when TxDOT comes to the table,  
2 they need to have more. It's easy for them to take a  
3 few days, somebody come up with these drawings and  
4 everything about this route; but there's lots more to it  
5 than just that. That's all I got to say.

6                   Thank you for letting me speak.

7                   (Applause.)

8                   BILL BRUDNICK: All right. With that,  
9 that is all the registered speakers that we have  
10 tonight.

11                   I'd like to go ahead and thank you for  
12 all your comments. I guess we will now close the  
13 hearing.

14                   It's exactly 7:05.

15                   YOLANDA CAMPBELL: I was registered.

16                   BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Can you --

17                   YOLANDA CAMPBELL: Yolanda Campbell.

18                   BILL BRUDNICK: Campbell? Okay. I'm  
19 sorry about that. Yolanda Campbell?

20                   YOLANDA CAMPBELL: Yolanda.

21                   BILL BRUDNICK: Yolanda? Sorry about  
22 that.

23                   YOLANDA CAMPBELL: My name is Yolanda  
24 Campbell, and I live in Montgomery County and also own  
25 property in Plantersville.

1           The 249 toll road is going to split my  
2 property in half. I won't be able to raise my cattle  
3 there any longer. And here in Montgomery County, I see  
4 that there's need for road improvements, but I don't  
5 believe that a 249 toll road is the way to go.

6           In my opinion, I think that you should  
7 consider expanding your existing roads to alleviate the  
8 traffic, but I don't see that a toll road is beneficial  
9 at this time.

10           Thank you for letting me speak.

11           (Applause.)

12           BILL BRUDNICK: Is there anyone else that  
13 would like to speak tonight?

14           (No response.)

15           BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Well, again, I  
16 would like to thank you for all your comments.

17           We will now close the hearing. It's  
18 exactly 7:05 p.m. and the hearing is adjourned. So  
19 thank you for coming.

20           (The proceedings concluded at 7:05 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF GALVESTON:

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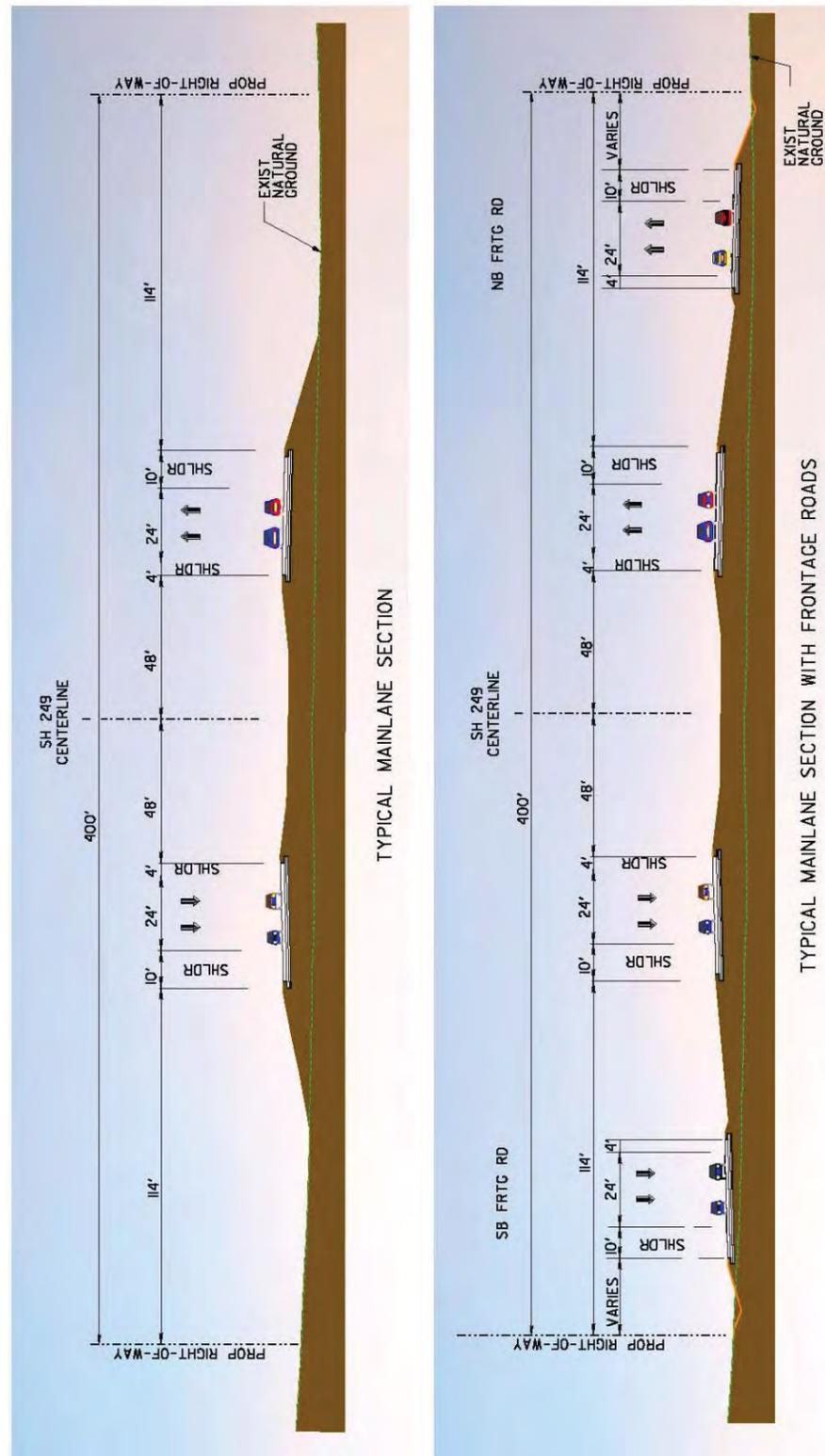
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Appendix G Public Hearing Handouts

## Project Typical (Sección Típica del Proyecto)



### PUBLIC HEARING

For

**SH 249 Extension**

**From: FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission  
Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas**

**February 18, 2015**

**Open House from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Common Area  
Presentation to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium**

### AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Para la

**Extensión de la autopista SH 249**

**Desde FM 1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM 1774 en Todd Mission  
Condados de Montgomery y Grimes, Texas**

**18 de febrero del 2015**

**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Foro Abierto**

**Presentación formal comienza a las 6:30 pm en el Auditorio**

**Magnolia West High School  
42202 FM 1774 Rd  
Magnolia, Texas 77354**

**SH 249 EXTENSION**  
**From: FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**  
**Presentation 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. in the Common Area of Magnolia West High School. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the High School. All attendees are asked to sign-in at the Sign-In table located in the Common Area near the entrance to the High School.

Project Description

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District proposes to extend SH 249 from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission as a four-lane divided controlled access toll facility on new location, with intermittent frontage roads, within a 400-foot right-of-way. The Preferred B/C Alternative Alignment is approximately 15 miles long and approximately 727 acres of additional right-of-way would be required. Construction activities for the proposed project are anticipated to begin between late 2016 and early 2017 and last approximately two years.

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 is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to economic growth in Montgomery and Grimes counties.

Project History

Four public meetings have been held during the course of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) study:

- December 15, 2003 Scoping Meeting at Magnolia High School where the Universe of Alternatives (that resulted from the Major Investment Study) were presented.
- June 17, 2004 at Willie E. Williams Elementary School where the five Universe of Alternatives and three Viable Alternatives were presented.
- November 18, 2004 at Magnolia Elementary School where three Viable Alternatives and one Most Reasonable Alternative (Alternative C) was presented.
- October 3, 2013 at Magnolia West High School where the Recommended B/C Alternative was presented.

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 Preferred B/C Alternative. The Preferred B/C Alternative was created based on prior public input received during previous Public Meetings as well as through the environmental process. This Public Hearing is also being held to present and receive comments on the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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/sh249-extension.html> or mailed to the address below. All comments must be received or postmarked by **March 9, 2015**. The Public Hearing Summary Report will be available at the website above.

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

**EXTENSION de la autopista SH 249**  
**Desde FM 1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM 1774 norte de Todd Mission**  
**AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**  
**5:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.**  
**Presentación comienza a las 6:30 pm en el Auditorio**

Esta audiencia será en un formato de foro abierto comenzando a las 5:30 p.m. y terminando a las 6:30 p.m. en la zona común de la escuela Magnolia West High School. Se pide a todos los asistentes a registrarse en la mesa de registro ubicada en la zona común en la entrada de la escuela.

Descripción del Proyecto

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) Distrito de Houston, propone extender la carretera SH 249 desde FM 1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM 1774 en Todd Mission como una autopista de peaje con cuatro carriles divididos, y de acceso controlado en una nueva ubicación, con vías laterales intermitentes, dentro de 400 pies de derecho de vía. El proyecto propuesto es aproximadamente 15 millas de largo y va necesitar aproximadamente 727 acres de derecho de vía adicionales para construir este proyecto. Las actividades de construcción para el proyecto propuesto se prevé que comenzara entre finales de 2016 y principios de 2017 y durará aproximadamente dos años.

La revisión ambiental, consulta y otras acciones necesarias requeridas por leyes federales ambientales para este proyecto se están, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por el Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) conforme a 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorandum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de diciembre de 2014 y ejecutado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA) y el TxDOT.

Propósito del Proyecto Propuesto y Los Beneficios Anticipados

El propósito y los beneficios anticipados del proyecto propuesto es conectar las carreteras principales a las comunidades suburbanas, mejorar la movilidad y la seguridad, y responder al crecimiento económico en los condados de Montgomery y Grimes

Historia del Proyecto

Se han realizado cuatro reuniones públicas durante el transcurso del estudio preliminar de la declaración de Impacto Ambiental (EIS preliminar):

- 15 de diciembre, 2003 Reunión en la escuela Magnolia High School para presentar los varios Alternativas de diseño que resultaron del Estudio Mayor de Inversión.
- 17 de junio, 2004 Reunión en la escuela Willie E. Williams Elementary para presentar los cinco alternativas de alineamientos del EIS preliminar, y los tres alternativas de alineamientos más razonables del EIS preliminar.
- 18 de noviembre, 2004 Reunión en la escuela Magnolia Elementary para presentar los tres alternativas de alineamientos y el uno más razonable que era Alineamiento C.
- 3 de octubre, 2013 Reunión en la escuela Magnolia West High School donde se presentó el alineamiento recomendada que era la alternativa B/C.

Propósito de ésta Audiencia Pública

El propósito esta noche es darle la oportunidad a la comunidad de mirar un nuevo alineamiento híbrido que ha sido creado basado en la opinión pública obtenida durante el proceso ambiental, y comentar sobre la nueva Alternativa de Alineamiento "B/C", la cual es la nueva Alternativa de Alineamiento recomendada. También se llevará a cabo esta audiencia pública para presentar y recibir comentarios sobre las conclusiones del estudio preliminar de la declaración de Impacto Ambiental.

El público está invitado a formular preguntas sobre el proyecto, entregar sus comentarios por escrito esta noche, o enviarlos electrónicamente a [HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov), o <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html> también a la dirección escrita al final de este documento. Las formas para comentarios están localizadas en la mesa de registro. Todos los comentarios deberán ser recibidos o puestos en el correo antes del **9 de marzo, 2015**. El informe resumido del Audiencia Publica estará disponible en la página web anteriormente.

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**SPEAKER REGISTRATION CARD**

**SH 249 EXTENSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MAGNOLIA WEST HIGH SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

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**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM/FORMA DE COMENTARIO  
SH 249 Extension  
From: FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission  
Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas  
Wednesday February 18, 2015**

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Esta forma es para recibir sus comentarios sobre el proyecto para la Extensión de la autopista SH249 desde FM1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM1774 en Todd Mission. Por favor devuelva esta forma durante la audiencia esta noche o envíela por correo antes el 9 de marzo de 2015. También puede enviar sus comentarios electrónicamente a [HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov) o

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**En general, soporta usted o se opone al proyecto para expandir la autopista SH 249?**

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Apoyo \_\_\_\_ Me Opongo \_\_\_\_ Indeciso \_\_\_\_

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**TELEPHONE/TELÉFONO:** 281-259-9190

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NAME/NOMBRE: ROBERT REYNOLDS

TELEPHONE/TELÉFONO: 713 444-8101

ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN: NA

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NAME/NOMBRE: DAVID TULLOS

TELEPHONE/TELÉFONO: 936-242-7165

ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN: ~~30244~~ ~~to~~ PO Box 244, Plantersville Tx

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Appendix H Public Hearing Exhibits



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Welcome To The SH 249 Extension Public Hearing

From FM 1774 in Pinehurst

To FM 1774 North of Todd Mission

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Open House

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Presentation in Auditorium

Begin at 6:30

Magnolia West High School

Magnolia, Texas

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## **Project Needs**

- System Linkage
- Expanded Capacity
- Safety
- Respond to Economic Development

## **Project Purpose**

The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area.

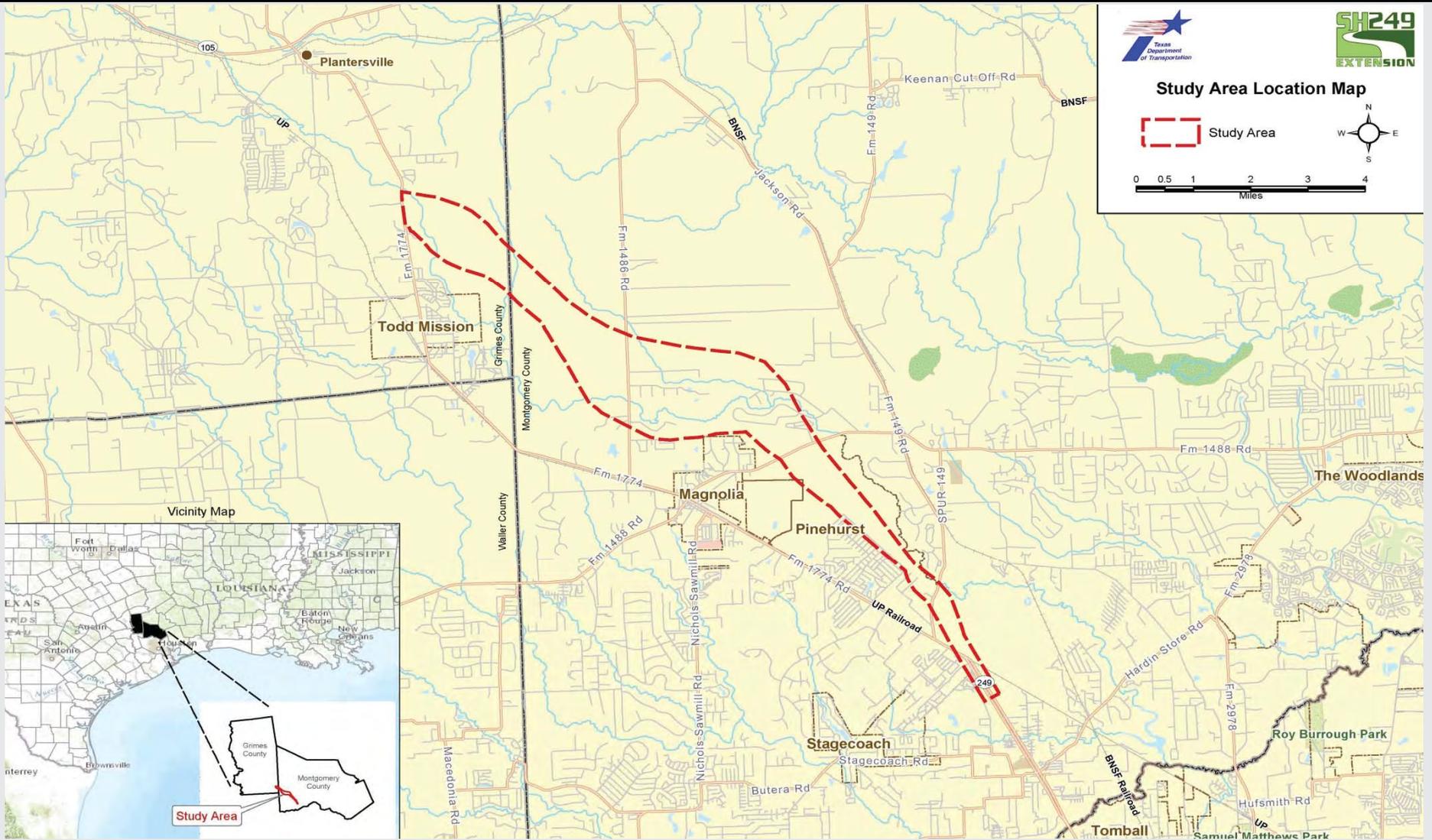


The proposed SH 249 Extension would be developed on new location from the FM 1774 in Pinehurst, TX to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, TX and is approximately 15 miles in length.

The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a four-mainlane controlled-access toll road, with intermittent frontage roads, within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW).



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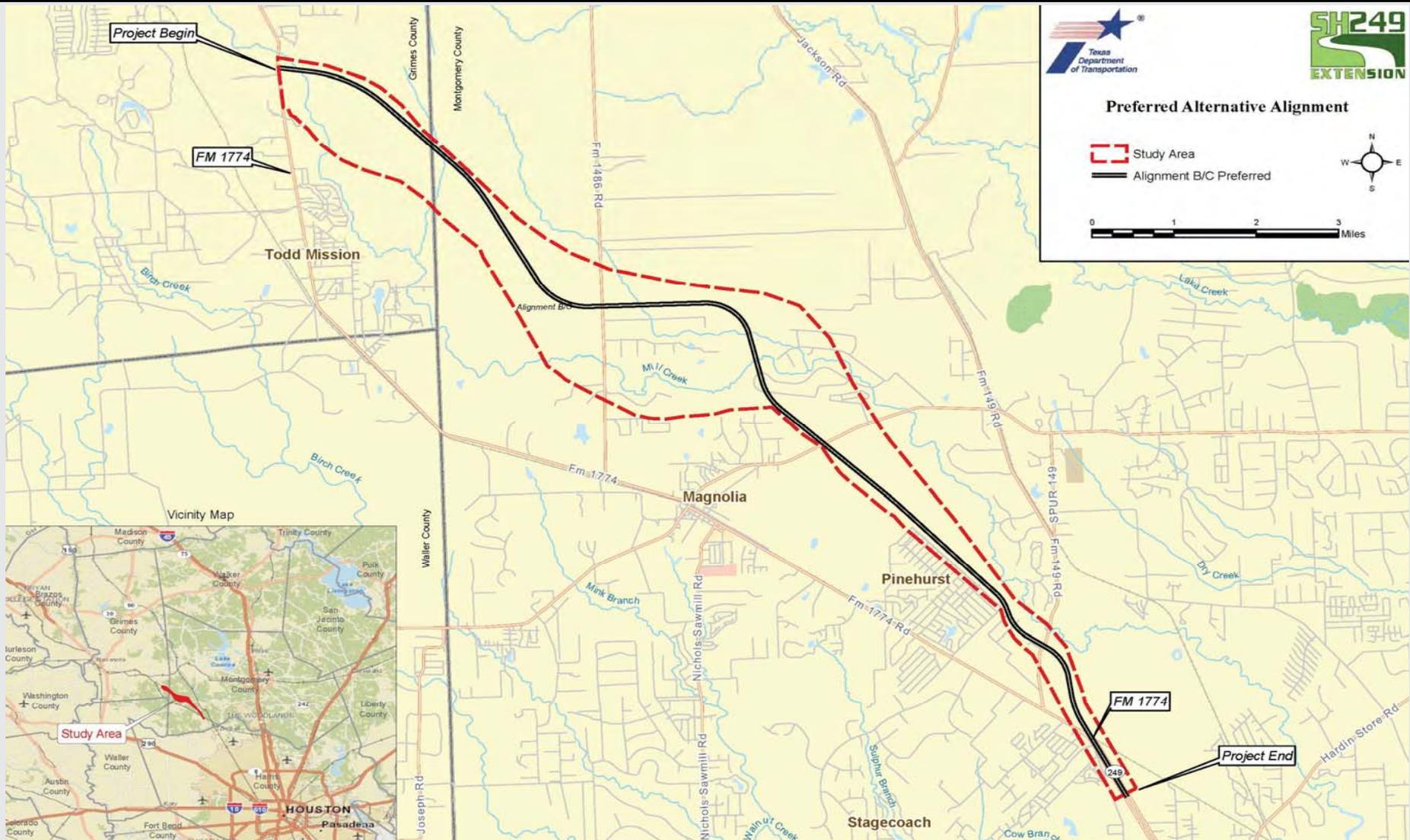
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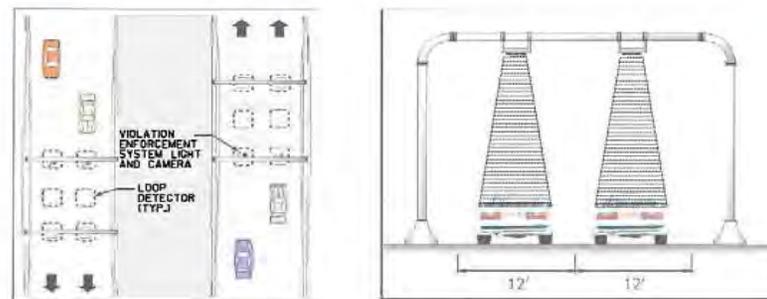
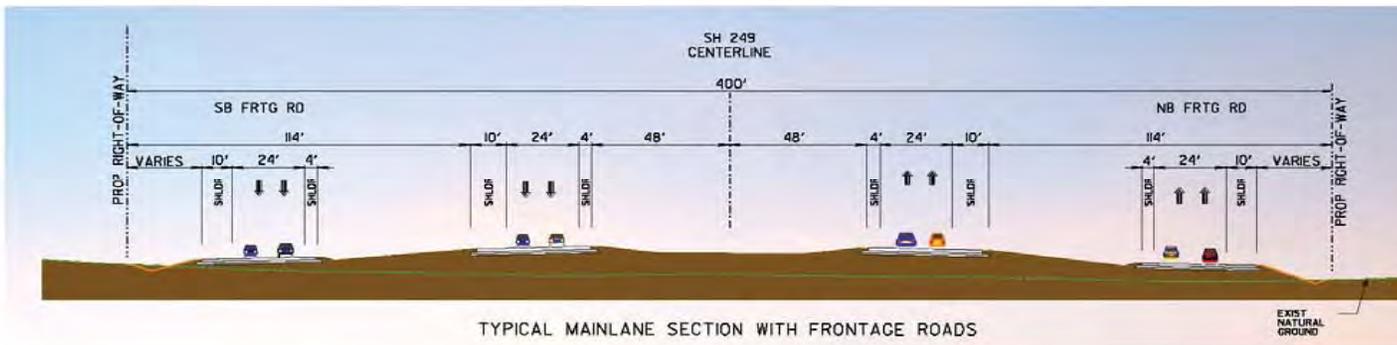
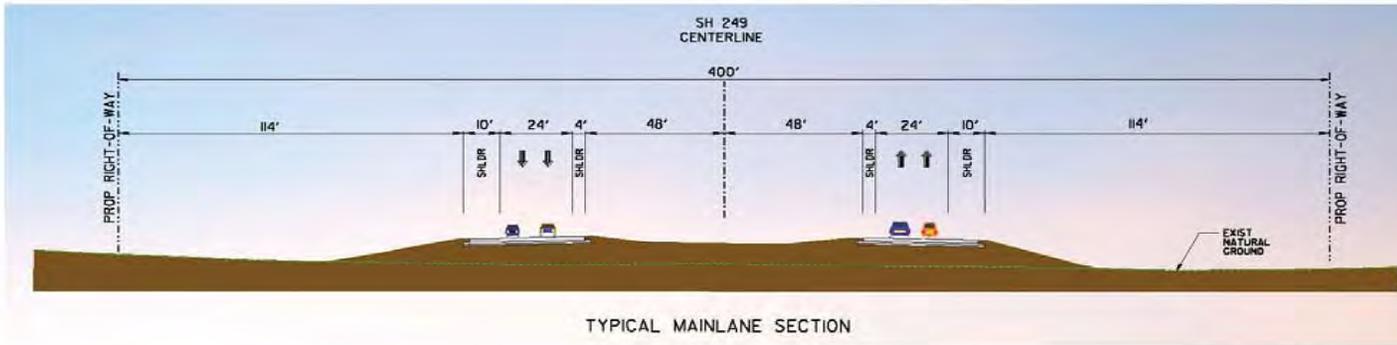


## Preferred Alternative





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MAINLANE TOLLING PLAZA

## Proposed Typical Section





- Design Speed is 70 mph
- 23' Clearance Over Railroads
- 16' 6" Clearance Over Roadways
- 400' Typical Right-of-Way Width
- This Will Be an Electronically Tolled Facility



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Criteria	Unit	Alignment B	Alignment B/C	Alignment C	Alignment E
Length of Proposed SH 249 Extension	Miles	15.3	15.0	15.3	14.2
Estimated Right-Of-Way Needed	Acres	741	727	741	688
Pipeline Crossings	Number of crossings	9	8	8	8
Potential Displacements/Relocations of Residences and Businesses	Number of displacements	26	7	7	18
Community Cohesion Impacts	High/Medium/ Low	Medium	Low	Low	High
Wetland Impacts (National Wetland Inventory)	Acres	11.0	5.0	2.8	11.5
Floodplain Crossings	Linear feet	18,259	9,001	10,965	12,695
Stream Crossing	Number of crossings	27	21	22	19
Vegetation	Acres	711	724	730	691
Proposed Noise Barrier	Proposed Number of Barriers	0	1	0	0
Previous Public Involvement Support	High/Medium/ Low	Low	High	Medium	Medium

## Environmental Considerations





- Land Use
- Geology, Farmlands and Soils
- Social and Economic
- Pedestrian and Bicycle
- Air Quality
- Water Quality and Permits
- Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Archeological Resources
- Historical Non-Archeological Properties
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects



- Estimated Construction Cost \$250 Million.
- Anticipated Construction Activities to Begin Between Late 2016 and early 2017.
- Anticipated Construction Duration – 2 years



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**TxDOT Montgomery Area Office – Conroe**  
**TxDOT Bryan District Office – Bryan**  
**Malcolm Purvis Library - Magnolia**  
**Tomball Public Library – Tomball**  
**Navasota Public Library – Navasota**  
**Montgomery County Library Central Branch – Conroe**

### **Website**

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>



- Consider public hearing comments
- Develop Selected Alternative per comments
- Finalize environmental analysis
- Project decision from TxDOT for the Final EIS/Record of Decision
- Develop final schematic design
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- Oral Comments
  - Complete a speaker card to speak during the Public Hearing
  - Give comments privately to court reporter in the open house area
- Written Comments
  - Submit/Postmark by March 9, 2015
  - Email by March 9, 2015 to: [HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov)
  - Website at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>

Appendix I Comments Received

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STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 249 EXTENSION  
FROM FM 1774 IN PINEHURST  
TO FM 1774 NORTH OF TODD MISSION

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PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE IN THE COMMONS AREA  
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2015                      TIME: 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Magnolia West High School  
          42202 FM 1774  
          Magnolia, Texas 77353-0426

REPORTED BY: Susan T. Baker, CSR, RDR  
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              2925 Gulf Freeway South, B-158  
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1                   MS. CATHERINE WALSH: Catherine,  
2 W-A-L-S-H, 936-894-2139, 13957 CR 201 Loop,  
3 Plantersville, Texas.

4                   I live in Plantersville, and I see where this  
5 comes out on 1774. My original understanding, it was  
6 going to be at 302, but it looks like it's north of 302.  
7 1774 cannot handle it. It's just a two-lane road. It  
8 really needs to be expanded to be an interchange, and it  
9 didn't look like they accounted for that.

10                  So, you know, 1774 and 302 where the  
11 Renaissance Festival traffic goes, that really needs to  
12 be expanded. Because that's where they've had at least  
13 five accidents, three I know of for sure. And they said  
14 there was two more. But that's where the firefighter  
15 got killed, at 302.

16                  It's farther south of that line, but people --  
17 if people are -- to get to the Renaissance Festival in  
18 October and November, they may take the tollroad, but  
19 they're going to have to come south; so really, that  
20 whole area will need to be widened, so they might as  
21 well do the whole road. Makes sense to me.

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1                   MR. MICHAEL MOORE: I get the road, but  
2 what I don't get is the fact that our lives have totally  
3 been taken away from us. It's been stripped out from  
4 underneath us, and it is damn wrong to treat people like  
5 this. They know it's coming. It doesn't matter to me  
6 if it's next year, next week or three years from now.  
7 They should have been on our doorstep already, shaking  
8 hands, saying, "Excuse us. Go on and get on with your  
9 lives." It's damn criminal.

10                   That's all I got to say.

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1                   MS. SUSAN BARKER: My name is Susan  
2 Barker. B-A-R-K-E-R. I live at 41010 Sandy Hill Road  
3 Montgomery, Texas, 77316.

4                   I am concerned about the reference Receptor  
5 R-14. I was told to ask for a noise barrier and also  
6 replant trees in the area, because approximately  
7 one-and-one-fourth acres will be taken off my property.  
8 And there's trees on there that will be taken down.

9                   And the other question -- maybe this should  
10 have been the first one: Who do I need to talk to at  
11 TXDOT about acquiring the entire property?

12                   My phone number is (832)244-4220.

13                   The Receptor R-14 is 66 decibels at the moment  
14 and that's the loudest it will go, and that's high,  
15 so...

16                   My realtor has already appraised the property  
17 at approximately \$300,000, and I'm concerned that once  
18 they take that piece of my property, it won't be worth  
19 anything. I want the value out of my property. I've  
20 been there 27 years.

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2                   MR. PETER MUNDY: Pete Mundy with Devon  
3 Energy.

4                   We operate the Pinehurst Field, which sits on  
5 the north side of Hazy Hollow subdivision. The access  
6 into the field, so we can access all of the wells -- the  
7 oil and gas wells, comes up from the south from FM 1774.  
8 And according to one of the aerials over here on the  
9 easel board, there isn't a bridge there. In other  
10 words, the extension crosses our only access into the  
11 field, and they don't have a bridge there.

12                   We had talked with TXDOT two years ago about  
13 needing a bridge there, and they said, "Yeah, that  
14 probably wouldn't be a problem." So I just want to make  
15 sure that there's a bridge there at that access road.

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17                   (End of public comments.)  
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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. If we could  
4 go ahead and get started tonight and you-all could go  
5 ahead and take your seats.

6 Well, good evening. My name's Bill  
7 Brudnick. I am Director of Transportation Planning and  
8 Development for the Texas Department of Transportation  
9 out of the Houston District.

10 And before we go ahead and get started  
11 with tonight's presentation, if I could get you-all to  
12 silence your cell phones and electronic devices.

13 Today is Wednesday, February 18th, 2015,  
14 and the time is approximately 6:35.

15 On behalf of the Texas Department of  
16 Transportation, I would like to thank you for your  
17 interest and participation in this public hearing. I  
18 would also like to thank Magnolia West High School for  
19 the use of their facilities.

20 We welcome you to this public hearing for  
21 the proposed State Highway 249 Extension from Farm to  
22 Market 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County, to 1774  
23 north of Todd Mission in Grimes County.

24 This public hearing is being transcribed  
25 by a certified court reporter for the formal record --

1 public record purposes.

2 As you entered tonight, you were asked to  
3 register at one of our sign-in tables. If you have not  
4 already done so, please register before you leave  
5 tonight so your -- so we have a record of your  
6 participation in tonight's public hearing.

7 Please feel free to view the exhibits in  
8 the commons area. They will be available during the  
9 presentation until we adjourn tonight.

10 The open house began at 5:30, and the  
11 public hearing is now going on.

12 Prior to December 16, the Federal Highway  
13 Administration, the FHWA, reviewed and approved  
14 documents prepared under the National Environmental  
15 Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16,  
16 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed  
17 responsibility from FHWA from reviewing and approving  
18 certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. The  
19 Texas Department of Transportation approved the 249  
20 draft Environmental Impact Statement on January 5th,  
21 2015.

22 I would like to go ahead and welcome and  
23 recognize the elected officials who are in attendance  
24 tonight.

25 Magnolia City Councilmember Ann Sunquist.

1                   Representing Harris County Commissioner  
2 Jack Cagle, Pam Rocchi.

3                   Grimes County Judge Ben Leman.

4                   Montgomery County Judge Craig Doyal.

5                   And Montgomery County Commissioner  
6 Charlie Riley.

7                   If there are any other elected officials  
8 in the audience tonight, if we could please get to you  
9 raise your hand and introduce yourself so that you can  
10 be recognized tonight?

11                   DAVID TULLOS: David Tullos from Grimes  
12 County, 362.

13                   BILL BRUDNICK: Is there anyone else?  
14 (No response.)

15                   BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. I want to thank  
16 you all for coming tonight. And I wanted to also  
17 mention that the Notice of Availability of the Draft  
18 Environmental Impact Statement or the Draft EIS for the  
19 249 Extension was published in the Federal and State  
20 Register on January 28, 2015. Notices of the public  
21 hearing were advertised in the newspapers noted on the  
22 slide: THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE, the LA VOZ and the  
23 MAGNOLIA POTPOURRI.

24                   The purpose of this public meeting is to  
25 present the findings of the Draft EIS for the purpose --

1 for the proposed 249 Extension and to receive your  
2 comments on both the Draft EIS and the proposed project.

3           The public comment session will begin  
4 following the presentation. We will not answer  
5 questions during the presentation or comment session --  
6 public comment session, but we will be available to  
7 answer questions following the comment session. The  
8 official -- This official public hearing will adjourn  
9 after all oral comments have been heard.

10           I would now like to go ahead and  
11 introduce Mr. Robb Fishman who will discuss the proposed  
12 SH 249 Extension project.

13           ROBB FISHMAN: Thanks, Bill.

14           Good evening. My name is Robb Fishman  
15 from Jacobs Engineering, and I am the Environmental  
16 Project Manager for the proposed project's draft EIS  
17 which we have been working on since 2003.

18           Prior to 2003, a Major Investment Study  
19 or MIS was conducted -- was conducted. During that  
20 time, there were three public meetings throughout the  
21 process, from November 2000 to October 2001. The MIS  
22 was released in 2002.

23           Now we can see -- The Texas Department  
24 of Transportation then filed a Notice of Intent for the  
25 Environmental Impact Statement in September and October

1 2003.

2                   Throughout the SH 249 Extension study  
3 process, meetings with resource agencies, elected  
4 officials, and the public were held to solicit input on  
5 the project development process. This public hearing is  
6 a continuation of a series of formal public involvement  
7 opportunities offered at key milestones throughout the  
8 project development process.

9                   There are substantial transportation  
10 improvement needs that affect the proposed SH 149  
11 Extension study area.

12                   Inefficient connections exist between  
13 suburb communities and major and minor radial and  
14 circumferential arterials. Projected population and  
15 employment growth in the area would likely increase the  
16 demand on the current transportation infrastructure.  
17 Lastly, there are growing safety concerns around the  
18 impacts of increased congestion and emergency evacuation  
19 for events such as hurricanes.

20                   The purpose of the proposed SH 249  
21 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban  
22 communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and  
23 safety, and respond to population growth and residential  
24 development in the area. The goal of the proposed  
25 tollway is to improve system linkage, address current

1 and future transportation demand through expanded  
2 capacity, improve safety, and respond to population  
3 growth and economic development.

4           The SH 249 Extension Study Area, which is  
5 shown in red on the presentation figure, is generally  
6 bound by FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County, to  
7 FM 1774 north of Todd Mission in Grimes County.

8           No-build and build alternatives were  
9 considered for the SH 249 Extension.

10           The No-Build Alternative includes all  
11 committed projects included in the 2035 Regional  
12 Transportation Plan Update, with the exception of the  
13 proposed project.

14           Although the No-Build Alternative was  
15 not -- would not satisfy the need and purpose of the  
16 proposed action, it was retained for comparison with the  
17 alternative alignments carried forward for detailed  
18 study.

19           Five alternative alignments were  
20 originally developed for the Draft EIS. Through the  
21 public involvement process and a screening evaluation,  
22 two alignments, Alternative Alignments A and D, were  
23 eliminated for further study. Three of the original  
24 alternative alignments, along with a hybrid alignment  
25 described in the next slide were analyzed in the Draft

1 EIS. This slide shows Alternative Alignments B, B/C, C  
2 and E that were analyzed.

3                   These four reasonable alternative  
4 alignments can be seen in more detail in the commons  
5 area.

6                   A public meeting was held for the  
7 proposed project on October 3rd, 2013, to introduce the  
8 new hybrid alignment: Alternative Alignment B/C. The  
9 alignment was developed to reduce the number of property  
10 displacements and impacts to property owners' plans for  
11 their tracts.

12                   Public comments were received and  
13 considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS. As  
14 a result of public comments, and as shown on the slide,  
15 the northern terminus was shifted to minimize impacts.  
16 This revised B/C Alternative Alignment is the preferred  
17 alternative we are presenting tonight.

18                   A Draft EIS was prepared for the proposed  
19 SH 249 Extension to discuss the proposed improvement and  
20 the need for and purpose of the proposed project.

21                   The Draft EIS sets out to accomplish four  
22 objects. The Draft EIS compares alternatives, presents  
23 existing conditions, evaluates potential impacts, and  
24 incorporates coordination with the public and resource  
25 agencies.

1           The Draft EIS considered the potential  
2 impacts to the human and potential environments on both  
3 the No-Build Alternative and the four Build alternative  
4 alignments to determine the preferred alternative.  
5 Environmental considerations analyzed in the Draft EIS  
6 are shown on this slide, and these considerations were  
7 used to determine the preferred alternative.

8           The preferred alternative would require  
9 approximately 727 acres of new right-of-way and would  
10 potentially displace one business and six residences.  
11 There are noise impacts associated with the preferred  
12 alternative and one noise barrier is proposed for the  
13 Hazy Hollow Subdivision. Please visit the exhibits in  
14 the common area to review in further detail.

15           Additional environmental considerations  
16 evaluated in the Draft EIS are included on this slide.

17           The Draft EIS is available for review  
18 tonight in the common area, and all the information on  
19 this slide is available for review.

20           Throughout the environmental process, the  
21 Texas Department of Transportation has coordinated with  
22 many resource agencies, elected officials, and local  
23 stakeholders, including all the entities listed on this  
24 slide, as well as the public and special interest  
25 groups.

1                    Shown on this slide is the B/C  
2 alternative alignment, which has been chosen as the  
3 Preferred Alternative Alignment based on analysis and  
4 input from the public.

5                    The Preferred Alternative would be a  
6 four-mainlane controlled access tollway that would  
7 include intermittent frontage roads within a typical  
8 400-foot wide right-of-way.

9                    Access points to and from the proposed  
10 tollway would be provided at major intersections south  
11 of FM 1774 in Pinehurst, FM 149, FM 1488, FM 1486, and  
12 FM 1774 north of Todd Mission. Please refer to the  
13 preliminary schematic layout located in the common area  
14 for further details on tollway access.

15                   Detension sites are proposed for the  
16 project. These are shown on this slide and on the  
17 preliminary schematic layout.

18                   This slide depicts the proposed typical  
19 sections, which would require approximately a 400-foot  
20 right-of-way.

21                   Electronic toll collection is proposed  
22 for the SH 249 Extension. The design and placement of  
23 electronic toll collection facilities would be  
24 determined during final design.

25                   The Draft EIS is available for public

1 review after the public hearing at the listed local  
2 public libraries and at the following Texas Department  
3 of Transportation District Offices -- Houston,  
4 Montgomery and Bryan districts.

5 In addition, should you wish to obtain a  
6 copy for your personal use, paper copies may be  
7 purchased from the Texas Department of Transportation  
8 for the cost of reproduction or downloaded free online  
9 from the SH 249 Extension website listed in your  
10 program.

11 Although approval of the Draft EIS by the  
12 Texas Department of Transportation cleared the way for  
13 tonight's public involvement activities, it does not  
14 represent a final approval for the proposed project. In  
15 the next steps of the environmental process, all  
16 comments received tonight, as well as written comments  
17 received during the comment period will be included in  
18 the official public hearing record and will be addressed  
19 in the next phase of the environmental process.

20 The comments received will be used to  
21 help develop the Selected Alternative Alignment, which  
22 will be studied in detail in the next phase of the  
23 environmental process. Once the analysis is complete  
24 and documents approved, documentation of the additional  
25 environmental analysis will be available for public and

1 agency review.

2 A decision would be requested from the  
3 Texas Department of Transportation only after review and  
4 consideration of public and agency comments have been  
5 reviewed. The decision would be -- would be in the form  
6 of a Record of Decision.

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

9 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Now, if we  
10 could, let's go ahead and begin the public comment  
11 session.

12 There are several ways to comment on the  
13 proposed SH 249 Extension project. You can give your  
14 oral comments when I open the floor for public comment  
15 or you can give your oral comments to a second court  
16 reporter located in the common area. If you would like  
17 to comment, but do not wish to comment orally tonight,  
18 or if you wish to comment in more detail, you may submit  
19 your comments in writing. Written comments must be  
20 submitted or postmarked by March 9, 2015.

21 We have provided comment boxes if you  
22 choose to leave your completed comment forms tonight or  
23 your comments may also be sent electronically to the  
24 e-mail address and/or website shown on the slide and  
25 provided to you in your handouts.

1                   Raise your hand if you have not already  
2 completed a speaker register card and would like to  
3 speak tonight.

4                   (No response.)

5                   BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. I would like to  
6 begin the public comment session by introducing our  
7 elected officials who wish to comment.

8                   If any elected officials would like to  
9 comment, I ask that you come down to the microphone,  
10 introduce yourself and state who you represent.

11                   COUNTY JUDGE CRAIG DOYAL: My name's  
12 Craig Doyal. I'm the Montgomery County Judge. I would  
13 like to speak in favor of this project, and I would like  
14 to thank TxDOT for their partnership in this project so  
15 far. We've talked to a lot of people from Tomball, from  
16 Magnolia, and a lot of property owners along this route,  
17 went to Austin and lobbied for the project.

18                   Most of you know, for many years this  
19 area was pretty quiet. There wasn't a lot of traffic,  
20 wasn't a lot of problems; but we've grown exponentially  
21 over the last few years. And the need for this project  
22 today is critical through Montgomery County.

23                   So I'm here today to speak in support of  
24 that project. I think that it -- as we move forward --  
25 without 249, if you -- if you drove here tonight, you

1 saw the traffic problems that we have. We are going to  
2 continue to grow each and every day. Without projects  
3 like this, the traffic congestion is just going to  
4 continue to get worse.

5 So I applaud TxDOT for their effort and  
6 look forward to partnering with you along with Harris  
7 County to get this project completed in Montgomery  
8 County, and I thank you for being here with us tonight.

9 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you for coming.  
10 (Applause.)

11 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Are there any  
12 other elected officials that would like to speak  
13 tonight?

14 (No response.)

15 BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Well, thank  
16 you.

17 I would like to now provide an  
18 opportunity for those who have registered to speak on  
19 the proposed project.

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

24 A timer located on the screen will  
25 indicate the beginning of your three minutes. After

1 three minutes you will be asked to be seated so that the  
2 next speaker can make his or her comments.

3 If you have additional comments, please  
4 complete a written comment form provided to you or see  
5 the second court reporter located in the common area who  
6 will transcribe comments longer than the three minutes.

7 Now, I'd like to go ahead and call the  
8 speakers listed on the public speaker registration cards  
9 in the order that I received them.

10 Michael Moore.

11 MICHAEL MOORE: I would like to start my  
12 comments first by asking if any of our representatives  
13 from TxDOT or any of our elected officials, are you-all  
14 loosing any portion of any of all your homes?

15 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

16 MICHAEL MOORE: Okay. I had a few  
17 moments to read through -- let me see this right here,  
18 this State Purchase of Right-of-Way. In one of the  
19 sections in here I was reading right here, it says that  
20 once that the appraisals come out, they'll do the survey  
21 of our land and then an offer is made for our property.  
22 It says: Our decision regarding the State's offer for  
23 the property needs to be made at the earliest possible  
24 time so that the completion of the acquisitions process  
25 is not delayed.

1                   Boy, we would hate to do anything to  
2 delay this roadway.

3                   You can appreciate the fact that there is  
4 a definite time frame required for every aspect of the  
5 highway or transportation project that involves your  
6 property.

7                   My life has a time frame, too; and my  
8 life's on hold. It's been on hold for a year and a  
9 half, probably another year or year and a half before  
10 all this is taken up by everything that I've seen  
11 tonight.

12                   And I think it's downright criminal that  
13 you haven't been on our door step first saying: Look,  
14 get on with your lives.

15                   That's my comment.

16                   BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. Moore.

17                   (Applause.)

18                   BILL BRUDNICK: The next speaker would be  
19 David Tullos.

20                   DAVID TULLOS: Tullos.

21                   BILL BRUDNICK: Tullos. Sorry about  
22 that.

23                   DAVID TULLOS: I am David Tullos. I'm  
24 from southern Grimes County, and I'm speaking on behalf  
25 of the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group.

1           There are a number of reasons why this  
2 project shouldn't be built. Because I only have three  
3 minutes, I'm just going to quickly illustrate ten of  
4 them.

5           The first one would be that at every  
6 opportunity in Grimes County, whether it's a TxDOT  
7 meeting, a Stop Grimes 249 meeting, the Grimes Citizen  
8 Advisory Group meeting, or a meeting of the Grimes  
9 County Planning Commission, an overwhelming majority of  
10 Grimes County citizens have opposed this project.  
11 That's reason number 1.

12           Number 2, Grimes County Commissioners'  
13 Court has passed two resolutions against this project.  
14 The last one which occurred on February 10th, just eight  
15 days ago, opposes all toll roads in Grimes County and  
16 specifically names this project.

17           Number 3, the town of Anderson and the  
18 city of Iola in Grimes County have passed resolutions  
19 opposing this 249 toll road project.

20           Number 4, the Grimes County Planning  
21 Commission opposes this project and has had a "No Toll  
22 Road" Policy since 2008.

23           Number 5, the new governor of Texas is  
24 against toll roads and has declared transportation to be  
25 an emergency item. This allows the new funding

1 initiative to be fast-tracked and considered earlier  
2 than normal. He has promised to add \$4 billion a year  
3 more to roads without raising taxes, fees, debts or  
4 tolls.

5 Number 6, TxDOT has violated federal law  
6 in the planning of this project.

7 Number 7, TxDOT has violated state law in  
8 the planning of this project.

9 Number 8, this project would damage and  
10 diminish the property values of the land along this  
11 proposed right-of-way.

12 Number 9, this project will have a  
13 permanent negative impact on the long-term economic  
14 development of southern Grimes County.

15 Number 10, this project will damage the  
16 Hurricane-Mill Creek watershed, which is the major  
17 watershed for southern Grimes County.

18 So let me summarize this for you. This  
19 is a bad project. In southern Grimes County, we don't  
20 want this. Our government leaders don't want it.

21 You work for us. So please stop what  
22 you're doing, stop this project, sit down with our  
23 elected officials and develop a transportation plan that  
24 makes sense for the long-term economic development of  
25 southern Grimes County.

1 Thank you for allowing me to speak here  
2 today.

3 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 BILL BRUDNICK: Next we have Doug  
6 Campbell.

7 DOUG CAMPBELL: I'm Doug Campbell from  
8 Plantersville in southern Grimes County, and I'm opposed  
9 to the construction of this roadway into Grimes County,  
10 and that's all.

11 (Applause.)

12 BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. Campbell.  
13 Robert Reynolds.

14 ROBERT REYNOLDS: I'm Robert Reynolds, a  
15 resident of Grimes County; and I was going to sell off  
16 some of my minutes to Mr. Tullos here, but he said all  
17 he's going to say for right now.

18 Anyway, the Grimes County Commissioners  
19 County, the town of Anderson and the city of Iola have  
20 all passed resolutions opposing the 249 project in  
21 Grimes County.

22 An overwhelming majority of the citizens  
23 and property owners in Grimes County are against it and  
24 have consistently voiced their opposition to this  
25 project going through Grimes County.

1           We believe Grimes County has spoken and  
2 it is "No Build."

3           We don't want any part of the toll road.  
4 It's time TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County  
5 391 Commission to discuss alternative mutually-  
6 acceptable option before making any final determinations  
7 regarding this phase of the project or proceeding with  
8 any future phase of the project that affects Grimes  
9 County.

10           In light of the strong opposition to this  
11 project in Grimes County and Governor Abbott's comments  
12 regarding the toll roads in his State of the State  
13 Address, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and  
14 pursue non-toll road options.

15           Thank you.

16           (Applause.)

17           BILL BRUDNICK: Bill Matt.

18           BILL MATT: My name is Bill Matt. I live  
19 in Mill Creek Forest, which is directly adjacent, on the  
20 south side of Hazy Hollow. We were not even mentioned  
21 in the EIS; and the preferred route of your roadway  
22 crosses right through our subdivision, affecting my  
23 house and every other house on that end of our  
24 subdivision.

25           Secondly, no explanation to me or anybody

1 else that I know of has ever been given why the 1488 --  
2 I mean, the 1774 or 149 corridor cannot be used for this  
3 project.

4 Thirdly, the talk has been mentioned that  
5 we have traffic problems and, therefore, that there's a  
6 necessity for 249 expansion; but as our Judge Doyal said  
7 earlier, if you came here tonight, you saw the traffic  
8 jams.

9 It's not because of 249. It's because  
10 Magnolia can't even get bridgework and 1774 completed.  
11 Now, if we can't even complete projects that we wanted  
12 to get done in the first place to alleviate traffic  
13 problems, I don't see any reason why there needs to be a  
14 toll road put in where no other road is.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 BILL BRUDNICK: Larry Lynch.

18 LARRY LYNCH: I'm a resident of Grimes  
19 County and I want to tell everybody here that I'm  
20 against that toll road.

21 I don't understand why the people of  
22 Montgomery County, why there are not more people out  
23 here tonight to oppose that toll road. Because what  
24 we're doing when we let these toll roads go through,  
25 we're making it easy, it's just fueling the fire. Any

1 time TxDOT wants to put a road through, they're going to  
2 hit you when you use it.

3 My daddy used to always say: If you  
4 don't have the money, don't buy it. If the money's not  
5 there to build that road without making it toll, then we  
6 don't need it.

7 So let's all get together. Let's oppose  
8 it. Let's send out a message to the rest of Texas that  
9 we don't want toll roads. We send enough money over  
10 there and -- But if we can't -- haven't got enough  
11 money, don't build it.

12 And I don't know about down here, but  
13 when -- a lot of information, when this first started in  
14 Grimes County, we wasn't getting the information we  
15 needed about this toll road; and this is just the tip of  
16 the iceberg.

17 They're wanting to put a pile line (sic)  
18 and high-speed rail through Grimes County. Well,  
19 there's a good chance you're going to get it right here  
20 in Montgomery County.

21 So there's not been enough planning done.  
22 All these environmental impact studies, they're not  
23 enough.

24 We need planning. I'm not for holding up  
25 growth, but there's not enough planning.

1                   You know, when TxDOT comes to the table,  
2 they need to have more. It's easy for them to take a  
3 few days, somebody come up with these drawings and  
4 everything about this route; but there's lots more to it  
5 than just that. That's all I got to say.

6                   Thank you for letting me speak.

7                   (Applause.)

8                   BILL BRUDNICK: All right. With that,  
9 that is all the registered speakers that we have  
10 tonight.

11                   I'd like to go ahead and thank you for  
12 all your comments. I guess we will now close the  
13 hearing.

14                   It's exactly 7:05.

15                   YOLANDA CAMPBELL: I was registered.

16                   BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Can you --

17                   YOLANDA CAMPBELL: Yolanda Campbell.

18                   BILL BRUDNICK: Campbell? Okay. I'm  
19 sorry about that. Yolanda Campbell?

20                   YOLANDA CAMPBELL: Yolanda.

21                   BILL BRUDNICK: Yolanda? Sorry about  
22 that.

23                   YOLANDA CAMPBELL: My name is Yolanda  
24 Campbell, and I live in Montgomery County and also own  
25 property in Plantersville.

1           The 249 toll road is going to split my  
2 property in half. I won't be able to raise my cattle  
3 there any longer. And here in Montgomery County, I see  
4 that there's need for road improvements, but I don't  
5 believe that a 249 toll road is the way to go.

6           In my opinion, I think that you should  
7 consider expanding your existing roads to alleviate the  
8 traffic, but I don't see that a toll road is beneficial  
9 at this time.

10           Thank you for letting me speak.

11           (Applause.)

12           BILL BRUDNICK: Is there anyone else that  
13 would like to speak tonight?

14           (No response.)

15           BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Well, again, I  
16 would like to thank you for all your comments.

17           We will now close the hearing. It's  
18 exactly 7:05 p.m. and the hearing is adjourned. So  
19 thank you for coming.

20           (The proceedings concluded at 7:05 p.m.)

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RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
SH 249: From 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 in Todd Mission  
Montgomery and Grimes County (CSJ:0720-02-072 and 0720-02-073)

Dear Mr. Swonke:

Under section 12.0011 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is charged with "providing recommendations that will protect fish and wildlife resources to local, state, and federal agencies that approve, permit, license, or construct developmental projects" and "providing information on fish and wildlife resources to any local, state, and federal agencies or private organizations that make decisions affecting those resources."

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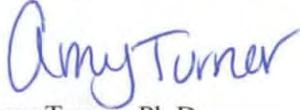
TxDOT proposes the extension of SH 249 on new location for approximately 15 miles, from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 in Todd Mission, Grimes County. The proposed SH 249 extension is planned as a four main lane controlled access toll road, with intermittent frontage roads, located within a typical 400 foot right-of-way (ROW).

TPWD has previously provided comments on this project on December 3, 2013, March 20, 2006 and April 21, 2005 (attached). TPWD requests that TxDOT utilize the recommendations provided in the previous comment letters and provide TPWD with an opportunity to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Mr. Carlos Swonke  
March 4, 2015  
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TPWD advises review and implementation of these recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact me at (361) 576-0022.

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**Re: Texas State Highway 249 Extension; Possible Impact to Linn's Operations in Montgomery County, Texas**

Mr. Williams:

Linn Energy Holdings, LLC ("Linn") owns oil and gas leases that will be affected by the proposed routes for the Texas State Highway 249 Extension. In total, Linn has oil, gas and mineral leases covering roughly 13,000 gross acres in Montgomery County, Texas. Linn acquired many of these properties, including the Dean and Pinehurst Gas Units, from Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. in 2014. I have attached Devon's comments here. In addition to the comments and concerns that Devon has expressed with respect to the oil and gas operations, Linn has the following comments:

**Grade-change/underpass.** A grade-change/underpass is needed to accommodate Linn's existing access road. The currently proposed four-lane width should provide sufficient width. However, this underpass must accommodate large equipment with at least eighteen feet (18') of vertical clearance. If an eighteen foot vertical clearance is not possible, a lower grade of road that could accommodate "low boy" trailers may also be sufficient. Without this vertical clearance, Linn will be unable to access to the property with appropriate equipment and will suffer a significant economic burden. I spoke with Robb Fishman, Environmental Program Manager for Jacobs Engineering on March 6 to discuss the grade-change/underpass issue.

**Pipeline.** Linn has a high pressure gas gathering system in place that crosses the proposed route for the SH 249 project. We would request that Linn be consulted during construction and when placing support beams and boreholes to ensure that the pipelines are not damaged and that proper safety precautions are taken.



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Email address (Correo electronico): [Sharon.Florez@dvn.com](mailto:Sharon.Florez@dvn.com)

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): See Next Page.**

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## De La Cruz, Lisa

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**From:** Melody Galland <Melody.Galland@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 09, 2015 9:17 PM  
**To:** Callie Barnes  
**Cc:** Richard Brown; Kristina Hadley  
**Subject:** Re: toll road in Magnolia, Tx

Callie,

Can you please respond to this customer.

Thanks,

Melody

> On Mar 6, 2015, at 12:45 PM, HOU-PIOWebMail <[HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov)> wrote:

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> Good Afternoon, for your handling, thanks.

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> From: Brenda Wiedrich [<mailto:brenda.wiedrich@yahoo.com>]

> Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 11:58 AM

> To: HOU-PIOWebMail

> Subject: toll road in Magnolia, Tx

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> To Whom it may concern:

> I'm getting real tired of having to defend my worthless being in this country. The reason I say worthless is because all I ever do is try and make it a good place to live. But I have come to the conclusion that I'm only here as a taxpayer and I need to shut up. What do they call that oh yeah PAY AND SHUT UP. First of all I have a problem of the small advertising space it consumed, but like they say if your hiding something don't make it to obvious what your doing. There was a gentleman that did speak on that because he couldn't believe there weren't more people there, in which I say they probably didn't see the 1 1/2 by 2 inch notice either. Second while I was strolling around the hall looking at the information that was put up for the dumb taxpayers to look at. Well out of the mouth of one of the persons to answer question and she said that TxDot already has the funds for the project. So I went up and asked the question how much money did they get from the Texas rainy day fund, which she couldn't answer. I listened to the 2 speakers that carried on the show. I always like the question and answer part because of all of the people that are there and most of them are opposing the toll road or the high speed rail, it really doesn't matter because it all falls on deaf ears. After everyone



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Email address (Correo electrónico): sandy@eidswick.com

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

I see a far greater need for solutions to severe congestion on 1774, 1488 and 149 than I do for the creation of yet another toll road. It will not solve any of the traffic problems we have now.

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Address (Dirección): 36211 Jennie Ln, Pinehurst 77342

Email address (Correo electrónico): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

We bought our house 2 1/2 yrs ago and about 1 year after we moved in, we were told our house was under eminent domain. We haven't had any hardley any correspondence from

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anybody regarding a time frame, we learned there was a townhall meeting on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 and we were not informed. We have been in the dark. Our lives are on hold and we are not young anymore. It will be difficult to start over and make a new home the way we like it. We weren't even given a letter about the meeting tonight. Our neighbor, Diana, gave us a copy of hers. Putting lives on hold + keeping people uninformed is unacceptable. If you are going to take our home/lives from us please DO NOT violate us a second time by not giving us information.

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Email address (Correo electrónico): Jim-n-sharon-mc@yahoo.com

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

ARE They considering MAKING AN ADDITIONAL Egress Routes From subdivisions that only have one way in & out Like CRIPPLE CREEK FARMS.

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

Bryan - College Station and Houston will continue to grow, and  
traffic between the two communities will intensify. There  
are many reasons why a direct link between these two population

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centers is needed, and would be beneficial. The toll road will offer an alternative to those needing quickest travel, and will result in less traffic on SH105, providing safer and less congested travel for those desiring to travel on SH105. There are no free roads, only those that are tax supported and those supported by user fees. ~~Improved~~ Improved access between Bryan - C/S will need to be addressed. Waiting will multiply construction costs. It makes sense to provide an alternative supported by user fees, especially when existing options continue to be available to local residents at no additional cost to them.

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

Please start this project soon. Our city needs the traffic relief  
Thank you

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*Brazos Valley Council of Governments*

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

*We are very much in support of the project. Our region has expressed support in the past and continues to do so. We support the proposed B/C route for purposes of public*

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*→ safety/evacuation, economic development and alleviation of traffic congestion - Please keep us informed.*





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**En general, soporta usted o se opone al proyecto para expandir la autopista SH 249?**

Support  Oppose  Undecided

Apoyo  Me Opongo  Indeciso

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

THE CURRENT BOUNDARY LINE CUT MY PROPERTY IN HALF. I WOULD LIKE FOR  
TXDOT TO PLEASE BUY ALL OF MY PROPERTY

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Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose  Undecided \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

If my family wanted to live in the city or suburbs we'd move, we live in the country for a reason. Leave us alone.

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

AS PER OUR MEETING A YEAR AGO -THE ROAD STILL HAS NOT MOVED - OUR 20 ACRES IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHURCH ON 149

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

WE OWN THE 20 ACRES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 149 WHERE THE PROPOSED ROAD WILL CROSS. AS I INDICATED IN OUR PREVIOUS MEETING WE WERE SURPRISED AT THE ROAD COURSE

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CHANGE - BETWEEN 2003+2004 AND THE MEETING IN 2013 AND TONIGHT!  
WE WERE ORIGINALLY RETAINING PART OF OUR PROPERTY - NOW  
YOU HAVE THE ROAD GOING THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE PROPERTY!  
AS PER OUR MEETING ON WASHINGTON AVENUE. - YOUR COMMENT  
WAS THAT YOU WERE GOING TO WORK WITH US.  
WHAT HAPPENED?

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*Prop. owner being impacted*

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

MY PROPERTY IS UP AGAINST THE 8' BRICK WALL!  
THE IS ONLY (1) WAY INTO THE SUBDIVISION & (1) WAY  
OUT. I AT LEAST HAD ESCAPE ROUTE IF THEIR WAS

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A FIRE OR SOME EMERGENCY.

NOW I'M LOCKED IN!

THERE MUST BE A TEXAS LAW THAT HAS  
SEVERAL EXITS & EXITERANCES INTO A  
SUBDIVISION.

PLEASE KEEP US SAFE  
GIVE US SEVAL WAYS OUT!

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

I GET THE ROADWAY - THAT BEING SAID I THINK IT  
CRIMINAL THAT YOU TAKE AWAY PEOPLE'S LIVES -  
KNOWING THE ROAD IS COMING WE SHOULD BE CONTACTED →

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

This route better connects Houston with Bryan/College Station & Waco two major universities (TAMU; Baylor) and alleviates Magnolia congestion issues. Will aid in safer hurricane evacuation.

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

It is extremely important to complete this project.

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# CHRISTOPHER RHODES

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January 27, 2015

TxDOT Houston District  
P.O. Box 1386  
Houston, TX 77251-1386

Via Regular Mail

**Re: Extension of State Highway 249**

I own 213 acres North of 1488 and North of Mill Creek.

I have been notified that the road will come through my property and that a retention pond will be established on my property.

I have a prior commitment out of state and will not be able to attend the public hearing on March 18, 2015. I have attended prior hearings and learned nothing.

The road will come about 70 yards from my house. It is logical to me to angle the road farther West. I have presented this proposal to numerous people in the past. Each time I was ignored or told to write a letter to a different person.

After about three years of stonewalling from TX Dot and engineers I have given up, but I do have some questions.

I just want to know what somebody thinks. I don't want to bind TX Dot and warrant I will not use a response in a legal proceeding if one is later instituted.

Don't tell me to contact someone else. I've fallen for that about five times.

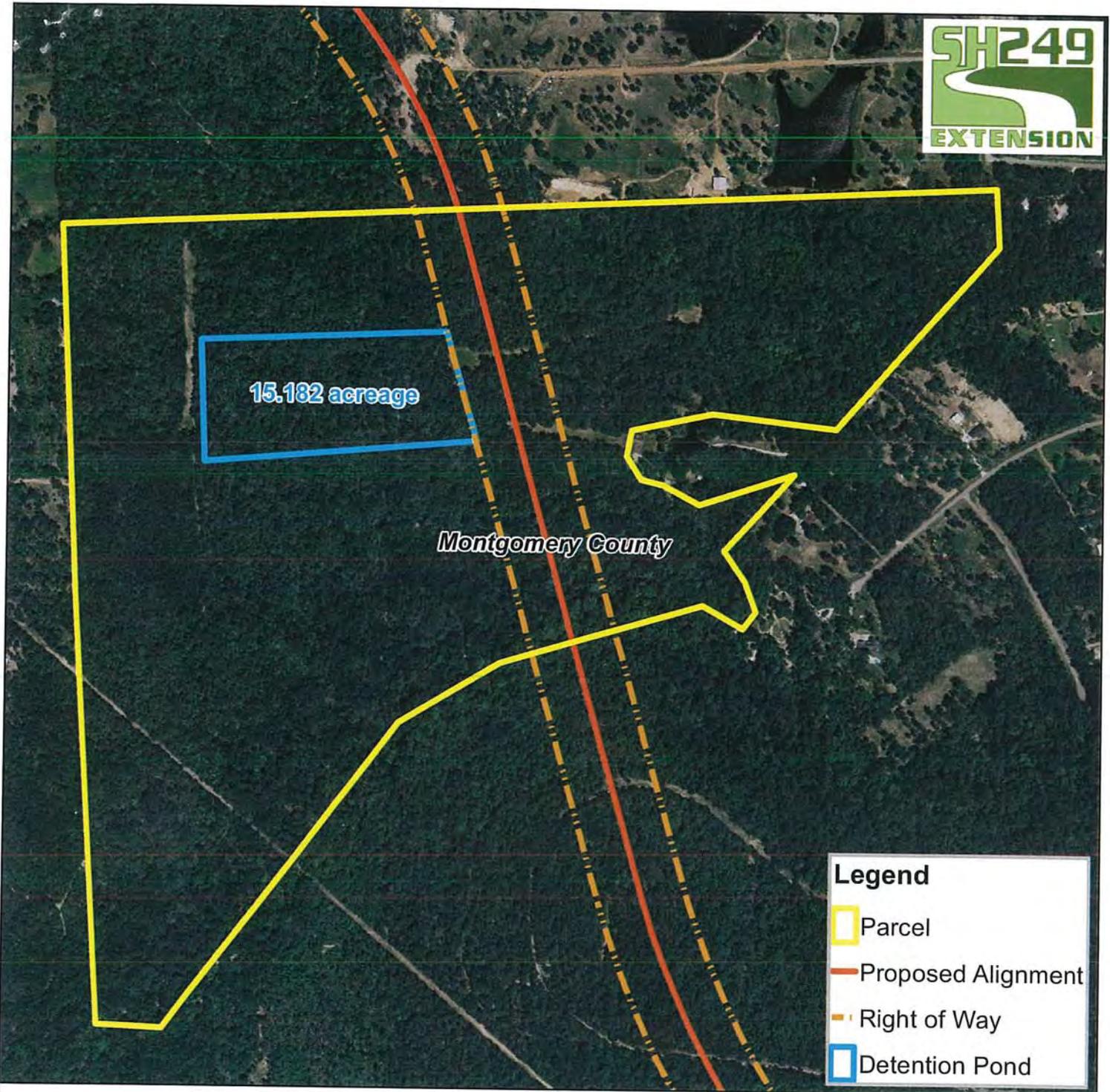
- 1.) The proximity of the construction and the highway will make my house nearly unlivable. Does TX Dot pay me for the decrease in value?
- 2.) What sort of fencing will be used at the edge of the right of way?
- 3.) Will I have access across the road to the West half of my property?
- 4.) Realistically, when will construction begin from 1488 to 1774?

This is a big deal to me. You are taking land I have owned for many years and ruining a house I intended to live in for the rest of my life. TX Dot owes a response to a citizen.

You can call me with your thoughts at (281) 782-6463 or respond by email.

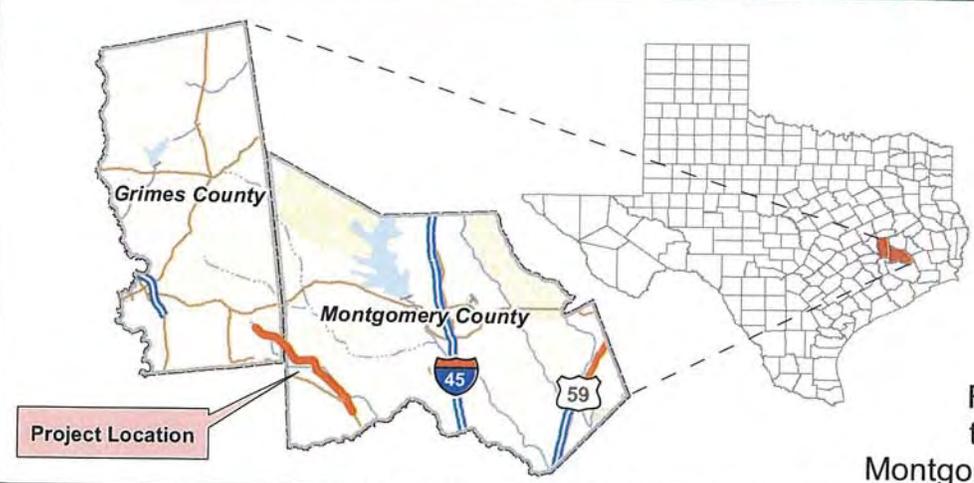
Sincerely,

  
Christopher Rhodes



**Legend**

- Parcel
- Proposed Alignment
- Right of Way
- Detention Pond



Chris Rhodes Property  
Detention Pond Location Map

SH 249 Extension  
From FM 1774 in Pinehurst  
to FM 1774 in Todd Mission  
Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas

## De La Cruz, Lisa

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**From:** Pat Henry <Pat.Henry@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 11:02 AM  
**To:** Callie Barnes; Christine Bergren  
**Subject:** FW: 249 Toll Road Extension

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

From: HOU-PIOWebMail  
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:52 AM  
To: Pat Henry  
Subject: FW: 249 Toll Road Extension

FYI

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From: Bryce Miller [<mailto:brycenalice@att.net>]  
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 9:56 AM  
To: HOU-PIOWebMail  
Cc: A Alice  
Subject: 249 Toll Road Extension

My name is Bryce Miller. I live at 15307 Mill Cir., Magnolia, TX 77354. We are in the Mill Creek Landing subdivision. This new 249 tollroad extension is going to be extremely close to my home and my property value will suffer. Not to mention, the noise I will hear from this tollway will ruin the atmosphere and environment that I paid for when I purchased this property. I am opposed to this current route for the tollway and am requesting that you move this part of the tollway farther west than the proposed route. Please email me back with information on who I need to get in touch with to make my request known and who I can follow up with. I need the name and contact information of the person who is heading up this project and which government representative I need to get in touch with to voice my concern and request.

Sincerely, Bryce Miller  
281-808-1259  
[brycenalice@att.net](mailto:brycenalice@att.net)

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**To:** Pat Henry  
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249 comment, thanks.

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**From:** Jsand538 [<mailto:jsand538@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 2:22 PM  
**To:** HOU-PIOWebMail  
**Subject:** 249 extension

I am not employed by, do business with or will benefit monetarily from txdot or the project I am commenting about.

Joan Sandstrom  
281 610 0856  
41803 N. Mill Drive  
Magnolia, Texas 77354\  
[Jsand538@aol.com](mailto:Jsand538@aol.com)

I am opposed to building the 249 extension through the proposed area east of Magnolia crossing FM 1488. It will directly and negatively effect my home, neighborhood and quiet lifestyle. Furthermore, past history does not support the use of toll roads as fiscally healthy. The proposed routes will increase the noise level at my neighborhood without any obvious benefit. Why not use the most direct path along FM 1774 that is already in use? Why disrupt housing, tranquility and wildlife habitat for a road that requires tolls to justify its existence? Apparently, the money is not available to provide sound barriers either. At the very least sound suppression should be an integral part of the plan. Please reconsider the current proposed routes and just expand FM1774 which is already the most direct route.

Joan Sandstrom



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Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Optional Information/Información Opcional:**

Name (Nombre): PAUL MALATESTA Phone (Teléfono): 281 851 4184

Address (Dirección): 37119 Edgewater DR Pinehurst TX 77362

Email address (Correo electrónico): ppdml@comcast.net

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

*Not able to make your meeting due to traffic congestion in our area at 5:30-7 PM. I have three concerns*  
 1. NOISE - as an engineer I am concerned about the increase in the level of noise day & night  
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 It is low and because we are in the country and we want to keep it that way. That is why

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we bought this property.

2. Increase traffic on FM 149. We currently have experienced significant increase in traffic and there is no coordination between the county + TXDOT to relieve the impact during 2 yrs of construction and after completion. We need a traffic light at all subdivision entrance or a turn lane. It is now very dangerous to enter FM 149 because of the traffic congestion.

3. Reduced property values. Request re-routing the entrance on FM 149 further south and change routing to eliminate the jog towards our subdivision.

Is there a TXDOT engineer of con contact regarding these issues

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Address (Dirección): 2267 CR 316, Navasota, TX 77868

Email address (Correo electrónico): kathymazzaferro@gmail.com

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

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Comments:

As I am sure you are aware, the Grimes County Commissioner's Court, the Town of Anderson and the City of Iola have all passed resolutions opposing the 249 extension project in Grimes County. An overwhelming majority of the citizens and property owners in Grimes County are against, and have consistently voiced their opposition to, this project going through Grimes County.

I believe that Grimes County has spoken...."NO BUILD". We don't want any part of this toll road going through Grimes County. It is time that TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County 391 Commission to discuss alternative, mutually acceptable options before making any final determinations regarding this phase of the project or proceeding the any future phase of the project that affects Grimes County.

In light of the strong opposition to this project in Grimes County and Gov. Abbott's recent comments in his State of the State address concerning his opposition to toll roads, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and pursue non-toll road options.



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Name (Nombre): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Teléfono): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Dirección): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (Correo electrónico): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):** *WHY IS ANOTHER ROAD EVEN BEING CONSIDERED, MOST ESPECIALLY A TOLL ROAD WHEN IT MAKES MORE SENSE & WOULD BE MUCH MORE ECONOMICAL TO WIDEN THE EXISTING FM1774 AT 149<sup>AL THE WAY</sup> TO NORTH OF TODD MISSION? IF TXDOT CAN AFFORD TO BUILD THE ROAD YOU ARE SHOVING DOWN OUR THROATS WITHOUT MAKING IT*

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*A TOLL ROAD, THEN DON'T BUILD IT. WE DO NOT WANT OR NEED ANOTHER TOLL ROAD. WE <sup>ARE</sup> ALREADY TAXED FOR OUR ROADS. THIS PROJECT NEEDS TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD.*



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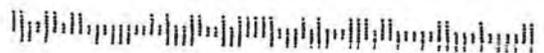
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Optional Information/Information Opcional:

Name (Nombre): Devon Energy Production Company, L.P., Attn: Sharon Florez Phone (Telefono): 405-228-8211

Address (Direccion): 333 West Sheridan Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-5015

Email address (Correo electronico): [Sharon.Florez@dvn.com](mailto:Sharon.Florez@dvn.com)

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Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. (“Devon”) owns the surface of 1,100 acres in the path of the proposed SH 249 Extension Project. Devon previously owned oil and gas leases in the area but recently sold those leases to LINN Energy Holding, LLC. Devon remains the owner of a very substantial surface interest. Devon has the following comments:

**Water Retention Pond Location.** The proposed location of the water retention pond is located near the middle of Devon’s property, a location that significantly diminishes the value of land that is “high and dry” and very valuable for future commercial development. Devon respectfully requests that the pond be relocated to other property. However, if that is not possible, Devon requests that the State consider splitting the 31 acre pond into several smaller, strategically placed ponds. Relocation to a flood plain area, which would be much more suitable for the pond, would also have a much less detrimental impact on the land’s value.

**Property Value – Potential Commercial Development.** The proposed route for SH 249 Project (Recommended, Preferred B/C Alternative Alignment) is acceptable to Devon. In particular, the proposed grade-change/underpass that will accommodate large equipment and a four-lane boulevard suitable for future commercial development is very important to Devon. While Devon accepts the proposed route for SH 249, Devon’s property has significant value for future commercial development. A recent appraisal indicates the land to be valued in excess of \$18,000,000. Devon expects to be fairly compensated by the State.

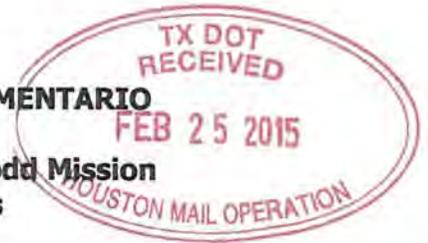
**Timber Value.** The proposed route will also require the cutting and removal of a large amount of mature and very valuable timber. Devon also expects to be fairly compensated by the State for any timber that must be cut. A recent appraisal indicates that the timber on Devon’s land is valued at \$17,000 per acre.

Devon appreciates the consideration of our concerns shown by the State and Jacobs Engineering to date and trusts that we can continue working together in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration to reach the best outcome for all affected by this project.

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Support  Oppose  Undecided   
 Apoyo  Me Opongo  Indeciso

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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

Move To COUNTRY To get AWAY FROM The Noise & congestion.  
Now you want To Put The Freeway Right in FRONT of our House  
Whose going To Buy it - I KNOW TX DOT IS NOT

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THANKS FOR THE FUTURE NOISE!



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Email address (Correo electrónico): bruce@tomballchamber.org

**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

*Please continue to pro-actively extend SH249 from FM1774 to north of Todd Mission with Texas unprecedented growth. The completion of SH249 from*

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*Hillgeist  
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*hasten to Houston is warranted, very important, very much needed for*



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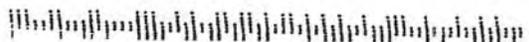
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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

I am opposed to a Toll Road (for profit highway) and the taking of private property to do so. If you are going to build a highway to benefit all of the people including those that live in and around

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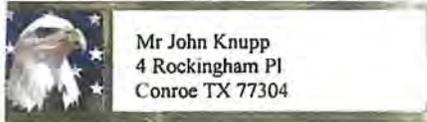
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Magnolia then you need a highway around Magnolia that will benefit the community in the future, allowing for development of new businesses and communities where people are allowed to live.

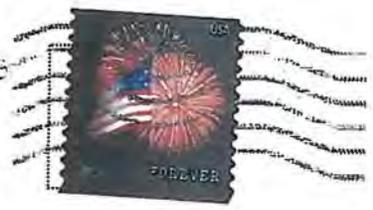
Montgomery <sup>County</sup> is a fast growing area of Texas and the population is expected to double in the next 20 years. The planning by TXDOT needs to plan for the future development of the area. New roads such as FM 249 need frontage roads just like those in the Tomball area.

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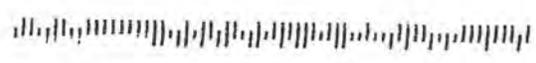
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**COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):**

I THINK A FRONTAGE RD BETWEEN 1486 & 1488  
WOULD HELP BUSINESS IN MAGNOLIA & ALSO  
ALLEVIATE SOME TRAFFIC ON 1774.

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